

1 MR. SCANLAN: I just want to say one thing
2 on this question of narrowing the number of candidates.
3 Our committee did wrestle with this problem not once,
4 but many times, and I guess I was in error in not mention-
5 ing it in my opening remarks. We considered increasing
6 the filing fee, we considered the possibility of two
7 elections, a nominating election, but we're confronted
8 with the time problem. Remember, this special election
9 would be held in June. The filings would be closed for
10 that in May. We hope the Legislature will pass this
11 bill early in the session. There's no guarantee it will.
12 It might pass it in the last days and there won't be
13 time. The committee concluded there just wouldn't be
14 time, however desirable it might be, and on that basis
15 we rejected this alternative.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: I think, Mr. Bond, as
17 Dr. Jenkins observed, you talked twice --

18 MR. BOND: I spoke only once on this
19 motion.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: My rule is only one --

21 MR. BOND: I haven't spoken at all --