

mate for his unique ability and I quote: "to drive Johnson nuts." Certainly, anyone who examines just a few of the startling statements that the Republican candidate for the Presidency has made during the course of this campaign will have no difficulty in discovering that Senator Goldwater and his extremist followers have taken leave of rational argument. In addition to suggesting that the East Coast of the United States be sawed off and permitted to float out into the Atlantic Ocean, Barry Goldwater also has said, and I quote:

"Farm production, like any other production, is best controlled by the natural operation of the free market—if farmers in general find they are not getting high enough prices for their produce some of them will move into other kinds of economic activity."

According to Senator Goldwater, doing something about farm price supports means prompt and final termination of the farm subsidy program. Translated into bread and butter terms, ladies and gentlemen, such a proposal may well mean the ruination of tobacco production in Kentucky and Maryland.

In May of this year, this same Republican Presidential candidate, in his remarks at Monterrey, California, said, and again I quote:

"By our votes you can judge us, not by our talking."

That's fair enough—let's look at the record. In his headlong rush to provide assistance to the farmers of this nation, Senator Goldwater has voted against, I repeat, against the 90 per cent support of basic crops, the emergency feed grains program, the extension of the Agriculture Trade Development and Assistance Act, the extension of the Food for Peace Program and against wheat, cotton and corn support programs. Let's take a further look at the record: at a press conference in Denver, Colorado, the Republican candidate for President of the United States declared that the time had come to dissolve the Rural Electrification Administration and in a letter to Congressman Richard Fulton said, and again I quote: "I am quite serious in my opinion that TVA should be sold."

Earlier this year, the Congress of the United States enacted an \$11.5 billion reduction in the federal income tax. Not only has the reduction in taxes given every wage earner more spendable income, but it also has stimulated economic activity in the United States to such a degree that revenues to state and local governments have been greatly increased. For us, in Maryland, this means that there now exists an excellent prospect that a proposed increase in the State In-