

**Walter Capps Closing Statement
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I want to very much thank the League for sponsoring this and I want to thank all of you for being here. I think this is the way democracy grows. Democracy is born in conversation. If we could have more of these, we wouldn't have to do quite as much of it over television.

I grew up in the state of Nebraska, and I was a boy during the second world war. My uncle Carl came home after being wounded in Germany. We had long talks about war, and about life. He said to me one time that what was so curious to him when he was fighting the Germans was that they both looked alike and they prayed to the same God.

Now I went to the Old Mission yesterday morning and Andrea Seastrand was there, and I was glad for that. We prayed to the same God, I know. We prayed the Lord's prayer, sang some of the same hymns, and listened to the same sermon.

When I got home from church I watched television, and an ad on television said, and I'm quoting, "When Polly Klaas' killer got the death penalty, two people were disappointed: Richard Alan Davis, the murder, and Walter Capps."

Now I want Andrea Seastrand to know I was not disappointed. But there is a bigger truth here. Andrea Seastrand knows this isn't true. She knows this isn't true. But this is what happens in politics. This is what happens. This demeans the human spirit.

I am there to offer an alternative. My name is Walter Capps, I'm running for U.S. Congress. Thank you.