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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

January 9, 1967

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Reverend E. John Yuells, Pastor of Woodridge Congregational Church, Cranston and representing the Rhode Island State Council of Churches, for the purpose of giving the Invocation.

The Invocation was given.

On motion of Mr. Cochran, the delegates extended a rising vote of appreciation to Reverend Yuells for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

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

Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia, Belhumeur, Canna, Cannon, Mrs. Castiglia, Messrs. Cooney, Crandall, Cunningham, DeCiantis, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Mrs. Foster, Messrs. Gallagher, Gallogly, Giguere, Jordan, Mrs. Lambros, Messrs. Moon, Murphy of Warren, Parrillo, Mrs. Pulner, Messrs. Toolin and Viall.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS AFTER SECOND READING

The Chairman announced that the following proposals were referred to the Committee on Style and Drafting after second reading and vote on passage by the Convention at its session on November 28, 1966:

Proposal No. 39, Substitute A "Of Continuity of Government During an Emergency"

Proposal No. 36 "Of Impeachments"

RECONSIDERATION

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Messrs. Cochran and Lawrence, moved that the Convention reconsider the following proposal which had been acted upon at the previous session of the Convention:

Proposal No. 155, Substitute D "Of Local Government"

On a division vote the motion to reconsider prevailed, 61 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

On reconsideration, on a division vote, on motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Messrs. Cochran, Kagan, Ricci, Wrenn, Martin, McGrath, Matzner and Lawrence, the proposal was laid on the table, 52 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Chairman announced that he would present the report of the Committee of the Whole for October 24, 1966, a copy of which was on the desk of each delegate.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and O'Donnell, 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 October 24, 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 October 24, 1966, considered Proposal No. 38, 'Local Government'."

"The Committee on Local Government did not recommend adoption. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed."

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Bizier and Lawrence, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 62 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Also, "The Committee considered Proposal No. 84, 'Of Local Government'."

"The Committee on Local Government did not recommend adoption. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed."

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Messrs. Lawrence, Bride, O'Donnell and Principe, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 60 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Also, "The Committee considered Proposal No. 189, Section K, 'Of Local Government'."

"The Committee on Local Government did not recommend adoption. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed."

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

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 61 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Doris, 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 2:28 P.M., on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Cochran, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, January 23, 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 9, 1967

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. 189, Section N "Article XVI Of the Adoption of this Constitution"

(The Committee on Elections and Right to Vote does not recommend adoption.)

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

Mr. Kagan, seconded by Messrs. Bizier, Cote, Wrenn, Nathanson and Lawrence, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection.

On a division vote, the motion prevailed, 63 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
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