

1 DELEGATE JAMES: I think this time you are
2 right.

3 DELEGATE WILLONER: How about that! (Laughter)

4 DELEGATE MARION: We considered and rejected
5 an amendment which would have required that meetings of
6 judicial nominating commissions be open to the public.
7 We rejected that for what I think are good and sufficient
8 reasons.

9 If you were to provide as implementation of this
10 section a piece of legislation, would you include the
11 protection for those commissions in that legislation?

12 DELEGATE WILLONER: Out of an abundance of caution,
13 however, I think it falls in the same category, when you
14 are discussing personnel matters, and you would go over a
15 number of people and to be able to freely discuss a person's
16 qualifications or disqualifications, those meetings must be
17 secret.

18 Once a decision has been reached on who is going
19 to get the nominations, then any deliberations on those people
20 should be open so that there can be a full exposure of
21 those people who the Governor would have a choice to elect