

1 which an office is selected?

2 THE CHAIRMAN: As the Chair indicated, if the
3 committee recommendation in its form submitted, not yet
4 acted upon, is approved, it would contain a section which
5 provides that the governor will appoint the heads of
6 principal departments. Under the present Constitutional
7 laws the governor is the head of a principal department.

8 If by your question you mean a comptroller
9 retaining that status, the answer is it would not be pos-
10 sible for the legislature to provide for the selection of
11 that person in any way different from that set out in the
12 committee recommendation.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus.

14 DELEGATE MALKUS: As I understand you, then,
15 all the employees now under the Office of the Comptroller
16 would be under the control of the appointee of the governor?

17 THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair did not say that.
18 The Chair would not agree with that statement.

19 The Constitutional provision in the committee
20 recommendation, as the Chair understands it, refers only
21 to the head of the department. I believe, although I am