

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend my congratulations to Edward Larson, recipient of a Pulitzer Prize for the "Best Work of History" for his book, *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate over Science and Religion*.

Edward Larson teaches law and history at the University of Georgia, but for 7 months of the year does all his writing in Snohomish County as a resident of Washington's Second Congressional District, with his wife and two children.

Summer for the Gods is Larson's fourth book and focuses on the 1925 trial of John Thomas Scopes, a Tennessee high school biology teacher charged with breaking the State law which prohibited teaching Darwin's theory of evolution in public schools.

Edward Larson has a Ph.D. in the history of science and a law degree. He is a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute in Seattle and teaches science history. He will receive his Pulitzer Prize on May 28 at a ceremony at Columbia University in New York.

I am sure all of my colleagues join me in extending warmest congratulations to Edward Larson and his Pulitzer Prize-winning work.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning hour debates, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House will stand in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

We testify with the Psalmist of old when we say "how good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity."

We are eternally grateful, O God, that the gift of unity comes from Your hand and from the bounty of Your blessings. As we share one Creator, we are committed to each other. As we share responsibility for the welfare of the world, we depend on each other. As we live and work in our communities, we must respect our shared aspirations and our hopes. Remembering our own personal traditions with gratitude, in this prayer we celebrate the unity and common heritage that is Your wonderful gift to us and to every person. In Your name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WICKER 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 2, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Thursday, April 2, 1998:

H.R. 1116, passed without amendment.
S. 493, agreed to House amendments.
S. 1178, agreed to House amendments.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 3, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, April 3, 1998:

H.R. 2400 passed with amendment requested conference.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 6, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the

Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, April 3, 1998:

H.R. 2843 passed without amendment.

H.R. 3226 passed without amendment.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk, House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker Pro Tempore MORELLA signed the following enrolled bills on Wednesday, April 8, 1998:

H.R. 1116, to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clinton Independent School District and the Fabens Independent School District;

H.R. 2843, to direct the administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to reevaluate the equipment in medical kits carried on, and to make a decision regarding requiring automatic external defibrillators to be carried on, aircraft operated by air carriers, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3226, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands and improvements in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes;

S. 419, to provide surveillance, research, and services aimed at prevention of birth defects, and for other purposes;

S. 493, to amend Title 18, United States Code, with respect to scanning receivers and similar devices; and

S. 1178, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify and extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO UNITED STATES CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 801(b) of Public Law 100-696 and the order of the House of Wednesday, April 1, 1998, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission:

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication from RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic Leader: