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Abandon Presidential Primary

Senator Switalski Says Kill Primary, Save \$10 Million

During Senate debate yesterday on the Michigan Presidential primary election, State Senator Michael Switalski (D-Roseville) urged the Supreme Court to cancel the Michigan primary. Here is Senator Switalski's speech urging an end to the primary:

"State Supreme Court is currently reviewing the constitutionality of Michigan's Presidential Primary law. Michigan's January 15th Presidential Primary should be allowed to die a peaceful death.

The state's two major political parties took a gamble together this year. They tried to jump Michigan to the front of the cue and gain national prominence for our state.

They failed.

I like gambling as much as the next person, and I don't fault them for making the attempt. In fact, I joined them in the gamble. But a good gambler knows when they have a losing hand and when to fold.

We are at that point. We should not ante in another \$10.4 million dollars. There are four good reasons to throw in our hand.

First of all, the law is unconstitutional. Two courts have already found it to be so. And the reasoning is simple. If the people of Michigan are paying for the election, the data from that election belongs to the people, not the political parties. Instead, the state is wasting money on attorneys defending an unconstitutional provision. So legally we have a loser.

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