

1 power and they are going to stay there and eventually
2 you will have a seniority system.

3 Senator James indicated, obviously there is
4 a case for staggered terms, though there is at least
5 one reason for rejecting the principle or at least for
6 viewing it as something else than an outright advantage.
7 The floor is that staggered terms, like malapportionment,
8 contribute to the problem of divided party control in
9 the legislature. The electorate is unable to effect a
10 complete change in the makeup of the legislature at any
11 one time.

12 So that you defeat the voice of the people
13 by this use of the staggered term. It's impossible for
14 people in an election to clean house, get control over
15 the legislature.

16 The other thing, I think our elections are
17 held in nonpresidential years and I think it is great
18 virtue in having our state elections in nonpresidential
19 years only representing state problems. I read that
20 verbatim without editorializing.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?