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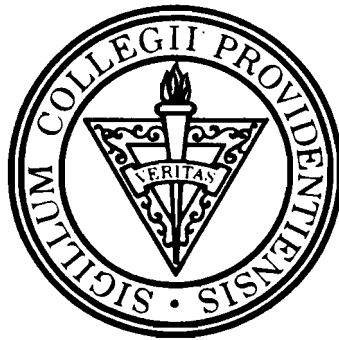
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INTRODUCTION

Over the past two decades scholarly interest in the process of state constitution-making has been on the upswing. Recent conventions in Michigan, New York, Maryland, Connecticut and Hawaii have become case studies for modern constitutionalists. During the 1960's Rhode Island, which possessed one of the most antiquated basic laws in the nation, attempted to rewrite its fundamental charter. The State's Constitutional Convention lasted over four years, and its product was soundly defeated by the electorate. But the issues raised at that long-standing assembly and the political power struggles which took place there offer the student of politics a unique glimpse into the processes of our American brand of democracy.

The Providence College Archives, which endeavors to collect material relating to modern Rhode Island History, is happy to place this Collection at the disposal of serious scholars. The vast majority of the material was the gift of Patrick T. Conley, Associate Professor of History at the College. Professor Conley, the leading scholar on Rhode Island constitutional development, was a research staff assistant at the Convention, and he also led the movement for ratification. Realizing the important academic value of the subjects considered at the Convention, Dr. Conley kept a meticulous file of its proceedings and debates. These records he graciously deeded to Providence College in 1971.

The quality of the Collection was enhanced by gifts of files from Mario R. DiNunzio, also an Associate Professor of History at Providence College and a Convention research staff assistant, and from two of the leading delegates, Stephen A. Fanning, Jr., and Donald E. McKiernan, both of Providence. At present this Collection offers the researcher the most

complete record of the several attempts made during the twentieth century to modify the State's Constitution. The records on the struggle for ratification also provide an invaluable research source rounding out the historical record.

Included with the Collection are microfiche copies of pertinent documents relating to Rhode Island constitutional development prior to 1964. These documents date from the Charter of 1663 to the amendments adopted at the limited Constitutional Convention of 1958.

Scholars interested in the Convention have, at present, two published sources surveying the various aspects of these proceedings. Elmer E. Cornwell, Jr., Chairman of the Political Science Department at Brown University, and Jay S. Goodman, Professor of Political Science at Wheaton College, produced in 1969 a study, The Politics of the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention, under the aegis of the National Municipal League. Professors Conley and Goodman also collaborated on an article, "A Clear Dichotomy," analyzing in detail the local government article of the proposed constitution. This monograph appeared in the National Civic Review for September, 1967. Indispensable for any researcher is the three-volume Report of the Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention included in this Collection. This source, published in 1971, provides an accurate account of the various debates and convention business.

Researchers interested in Rhode Island's Constitutional History are also directed to the Dennis J. Roberts Papers housed at the Providence College Archives. Mr. Roberts, Governor of the State for eight (8) years, was Chairman of the Constitutional Convention. The Roberts Collection contains papers on the State's limited convention of 1958 as well as the former Governor's records of the 1964-1969 Convention and ratification

campaign.

This Collection is divided into fourteen sections. The first thirteen (13) correspond to the history of the Convention, from its origins through its rejection. They are organized sequentially, with appropriate explanations for each division. The last section is a list of documents on Rhode Island constitutional development.

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I. Preliminary Material

A. Prior to the call of the Constitutional Convention, the Rhode Island General Assembly empowered a blue-ribbon commission to study the State's existing constitution and make recommendations to the Assembly. Chaired by the prominent barrister, William H. Edwards, the Commission (popularly known as the Edwards Commission) reviewed the entire process of constitution-making and issued a far-reaching report.

The Commission's minutes, final report and miscellaneous files are included in this section.

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B. These folders contain listings of the delegates elected to the Convention and the rosters of the standing committees.

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II. Journal of the Constitutional Convention

The Journal of the Constitutional Convention contains the official synopsis of the sessions, beginning on December 8, 1964, and concluding on February 17, 1969. In all, there were over ninety (90) separate meetings.

The Journals, arranged chronologically, provide the record of delegate votes, including divisions of the house, attendance figures and committee and special reports. Official correspondence from Convention Chairman Dennis J. Roberts is also included.

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III. General Orders

The General Orders served as an agenda for each meeting and contained a brief listing of all the proposals offered by the delegates with recommendations for or against passage by the various committees. They are dated June 21, 1965, through January 9, 1967, the cutoff date for offering proposals.

IV. Committees

The delegates formed fourteen (14) committees to evaluate specific proposals and to draft recommendations for the whole Convention. These proposals and resolutions are classified in numerical order according to the committees' area of specialization. Along with each proposal and resolution is material outlining their development, such as research staff analyses and changes by the Committee on Style and Drafting. Alphabetically arranged, the committee folders also contain the minutes and reports of the hearings and meetings of the committees, correspondence and those research papers requested by the committees. To facilitate access, separate listings of the proposals (pages 7-18), research staff reports (pages 19-22), research staff studies (pages 23-25) and resolutions (pages 26-29) are provided the researcher.

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1. Resolutions 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 24, 49, 51, 53, 55, 56 and 57
 2. Proposed twelve (12) month budget for the Convention
 3. Financial reports of the Convention, 1965-1968
 4. Committee correspondence
 5. Minutes and/or reports of Committee meetings for 1965
- B. Committee on Education
- Box 9
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1. Proposals 37, 56, 57, 63, 83, 124, 138, 149, 184, 189 Section J, 199 and 10002, along with pertinent research staff analyses and reports submitted by private groups
 2. Committee action on assigned proposals, Research Staff Reports 7, 13, 14, 19, 30 and 40 and Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council Report #5 on the Convention
 3. Committee correspondence, minutes and/or reports of Committee meetings and public hearings for 1965 and miscellaneous materials
- C. Committee on Elections and Right to Vote
- Boxes 10-13
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1. Proposals 6, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 33, 34, 41, 42, 47, 49, 54, 58, 59, 66, 68, 74, 79, 80, 89, 92, 106, 118, 120, 131, 137, 147, 179, 180, 181, 186, 188, 189 Section B, 189 Section G, 189 Section H, 189 Section N, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 10011, 10012 and 10015. Also included are various substitute proposals offered as refinements of original proposals, research staff analyses and Committee memoranda to the Convention.
 2. Summaries and status reports on election qualifications, Research Staff Reports 5, 17, 18 and 32 and other analyses on elections and voting rights
 3. Minutes and/or reports of Committee meetings and public hearings for 1965
- D. Committee on Executive Department
- Boxes 14-16
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1. Proposals 2, 10, 11, 23, 28, 32, 39, 43, 53, 55, 78, 103, 111, 112, 121, 133, 134, 150, 157, 158, 160, 161, 162, 172, 174, 175, 176, 182, 189 Section F, 189 Section I, 10013 and 10022. Also included are various drafts and substitute versions of proposals, research staff analyses, public testimony and Committee memoranda to the Convention.

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2. Research Staff Reports 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 21 and 25, reports from the University of Rhode Island Bureau of Government Research and the League of Women Voters of Rhode Island, and miscellaneous correspondence and printed material

Box 18
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3. Minutes and/or reports of Committee meetings and hearings for 1965-1966

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E. Committee on Judiciary
1. Proposals 35, 36, 62, 64, 65, 67, 81, 90, 104, 117, 119, 126, 127, 128, 148, 152, 153, 166, 167, 210 and 10003. Also included are research staff analyses and various substitute proposals.

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2. Committee action on assigned proposals and Research Staff Report 3

3. Miscellaneous reports and studies on the judicial system, including the Condon Commission Report reviewing the Rhode Island judicial system, and minutes and/or reports of the Committee meetings and public hearings for 1965-1967

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2. Material relating to the status of proposals before the Committee and Research Staff Reports 15, 16, 23, 23A, 23B, 27, 28, 34, 37 and 39

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3. Reports and studies on various aspects of the legislative branch and the minutes and/or reports of the meetings and public hearings of the Committee for 1965-1966

Box 27
Folders 761-776

4. Sub-Committee on Unicameralism
These files contain the minutes and/or reports of meetings, public hearings and informal discussions for 1965-1966 of the sub-committee, along with various printed articles on unicameralism.

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G. Committee on Local Government
1. Proposals 8, 18, 38, 46, 52, 84, 101, 102, 113, 122, 149, 155, 159, 169, 189 Section K, 193, 10019, 10023 and 10026, along with pertinent research staff analyses and the various substitute versions. Of special importance is Proposal Number 155 on General Local Government Provisions.

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2. Research Staff ~~Reports~~ 20, 22, 33, 35, 36 and 41
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3. Various published reports and studies on local government, minutes and/or reports of the Committee meetings and hearings for 1965-1967 and miscellaneous newspaper clippings
- Boxes 33-34
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- H. Committee on Personal Liberties
1. Proposals 1, 9, 13, 14, 15, 26, 44, 45, 72, 81, 97, 98, 99, 105, 107, 108, 109, 110, 116, 129, 130, 132, 135, 143, 146, 154, 170, 173, 185, 189 Section A, 197, 1004, 10004, 10005, 10006, 10007, 10008, 10014, 10018 and 10024, and accompanying research staff analyses, substitute versions and correspondence
- Boxes 34-35
Folders 1001-1016B
2. Committee action on proposals, Research Staff Reports 12 and 31, minutes and/or reports of the meetings and public hearings of the Committee for 1965-1966 and miscellaneous material
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- I. Special Committee to Hold Public Hearings
These folders contain the minutes and/or reports of the Committee public hearings, together with a list of the hearings and a summary of the Committee's proceedings.
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- J. Public Information Committee
These files contain press releases, weekly newspaper columns supplied by the Committee to the local press, convention reports and miscellaneous correspondence.
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M. Committee on Style and Drafting

1. Material relating to Proposal Number

25. The Convention referred only one proposal to the Committee, but the Committee did review every proposal submitted to the Convention.

2. Status of proposals before the Committee and Research Staff Reports 24 and 38

3. Minutes and/or reports of the Committee meetings and public hearings for 1965-1967

4. Committee comments on various proposals

5. Rough and final drafts of the proposed constitution, along with Committee correspondence

N. Committee of the Whole

These files contain minutes and/or reports of the Committee meetings and debates for 1965-1967.

V. Research Staff

A. Staff guidelines, work sheets and correspondence

B. General staff studies and reports on the origin of Rhode Island Constitution, on model constitutions and on preparing state constitutions

VI. General Items

This material, due to its scope, cannot be easily categorized. Among the topics are declarations to the Convention by religious leaders and the Rhode Island AFL-CIO. The correspondence of delegates Stephen A. Fanning, Jr., and Donald E. McKiernan and of research staff assistant Patrick T. Conley relating to specific matters is included. Other important materials grouped here are notes on the various drafts of the proposed constitution.

VII. Committee for Adoption of the Proposed Rhode Island Constitution

A. Materials relating to the formation of the Committee formed by Dr. Patrick T. Conley to spearhead the drive for ratification. Included are a listing of its members, its speakers' group, statements defending the proposed constitution and other miscellaneous items.

B. Dr. Conley's correspondence with various elected officials and the Democratic State Committee dated September, 1967-February 18, 1969

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C. Miscellaneous items pertaining to the referendum and Dr. Conley's appointment book

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Tapes 1-9

D. Recordings of radio and television interviews of Dr. Conley and debates held during the ratification drive

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VIII. Clippings

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IX. History of the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention, 1964-1969

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A. The Politics of the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention by Elmer E. Cornwell, Jr., and Jay S. Goodman

Folders 1308-1324

B. Material relating to a proposed history of the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention. Included are drafts of histories of the various committees and related items.

C. Included with this material is the official Report of Proceedings of the Convention. This three-volume compilation is the most complete record of debates and votes of the Convention.

X. Proposals

The titled proposals are listed in numerical order with a cross-reference to the boxes and folders in which they are deposited. In cases where two listings appear for location, the proposal was acted upon by more than one committee. Proposal Numbers 1-210 were submitted by Convention delegates and 1004-10028 by qualified electors. Two unnumbered proposals appear at the end of the list. Numbered but untitled proposals appear with asterisks and denote proposals offered on the floor of the Convention but never printed. For further reference to these items, consult the official Reports of Proceedings and the Journals of the Constitutional Convention.

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