

1 sense that they are seeking to have someone elected to
2 office, and I am wondering whether or not this is a com-
3 pletely wise provision in view of that fact.

4 MR. MARTINEAU: Well, it would be my view and
5 the view of the Committee that the dangers involved in
6 permitting contributions to or holding office in a
7 political organizztion are much greater than prohibiting
8 it. I don't think there is any great problem in prohibit-
9 ing a judge from participating in an organization which
10 can be termed political much as he might like to, I think
11 there is a great harm to the State. Obviously, there is
12 going to have to be an interpretation from time to time
13 of what is a political organization.

14 While I might interpret it one way, a court
15 might interpret it another, but this would be a matter for
16 the really self-discipline of the Judiciary to make sure
17 that the Members of the Judiciary do not participate in
18 any organization which is political enough to cause any
19 disrepute of the Judiciary.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bond?

21 MR. BOND: Would this prohibit the situation now