

1 proportions. There are now twelve departments in the
2 office of the State Comptroller, very quickly those depart-
3 ments are the General Department, the License Bureau, the
4 Gasoline Tax Division, the Alcoholic Beverages Division,
5 the Income Tax Division, the Admissions Tax Division, the
6 Bureau of Revenue Estimates, the Retail Sales Tax Division,
7 the Central Payroll Division which handles the payroll
8 for 22,500 employees. Cigarette Tax Unit, the Data
9 Processing Division, and the Abandoned Property Division.
10 I think that order is the order in which those departments
11 were added to the Office of the Comptroller.

12 By law the Comptroller is the chief fiscal
13 officer of the State, the manager of the State's money.
14 He is charged, of course, with the collection of that
15 money and the management of the State's revenues and the
16 supervision and control of expenditures. One of the most
17 important functions of the Comptroller is to exercise a
18 check, a pre-check on the State's money as it is paid out.
19 When a voucher comes in from a department, the Controller
20 must and does check the voucher to ascertain whether it
21 is a matter which has been authorized by law or in the