

1 DELEGATE JOHNSON: We recommend 14 because
2 it is in line with our present system of 15, and in order
3 to keep the date consistent with the biennial election,
4 at the 15 year term when a judge's term runs out he has
5 to be reappointed for a period of time until the next
6 election. The only reason we suggest 14 is because we
7 thought it made better sense. A judge could run and 14
8 years later, when the term was up, there would be another
9 election.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Macdonald.

11 DELEGATE MACDONALD: If you approve of the Niles
12 Plan for the two highest courts, why do you not
13 approve of it for the superior court and the district
14 court?

15 DELEGATE JOHNSON: I thought I commented on it.
16 Let me answer this way: The minority doesn't particularly
17 favor the Missouri plan at any level. However, we recognize
18 the fact that there is some evidence that indicates that this
19 is a viable and proper procedure. Because of the clear
20 division that we find and see with respect to appellate
21 court judges and trial court judges, and the fact that