

1 the last one hundred and sixteen years, or should he be
2 appointed by the Governor because the Majority Recommend-
3 ations would provide that the chief fiscal officer whom
4 I equate with the Comptroller as we have known him, would
5 be the single head of a principal department; and under
6 Section 4.21, I think it is, of the Committee Recommend-
7 ations, the Governor would appoint the heads of all prin-
8 cipal departments, and those heads would serve at his will.
9 The Minority, of course, feels that the time tested method
10 of electing the Comptroller and thereby having an indepen-
11 dent chief fiscal officer of the State responsible directly
12 to the people and not the creature of the Governor, has
13 stood the test of time and has worked well for the State
14 and for the people. The presiding speaker, Vice-Chairman
15 Adkins said that we are coming to or maybe he said we have
16 crossed the Rubicon, that because of the growth of the
17 State, we must make the Governor, in effect, all powerful.
18 I don't think the simile is very apt because the crossing
19 of the Rubicon was made by Julius Caesar after he had been
20 successful in the Gallic wars; and when he came to the
21 Rubicon, a small stream, he had to decide whether to march