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it with us. As Senator Hall said, though, I, too, and I assume all of us will be voting to seat Senator Byars. It doesn't change our concerns that were expressed yesterday in our...the 24 of us that voted against...or I should say the 24 of us who voted for the majority report. Here is my concern, that we vote to seat Senator Byars and this election problem that this whole matter has brought to our attention doesn't get addressed, that the problems we saw in the primary, with the Bill Hoppner-Ben Nelson primary recount, the difficulties we saw there, were repeated again in the November issue, which is now...has been before us. When will they be repeated again? Time and again these issues seem never to be resolved. And the election process is, in my estimation, a mess. We've had consistent, ongoing problems in this area, and we've got to get them resolved. It's unfortunate that we took the step we did yesterday to not suggest the law to be followed. It sends the wrong message back and we try and reform this process. So, dealing with that issue, I think, will be made harder in the future as a result. But nevertheless of the hard work of trying to improve the election system, I think, cannot be lost in the vote that we're about to take. Let me just conclude on a positive note. I think the action by Mr. Korslund to withdraw his action, though I agreed with Senator Chambers that properly the Legislature ought to continue to decide that matter, nevertheless showed a lot of class, integrity and grace. I think he recognized that he had other options, going to court, to challenge further, to delay further, to appeal further, but rather than go through that, rather than carry this on any further he, I think, in good judgment indicated he wanted to end that matter. A difficult thing to do, losing by one vote, and to take that step, but he showed a lot of class in doing so, and I commend him for it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Senator Chambers would move to amend the Warner motion by striking the contents thereof, if I may suggest that, Senator, and inserting language that was offered this morning. It's the same language, I believe, that Senator Hall and Senator Warrner had offered to the body earlier. I can read it, Senator, if you think that's appropriate.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, for the sake of the record, I would request that you do that, in case people don't have their