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while we're discussing a motion, which is properly before us, to let a third party, not a member of the Legislature, derail what we've been doing? By what rule is that done? So that's my first point of order. Is it in order to have that injected at this point?

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Chambers, in response, I am going to... I am going to rule that once the issue before us, with all of the amendments and everything before us, was on the election contest filed by Paul Korslund. That was the issue before us. And my ruling will be that since the contestee, Paul Korslund, has withdrawn that, I think that took off the table all of the things that we were considering at that point, because there no longer was an election contest. The contest was gone. That is my... this is my ruling. I want to continue. This is what I'm going to rule, that that contest was gone. Therefore, at that point, then a new motion was in order to allow us to talk about the seating of Senator Byars. That will be the ruling. If you wish to overrule that, or overrule the Chair, that is your prerogative to do that.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Yes. And, Mr. Chairman, now that it's clear what your ruling is, I move to overrule the Chair. Members of the Legislature, we have been dealing with this for two days now. And emotionally and psychologically it's difficult to maintain a level of intensity which is high for an extended period of time. When the mind becomes fatigued, when the motions become exhausted there's a desire to get out of that situation because that exhaustion and fatigue convert into stress. And when people feel stressed or inadequate to deal with a situation they want to flee from that situation. I can understand if that's how people feel. But we're not behaving as individuals and responding to our emotional state or our psychological state. We are behaving as a Legislature. And having come this far we have an obligation to bring this matter to a proper conclusion. And, in my opinion, that conclusion can be reached only by our resolving the issues that have been laid before us. If we allow a person to bring a matter that takes the Legislature's time, and we under the law in the Constitution, are required to behave in a certain manner, and that person can then jerk the Legislature around by saying, well, just forget it, and that person is not a part of the Legislature, we are making ourselves, as a body, subject to whim. Once this thing begins, once the process reaches a certain point there can be no turning back based on the wish of