

1 different area I was interested in asking you.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

3 MR. MARTINEAU: Can I just ask one more on  
4 the competitive election business and try to summarize  
5 it a little bit?

6 MRS. BOTHE: Go ahead.

7 MR. MARTINEAU: What if any function do you  
8 feel that a competitive election has in choosing people  
9 to serve on the bench? Do you think it has any function  
10 at all?

11 MR. WINTERS: Well, you asked if it has a  
12 function at all. Yes, it has a function of deciding  
13 which of these candidates is going to get the job.

14 MR. MARTINEAU: No. What I mean is, is there  
15 any purpose in having a competitive election as opposed  
16 to a non-competitive election in determining who is going  
17 to sit on the bench?

18 MR. WINTERS: Any advantage?

19 MR. MARTINEAU: All right. Advantage.

20 MR. WINTERS: Well, I do not think so. I  
21 think that when you begin with an appointive selection,