

1 it is even more important today. We do not feel that  
2 the Governor should be given the power to appoint the  
3 Comptroller for, in so doing, the system of checks and  
4 balances we now have could be destroyed.

5 The person who runs for Comptroller today is  
6 aspiring to a most important office and, in so doing, he  
7 subjects himself to the close scrutiny of the voters.  
8 Thus, one who is elected Comptroller today must have a  
9 great degree of capability and fiscal responsibility and,  
10 above all, he must devote all of his time to the job if  
11 he is to be successful and meet the approval of those  
12 who elected him to the office.

13 An appointee of the Governor may not meet these  
14 qualifications and the office could revert to one where  
15 the appointee was the Comptroller in name only, with  
16 policies and decisions handed down to him by the Chief  
17 Executive in power.

18 Over the years, the duties of the Comptroller  
19 have greatly increased over those as originally set forth  
20 in Article 6, and now encompass the collection of the  
21 major portion of the State's tax revenue. This assignment,