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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

**Providence, Rhode Island**

January 23, 1967  
First Session

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:15 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Rabbi Emanuel Lazar of the Mishkon Tfiloh Congregation, Summit Avenue, Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation.

The Invocation was given.

On motion of Mr. Kagan the delegates extended a rising vote of appreciation to Rabbi Lazar for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 73 present and 26 absent.

Absentees were Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Beauchemin, Belhumeur, Mrs. Capuano, Messrs. Cunningham, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Mrs. Foster, Messrs. Gallagher, Gammino, Gorham of Scituate, Mrs. Hager, Mr. Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Mr. Lallo, Mrs. Lambros, Messrs. LaSalle, Martin, Moon, Mulligan, O'Donnell, Stapleton and Toolin.

The names of the absentees were called.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Gallogly and Principe, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed, on a voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Bride, for the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back that, by a vote of 8 to 0, the Committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 210 "Judiciary"

The proposal and report were accepted, referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the General Orders.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Chairman announced that he would present the Report of the Committee of the Whole for December 5, 1966, a copy of which was on the desk of each delegate.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Foster, reading of the report was dispensed and the Convention proceeded to act thereon, on a voice vote.

The Chairman, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on December 5, 1966, presented the Report of the Committee of the Whole to the Convention and action was taken thereon as follows:

"The Committee of the Whole meeting on December 5, 1966, considered Proposal No. 207, 'Limitation on State Debt'.

"The Committee on the Legislative Department did not recommend adoption. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection prevailed."

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Messrs. Murphy of Tiverton, Doris, and Lawrence, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 66 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

"The Committee considered Proposal No. 41, Substitute A, 'Article XVI - Of the Adoption of this Constitution'.

"The Committee on Elections and Right to Vote recommended adoption. On a division vote a motion to recommend adoption of the proposal prevailed."

The proposal was referred to the Committee on Style and Drafting.

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. Warren, seconded by Messrs. Matzner and Principe, moved that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole upon the General Orders of the Day.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

(For Journal of the Committee of the Whole, see appendix, this Journal.)

Upon the rising of the Committee of the Whole, the Chairman again called the Convention to order.

On suggestion of Mr. Wexler, by unanimous consent, the Convention referred back to Reports of Standing Committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Wexler, for the Committee on Style and Drafting reported back that, by a vote of 9 to 0, the Committee recommended adoption of the following proposal:

Proposal No. 41, Substitute B "Of the Adoption of this Constitution"

The proposal and report were accepted, placed in order for Second Reading of Proposals at the next session of the Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:36 P.M., on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Wexler, Principe, Cochran, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, January 23, 1967, at 2:38 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the State House, on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary  
Constitutional Convention

A P P E N D I X

Journal of the Committee of the Whole

January 23, 1967  
first session

Upon the resolving of the Convention into a Committee of the Whole, the Chairman called the Committee of the Whole to order.

The Chairman inquired whether any delegates desired to make a motion to reconsider any matter acted upon at the previous session of the Committee of the Whole.

None was made.

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Mr. Wexler, moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary  
Constitutional Convention