

around after that and by putting the Comptroller on the newly-constituted Board of Review, which is to replace the Board of Public Works which is a policy-making board, by putting the Comptroller stripped of his policy-making authority on a policy-making board they committed an inconsistency. And it doesn't seem to me that if he's going to be a policy-making official, he should be strictly a ministerial person who disperses money according to statute, or conversely, if that's what he's going to be he doesn't belong on a policy board.

Q. Will you make any effort to have that changed?

A. I don't think that there's much to be done in that area at this time because the Convention apparently has made its compromise, and I think that the compromise was made in total good faith by all concerned in an effort to avoid a debilitating fight that might affect the possibility of the instrument passing. But as a person on the periphery, I think I can criticize constructively by saying that it didn't make a great deal of sense to me to get involved with this point at this time in an instrument that shouldn't even have to worry about individual personalities.

Q. What you're saying now is, if this stands it will be a policy-making position?

A. I'm saying he'll be half and half. He'll be in a policy-making position as far as the Board of Public Works is concerned, but he won't have any policy-making authority in the exercise of his duties as Comptroller. Now, I don't know which he is at that rate.

Q. Why did the Convention make that decision? Was it a politically motivated decision?

A. Well, obviously, it had to be affected by political pressures, because I don't think there's a man on that floor that would tell you that, if personalities weren't involved, there would have been any discussion about the Comptroller's job as a constitutional office over and above the need to clean up the proliferation of this type of office.

Q. Governor, do you think your remarks of last night were nonpartisan?

A. My remarks?

Q. Yes sir.

A. Entirely.

Q. Governor, most of the budgets are in now and they seem to be running about 50 percent over last year's appropriation. Does that fail to relate with Mr. Goldstein's report?