

1 is a meeting in which the candidate knows after his elec-  
2 tion who was his friend and who was his foe.

3 We have already in Section 5.17 in the lawyer-  
4 members of the nominating commission said twice by secret  
5 ballot that the lawyer-members should be left by secret  
6 ballot for the Appellate Court Nominating Commission and  
7 for the Trial Courts Nominating Commission. In Section  
8 5.21, we have said, the Court of Appeals shall prescribe  
9 the rule for taking a poll by secret ballot of the lawyers  
10 of the area in which the judge is required to stand for  
11 election.

12 I believe that the legislature no less than the  
13 lawyers, in fact even more so, should have the right to  
14 secret ballot in electing those who lead them. In fact,  
15 the leaders of the legislature have far more authority  
16 over what happens to a legislator, over every legislator,  
17 than does a judge over every lawyer in his area.

18 We thought it was of constitutional moment to  
19 put this in the judicial article. I believe it is also  
20 of constitutional moment to put it here.

21 There is a general rule that if you wish to  
elect your leaders, or your bosses, or whatever you want