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motion that he's trying to withdraw is that we overrule the Speaker's order and take up this bill. I think we ought to take it up, Senator Venditte, and say, Patrick, I'm just disappointed in you this morning.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol, and then Senator Fowler. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think that we should allow Senator Venditte to withdraw his motion. After all we're trying to keep sane heads around here, and I can understand his being upset about having this delayed. I think I have the first amendment up on the bill, which I would like...it has nothing to do with abortion, but let's keep our heads about us, go on allow Senator Venditte to withdraw his motion, and go on with the other business of the day. Monday is just about as good as today. Why should we get upset about one day? Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, I rise to support the Speaker's original decision, and also to support Senator Venditte in withdrawing his motion. I must admit that I guess I suffer from some of the same paranoia that Pat may have, when I heard yesterday at 4:30 that Senator Dworak supposedly was snowed in in Chicago, I thought that perhaps there was some sort of effort to delay the bill by the other side. Now that I find Senator Venditte is equally mistrustful of Senator Dworak, I'm not sure where he stands on the bill. Both of us seem to think that he's out trying to delay the bill, but for different reasons. I think Senator Dworak probably is snowed in in Chicago. I think that, although initially I was disturbed about the delay of the bill because I was ready to debate it, and it's an issue that you have to kind of get psyched up for and prepared for, and you don't really want to spend a weekend thinking about abortions. I was ready to have it come up today, but the Speaker extended a courtesy to Senator Dworak that I know I would like if I was a co-sponsor of a bill, and I think that Senator Marvel is trying to be fair in terms of the consideration of legislation, and for that reason I think that it was proper for him to give Senator Dworak a chance to shovel his way out of Chicago and come back here, because it's a question Senator Dworak's concerned about. It's a question Senator Venditte is concerned about. It's a question I'm concerned about, but I think the sponsors of the bill should be there, and I think the Speaker made the right decision, although yesterday I have to admit that I was in kind of the same situation Senator