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The House met at 11 a.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We heed the words of the Psalmist when we pray, "We give thanks to Thee, O God, we give thanks; we call on Thy name and recount Thy wondrous deeds."

It is our prayer, O gracious God, that we will not let this day or any day pass without having thankful hearts and appreciative spirits for Your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. May our crowded hours and sometimes cluttered minds never keep us from the marvelous virtues of gratefulness, gratitude, and thankfulness. With the Psalmists of old we know of the trials of each day and yet we celebrate with all our strength and energy, the wonder of Your creation, the joy of our friendships one with another, and the love and power that Your spirit gives day by day. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. JOHNSTON] will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES GROUP OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 1928a, the Chair appoints to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly the following Members of the House:

Mr. BEREUTER of Nebraska, Chairman; Mr. SOLOMON of New York, Vice Chairman; Mr. REGULA of Ohio; Mr. BATEMAN of Virginia; Mr. BLILEY of Virginia; Mr. BOEHLERT of New York; Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas; and Mrs. ROUKEMA of New Jersey.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will announce there will be 15 1-minutes on each side.

Before recognizing the first one, the Chair will also announce that tomorrow 1-minutes will begin at the end of legislative business in the hopes the House can leave early and have a few days off to go home. The Chair hopes Members will indulge and appreciate that.

### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will: Require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget. We have done this.

It goes on to state that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—

we have done this; Unfunded mandates legislation—we have done this; Line-item veto—we have done this; A new crime package to stop violent criminals—we have done this; National security restoration to protect our freedoms—we are doing this now; Welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; Family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; Tax cuts for families to lift Government's burden from middle-income Americans; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty; Government regulatory reform; Commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits; And congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE OLDER WOMEN'S BREAST CANCER DETECTION ACT

(Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, in 1995, 46,000 women will die from breast cancer, and another 182,000 will be diagnosed with this disease. The incidence of breast cancer has increased by 2 percent every year since 1980.

Today I am introducing legislation to help reverse this alarming trend, and give hope to thousands of American women. The Older Women's Breast Cancer Detection Act will change Medicare law to provide yearly mammograms for women over 65. Currently, Medicare only allows for one mammogram every 2 years.

Early diagnosis is often the key to successfully treating breast cancer. In fact, both the American Cancer Society and the American Medical Association explicitly recommend that women over

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