

DELEGATE PULLEN: I would like to ask a question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Of Delegate Morgan?

DELEGATE PULLEN: Yes.

What becomes of the treasurer?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: The functions of the treasurer under the executive branch article that we have would be assigned to one of the principal departments of the state government.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: It would not cover the comptroller then?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: It would not cover the comptroller.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I would infer from the language that it would. No. 2, as a member of the Board of Public Works, what would be—

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen, I cannot understand you, I am sorry.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I am sorry, I have a cold, sir, and I apologize for imposing myself upon you but I am really quite concerned about this. As a member of the Board of Public Works, what would his authority be?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: The same authority that any other member of the Board of Public Works had. It would be a three-member board.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: What are they?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: I beg your pardon.

DELEGATE PULLEN: What are those duties?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: The creation of state debt; expenditures from the proceeds of such debt; expenditures for the acquisition of land or the construction of buildings, equipment, or other public works; the transfer or disposal of state property or

rights; expenditures from lump sum appropriations not detailed by law; expenditures from the General Emergency Fund of the State; the establishment from time to time of the state property tax rate.

Those are the existing functions.

DELEGATE PULLEN: Under the circumstances he would be a party to the policy making with respect to state finances.

DELEGATE MORGAN: That is correct.

DELEGATE PULLEN: You said conceivably he could be under the department of state finance or some other department. Is it customary to put an elected official under an appointed official?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: What I said was that he might be put in a particular department for housekeeping purposes, but that is the only reason that I can see why he would be put in a particular department. The department he had would have no authority over the comptroller whatsoever.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Pullen.

DELEGATE PULLEN: I am not quite sure what you mean by "housekeeping", but I will not pursue it further.

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

Delegate Barrick?

DELEGATE BARRICK: Mr. Chairman, I have a question of Delegate Morgan if he will yield.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan?

DELEGATE MORGAN: I yield.

DELEGATE BARRICK: I fail to see the importance or the reason for having the last sentence in Amendment No. 7 at all.

Could you explain why we have got to set out what he shall do?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Morgan?

DELEGATE MORGAN: Under our executive article, the head of each principal department is appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. That is for the purpose of giving the governor control over the whole executive branch, through the heads of the principal departments. This would just make sure that the General Assembly would not des-