

any resolution that comes before the body that deals with an issue that I think requires discussion on my part, I'm going to discuss it. I don't care how long the discussion goes. I didn't bring the resolution. If I bring one that is controversial in the minds of one or some, it's going to be discussed. So I'm not one of those people who, just to get along will go along, will refuse to discuss something that I feel I've got to discuss. I don't like us to rush to judgment on things like this. Remember, we're making a profound statement and since we're making a profound statement we need some profound discussion. And it's so easy to go along to get along. Some years ago I was reading an essay by Ralph Waldo Emerson and he had talked about the things that people don't have the character to refrain from doing. He said, when there are people who want to beg from him and he feels they're not entitled to what they are seeking to beg from him, it's much easier to give in and give to that beggar than to withhold it on principle. There are a lot of things with which members of this body disagree, but decide to go along just to make it a nice, good club and everybody gets along. But when it's an issue of substance to some people, you saw how the gang of four fractured yesterday, didn't you, and you see how the city got annihilated, and I applaud Senator Moore and Senator Hefner, I meant Senator Lamb for what they did. The lambs put to rout the urban wolves. I mean, those urban senators were fighting for that money, that homestead exemption idea. They came forth with all the power at their disposal and they were routed, sent yapping with their little tails between their legs and ears sticking straight out behind them, they're moving so fast in defeat. The only way they could have moved faster would be if they would run backwards and usually you run faster forward than backwards, and I watched that in amazement. I supported the city slickers, but they got royally trounced yesterday. But I read in the paper where they're going to get that all back together, they're going to be manipulated and greased and smoothed over and they'll be brought back and hitched to the wagon and suckered again as they were last year. City suckers, not city slickers. (Laughter.) I cannot allow myself to be put in that posture by going along with things that I disagree with just to be the nice guy and just to get along. There will be other occasions when I can be a nice guy and you'll know that when I support you, I really support you and that will mean more to you than some of this shallow, superficial going along to get along because you don't know what manner of support you've got from people like that and they may turn around and be the very one to pull the rug from