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Republican leaders forecast Gingrich will win re-election

■ **HOUSE:** Democrats argue the GOP should choose a candidate for speaker who doesn't face ethics problems

By Jim Abrams
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders confidently predicted Sunday that Newt Gingrich will be re-elected speaker despite his ethics committee problems. But one GOP dissenter said he doesn't think the election is all that certain, and another said Gingrich hasn't ruled out stepping down.

Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., who has urged Gingrich to step aside until the ethics matter is resolved, said the speaker told him in a Friday telephone conversation he has considered giving up the speakership.

"He said he was keeping his options open and that still might be a possibility," Salmon said on ABC's "This Week." But because the speaker's election pits the Re-

publican — undoubtedly Gingrich — against the Democratic nominee, House minority leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., Salmon said he would have to vote for Gingrich.

Gingrich's spokesman, Tony Blankley, later telephoned The Associated Press and said the Georgian will stand for re-election Tuesday and has "no plans to step aside."

Other House Republican leaders appearing on the Sunday television news programs insisted there would be no hitch in Gingrich's re-election when the 105th Congress convenes Tuesday.

"Most definitely he will be re-elected," Rep. Tom Delay of Texas, the GOP whip, said on CNN's "Late Edition." "We have plenty of votes to re-elect Newt Gingrich."

Republicans will go into the new Congress with a narrow 19-vote advantage over the Democrats and the lone independent. So far only one Republican, Michael Forbes of New York, has said he will vote against Gingrich, but 16 others remain uncommitted.

Forbes said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that Gingrich would lose if a secret ballot were held. Even with the open floor vote, Forbes put Gingrich's chances at 50-50 because he said a "handful" of Republicans had told him they were leaning against supporting the speaker.

One of the uncommitted, Rep. Scott Klug of Wisconsin, said he will propose when House Republicans meet Monday that the speaker vote be delayed until the House ethics committee rules on what sanctions, if any, to impose on Gingrich for violating House ethics rules. The committee is expected to rule Jan. 21.

Gingrich conceded last month he broke House rules by not attaining proper legal advice on use of tax-exempt contributions for possibly political purposes and by giving inaccurate information to the ethics panel about the role of his political organization, GOPAC, in the tax-exempt projects.

Republican leaders, who waged an intensive campaign to prevent defections in GOP ranks, insist that Gingrich had no intention to mislead and has done nothing to merit losing the speakership.

"I don't think that Newt Gingrich being sloppy requires a reprimand," Delay said.

Republicans also accused Democrats of delaying the final ethics panel ruling in their long-running campaign to undermine Gingrich.

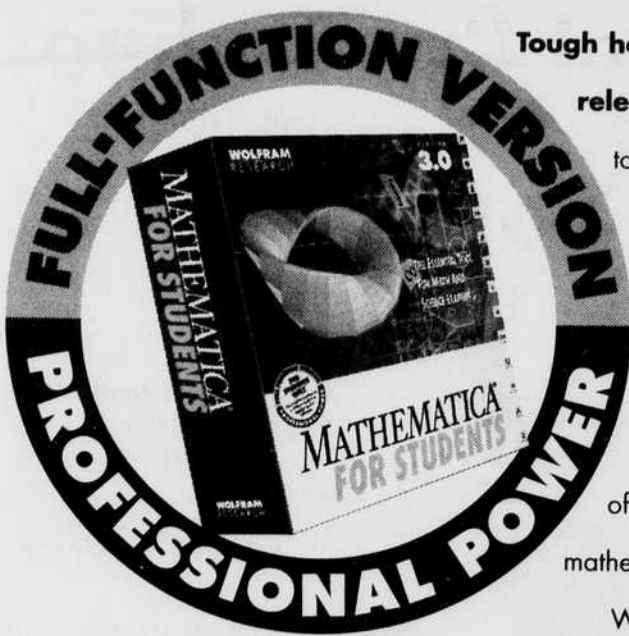
The notion that Gingrich should temporarily step aside, said Paxon "will create a situation where the ethics committee and that process will be used as a tool of political terrorism, to drive out" members of Congress.

Democrats appearing on Sunday's news programs, demanding that Gingrich resign, accused the speaker of far more serious actions than those he has admitted. Allegations included lying to the ethics panel and knowingly manipulating funding for GOPAC.

"The speaker was running a giant laundering machine, taking charitable contributions, foundation money, putting it into his political empire," Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., the Democratic whip, said on NBC.

Democrats are not trying to elect a Democratic speaker, Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, said on ABC. But, he said: "The Republicans should choose an ethical speaker."

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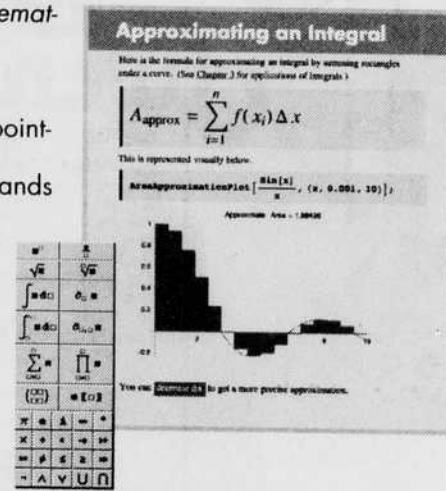
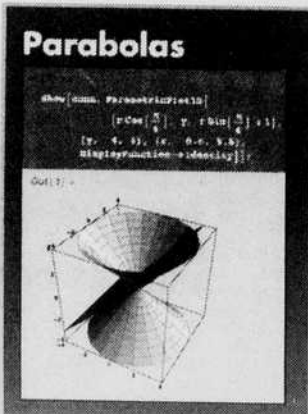
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