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should file a separate resolution, and we should deal with that on the facts of the matter, face up, one way or the other. And I might be supportive of that. But I haven't gone back and looked at all the details of the Drew Miller case. But the Drew Miller case isn't particularly relevant. It's like saying, well, we shouldn't prosecute X because three years before the prosecutor chose not to prosecute Y for a similar kind of offense. Each case is individual. You have to make up your minds on he facts. The facts between the Drew Miller case and this case are very, very different. In the Drew Miller case, both candidates were abiding candidates who didn't have any question of the affidavit that kicked off the fair fight money. In the Drew Miller case, it was a question of an independent committee. It was not a question of the transfer of fair fight It wasn't a question of an estimate of expenditures that was way off. The amount of money at issue, the amount of extra money that Drew Miller got, was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$8 million (sic). The amount of money, I would argue, is involved here that was not appropriately transferred to Mr. Blank, was \$63 million...or, \$63,000. So there's a big difference between \$8,000 and \$63,000. But again, whatever you may think about this...that situation, I don't think has...the difference between that situation and this situation, I hope to God, has nothing to do with issues. Because once we start deciding this matter on the basis of issues, we will never decide them fairly. It has to be decided on the basis of the sacredness of our election laws and our campaign laws. Nothing is more fundamentally important to a democratic government than its election laws. It's the election laws that cause people to trust government. It is the election laws by which we get consent to a democracy. They're not going to follow elected leaders, they're not going to listen to them, everything positive will be undermined, unless our election laws are in In other countries, in other times, revolutions have periodically erupted into violence because they couldn't get that first piece right, they couldn't get fair election laws that everybody adhered to and that were announced in advance and that people knew was a fair game to play. And so important are election laws that I think...to people's sense of legitimacy, that even dictators seek to rig elections so that they have the facade of an election law supporting them. But I want to say