

1 officer, be approved.

2 DR. BURDETTE: I wonder if Judge Adkins would
3 inform me what he means by a Constitutional officer?
4 I am a little puzzled with the thought that if the
5 offices mentioned in the Constitution is a Constitutional
6 office. The recommendation as I read it, part one, the
7 Comptroller should be appointed by the Governor rather
8 than popular election. I wonder if he would mean as I
9 would advocate that the Constitution should so provide.
10 If the Constitution says nothing at all about the matter
11 then let's by law provide that he be elected by the
12 Legislature, elected by the public or otherwise. I
13 merely raise the question whether he is a constitutional
14 officer as mentioned in the Constitution and go ahead
15 and provide the method of his selection as you have
16 indicated.

17 JUDGE ADKINS: We had not envisioned having
18 reference to the fact that they will be appointed in
19 the Constitution, because we frankly think that the
20 time may come and not too far in advance when the
21 Comptroller's office per se may be merged with the