

rules to stop people from offering amendments either. I don't do that. But by the eternal, and I'm quoting Andrew Jackson so nobody out there will think that I've become converted, by the eternal I will do everything within the rules that I feel is appropriate for me to do. Do you all think for a moment that when I was elected by the people in my district that I was sent down here to serve the members of the Legislature, that I was sent down here to please the members in this body? Is that what you all thought my role was? Now there have been elderly black gentlemen in this body before I came who were taken to the farms and the countryside of some of the senators and treated in a very demeaning fashion. And my district will never forget how former "Repelican" Governor Tiemann appointed a very ancient Negro gentleman to serve our district when Senator Danner died and we will never forget how he got a standing ovation when in his ignorance he stood on the floor of this Legislature during a special session and said, God created white people superior to black people and black people's obligation is to follow along behind them, and he got a standing ovation and that was reported in all three of the major newspapers, meaning the Journal, the Star, and the World-Herald. And I was not sent down here to replicate that nor to represent ignorance. I was sent down here because people knew when they voted for me what I am, and they know how I will stand for what I believe and that I'm not going to back down, I'm not going to be bought off, I'm not going to be frightened off or any other off, but I work within the rules which is something that is not countenanced by many of my colleagues who vote officially to disregard the rules. So before anybody says again anything about the system being manipulated or whatever, think about what a majority has voted to do in terms of ignoring the rules that they voted to put in place to regulate their legislative assembly. Black people get in these legislative bodies by accident. The Supreme Court outlawed gerrymandering not initially so that black people could be elected to office, but because white people were being gerrymandered out of office. They fixed it so that certain groups initially could not vote, period. Then when they made enough ruckus, I'm talking about white people so that they could vote, boundary lines would be drawn so when they voted they were voting for nobody and that was taken to court and that was ruled to be inappropriate so the white people could vote, so that white people could elect representatives and we slipped in by accident. We were not contemplated. We were not contemplated when the Declaration of Independence was written. How can they write that all men are created equal, endowed by their creator