

1 five years would not be out of the question. I would say  
2 alternatively, if we are going to leave the fourteen years  
3 in, we might as well make it a life term and forget about  
4 the elections, leaving to the Removal Committee the check  
5 and balance on the check of qualifications of judges. In  
6 effect, giving a fourteen-year term, we are granting a  
7 life term.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mitchell?

9 MRS. MITCHELL: It seems to me that because of  
10 the fact that the only way a judge can be removed now  
11 would be by what would be, in effect, a vote of non-con-  
12 fidence, that I would think this would be a very good  
13 idea, and the term should be shortened, and I would like  
14 to support that.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hargrove?

16 MR. HARGROVE: I think there was a provision  
17 in the Committee on a short and long term. Now, I think  
18 what Mr. Mitchell said is not correct under this proposed  
19 Constitution, because I think you remove, I don't know if  
20 we have gotten to that part yet, but it is proposed to  
21 remove a judge from office, it is somewhat easier under the