

1 political influence.

2 Now, would you care to comment on that? Do
3 you see what I am talking about?

4 DR. JENKINS: Mr. Chairman, may I be excused?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry you have to go.

6 DR. JENKINS: Mr. Goldstein, it is always
7 a pleasure to be in your company in your office.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Doctor.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Just to follow that up, we
10 have had that battle in the State for a long time. Years
11 ago, of course, all the assessors were appointed by the
12 County Commissioners, and there was all kind of charges
13 of favoritism in the assessment of real estate; through
14 a long series of reports that Mr. Eney and I have worked on
15 over the years, along with a lot of other people, of
16 course, gradually we have gotten the State Department of
17 Assessments and Taxation established, and it now appoints
18 the assessors; and I think it can fairly be said that
19 politics is pretty much out of the business of assessing
20 locally real estate and during all of this fight, there
21 was always the argument that international association