

SPEAKER WITHEM: Excuse me. Madam President, members of the body, I was reacting not against the bill or against the amendment or against anything, I was reacting at what I saw as perhaps one of the biggest breaches of personal conduct that I've seen in the body and the body cannot allow that to continue to go forward. And that was why I was reacting, saying that the bill should be pulled. Evidently, that moment is past us and I think we ought to go ahead with the bill. And, Senator Chambers, one other thing I would like to say is in reference to...to threatening to kick your rear end or something like that, I don't think Senator McKenzie really meant that when she said that. So want to...want to make that clear. I'm really sorry things have got to this point. I'm really sorry we've got to the step of name calling. Senator Chambers, you say I can't take responsibility and, obviously, I can't. The body has to deal with issues as it sees before it, but I do feel some responsibility in arranging the agenda to set the parameters around which we will consider matters. My concern about 1066 isn't that the legitimate issues around 1066 ought not to be discussed, my concern is that an issue that is a nonpriority issue is taking...is taking the time. If the MacBride Principles were what had been prioritized and we were discussing and debating the MacBride Principles, I would be on the side of those supporting them, and I would be saying we will take the time necessary as long as the bill is before us, with the exception of the other...the other scheduling parameters that I...that I've put into effect and have been following on the other...on the other issues. I do think the right step to take at this time is to reconsider the adoption of the MacBride Principles. I do think at that time, and I don't know if Senator Hall was...was accurate in what he said, it's up to him as to whether he wants to continue to offer those, but I think the body needs to get back to where it was before. And I would urge people to vote for the motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, Senator Crosby had a bill which she prioritized. Some nonprioritized items, such as the judges' salary, an additional juvenile court judge and other things that had not been prioritized and they were highly controversial, were put into that bill. Hers was the priority bill, not these other things that were added, and we battled on those things. In fact, part of the battle resulted in the