

1 Department of the State but it is significant to note that
2 while the Comptroller was made an elected officer of the
3 State, the office of Treasurer was made one to be appointed
4 by the two Houses of the Legislature.

5 "Here we find action on the part of the
6 Constitutional Conventions of 1851 and 1867 to establish
7 a system of checks and balances, with the Comptroller
8 responsible to the people who form the electorate and the
9 Treasurer to the General Assembly. We believe that the
10 drafters of the 1851 and 1867 Constitutions acted wisely
11 in establishing these checks and balances. We believe
12 that it was important in 1851 and 1867 and we feel that it
13 is even more important today. We do not feel that the
14 Governor should be given the power to appoint the Com-
15 troller for, in so doing, the system of checks and balances
16 we now have could be destroyed.

17 "The person who runs for Comptroller today is
18 aspiring to a most important office and, in so doing, he
19 subjects himself to the close scrutiny of the voters.
20 Thus, one who is elected Comptroller today must have a
21 great degree of capability and fiscal responsibility and,