

1 general elective system. Because under the kind of
2 proposals that are being discussed here, a situation
3 like that is to be dealt with at any time and at the
4 end of his term he probably would be returned to office
5 anyway, so I cannot see that the term would make much
6 difference.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Plus the fact it would seem
8 to me that the short terms on trial court level would
9 tend to make the judges less independent, in knowing
10 that they live in more of a goldfish bowl than the
11 appellate courts.

12 MR. WINTERS: That is true. If you have
13 tenure by non-competitive election, again, I do not
14 think it makes so much difference. I really feel, with
15 apologies, that I should bring this to a close.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Well, we appreciate your
17 meeting with us this morning, Mr. Winters, and look
18 forward to meeting with you again.

19 MR. WINTERS: I congratulate you on the setup
20 that you have, and am hopeful that Maryland will be in
21 the future one of the states to which we can point with