

1 Since the majority position presumes that
2 the Governor may pick only his man to fill the job and
3 not the best man available, that is, if we do not adopt
4 their system -- and we disagree with this -- that this will
5 occur, since they presume this is the case, then could he
6 not capture members of the nominating commission and the
7 public know nothing of it?

8 No matter how you look at it, wouldn't we be
9 taking away the voice of the citizens of Maryland to
10 select their own judges, regardless of how well-meaning
11 our actions may be?

12 Lest I be accused of suggesting that this is a
13 concept that is a new concept, let me be one of the first
14 to say that variations of this plan have been around over
15 30 years. I might add, with notable lack of general adop-
16 tion by other States. While I am making some admissions,
17 let me also say that some of the finest legal minds in the
18 country, as well as in our State, urge adoption of this
19 plan, but I submit that the record will show, if it hasn't
20 already shown, that as many oppose it, more, I submit, that
21 propose it.