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The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. SHAYS].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 19, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable CHRISTOPHER SHAYS 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, O gracious God, that though we may depart from Your spirit through our willful ways, Your spirit will not depart from us. And though we may wander in our rush to do all the things that crowd our days, You will be patient with every person. Grant to us, O God, and to all Your people, the wisdom to heed Your Word and meditate on Your ways that in our busyness and in our seeming significance we do not lose the great blessings that are Your gifts to us. 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. Will the gentleman from California [Mr.

DREIER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DREIER 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.

AUNG SAN SUU KYI

(Mr. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today is the 50th birthday of Burma's Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who is being held under house arrest for the sixth year by the Burmese military regime known as the SLORC. She was imprisoned 6 years ago after her party won overwhelming victories in elections in Burma.

While today is this remarkable woman's birthday, sadly, there is not much to celebrate as the Burmese military regime continues her imprisonment and the repression of the Burmese people. Last year I met with this remarkable individual and witnessed the heroic stature of her crusade to restore democracy to her native land.

My efforts to visit her again last month were rebuffed. There is a retrogression of human rights and democracy in Burma. Just this week the Burmese military regime expected to allow the Red Cross to inspect prisons in that country. They have refused the Red Cross to inspect those prisons as they originally stated.

Mr. Speaker, let us rejoice in this remarkable woman's 50th birthday and stand with her in her struggle.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I join the gentleman from New Mexico in sending greetings, if that is what you could call it, to Aung San Suu Kyi who is still imprisoned in Burma. And I think when we look at this, if we look at many other issues affecting women all over this globe, we see that they are still not in very good shape.

It is amazing because she was the daughter of a very prominent Burmese leader. Her people elected her to lead them and yet even though she has received the Nobel Prize, she has done all sorts of things, no one in that country has been able to break this incredible lock they have on her as they hold her under house arrest.

But we can also look at China and the fact that they are not very happy about having this International Women's Symposium there. They seem to have thought it was a craft fair and did not have any idea that women were really going to come and talk about women's rights.

And we saw a very interesting article in this morning's paper pointing out that for every courageous male raising a family alone in America, there are seven women doing the same thing, and child care and all of those issues that have impacted on single parents are not being dealt with.

Things do not look very good, and we need to roll up our shirt sleeves and work on all of these issues.

FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING

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

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, the French Government has announced that they are going to resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific. This is a terrible precedent to be setting for the

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