

1 going to make nominations and they invite anybody. And
2 I suppose if the officials of the bar association want
3 to present something, they could, I suppose they could
4 present it on the letterhead of the association. I am
5 not aware that they ever do it, though.

6 THE CHAIRMAN: They do not take their own
7 straw vote at that time for the purpose of advising
8 the nominating commission?

9 MR. WINTERS: Oh, I am quite sure they do not
10 do that.

11 MR. MARTINEAU: There is no reason they could
12 not do it.

13 MR. WINTERS: No, sir.

14 MR. MARTINEAU: There is no reason the system
15 could not operate, just as it does here in the State of
16 Maryland, that the bar association committee recommends
17 to the nominating commission, rather than to the Governor?

18 MR. WINTERS: Yes.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: What are the mechanics of
20 having this straw vote of the lawyers at the time that
21 the judge comes up to be approved or disapproved by the