

1 because they do have certain functions which seem to be  
2 judicial in nature, we felt that it was necessary and  
3 wise to provide for them in the Judicial Article.

4 JUDGE PROCTOR: Your Committee sought to  
5 suggest to Senator Tydings that he adopt your language.

6 JUDGE FAIRBANKS: Mr. Chairman, I hate to keep  
7 talking, but this happens to be getting down into the  
8 areas which I know something about. First, since we are  
9 talking about name changes altogether, I would recommend  
10 we do not call them Commissioners, but call them Committee  
11 magistrates, which is what they are. This will get away  
12 from the old justice of the peace, which has an unfor-  
13 tunate connotation in some instances. That is my one  
14 suggestion. The other is that by all means it is essen-  
15 tial in my view that the control of these Committee  
16 magistrates be in the Judiciary, either in the People's  
17 Court or in the Circuit Court. In many of the jurisdic-  
18 tions, in my own, for instance, at the present time, the  
19 justices of the peace are practically, for all practical  
20 purposes, controlled by the police department, which is  
21 a very unfortunate situation, to say the least.