

South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building".

H.R. 2704. An act to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located at 7436 South Exchange Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building".

H.R. 3364. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 235 North Washington Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the "William J. Nealon Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H. Con. Res. 192. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question of agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

Pursuant to clause I, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

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

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleague who just spoke from Connecticut is married to one of the best pollsters in this country. When she tells us that our ratings are at an all-time low for this century, I listen. I said: Stan is one of the best pollsters in this country; when you say our ratings are at an all-time low, I listen. It is a compliment. It is a compliment.

Mr. Speaker, in the middle of the afternoon at some point, the majority leader has just approved it, I will rise to a question of personal privilege for 1 hour to discuss the truth over a Member of this Chamber on our side calling me a liar, a bigot, and a hater.

I will set the record straight on one of the key reasons this Chamber is held in such low esteem. I will put into the record an editorial that tells us that the homosexual movement in this country does not want just tolerance; they want total acceptance.

While we are trying to get through no same-sex marriage, how do we give spouse cards and pins to three male boyfriends in their forties and fifties?

I am against giving China most-favored-nation status.

Mr. Speaker, this excellent challenging report is from Lamda Report.

SILENCE-DEFEAT

In this election year, we feel compelled to call attention to an emerging political blunder we hope can still be averted. It is about a political silence that's getting so loud we suspect by the Fall it will be deafening.

What is this resounding silence? The lack of thoughtful criticism within the conservative movement and GOP circles of the "gay rights" agenda. Although homosexual activism continues to rub most Americans the wrong way—and shows no signs of abating—

we sense Republicans are running away from the issue faster than Madalyn Murray O'Hair from a revival meeting. There is a good chance the GOP will largely ignore as a campaign issue President Clinton's extensive pro-homosexual record, including his recent endorsement of intrusive legislation that would inject "sexual orientation" into employers' hiring and firing decisions. Even the Christian Coalition, we fear, may not use its influence to make Clinton's pro-homosexual record a major campaign issue in the upcoming election.

Compounding the problem is a skillful homosexual propaganda strategy that labels anyone who opposes "gay" activism an "extremist" or a "bigot." It is no accident that the pro-gay group PFLAG has targeted Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson with its \$625,000 ad campaign linking Christian leaders with heinous violence and suicidal youth (see page 8). And now the Human Rights Campaign, a homosexual lobby, has proclaimed that three GOP presidential contenders—Buchanan, DORNAN, and Gramm—are "HRC-designated extremists". (page 12)

Let's see: Phil Gramm, anti-gay extremist. Can there be any doubt such reckless hyperbole is meant to intimidate critics and stifle debate?

We are hardly shocked that the homosexual lobby would attempt to marginalize its foes, but it is telling that even some "pro-family" leaders would stigmatize those intent on countering "gay" activism, or are at least shying away from this critical issue. Two years ago, Bill Bennett sent an ominous signal when (speaking at a Christian Coalition convention) he chastised conservatives who "obsess" on homosexuality. The much respected Bennett was dead wrong in this case. What he did was the political equivalent of scolding pro-life groups for fixating on the fetus. Yet his putdown spoke volumes about the way Washington insiders, versus everyday Americans, perceive this troubling issue.

We understand why Bennett, like many Washington politicians, would rather downplay homosexual-related matters. Unfortunately, gay activists aren't so accommodating. In fact, they are spending millions to, in effect, normalize the homosexual lifestyle. A decade ago, their call was for tolerance. Now, as Candace Gingrich puts it, "Tolerance is not enough!" Gay leaders—including the Log Cabin Federation of gay Republicans—are uniting begin a massive campaign to legalise homosexual "marriage." In the face of such resources and dedication, and a "cultural elite" eager to promote homosexuality at every turn, it is utter folly for conservatives to ignore the issue. Worse yet are those GPO leaders like Mary Matalin and Jim Pinkerton who are actually championing "gay" causes (p.5).

In politics, the side that is willing to champion its cause confidently is the side with momentum, the side headed for victory. By that standard, gay activists surely have the Big Mo. Misguided as their mission is, at least they believe in it enough to defend it with gusto. In contrast, many on the Right seem to wish the "gay" issue would just go away. It won't. We see a parallel with abortion politics. In recent elections it seemed "pro-choice" candidates were always willing to boast of their position, while "pro-life" politicians often hid theirs or avoided the issue. Silent support is better than nothing, but if GOP leaders fail to engage the issue intelligently now, they will be unprepared when the ultimate "gay rights" battle—"marriage"—beats up.

We sympathize with groups like Christian Coalition for not wanting to appear like they are "bashing" homosexuals, but rather are reacting defensively to homosexual activist

demands. Unfortunately, it seems like some important groups are not even playing solid defense—much less doing anything to seriously thwart homosexual activist goals. Witness the pallid response of the pro-family movement to the judiciary's rush to bless homosexual adoptions. And Big Tent or no Big Tent, it certainly didn't bode well when Log Cabin's Rich Tafel praised Ralph Reed's "Contract with the American Family" as a "step in the right direction" (it ignored gay issues).

Truth, is many homosexual activists regard anything against their agenda as "gay bashing." Of course, most religious conservatives are not "bashers"; they merely oppose the promotion of homosexuality—by the state, in schools, or in the culture. To profoundly disagree with an agenda, especially on religious grounds, is not to HATE. So, conservatives: get over your misplaced guilt and face up to this movement that is on the verge of radically altering two pillars of American society: marriage and family.

Bill Clinton is the most—indeed, the only—pro-homosexual president in U.S. history. His most unpopular act among voters was his attempt to allow homosexuals in the military. If Republicans fail to make his pro-gay record a part for the '96 campaign, or carefully avoid discussing the H-word, they will not only miss a political opportunity but they will have helped enshrine the "gay" political agenda—including "marriage"—into U.S. law.

EULOGY FOR THE LATE HONORABLE BILL EMERSON

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

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Speaker, today, in the Cape Girardeau First Presbyterian Church, in very emotional but appropriate services, the loving family, friends, colleagues, and constituents of Bill Emerson bade farewell and paid tribute to our dear friend and colleague.

Mr. Speaker, just 2 days ago, Member after Member of this body rose in an outpouring of personal tribute to our late colleague; the comments diverse in content but uniform in affection, appreciation, and sense of personal loss. A veteran member of this House observed the tribute to Bill was the most far reaching in terms of both time and members that has been witnessed in recent times.

Mr. Speaker, the American Heritage Dictionary defines "eulogy" as a public speech or tribute extolling the virtues or achievements of a person and honoring one recently deceased. The eulogy for Bill was given by his longtime friend and trusted assistant, Lloyd Smith, and in his remarks, Lloyd provided all of us a life portrait of Bill so fitting to our celebration of his life. In behalf of the Speaker and all of those present, we thank Lloyd for his most fitting, appropriate and comforting tribute.

I commend to my colleagues and to the citizens of his beloved Eighth Congressional District and this country that he served so well, the eulogy in behalf of our friend, the Honorable Bill