

1 having some provision for that. I do not think it is
2 very important, really.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Winters, with respect to
4 the length of term of judges, is there any magic number
5 that seems to be the best length of term?

6 MR. WINTERS: Well, there are some judges
7 that are as short as four years. In fact, I would not
8 be too sure that there are not some as low as two years,
9 in some minor courts, and that is very bad, of course.
10 On the other hand, the 21-year term in Pennsylvania, I
11 think, is really trying to reach something equivalent
12 to life tenure by indirection and I think that, perhaps,
13 more judges in the U. S. have a six-year term than any
14 other, and that is not too bad. I would be inclined to
15 favor eight or ten years.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: With respect to the appellate
17 level or trial court level or both?

18 MR. WINTERS: Well, either one. I do not
19 think it makes a great deal of difference between the
20 two. But if you couple that with non-competitive
21 reelection and with appropriate provision for removal