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equate gays and lesbians in the battle of civil rights, and vowed to never vote for any bill that would grant gays and lesbians "special rights." "I hear your cries, and I know it's a sad situation to be...trapped in a lifestyle that does not work. Being gay leads to suicide, drug abuse, and alcoholism," he said.

Inglis offered to help convert any self-doubting gay man or lesbian to become heterosexual.

When asked about his feelings on AIDS and AIDS funding, Inglis said the disease is preventable by adhering to "monogamous relationships normal between a man and a woman."

Inglis also could not recall what his vote was on re-authorizing the Ryan White Care Act, which was finally approved in late July.

"You mean to tell me you can't remember what you voted," asked an angry constituent.

"I can't remember how I voted. Could you remember every vote you make after you make

3,000 of them in a session," shot back Inglis.

The Upstate representative also scoffed at supporting ENDA. "The bill is unnecessary. When you look at gays and lesbians and their average household income, it should be obviously clear that there is no real pattern of discrimination," Inglis said.

Inglis did not dispute the existence of workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. "I'm sure it exists, but I stand by what I believe when I say the homosexual that does not declare himself basically has no difficulty cooperating within the American workforce," he said.

Susan Stallard, the coordinator of the town hall meeting and one of the initial three to meet with Inglis, was challenged to keep an angry mob patient with the representative.

At one point, though, Stallard's frustrations may have split over when she told Inglis she would never work for his office unless he changed his way and hoped he would become a "recovering bigot."

Nancy Wilmoth, Stallard's partner, thought the meeting went well, and showed Greenville's gays and lesbians they must work together and vote Inglis out of office.

"I was quite impressed by the crowd. Even though the interaction between the crowd and Inglis became pointed and his comments become more rude, I think the audience handled themselves very professionally," Wilmoth said.

Wilmoth said she was appalled by Inglis' religious agenda and "offended that he could promote his religious beliefs."

Inglis declined HRCF members' invitation for another meeting within the next six months to a year, saying "I think we can go no further in this dialogue."

"It's pretty sad when our own legal representative says he has no more time for us," Wilmoth said.

An official campaign or group against Inglis has not been formed yet, but audience members certainly were talking about organizing an effort to defeat the two-term Congressman in 1996.

"There is a large community and lots of friends that have a vested interest in seeing that he is voted out. Even if it's another conservative, we have to vote Inglis out," Wilmoth said.

Church to Affiliate with Gay-Affirming Denomination

GREENVILLE, NC—According to an article which appeared in *The Down East Voice*, the Good Shepherd Church, which ministers to the Christian lesbian and gay community in the Greenville area, has announced that it is in the process of affiliating itself with the Evangelical Anglican Church in America (EACA). The EACA is a denomination which is gay-affirming in all aspects. Its headquarters are located in Laguna Beach, California.

The decision to affiliate with the EACA is the result of a recent vote made by the church members. The affiliation will become official with two to four weeks after all paperwork has been completed. At that time, the church's official name will become the Good Shepherd Anglican


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