

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Bond, I can't hear you.

2 MR. BOND: I also concur.

3 DR. TEMPLETON: May I ask what are Mr. Scan-
4 lan's sentiments? He says he is in favor of the retention
5 of the provision --

6 MR. SCANLAN: I am concerned that Courts in the
7 future might seize upon the phrase, political test, to
8 outlaw traditional practices of requiring declarations
9 of party loyalty. Now, we don't have much of that in
10 Maryland, but we have had some. There might come a day
11 when we want to protect party integrity a bit more than
12 we have recently. I would hate to see legitimate efforts
13 in that regard barred by a Court carrying the interpreta-
14 tion of political test to the Nth degree.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: I take it that would also be
16 pertinent with respect to a statute which we already have
17 in Maryland which is only Democrats can run in a Demo-
18 cratic primary, and only Republicans in a Republican pri-
19 mary, and one who is an unsuccessful candidate in either
20 cannot be an independent candidate.

21 MR. SCANLAN: Precisely.