

<b>Subject of Appeal:</b>	Break in Tempo, Unauthorized Information	<b>Case:</b>	R3
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<b>Event</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Daylight Open Pairs	<b>Event DIC</b>	Bob Hendricks
<b>Date</b>	03/17/2017	<b>Session</b>	Second Session

### Auction

West	North	East	South
			1♦
1♥	Pass	1♠ <sup>1</sup>	2♦
Dbl <sup>2</sup>	3♦	Pass <sup>3</sup>	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

### Explanation of Special Calls and Points of Contention

1: Forcing one round
2: Intended support double
3: Break in tempo

### Hand Record

<b>Board</b>	<b>3</b>	N	4500 MP		
<b>Dealer</b>	<b>S</b>	♠	QJ		
		♥	J654		
<b>Vul</b>	<b>E/W</b>	♦	Q643		
		♣	982		
W	5700 MP			E	
				5500 MP	
♠	K73			♠	A10985
♥	AKQ109			♥	32
♦	87			♦	K9
♣	653			♣	QJ104
		S	1400 MP		
		♠	642		
		♥	87		
		♦	AJ1052		
		♣	AK7		

<b>Final Contract</b>	<b>Result of Play</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Opening Lead</b>
3♣ by E	Made 4	E/W +170	♣A

### Facts Determined at the Table

The Director was called after the 3♣ bid by West. It was agreed that East had first alerted West's double then when asked for explanation had taken back the alert. East had taken about 8-10 seconds before passing. East said he had to do a "reset" after realizing the double was not an alert, before making a bid.

### Director Ruling

The table director ruled the break in tempo was not significant due to the circumstances of West's double being first alerted, then not alerted by East. The table result was ruled to stand.

<b>Director's Ruling</b>	<b>3♣ by E, Made 4, E/W +170</b>
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### The Review

N/S appealed the ruling. N/S felt East's hesitation and its implications had not been given proper consideration in the Director's ruling.

West said he made the double thinking it was a support double, but realized immediately after he bid that was not their partnership agreement.

### Panel Findings

This hand occurred in the next to last round of a two session event, thus limiting the director's ability to gather additional facts or conduct any polls.

Four polls were taken by the reviewer. All the players polled had between 4200-6600 MPs

Six peers were polled with the West's hand given the auction: 1♦-1♥-Pass-1♠-2♦-Double-3♦-Pass-Pass-, with the double explained as showing a good overcall. Four passed, one doubled, and one bid 3♣.

Four of those polled players were asked the following questions in the order below.

Poll #2: What would double show in this situation? Two said cards, one said good hand, one said takeout.

Poll #3: In the above auction, if partner alerted, then after being asked unalerted, then takes eight seconds to pass, is this a hesitation? All four said yes.

Poll #4: What does the hesitation show? The answers were "Partner is unsure", "Partner has doubt", "Partner doesn't know what to do", "extras".

The panel determined there was a break in tempo which provided unauthorized information to partner (Law 73C); pass was a logical alternative (Law 16B1a); and that the unauthorized information demonstrably suggested not passing due to the results of Poll #4. Per Law 12C1c, the result was changed to 3♦ by South, down one, E/W +50.

<b>Panel Decision</b>	<b>3♦ by S, Down 1, E/W +50</b>
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### Panel Members

<b>Reviewer</b>	Jeff Jacob
<b>Member</b>	Eric Bell
<b>Member</b>	Jenni Carmichael