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of the issues involved. I'm frustrated that the withdrawal of the contest does not allow us to reach a conclusion on those matters. But I don't think we have a choice, it's a matter brought to us by an outside party, that outside party does not want it continued, and I believe that the Chair has probably ruled properly in this case.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. We'll go to Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, originally I was going to quickly rise to support Senator Chambers' motion. Now some good questions have been brought up. But I guess I'm still supporting Senator Chambers. I never walked away from this building, as I did last night, with such a feeling that really, really did the wrong thing, really set some bad precedent for the future. Instead of giving the folks some clear direction, we threw them a knuckle ball, said, here, hit this one. So I'm really still rather confused on what we should do now. I guess what has been said, to just drop it now, walk away from it now, and that bad precedent is no longer set, I'm not sure that's the case. Have we, have we set precedent with our debate? Can we make that debate go away? It's been proven in here that we members do have the elephants memory, and we can dredge up old cases time and time again. Will this come up in the future and, if it does, will it have any effect on anything? I can see the next legislative election contest, quite a few of them coming before this body, when the clerks ask, how are we supposed to act? We're not sure. We weren't sure when it was written in law, now that you're saying you maybe don't necessarily always have to follow the law sometimes, how are they going to act then? I think that is a big problem. And I guess I would ask Senator Chambers to answer a couple questions for me. I'd like you to respond to the argument of whose prerogative it is, ours or the Legislature, and have we, indeed, set precedent with our, just simply our debate in the last couple days?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers, will you respond.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll answer the second question first. I think there is no way to get around a precedential effect of what the Legislature does in an election contest, so there is some precedential impact from what we've done, although it's not a good precedent. As far as whose prerogative it is, I'd like