

1 The purpose of government as instituted is to
2 secure the rights of the people; their right to life,
3 liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If you look at that,
4 that is a guaranty for the right to life, the
5 right to liberty, the right to the pursuit of happiness.
6 It does not guarantee life or the pursuit of happiness.

7 I call your attention to the suggested preamble
8 or amendment. It says that the chief function and
9 purpose of government -- I am wondering what other purposes
10 there are -- is to facilitate the enjoyment by all people
11 of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It sounds
12 like a Roman holiday. It sounds like it makes it very,
13 very easy.

14 There is another fundamental concept which I
15 think is important. We have kept as much of the graceful
16 language of the present preamble as we thought was
17 appropriate, and one of those phrases is the expressing of
18 our gratitude, our gratitude to God for our civil and re-
19 ligious liberties; not a pursuit or request or asking a
20 blessing, but an acknowledgement of our gratitude.

21 I therefore respectfully ask that you defeat