

12, 1995, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER] is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I take the floor today to talk about March because March is the month of National Women's History week. We keep saying, his story. I guess what we are really trying to do in this month is tell her story. I think women's role in history has really been left out in so many cases.

We have this great image that the men in America all came here on these dangerous ships, coming across the North Atlantic and all that and settling the great country. Yet women came in cruise ships, sitting around swimming pools getting their nails done and their hair done. It is not quite true.

Women were there shoulder to shoulder, came to this great country and said, we didn't come here to walk in front of you or behind you but alongside in building this Nation. I think it is important to remind ourselves that early on many of our forefathers got it right. George Washington, had everybody followed him, I think, we would be in great shipshape. George Washington insisted that the women in the Revolutionary Army be paid equally.

Most people did not even know there were women in the Revolutionary Army but, yes, there were. And there are women who were Revolutionary soldiers buried at West Point. How come they forgot to tell us that? George Washington also did something very interesting. We think of Martha Washington as one who sat home and waited for George. Martha was not that way at all. She ran a very sophisticated plantation. The minute the crops were in during all 3 years of the Revolutionary War, Martha Washington picked up everything she had and moved to winter camp.

So she was there in Valley Forge. She was in New Jersey, and she was in New York where the military was encamped those three terrible winters. The reason we know that is after the war was won and this great Republic began to come together, George Washington insisted that the Congress pay her for having been there and held the morale and the troops together winter after winter.

Is it not interesting they did the painting of George Washington shivering at Valley Forge but they forgot to put Martha in it. If you look at women of all different colors and backgrounds, they from the very beginning did innovative and wonderful things that held this country together. Harriet Tubman was probably one of the most brilliant strategists ever. She figured that if they ever wrote down anything about the underground railroad for which many African Americans were able to escape from slavery in the South, if they ever wrote it down, somebody would find it and that would be the end of the underground railroad. So they put it all in code and sang it in songs

that the white folks thought were just nice little songs. They were really singing the map to the underground railroad. Is that not a brilliant, intelligent undercover operation? As I say, what a strategist.

Would Lewis and Clark ever have found the west coast if a native American woman had not helped them through the forest to get there?

This is not to say women did everything. But when you read the history books, they forget to tell us that women did anything. I think it is really reflected in the attitude that we have today about women's roles. If we look at America, women are still the major care giver, every woman I know, including myself. Life could be stopped tomorrow if someone in the family gets critically ill because we have given women absolutely very little help with any kind of those care giver roles. They are the ones that is to rush with the family's safety net whenever someone is in trouble, be they young, be they old, be they sick.

I think it is time that we do not do gender wars but we just treat each other as brothers and sisters and figure out how we are going to get on with this great country. How do we respect that? There is tremendous value to care giver roles. We should be trying to help women who are not only doing their care giver roles but are often forced out of the home to work because of this deplorable economy. It only generates more and more stress that gets reflected in the family and every other way.

So I would hope that during this month of Women's History Week more and more people would sit down and find out what her story really was and really realize we did not come on cruise ships. We did a lot to help build this Nation, too. We should start taking that into account as we plan our legislative strategy, as we do every other such thing. Because this is the way that the country will continue to be great.

SITUATION IN UNITED KINGDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BUYER] is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I come to the well today to share an insight with my colleagues. About 10 days ago I was in London, the United Kingdom, actually there by invitation of the Royal British Legion to discuss the gulf war illness issues to coordinate our research efforts between the two countries.

What brings me to the well today is, I was constantly asked the question, whether it be from the news media, members of the Parliament, House of Lords or even the citizens in the United Kingdom, what are you doing in the United States?

Many people in the United Kingdom were extremely upset with the United

States, in particular the President of the United States, with a coddling of Gerry Adams of the IRA, now that they have broken away from the peace process and have continued the indiscriminate acts of terror. I was almost left speechless, having to defend the President of the United States in what he had done in the past and not only in the past, but I am now deeply disturbed that while in Northern Ireland they have broken away from the peace process, that the President continues to coddle Gerry Adams, the leader of the Sinn Fein, the political party of the IRA, while the citizens in London and the rest of the United Kingdom do not know if they can walk down the streets in safety, whether the phone booth will explode, whether they can ride on a city bus. And I can understand why they ask, what are you doing in the United States.

My only response is that for some reason this one does not resonate with the American people like it should. For so long we have been insulated from indiscriminate acts of terror, yet we had the explosion in the World Trade Center. We had the experience of Oklahoma City bombing. And how it moved everyone in this Nation that someone could actually commit a cowardly act of terror, such as the Oklahoma City bombing of the Federal building. Yet when trying to relate this to what Gerry Adams and others in the IRA are doing in London, for some reason it does not resonate. You see how would we feel if the President of the United States had coddled those involved with the Oklahoma City bombing at the White House prior to the Oklahoma City bombing, how would we feel in this country?

□ 0945

We probably would be having impeachment proceedings right now. Now what we have is the President, who now exempts them from the terrorist list, permits fundraising to occur in this country, and the President now, even though they have broken away from the peace process, says, OK, and we will grant this visa to Gerry Adams to come to the United States. Something is not right here. This is a disconnect. How can that happen?

So I want to share to my colleagues, if you are going to travel the United Kingdom, be prepared to answer that tough question, what are you doing in the United States coddling Gerry Adams and the Sinn Fein Party while indiscriminate acts of terror are occurring?

You know we are going to have an antiterrorism bill come to this House floor here relatively soon, and I think what we should do is take a good hard look here as to whether or not it is going to permit fundraising to occur. Perhaps what the President should do; he has not asked for my advice; but I think what he should do is in fact not grant the visa to Gerry Adams, play a much harder line. I would also stop any

forms of fundraising to occur in this country. We all want the peace process to be successful in the United Kingdom with regard to Northern Ireland.

So I wanted to share with the American people and with my colleagues my dismay and my disappointment with the President of the United States and with regard to how he is treating Gerry Adams and the Sinn Fein Party.

WE MUST SPEAK UP AGAINST TYRANNY AND HORROR AND EVIL SO IT WILL NOT BE REPEATED

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday in Houston we had somewhat of the joy and celebration and elation of long years of toil for Jewish citizens in our community to give back a measure of their life and their history to those of us living in Houston, TX, for 2,000 individuals attended the opening of the Holocaust Museum in Houston, TX. Participating in that ceremony, I listened to the recounting of the toiling and the hard work that helped to bring about this outstanding facility for our community. There was a chronicling of how the idea started, and how it generated, and how it grew. But there was a sense of love and appreciation for all who gathered for a recognition of the true symbol of this Holocaust Museum, an acknowledgment of the tragedy of tyranny and the horror of silence, 6 million lost in Germany and other places before and through World War II.

We heard from Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and he eloquently reminded us, "every survivor, and there are many here, can recall someone near death saying, if you survive, tell the story." It was not done in harshness or meanness, but it was done in the spirit of educating all of us that if we fail to speak up against tyranny and horror and evil, we are doomed to repeat that same horror.

It was interesting to hear holocaust survivor William Morgan describe what the building meant to some 350 survivors in the Houston area. "This holocaust museum in Houston I call the House of Love," Morgan said. "It will remove the hate from the hearts that enter. It will unite all of us no matter what race or color."

I found that to be most striking in the shadow of the tragedies that are occurring all over the world, and I stand now to vigorously condemn the horrible bombing that is occurring in Israel, horrible and vicious and inciting, clearly a major effort to undermine the powerful efforts of good men and good women. Certainly not in the spirit of Prime Minister Rabin and his efforts, followed now by Prime Minister Peres and Yasser Arafat, there

would be those who call for death and condemnation of those leaders, and I simply ask for a reckoning, a reckoning that we must move forward in peace, however vile these acts, however wrenching, however deep the pain we feel embedded in our heart.

As I read yesterday's paper, the headlines said everybody is crying, crying with our soul, crying with our minds, crying in confusion. But you see that is the purpose of the evil doers, for they are certainly seeking to destroy the progress made in the peace talks.

I would ask that this Congress, as it gathers to deliberate, and this administration, seek to reinforce the policies that have allowed the peace discussions to go forward, be tempered in their discussion and debate to find the real solution that will respond to the evil doers by punishing them, and promote those who would do good. These peace talks, as I understand from the leadership on both sides of this issue, from the Arab world and the Israeli world, must go forward, and it is certainly difficult in the shadow of these great tragedies, and it is great, the loss of children, men and women, disruption of families, the fear for their lives, the violation of the sanctity of a sovereign nation. But we must stand for peace and moving forward.

I will simply ask that as we rise to speak, in grief of course, that our remarks are in fact tempered, but that they are strong with the desire to ensure that people can live in peace, and that peace negotiations are respected, and that the evil doers be caught and condemned and penalized.

As I listened to my colleague, the gentlewoman from Colorado [Mrs. SCHROEDER], this is the month to celebrate women, and it was interesting, Mr. Speaker, as I close, that we had a schoolteacher, dressed in a mask for the Purim celebration, bring to our attention God's, promise to Noah in Genesis 9: 14-15:

And it shall come to pass when I bring a cloud over the Earth that the bow shall be seen in the cloud and I will remember my covenant and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Let us believe, and let us realize together that we can bring peace to this world, to Israel and the Arab world.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House stands in recess until 11 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 53 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 11 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. ROGERS] at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Open our eyes, O God, so we have a better vision of Your glory; guide our words so we speak good news; strengthen our hands so we do the works of justice and peace, and move our hearts to feel compassion toward every person. For all these gifts and the blessings of life, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving. 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. GOSS. 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. GOSS. 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 clause 5 of rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of order is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Wyoming [Mrs. CUBIN] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CUBIN 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.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

ON AMENDMENT PROCEDURE ON H.R. 2703, THE EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY AND ANTITERRORISM BILL

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

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee is planning to meet this Friday, March 8, to grant a rule on H.R. 2703, the effective death penalty