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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. LINDER].

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 16, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable JOHN LINDER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

We are grateful, O God, for those blessings that make life meaningful and cause us to be the people You would have us be. Especially do we offer our thanksgivings for faith and hope and love which are Your gifts to us and without which we do not reflect Your grace or Your divine image. For faith—to see more clearly Your purposes for us; for hope—to rise above the concerns of the day with trust in Your providence; for love—to be reconciled with others in respect and with the knowledge that we are all Your people blessed by Your spirit and encouraged by Your presence. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER). 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. HEFLEY] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEFLEY 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will state that according to a previous agreement, there will be five 1-minutes on each side.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

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

Mr. JONES. 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 kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we kept our promise; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family rein-

forcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for middle-income families; Senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without Government penalty, and Congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

POTOMAC PORK PALACE

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

Mr. BROWDER. Mr. Speaker, here is the latest beltway boondoggle. U.S. Army bosses are shortchanging the American soldier in order to build a Potomac pork palace in Washington, DC.

The Army is asking \$17 million to buy private land—land assessed for taxes at only \$10 million—for construction of a museum overlooking the Potomac River and Washington's monuments. Here is the kicker. The Army already has 48 museums throughout the country.

I am shocked that the Army Secretary and Chief of Staff would ask for such an expenditure when we are having to cut everything—personnel, training, bases—in our military.

This is extravagance. The taxpayers money should be spent on something more critical for the national defense.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to try to redirect this \$17 million to something our fighting men and women really need.

I encourage other Members of this body to contact me if they are interested in killing "Fort Pork-on-the-Potomac."

RECOGNIZE FREE CHINA NOW

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House

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