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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HASTERT].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 28, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable DENNIS J. HASTERT 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 pray, gracious God, that wherever we are or whatever we do, Your benediction will accompany us and Your

blessing shall ever be with us. We are specially appreciative this day of those who have served in this place and who have sought to use their abilities to do the works of justice for all people and have been diligent in service to the people in their communities. With gratitude we remember those women and men who have been faithful in their commitment to the ideals of this Nation and for their concern for the traditions of this institution. Bless them and each of us so that in all things, justice will flow down as waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream. 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. WALKER. 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 ayes appeared to have it.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this vote will be postponed and the vote will be taken later today.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

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WILLIAM M. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

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