

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: There shall be in the executive branch of the government an interdepartmental board of review which shall consist of the governor, an officer in the executive branch designated by the governor and the comptroller. The Board of Review shall perform in such manner and have such powers as the General Assembly may prescribe including but not limited to the following: "One, the creation of state debt; two, expenditures of the proceeds of such debt; three, expenditures for the acquisition of land or the construction of buildings, of equipment or other public works; four, the transfer or disposal of state property or rights; five, expenditures from lump sum appropriations not detailed by law; six, expenditures from the general emergency fund of the state; and, seven, the establishment from time to time of the state property tax rate."

THE CHAIRMAN: Any delegate desire to speak in opposition to the amendment?

Delegate Henderson.

DELEGATE HENDERSON: May I ask a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: To whom is the question addressed?

DELEGATE HENDERSON: To the Chairman of the committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Chairman Morgan, do you yield to a question?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I certainly do.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Henderson.

DELEGATE HENDERSON: What happens to the auditor under the proposed plan? Does he still report to the comptroller?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: The present audit functions are performed by the comptroller himself. The post audit functions are performed by an official elected by the General Assembly.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Henderson, the Chair takes it the question you asked would be covered by Committee Recommendation No. 1 which was approved by the Committee of the Whole sometime ago and provided that the post audit function should be performed by the official elected to the General Assembly. I have forgotten the exact language.

Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: I wonder if I might address a question to Delegate Morgan.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: I am curious about the last sentence in proposed Amendment No. 7 which refers to "the finance department." I wonder if the intention of the amendment would be in any way changed if that last sentence read simply "the comptroller shall not be the head of any principal department of the executive branch."

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: In my opinion it would not be.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you state that again, Delegate Marion, please?

DELEGATE MARION: I asked if the intention would be in any way changed if the last sentence read as follows: "The comptroller shall not be the head of any principal department of the executive branch".

THE CHAIRMAN: I just did not catch it. Do you have a further question of Delegate Morgan?

Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: Would you accept that language in substitution of the last sentence and thereby remove the language about the finance department.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I can see no objection to any such amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair might suggest that there is some difficulty in asking one man to accept an amendment or a change in an amendment sponsored by 19 or 20, but the Chair thinks the kind of thing you are talking about is certainly the kind of thing that could be covered by the Committee on Style. If the language is redundant and you have in the record the statement of the leading sponsor of the amendment, I should think the Committee on Style could suggest an appropriate change.

Delegate Marion.

DELEGATE MARION: With the Chair's explanation and with that in the record I will let it go at that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?

Delegate Pullen.