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everybody else to follow, but ourselves we won't do it. And today we have before us, for the second day, the issue of the election contest. We're going to put in record the fact, through the Warner motion that I co-sponsored, that the Legislature recognizes that we did not pay attention to those statutes. That's going to go away. That record doesn't exist anymore once we move to seat, because we're going to accept the fact that that election contest just disappears, it just disappears. Two days of legislative experience, yeah, the record's going to be there, but it's not going to apply because we ultimately didn't adopt Senator Warner's and my proposal. I want this issue to go away as well, that's why I offered the amendment that I did this morning, I thought it ought to come to a head, it ought to be resolved, but not like this, not through a continued bastardization of the process, not through ignoring or making up our rules as we go. And I say that with all due respect, Mr. Clerk and Mr. Speaker. I do not impugn your reputations or your abilities, by any stretch of the imagination. I'm just irritated as hell. It should not happen in this manner. We should not run away and hide from this issue. not go on record in support of that minority report, if that's what we intend to do. But it looks like we're going to. Nobody more than me felt that the minority this morning should have the ability to come to a vote on their issue. That's why I pushed and ignored pollings from some of my colleagues on a different way to approach this issue. That's why I said, look, we ought to look at Senator Warner's amendment because it's probably a clearer approach to mine, I'll withdraw mine. I've not tried to delay this issue in any way, shape or form along the rough and rocky road that it's had to follow. The 30th legislative district deserves better, they deserve to be represented permanently, we need to bring it to a closure. This is not the way to do it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. We go to Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm swayed by Senator Hall's arguments, but I think I am standing to support the Chair. Senator Hall mentioned that, if we do this, we're making up the rules as we go along. I submit to you that's what we did yesterday, making up the rules as we went along. I'm tempted to vote in favor of this because, as I said earlier, I would gladly vote to seat Senator Byars on this floor, if I didn't have to screw up the election process in the