

1 representing the public directly and the other representing
2 the legislature, is absolutely necessary to the preserva-
3 tion of the checks and balances and for the fullest protec-
4 tion of the public.

5 Were these officials not to sit on the board,
6 checks and balances would be necessarily withdrawn, and
7 public meetings could and might well be nothing more than
8 meetings to announce decisions already made behind
9 closed doors.

10 In effect, this would be merely a history lesson,
11 the accuracy of which might or might not be determined at a
12 much later date by post-audit.

13 Moreover, the majority admits to the recommending
14 of eliminating of existing Constitutional checks within
15 the executive branch, even though the Constitution provides
16 for such checks within the legislative and judicial branches.

17 They believe that legislative post-audit will be
18 a sufficient replacement.

19 In our opinion, legislative post-audit, import-
20 ant though it is, does not in any way provide the same type
21 of check. Legislative post-audit operates after the fact, and
has no control over or access to the day-to-day operation of