

DELEGATE MUDD: How much time do I have left?

THE CHAIRMAN: Seven minutes.

DELEGATE MUDD: Might I yield two minutes to Delegate Macdonald?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Macdonald.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: There are two features to our system of selecting judges. One is appointment by the governor and then running for election. There are no rules or restrictions on this power of appointment. The tendency is to favor those who are politically deserving. Herein lies an inherent weakness. Those who are politically deserving are not necessarily those who are most qualified.

The second feature of the present system is a contested election. I can state from personal experience that many qualified lawyers refuse to offer themselves as candidates for office of judge, because they do not want to undergo the time and expense of a contested election.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have one-half minute, Delegate Macdonald.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Ladies and gentlemen, this is a true reform. I urge you to vote for it.