

Mr. DELLENBACK. Do committee members serve for indefinite periods?

Mrs. LEVIN. They serve for prescribed periods. They are elected for 3 years.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Are you talking about committee members or members of the board?

Mrs. LEVIN. Members of the board of directors as well as committee members.

Mrs. BENJAMIN. Unless they assume policymaking public office, then they are asked to step down.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Would you not consider judges public office?

Mrs. BENJAMIN. If you forgive me I would like to check on that.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I do not mean to be overly detailed. I am just interested in the idea of a nonofficial group doing what, I think, can be a very healthy job of sitting and looking over the shoulder of an official or a series of official groups. I don't mean to be cross-examining you to find holes. I am looking for the genesis of this idea and its implementation.

Mrs. LEVIN. I have rather taken its form for granted and I am glad you asked this because I shall check this for myself.

Mr. SCHEUER. Can any citizen join the committee?

Mrs. LEVIN. No, it is by invitation.

Mr. DELLENBACK. The board is chosen by the committee and is elected periodically?

Mrs. LEVIN. Board members serve for 3 years, one-third is elected every year.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I would appreciate that for background.

How often does the board meet?

Mrs. LEVIN. Once a month.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You have 36 members. What is your average attendance?

Mrs. LEVIN. It is very good.

Mrs. BENJAMIN. Twenty as a minimum.

Mr. DELLENBACK. How many members of the board actually involve themselves deeply in the study of the issues? You are on the educational subgrouping of the board. How many people on the board are in this subgrouping?

Mrs. LEVIN. I would say from my own observation of the people on the board that they all involve themselves deeply in their special area of interest.

Mr. DELLENBACK. What does that mean?

Mrs. LEVIN. Well, I am interested in education and I spend many hours every week visiting schools and reading educational material, filling the holes in my background, consulting with Mrs. Benjamin.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Checking to see what the basic group is and how it is composed, how many of the members of the board are on your committee on education?

Mrs. BENJAMIN. A little more than five, just glancing at the listing.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Do these people spend as much time as you do, Mrs. Levin? On this?

Mrs. LEVIN. No.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Do you spend a considerable amount of time on this?