

1 This does not mean that the attorney general
2 must somehow pervert his oath of office or pervert the
3 canons of his profession. It does mean that he has to be
4 an intimate adviser of the chief executive of the State.

5 In the colloquy which occurred on this floor
6 yesterday between Delegate Mason and myself, my central
7 concern there was to find out why an elected attorney
8 general would do a better job in giving advice to a governor
9 in the development of legal opinions necessary to a fur-
10 therance of the program of the governor, and to the
11 implementation of legislation and rules necessary to the
12 carrying out of the law and the carrying out of the policy
13 in the State.

14 I must say that I got no satisfactory answer to
15 that question. I think there is no satisfactory answer to
16 that question, because I think that a governor, just
17 as the President, just as the mayor, is entitled to a chief
18 legal officer, an attorney general, if you please, but
19 a chief legal officer who is an integral part of his
20 administration.

21 There are other problems, of course, in the