

1 budget. If he finds that it has been so authorized, he
2 then checks the funds in that account, and if the funds
3 are in the bank, he then approves the voucher and sends
4 it over to the State Treasurer for payment.

5 That pre-checking on the actual outgo of the
6 money before it is paid by the Treasurer is, the Minority
7 submits, a highly important function of the State Treasurer,
8 and under the present setup of the law, the State Comptrol-
9 ler also supervises the auditing of the accounts of the
10 departments in the State government.

11 The auditor, of course, having been appointed
12 by the Governor. The law provides that he shall report
13 to the Comptroller, and the Comptroller shall supervise
14 his work. One of the most important functions, of course,
15 of the Comptroller has been to sit on and be a member of
16 the Board of Public Works. We submit that that function
17 is extremely important; the Board of Public Works that we
18 have heard so much about today is the most important board
19 in the State and is the last check on whether or not the
20 State's money or any programs authorized by the legislature
21 are to be committed, contracts given in accordance with the