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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Providence, Rhode Island

January 23, 1967
Second Session

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:39 P.M.

By unanimous consent, the Invocation for the previous session of the day was applied to this session.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 76 present and 23 absent.

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

The names of the absentees were called.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Foster, the reading of the Journal of the previous session was dispensed, on a voice vote.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

In order for Second Reading of Proposals was the following proposal:

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

The proposal was read.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Wrenn, Kagan, Vacca and Lawrence, moved that the proposal be adopted.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 65 delegates voting in the affirmative, 9 delegates voting in the negative and 25 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES - 65

Vincent J. Baccari-Providence
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol

Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket
Eugene F. Cochran-Providence
Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence
David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston

AYES - 65 (Cont.)

Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket	Federick A. Lawrence-Providence
John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence	Edward P. Manning-Cumberland
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown	Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket
Osias Cote-Pawtucket	Thomas F. McGrath-Providence
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton	Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport	Arthur Merolla-Providence
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narra.	James F. Murphy-Coventry
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls	William F. Murphy-Tiverton
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth	Paul F. Murray-Newport
John F. Doris-Woonsocket	Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence	John A. Parrillo-Providence
William A. Feeney-East Providence	Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket	Antonio Prince-Woonsocket
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket	Anthony F. Principe-Bristol
Edward P. Gallogly-Providence	Thomas D. Pucci-Providence
Robert B. Gates-South Kingstown	Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown	Hugo L. Ricci-Providence
Fulda E. Geoffroy-W. Warwick	Dennis J. Roberts-Providence
Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence	Augusto W. SaoBento-East Providence
Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket	Owen V. Sherry-North Smithfield
George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester	Howard R. Smart, Jr.-Lincoln
Samuel C. Kagan-Providence	Anthony Vacca-Smithfield
Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket	Charles C. Viall-East Providence
Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich	David D. Warren-North Providence
August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket	Edmund Wexler-Providence
John W. Laporte-Burrillville	Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington
John J. Wrenn-Providence	

NOES - 9

Bradford Gorham-Foster	Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
John Gorham-Scituate	James E. Murphy-Warren
Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston	Charles Nathanson-Warwick
William I. Matzner-Providence	Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
Bradley L. Steere-East Providence	

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 25

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick	Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence
Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly	Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket	Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence	Mrs. Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket	John F. Lallo-Westerly
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket	Mrs. Demetra Lambros-Providence
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick	A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick
Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston	Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham	Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland	Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No. Kingstn.	Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence
James A. Gallagher-Jamestown	Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton
John J. Toolin-Richmond	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Chairman announced that he would present the report of the Committee of the Whole for January 9, 1967, a copy of which was on the desk of each delegate.

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

"The Committee of the Whole meeting on January 9, 1967, considered Proposal No. 189, Section N, "Article XVI Of the Adoption of this Constitution".

"The Committee on Elections and Right to Vote did not recommend adoption. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection prevailed."

Mr. Kagan, seconded by Messrs. Doris and Foster, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 68 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. Warren, seconded by Messrs. Murphy of Tiverton and Cochran, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:01 P.M., on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster and Cote, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, February 6, 1967, at 1:30 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
Second Session

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

GENERAL ORDERS

The Committee of the Whole proceeded to consider and act upon the General Orders of the Day.

Proposal No. 210 "Judiciary"

(The Committee on Judiciary does not recommend adoption.)

By unanimous consent the Committee of the Whole dispensed with reading of the proposal.

Mr. Bride, seconded by Messrs. Foster and Chaharyn, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 64 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

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

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention