

1 concerning this amendment which I am offering essentially:

2 "If the organic law of a government is silent
3 as to the mode of removal of an official, the official
4 must be deposed as provided by a fundamental law. Where the
5 Constitution provides a mode for removal of officers,
6 that mode is exclusive. Ordinarily the legislature cannot
7 provide for the removal of officers protected by the
8 Constitution.", which in this case means that the legislature
9 could not provide for the removal of the Comptroller or
10 Attorney General since they are provided in the
11 Constitution.

12 "Statutes providing for the removal of an
13 officer are strictly construed.

14 "The power to remove a public officer is an
15 incident of the sovereign power. The power of removal
16 in England, at common law, resided with the King. In the
17 United States the power rests with the people. They may
18 bestow this power on the executive or the legislature or
19 the judiciary.

20 "The Governor has no inherent power to remove
21 an official." -- as Governors have found out to their