

1 not certain, I believe that almost all, and maybe all of
2 the employees of the comptroller's office today are under
3 the merit system. There certainly is no reason why the
4 legislature could not continue them under the merit system,
5 and as the Chair understands the committee recommendation
6 I think -- I am not sure whether it is 23 or 24, Delegate
7 Morgan -- the legislature would still have the power to
8 provide for the selection or appointment of employees,
9 other than heads of departments.

10 . Is that correct, Delegate Morgan?

11 DELEGATE MORGAN: That is correct, Mr. Chairman.
12 It is in section 4.23.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Wheatley.

14 DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Mr. Chairman, a further
15 question.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: State the question.

17 DELEGATE WHEATLEY: A question that would ulti-
18 mately develop I would think is if the committee report
19 were adopted, then when the recommendation comes before
20 us, would the motion to reconsider still be in order, in
21 that it would be part of the same report, or would this be