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Kenneth Gittens Will Most Likely Be Out Of Senate Come January

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ST. CROIX -- Senator Kenneth Gittens will most likely be out of the Senate come January, after falling behind to 8th, just 70 votes away from Senator Neville James. And the chance that Mr. Gittens -- the Committee on Rules and Judiciary chairman, as well as the senator who spearheaded election reform legislation -- could mount a comeback is slim, as Elections Supervisor Caroline Fawkes told this publication tonight that only absentee and walk-in ballots are outstanding, and they total less than 200. It means that Mr. Gittens would have to collect over 35 percent of the remaining votes without the other candidates gaining any ground.

The news is not shocking; it was predicted by political watchers that either Mr. Gittens or Mr. James would be out of a seat [because of Mrs. Hansen](#).

Speaking to The Consortium tonight, Mr. Gittens said he would accept voters' decision.

"Whatever the outcome I'm satisfied," he said. "I think I have served the people and served the people well, and I'll be satisfied with whatever the people's choice may be."

Asked if he was disappointed with the number of votes he collected, the senator would not concede disappointment, but said he was expecting to receive more votes. "I was expecting more, but disappointed? Again, no, I'm not. Again it's the people's choice. We live in a Democratic society and the people have a right to choose who their representatives are," Mr. Gittens said.