

the nominating commission and the like. Thus, the amendment that you find at page 596 of the Journal and 597 of the Journal are amendments which take from the bill the provision that the names of all qualified applicants be submitted to the Governor and they also, the amendment also allows a commission to meet more than one time if the commission so desires to scour out additional judicial candidates but if these amendments are adopted and the bill advances, the bill will still represent very positive changes to our methodology for selecting judges but it will leave for further consideration and study, the most significant question of all and that is, how many candidates should be submitted to the Governor for his examination and for his ultimate selection of one person to serve as a judge. At this time I would move my amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak to the Johnson amendment to 730?

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Johnson, I have reservations about this requirement that is going to list just about, conceivably at least, every attorney in the state as being qualified to serve as a judge. There would be very few elimination and I guess attorneys are like doctors, they never condemn one another which is good, I will do it for you, but nevertheless, I think we are getting into an exercise in futility by expanding that list to where it is going to be incongruous. The Governor cannot know all the qualified people that you are going to give him. He must be, to a degree, dependent upon considerations of a group who have, let's say, thumbed through, in Governor Thone's case, the Republican candidates and in Governor's Exon's case, the Democratic candidates who will be eligible for appointment, but are we creating another paper monster here that really has no meaningful input? Granted, everybody likes to be listed as eligible but odds are, like me entering a beauty contest, not much going to come of it. Do we have too much of a paper burden?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, if I might respond to Senator Murphy's question, obviously, Senator Murphy, you touch on one of the central problems of the bill and this was the point that the Bar Association itself was concerned about, that the way I had written the bill it looked as though that the names of every qualified person would be sent to the Governor and the Bar felt that too many names could easily be submitted. So my amendment strikes from the bill that requirement, and it strikes from that requirement with a full