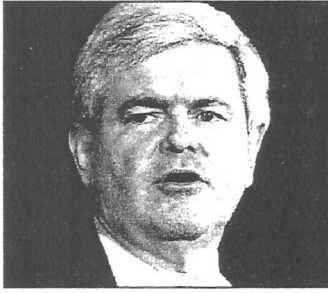


A GOP Storm May Blow in on Capitol Hill for the Second 100 Days

Rep. Newt
Gingrich:
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During the first 100 days of the new Congress, Rep. Newt Gingrich kept a tight rein on the 73 GOP freshmen in the House, many of whom are staunchly conservative. Meanwhile, some have formed their own voting bloc and are eager to exert their clout with a second Contract With America, to cover controversial issues left out of the original contract—issues like abortion and prayer in schools, both important to the Christian Coalition and other conservative groups.

Gingrich, the House Speaker, is handling the young lions gingerly. But they'll get firmer resistance from veteran Republicans who fear that, if they persist, it will divide their party—and delight the Democrats.