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

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 12, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable RICK LAZIO 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:

May words of gratitude ring from our hearts, O God, and may the spirit of thanksgiving ever lift our souls. When we look for remedies for the ills of the world and when we wonder why we have often forgotten our spiritual roots, may we meditate on the wonders of Your creation and the glories of the favor You have given to us. When we contemplate Your grace, O God, and the wonderful gifts that fill our days, our very beings are filled to overflowing with thanksgiving, with gratitude and with praise. For these good gifts and for the opportunities of this new day, we offer these words of prayer. 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.

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the "noes" appeared to have it.

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas, Mr. PETE GEREN, come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas 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 with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 172. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 1996 Summer Olympic Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to Public Law 104-127, the Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, appoints Sheri L. Chapman, of Idaho, and Richard K. Golb, of California, to the Water Rights Task Force.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 104-127, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic

leader, appoints Elizabeth Ann Ricke, of Colorado, to the Water Rights Task Force.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minutes on each side.

## FBI FILES

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, in 1992, candidate Bill Clinton refused to sign a waiver that would allow the FBI to release requested information from his FBI file. The candidate's, in 1992, press secretary said and I quote, "It is a personal file and he is not going to do it."

It just so happens that I have a staffer who works in my office whose name happens to be on that list of FBI files that happens to be at the White House. Nobody knows how. Nobody knows why. I wonder how she feels about her name and her file being displayed at the White House. Who saw it? What did they do with the information?

Mr. Speaker, as the chaplain said, today is a new day. In 1992, Bill Clinton promised the most ethical administration in the history of this country, the most ethical. Today is a new day. I think it is time for the President and the White House to work fully with the FBI and to work openly and fully with this Congress to determine who knew what, when they knew it and what they are going to do to correct the problem.

## FLAG DAY PRAYER CONCERT

(Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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