

1 DELEGATE SHERBOW: Yes.

2 DELEGATE DELLA: Will all the confirmations be
3 in public?

4 DELEGATE SHERBOW: Only a vote. When you are
5 holding public hearings there is also a reason to hold
6 executive sessions. This, as you know, deals only with
7 the vote itself, which I believe is the present practice
8 now, is it not?

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Della.

10 DELEGATE DELLA: No, it is not.

11 While in executive session a vote is taken that
12 is not published. Although we have a journal, the
13 journal is somewhat sealed as to the number of votes.

14 It is a question that we either advise and consent
15 as to the appointment, or we do not advise and consent.

16 The appointment is either rejected or confirmed,
17 and therefore, the number of votes is never declared as
18 far as the papers are concerned. This is only for the
19 protection, I think, for the appointee, because you could have
20 a 21 or 22-20 vote, or a 21-19 vote in the Senate on the
21 proposed appointment, and I think that might be a