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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 24, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM 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:

For the sun to brighten the day, for the rains to nurture the land, for challenges to be confronted and responsibilities to be accepted, for sacrifices to be endured and for all of life to be fully lived, for friends to accompany and for family to love, we offer these words, O God, of thanksgiving and praise. We earnestly pray that we will be faithful to the opportunities and the tasks that are before us, so that in all things, we will do Your will and serve people according to their need. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 Pennsylvania [Mr.

FOX] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania 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 announces that there will be 20 1-minute speeches on each side.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, last fall House Republicans entered into a Contract With America, for the first time in American political history a written contract with the American people.

We have done more in the first 80 days of this Congress than was done in the entire 103d Congress. We have an opportunity to make more changes of substance than have been made in the past 10 years.

Our contract 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 all of that.

It continues that in the first 100 days we will vote on the following items:

A balanced budget amendment. We kept our promise. We passed it.

Unfunded mandates legislation. We kept our promise, with your help, and we passed it.

Line-item veto. We kept our promise.

A crime package. 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. We are doing it right now. We will pass it.

Family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads, tax cuts for middle-income families, congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

This is our Contract With America.

GEJDENSON ELECTION STILL NOT SETTLED

(Mrs. KENNELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, as a former secretary of the state of Connecticut, I have every reason to be proud of my State's tradition of honest elections and a revered court system. So it was with chagrin that I learned yesterday of a decision not to dismiss the challenge of our seated Congressman, SAM GEJDENSON, from the Second District, a decision in stark contrast to precedents established in 47 previous cases since 1969.

The facts are clear. Our colleague from Connecticut's Second District was elected and not once, not twice, but three times declared the victor, election night, in an automatic recount, and by the highest court of the State of Connecticut, our supreme court, headed by Chief Justice Peters, a revered court legalist.

"The cloud that Mr. Munster perceives," it was said by the court, "has no basis in fact, law or reason. It simply does not exist."

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