

1 State of Maryland our present governor does not have a
 2 very good view with respect to the bar association, I
 3 mean, he thinks that politics in the bar association is
 4 more vicious than the politicians in the entire State.

5 MR. WINTERS: Well, the professional opinion
 6 of lawyers ought always to be of value. But if there
 7 were that weakness, perhaps that would be a more universal
 8 answer to the need for a nominating commission than it
 9 is, but lawyers are people in any organizations, they
 10 act like any other and I suppose that is one reason why
 11 there is such a strong nationwide movement from one end
 12 of this country to the other to try to do the sort of
 13 thing that your commission is thinking of.

14 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Winters, in the states that
 15 have these nominating commissions, has the practice been
 16 that after, or rather when a vacancy occurs and the
 17 nominating commission is considering nominations, has
 18 the practice been for them to seek guidance or advice
 19 from the bar associations at that point?

20 MR. WINTERS: I think not. I do not think
 21 they go to the association. They announce that they are