

1 general is a Constitutional office, then I presume that
2 some amendments must be offered to Committee Recommendation
3 EB-1, to not only put the office in the Constitution, but
4 to state the duties of that office, and to state whether
5 the office is an elective or appointive office.

6 I should like to be assured that when I know what
7 the attorney general's responsibilities will be, that I
8 will have an opportunity to vote on the issue of whether
9 he is elected or appointed, despite this issue.

10 But let me address myself to the issue which is
11 now before us, which is the issue of whether he is elected
12 or appointed.

13 The attorney general's principal function is
14 to be the legal adviser, the legal counsellor, the legal
15 policy maker for the governor and all of the executive
16 department, all of the various branches of the department.
17 That is his principal function, as proven by the division
18 of work within the office. The committee reports show that
19 there are now 60 assistant attorneys general, ten of whom
20 are engaged in criminal work, appeals of criminal cases
21 to the Court of Appeals, and habeas corpus and post-