

1 and the Governor proven to be wrong, and he said that he  
2 felt that this was something that the people were entitled  
3 to.

4 He said that in no way could the people get  
5 this through the office of an appointed fiscal agent  
6 because the appointed fiscal agent would undoubtedly do  
7 what the Governor told him to do and could not exercise  
8 the degree of independence that the people were entitled  
9 to have as their representative.

10 We asked him whether or not he felt that the  
11 office of Comptroller could be combined with that of  
12 Treasurer and he answered that question in the affirmative,  
13 stating in effect that he thought that his concept of it  
14 was the chief fiscal officer of the State combining all of  
15 the duties of the Comptroller and all of the duties of the  
16 treasurer, and he felt that this was an important integral  
17 part of government and that the people should be allowed  
18 to place somebody there who would be directly responsible  
19 to them.

20 Now, I think that about sums it up, Mr. Chairman.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, I don't -- to answer your