

1 plus many others, by the Legislature to the Comptroller  
2 shows their confidence in the present system.

3 Before we leave today, I have a summary I can  
4 refer you to, the different jobs the Comptroller has  
5 under the Constitution and the Code. Let's take the  
6 Board of Public Works, under Article 78 (a) of the Code.

7 The Comptroller is a member of the Board of  
8 Public Works, the other two members being the Governor  
9 and the State Treasurer. This Board exercises supervision  
10 over all public works. It acquires land for public use,  
11 awards contracts, sells State bonds, and performs other  
12 functions necessary to the operation of the State. As  
13 you can see, grave responsibilities are placed on the  
14 Board of Public Works, which is composed of three inde-  
15 pendently elected officials, with the Governor and the  
16 Comptroller being directly responsible to the people, and  
17 the Treasurer to the Legislature. If the Governor is  
18 to appoint both of these officials, the Board of Public  
19 Works will be emasculated as an effective policy making  
20 body, since all decisions will be those of one man, the  
21 Governor.