

1 quite firm that the office of Comptroller need not and
2 indeed should not be an elected official. We also had
3 similar views from former Governor Lane and former
4 Governor McKeldin. The recommendations of the Sobeloff-
5 Stockbridge Commission some 15 years ago recommended that
6 the office of the Comptroller should not be an elected
7 office. The model Constitution makes no reference to
8 any elective office of this nature.

9 With the exception of Senator Goldstein's
10 position, we have had no evidence presented to us which
11 indicates the desirability of continuing it as an elected
12 office. In his memorandum he makes three basic points
13 which are articulate but in our opinion not persuasive.

14 First of all, he points out that the Comptroller
15 is a member of the Board of Public Works and hence acts as
16 a check to perhaps an arbitrary governor. With the action
17 of this --

18 MR. CASE: May I interrupt you?

19 JUDGE ADKINS: Yes.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: I think the record will be better
21 would
if you do it later.