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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. STEARNS].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 14, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CLIFF STEARNS 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 are grateful, O God, that You have surrounded us with family and colleagues who support us and encourage us. We are also aware that we are encompassed about with our communities from all over this land. O gracious God, from whom we receive our strength and to whom we belong, remind us every day that we do not live or serve alone nor do we have the abilities to run only our course, but are dependent upon others to truly know ourselves and to be Your faithful people. May we be ready to assist those about us just as they sustain us in our concerns. So be with us in our work, and may Your blessings be upon us and all Your people, now and evermore. 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 New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MENENDEZ 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes on each side.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FOOTBALL COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, BOB DEVANEY

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

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, Nebraska lost one of its finest. Former University of Nebraska football coach and athletic director Bob Devaney passed away, but not before leaving a legacy that will never be forgotten in the Cornhusker State and in the rank and file of college football.

Anyone familiar with college football knows the outstanding accomplishments that Coach Devaney achieved. He took an average college football program and led the Cornhuskers to back-to-back national titles in 1970 and 1971.

Bob Devaney not only ushered in a new era of college football, he brought Nebraskans together and gave our great State a team and an institution to be proud of.

Most of all, Coach Devaney put life in perspective.

In 1965, Devaney told fans before a game that there are 800 million people in China who could care less if Nebraska won or lost because there are bigger things in life than whether your team wins or loses.

Coach Devaney taught sportsmanship and unity, lessons from which we all can learn.

So, Mr. Speaker, as Coach Bob Devaney is laid to rest this afternoon, I think that I can speak for all Nebraskans and all college football fans across this country alike when I say, "Coach, thanks for the memories."

IRISH DEPORTEES

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Noel Gaynor, his family, and six other families on whom injustice has fallen across the ocean from Ireland to America.

The Irish political deportees, as they are referred to, left Ireland to restart their lives in America. Today they are engaged in a different struggle with the U.S. Department of Justice which relentlessly seeks to deport them for their political beliefs. Each man is married to an American citizen or permanent resident.

These men are not wanted by anyone. They were prosecuted for political reasons in the British Diplock Courts. That means one British judge, no jury, confessions which were extracted under torture and duress, and as such, they were sentenced and held with a special political status, a direct acknowledgment of their status as British political prisoners.

All of them have proven through years of residence their commitment to their families, communities, and indeed to the American dream.

This is a photo of Sinead Gaynor holding a sign at a demonstration

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which says "Don't Deport My Daddy." She and the other nine American children are the reason we are here today. Sinead deserves the same opportunity to live in America and realize her dream as any other child. These people should not be deported.

NEWLY ASSUMED POLICE POWERS BRUCE BABBITT AND THE BU- REAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ALLEGE TO POSSESS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to discuss the newly assumed police powers Bruce Babbitt and the Bureau of Land Management allege to possess. Although the BLM claims these regulations are merely a recodification of the current regulations and do not result in the creation of new authority, this is simply not the case. The proposed law enforcement regulations are an attempt to vastly, and in most cases unlawfully, expand BLM's law enforcement authority.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees proper notice describing those actions which may subject its citizens to criminal punishment. However, in this case, BLM has criminalized thousands of minor violations of Federal, State, and local rules that previously were not criminal. The proposed regulations' vague references to any law or ordinance are not constitutionally sufficient, thus making the proposed regulations unlawful and, indeed, unconstitutional.

Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands of the Committee on Resources will bring BLM and the Department of the Interior before our committee and the American people to explain their new regulations, which have begun to put a stranglehold on the western part of this country. To that extent, we may never recover.

LET US FEED OUR CHILDREN AND EDUCATE THEM

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

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, last night the majority Republicans made a wise decision in including full funding for the WIC programs. They threatened originally to cut the President's \$76 million request for additional fiscal year 1997 funds in half, which would have forced 180,000 women, infants, and children to be kicked off of the nutrition program.

I join a lot of my colleagues today in breathing a sigh of relief now, although we hear that WIC has been replaced by education cuts.

Under their new proposals there are several red flags. Under this Republican proposal, 86,000 children will be

cut from Head Start, 360,000 fewer students would be eligible for Pell grants for college or job training, and nearly 500,000 fewer children would have teachers to help them with basic math and reading skills.

Congress has enacted a safeguard for our country's pregnant women and infants and children by not removing them from the WIC rolls. Now let us make sure they can also educate our children. Let us not only feed our children, but let us educate them.

CONDEMNING THE JUSTICE DE- PARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO DE- PORT IRISH-AMERICAN FAMILIES

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

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the outrageous decision by the Justice Department to deport Irish nationals from this country. As my friend, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] has said, we are talking about 10 men and women who have lived in this country a number of years, who have never violated any laws of the United States, who are legally in the United States, who are married either to American citizens or foreign-born residents of this country.

The fact is these men are outstanding members of this community. They have raised their children who go to our schools, they have raised families, they have worked hard, they have contributed to this country. Yet, in a mean-spirited action, the Justice Department is moving to deport them. Their only crime is they were politically convicted in nonjury political courts in Britain years ago. They were political prisoners. They entered this country legally. Now, for no reason whatsoever, our Justice Department is moving to deport them.

The gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] and I had the opportunity to testify for one of these men, Brian Pearson. At his trial the judge found that he was entitled to status in this country, and refused to deport him. Yet the Justice Department has decided to appeal that decision, in direct violation of President Clinton's campaign pledge that there would be no more Joe Doherty's. This is another Joe Doherty. The decision is wrong, it is outrageous, and I condemn it.

CONGRESS SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT CHINA, THE NEXT MAJOR NA- TIONAL SECURITY THREAT

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, China violates American trade laws, China threatens to nuke their neighbors, China sells nuclear weapons to our enemies, China tries to influence American elections, and to boot, there is no

political freedom in China. There is no religious freedom in China. Let us not forget China is still a Communist dictatorship.

Mr. Speaker, if that is not enough to compromise your samurai, there is a group of Washington politicians who want to reward China with permanent, that is right, permanent most-favored-nation trade status. Beam me up.

I say there should be some permanent brain surgery for these permanent politicians performed by some permanent proctologist; permanent this, China. Congress had better take a look at the next major national security threat that is a dragon about ready to eat our assets.

A SALUTE TO CHRIS ALLEN, MAK- ING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

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

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, how do you follow that?

Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise today to commend and salute one man in Chattanooga, TN, who is making a huge difference in the life of children. His name is Chris Allen. He is a reporter with WDEF Channel 12 in Chattanooga, but he is being recognized this month by the President of the United States as one of 28 citationists of over 3,600 nominated from the Points of Light Foundation.

Chris, several years ago, was on a routine mission studying the inner city schools in Chattanooga and found that the library books were not on the shelves, that the materials were not in the classrooms, and he began an organization that has now helped over 11,000 children and raised over \$500,000 to help the inner city schools in Chattanooga, TN.

Chris Allen deserves this recognition. He deserves for the House of Representatives today to recognize him, which I do at this time. We commend you, Chris Allen. One man can make a difference.

URGING AN END TO DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS FOR SEVEN IRISH NATIONALS

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

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in support of the seven Irish nationals residing in the United States who are currently facing deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

While these individual cases and backgrounds may be different, they do share a number of important similarities. These seven Irishmen were convicted in British courts, with no juries. They have served their time and they are not wanted for any crime