



A Capitol, like a government, always under construction...

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My young Capitol tour guide yesterday, Risch intern Luke Henrie (who is from Nampa), saw a metaphor in how the U.S. Capitol building seems to be constantly under construction, just as is our democracy, the oldest one in the world. By the way, the dome of the U.S. Capitol weighs 8.9 million pounds, according to Luke, and was completed in 1866, during the Civil War.

This morning, as I emerged from the D.C. Metro, staffers from the Cato Institute were handing out free copies of the U.S. Constitution. Today is Constitution Day, commemorating the fact that on Sept. 17, 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document in Philadelphia.