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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

February 20, 1967

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:10 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Rabbi Charles M. Rubel of Temple Beth Shalom, Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation.

The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 62 present and 37 absent.

Absentees were Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Bissonnette, Bride, Mrs. Castiglia, Messrs. Colbert, Cunningham, Delehanty, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Fanning of Providence, Fontaine, Gallagher, Gammino, Gates, Giguere, Jordan, Mmes. Lacroix, Lambros, Messrs. LaSalle, Martin, McCabe, McGrath, McKinnon, McKiernan, Moon, Mulligan, Murray, Nathanson, Parrillo, Mrs. Pell, Messrs. Pickard, Prince, Smart and Viall.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of a communication from the Chief Executive Officers of certain municipalities of the State relative to amendment of Proposal No. 155, Substitute D.

The communication was read.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

In order for Second Reading was the following proposal:

Proposal No. 155, Substitute D "OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT"

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Messrs. Cochran, Cannon, Kagan and Wrenn, moved that the proposal be laid on the table.

On a division vote, the motion to lay on the table prevailed, 48 delegates voting in the affirmative and 7 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 the second session on January 23, 1967, a copy of which was on the desk of each delegate.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. 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 23, 1967 (Second Session) considered Proposal No. 210, "Judiciary"."

"The Committee on Judiciary recommended that the proposal not be adopted. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed."

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 53 delegates voting in the affirmative and 1 delegate voting in the negative.

REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS AFTER SECOND READING

The Chairman announced that the following proposal was referred to the Committee on Style and Drafting after second reading and vote on passage by the Convention at its session on January 23, 1967:

Proposal No. 41, Substitute B "OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION"

Mr. Wexler announced that the Committee on Style and Drafting would meet at the rise of the Convention.

Mr. Coleman announced that the Committee on Local Government would meet on Monday, February 27, 1967, at 2:00 P.M. at the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:40 P.M., on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, March 13, 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