

1 was put in in the first place doesn't commend itself  
2 to me.

3           The history of it is, as I understand it,  
4 that we did have staggered terms of the general  
5 assembly prior to the Fewer Elections Amendment to the  
6 Constitution. The reason why<sup>a</sup> very distinguished group  
7 recommended this amendment and the amendment was  
8 adopted and the claim generally throughout the state  
9 was the tremendous confusion and expense and nonworkability  
10 of staggered terms of people in the General Assembly.  
11 The Committee offers two reasons it thinks its proposals  
12 should be adopted. One is length of the ballot which  
13 to me is not a very sound reason because it impinges  
14 to some extent on the intelligence of the electorate  
15 and we have to assume an intelligent electorate.

16           Secondly, sensitivity of members in elected  
17 bodies to changing sentiments throughout the State. In  
18 all my experience in and around the Legislature -- and  
19 we have members who are here -- I have never seen any  
20 great criticism of people in the Legislature being  
21 sensitive or insensitive to what changes may be around