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you're ugly and you know it clap your hands; if you're ugly and you know it clap your hands. Then they'd say, oh my God, I've been had, and they'd stop clapping their hands. And then Redd Foxx would look out there and say, if you all are telling the truth not one of you should have stopped clapping your hands; you should keep at it. But sometimes when you don't pay attention that's what happens. So the next time you all are on the campaign trail and you want to seem very clever, just do that. Just tell them you want everybody to work together and cooperate. Most of you will remember to tell them to clap their hands, then you'll forget why you had them doing it. I'm messing with you, I'm pulling your leg, I'm jerking your chain, because I have to do that to try to get your attention to the point where I can make you focus on what this amendment does. It is the identical amendment being offered at a different location in the bill I read these bills. I have to read them to turn them to my purpose. On page 3, in line 24, after "village" insert the following words: "which has adopted a resolution that prohibits discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation." I know you all thought and probably hoped when I withdrew the version of this amendment earlier that I would be through with it as far as this bill is concerned. The bill is going to move. I'm not going to mess with the underlying purpose of the bill, but what I'm pushing is a larger, broader purpose. Brothers and sisters, everybody on this floor is handsome or beautiful, as the case may be, so you don't have to worry about anybody mocking you or ridiculing you on the basis of how you look and on that basis alone. But imagine how you would feel. You know what I've discovered? That nobody likes to be embarrassed in front of other people. Even little children don't like to be embarrassed. They don't like to be laughed at. Little children understand the difference between being laughed with and being laughed at. If it's been so long ago that you were a child that you've forgotten, place yourself among children and see what happens if one of the children happens to be singled out to be laughed at. Look within yourself and ask whether you would like to be mocked, embarrassed, humiliated, shunned, excluded in front of other people. You would not like that. Nobody likes it. If an individual doesn't like it, a nation does not like it, a group of people do not like it. When we are going to sit here as a