

1 and things, that they were going to be here definitely  
2 next year or for the next two years, where I, as a  
3 member running for reelection, may not be and may  
4 yield to pressures that they would put forth for the  
5 passage of certain bills or the defeat of certain bills;  
6 and I don't think the staggering system would be good.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kircher, some of the  
8 reference material in this area refers to the virtue  
9 of the staggering system as used by the United States  
10 Senate, and I wonder if either of the presiding offi-  
11 cers would like to comment on that?

12 DELEGATE MANDEL: I'd like to comment on it.  
13 I would be opposed to staggered term for one simple  
14 reason. I think if we get into the staggered term,  
15 we are going to get into the same system as the Congress  
16 has and that's the seniority, and I don't think it's  
17 good for a State legislature. I think you can't avoid  
18 getting into that kind of system with a staggered term  
19 because the older members whose terms are continuing,  
20 while the one-third or whatever the percentage of it  
21 is who are being reelected, the older members are going