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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 9, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable GEORGE P. RADANOVICH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Douglas Tanner, Jr., Faith and Politics Institute of Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of us all: We come before You on a day when the heat and humidity outside this Chamber tell us that summer is here, even though officially it has yet to arrive. We also know it is summer by the departure today of this year's page class, and we thank You for their work in the seasons past.

Grant us the capacity to discern with equal clarity the seasons of our own lives: the time to sow, the time to cultivate, the time to reap, the time to lie fallow. Help us to know when to water, and when to weed.

Help us to know good seed from bad as we choose what to sow in the fields of public policy. Enable our public leaders to appeal to what is noble in our nature, to our human dignity, to our sense of fairness, to our compassion, to our willingness to sacrifice, to our ability to forgive. Strengthen us to follow those who will lead. 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. The gentleman from Arizona [Mr. KOLBE] will lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KOLBE 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

S. Res. 131. *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Kelly D. Johnston, of Oklahoma, as Secretary of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 735. An act to prevent and punish acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 101-509, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, announces his appointment of John C. Waugh, of Texas, to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTING PAGES

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure once

again to take the floor of this House at this time of year to say just a few words about the pages. This is their final day, and it is customary for us to say a word or two about the service that they have provided for us.

I will have an opportunity to say a few words to them this evening, because I am especially privileged and honored to have been chosen by them to be their speaker at their graduation or end-of-year exercises this evening, and I promised them that I would not speak for more than an hour and a half this evening, so perhaps if I say a few of the words here this morning, we can cut it a little short this evening.

I know that the pages have very mixed feelings about their departure. On the good side, they do not have to get up at 5:30 in the morning in order to get to school. They do not have to listen to more of these boring speeches on the floor of the House of Representatives. They do not have more flags they have to deliver to the offices.

But I know they also are going to be missing this wonderful learning environment that they have been in and, of course, leaving behind so many friends that they have made. But I can tell you, and I speak, as the pages know, with some experience, having served here as a page many years ago, all too many years ago. We will not name how many years ago it was, having served here as a page all those years ago.

I know that the friendships that you have made here will endure, will endure if you work at it, and I know the memories that you have of this will certainly continue. But, of course, it is the lessons that you learn from all of this that are important.

You have had an opportunity to see firsthand how government works. You have had an opportunity to see the good and the bad of this place, the good and the bad that are in people, whether it is in government, in the House of Representatives, or any place in our

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