

their representatives, do something, do something. And the southern representatives went to Washington, D.C. and argued their best case. And they asked the Goliath, would you please, and it got to the point, at one session of the debate, would you please have a little compassion for what it is we, the minority, are trying to do for our people. And the Goliath had that kind of deep-throated laugh and the comment was, if you've got the votes, you've got the compassion. And the majority thus ruled. So the south had to make a difficult decision, because the decision was, and I hope members are listening because to me it is essential to our fili...our democratic nature as a body. The south had to ask themselves a question, do we wish to participate in a democracy to which we cannot win on major issues affecting our economic well-being? Why participate in a democratic process when the majority, when it suits their convenience, stamps out any democratic right for well-being. And I don't know if members of the body are aware, but Senator Labeledz has already yesterday filed another suspension motion to make sure that, even if I was allowed to divide the question or not allowed, that there would be no Bernard-Stevens amendment to the amendment, because, God forbid, that they might make sense and we bring some discussion to the body. No, no, no. The Goliath has spoken. And the Goliath spoke to the south. But they were reasonable. They came up with what they called the bill of nullification. And, of course, I should do a historical competency test on the body to see if we remember, I suspect we all do. The theory of the nullification was, I'll tell you what, we'll stay in a democratic system, Senator Hefner, we'll stay in a democratic system, Senator Johnson, Senator Moore, but if a law is passed let each state decide whether or not they want to follow that national law. That's reasonable, because if it's harmful, surely we shouldn't have to obey it. And the north said, why that would break apart the democratic principles, or (why that means that there is a law that we passed that would favor us and hurt you. We're sorry we hurt you, but that means you wouldn't have to obey it and that wouldn't necessarily help us very much.) And so naturally that law was never passed. So, members of the body, back in 1860's some people in this country made a very tragic, difficult, in many ways terrible decision. They decided that, if they cannot participate on major issues, not every issue, on major issues that affect their being and well-being and their way of life, that they would rather not be a part of that democratic system because the minority does not mind being a part of a majority as long as the minority not only can be heard but heard defined as