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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

June 12, 1967

Third Session

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:56 p. m.

The roll of delegates was called: there were 67 present and 32 absent.

Absentees were: Messrs. Appolonia, Baccari, Mmes. Barber, Castiglia, Messrs. Crandall, Cunningham, DiLuglio, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Fontaine, Gallagher, Gallogly, Gammino, Gates, Giguere, Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. LaFrance, Martin, McCabe, McKinnon, Merolla, Moon, Mulligan, Murphy of Warren, Murphy of Coventry, Parrillo, Mrs. Pulner, Messrs. SaoBento, Steere, Toolin and Vacca.

The names of the absentees were called.

On motion of Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Messrs. Cochran and Kagan, Ernest A. Foster, was elected secretary pro tem in the absence of the secretary of the convention unanimously.

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Mr. Wexler, 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 4:13 p. m. on motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. DeCiantis, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, June 19, 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

June 12, 1967
Third 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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS (Proposals No. 20 Substitute C, 25, 26 Substitute B, 27 Substitute B, 28, 29 Substitute B, 30 Substitute B, 31 Substitute B, 32 Substitute B, 33 Substitute B, 34 Substitute B, 35 Substitute C, 36, 37, 39 Substitute A, 41 Substitute A, 155 Substitute D, 171 Substitute C and 190 Substitute B.)

(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The Committee of the Whole proceeded to consideration of the document by sections.

The preamble was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the Preamble, on a division vote 54 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

The introductory paragraph and section 1 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the introductory paragraph and section 1 of Article I, on a division vote 57 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 2 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Wrenn, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 52 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 3 of Article I was read.

At 3:18 p. m. the Chairman yielded the rostrum to David D. Warren, 1st Vice Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Matzner, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 54 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 4 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. O'Donnell, Dolbashian and Feeney, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 53 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 5 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Viall and Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 54 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 6 of Article I was read.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption of the section.

Mr. McKiernan, seconded by Mr. Roberts, offered the following written motion to amend:

" I move to amend Article I, Section 6, to read as follows:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, papers and possessions, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrant shall issue, but on complaint in writing, upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and describing as nearly as may be, the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

Donald E. McKiernan

The motion was read.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote the motion to amend did not prevail, 18 delegates voting in the affirmative and 41 delegates voting in the negative.

On a division vote the motion to recommend adoption of the section prevailed, 46 delegates voting in the affirmative and 15 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 7 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 54 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 8 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Pickard, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 53 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 9 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Feeney, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 54 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 10 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 54 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 11 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Bride, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 52 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 12 of Article I was read.

At 4:00 p.m. the Chairman again took the rostrum.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 52 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 13 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a division vote 51 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 14 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the Section, on a division vote 51 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Section 15 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Wrenn and Feeney, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

Section 16 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Viall and Feeney, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

Section 17 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian, Feeney, Wrenn and McKiernan the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

Section 18 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

Section 19 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

Section 20 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Wrenn, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

Section 21 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Wrenn, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section on a voice vote.

Section 22 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

Section 23 of Article I was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Wrenn, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

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

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention

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