

1 question, which may in part be a repetition of a question
2 I asked yesterday.

3 I note that in his proposed suggestion for
4 change in 5.11 that he says, The General Assembly may
5 provide for commissioners, et cetera, and may provide for
6 their appointment.

7 My question specifically is whether or not, if
8 his suggestion is adopted by this Convention, that this
9 would not permit the General Assembly to retain the so-
10 called green bag method of appointment?

11 DELEGATE JOHNSON: I guess it really depends
12 on whether or not you want to put the green bag -- and
13 that is your term, Delegate Bradshaw -- in the hands
14 of the judiciary. I don't think the transfer of the
15 appointive power is going to necessarily lose the "green
16 bag" aura. I would prefer to see the judiciary insulated
17 from this type of appointment, and if it is going to be
18 done by way of green bag, so be it.

19 In my opinion, the new legislature will create
20 the professional office of commissioner, and will provide
21 for an appointive system, and a tenure under the merit