any freedom. He doesn't make the appointments. While 1 the newspapers say the Governor makes the appointments, 2 he has nothing to do with it. He just signs the certificate. THE CHAIRMAN: You would give him absolute 5 freedom in this regard? 6 SENATOR JAMES: Yes. 7 THE CHAIRMAN: I gather, Mr. Mandel, you would 8 agree with this? 9 DELEGATE MANDEL: I would think this would 10 probably be the best approach. 11 THE CHAIRMAN: No restrictions on the Governor, 12 Does anyone else want to comment? 13 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: Being the only Republican 14 present, I would follow the present system. However, I 15 think if a vacancy occurs in the first or second year of 16 a four-year term, I would have a special election. If it 17 were in the third or fourth year, I would permit appoint-18 ment, because I think the appointment for a three or 19 three and a half year period, I think that gives the 20 Governor quite a bit of power and, for such a long time, 21