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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

June 19, 1967

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:27 p. m.

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

Absentees were: Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Bissonnette, Cannon, Mmes. Capuano, Castiglia, Messrs. Cochran, Colbert, Coleman, Crandall, Cunningham, DiLuglio, DiSandro, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Feeney, Gallagher, Gallogly, Gammino, Giguere, Gorham of Foster, Jordan, Kagan, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. LaFrance, Manning, Martin, McCabe, Moon, Merolla, Mulligan, Murphy of Warren, Murray, Prince, Mrs. Pulner, Messrs. Stapleton, Toolin and Warren.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian, and Murphy of Tiverton, 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. Doris, seconded by Mr. Foster, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, June 26, 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

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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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 B, 155 Substitute D, 171 Substitute C, 190 Substitute B.)

(Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The Committee of the Whole had passed the document by sections through Article I.

Mr. McKiernan, seconded by Mr. Roberts, moved that the Committee of the Whole reconsider Section 6 of Article I, which had been adopted at the previous session of the Committee of the Whole.

On a division vote, the motion to reconsider did not prevail, 12 delegates voting in the affirmative and 40 delegates voting in the negative.

The Committee of the Whole continued consideration of the document.

Section 1 of Article II was read.

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

Section 2 of Article II was read.

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

Article III was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Chaharyn and O'Donnell, the Committee

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of the whole recommended adoption of the Article, on a voice vote.

Section 1 of Article IV was read.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. O'Donnell and Matzner, the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the section, on a voice vote.

Section 2 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 3 of Article IV was read.

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

Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Hager, Messrs. Greenhalgh, Willey, LaSalle and Nathanson, offered the following written motion to amend:

" I move to amend Article IV Of the Legislative Power Section 3 by striking out the word 'forty' in lines 1 and 2 and inserting the word 'twenty-five' ."

Millicent S. Foster

The motion was read.

The motion was debated.

On motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Cote, Bizier and McGrath, the motion to amend was laid on the table on a division vote, 33 delegates voting in the affirmative and 24 delegates voting in the negative.

The motion to recommend adoption of the section prevailed on a voice vote.

Section 4 of Article IV was read.

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

Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Messrs. Macari and Gmelin, offered the following written motion to amend:

" I move to amend Section 4 of Article IV by inserting the words seventy-five in place of one hundred. "

A. Norman LaSalle

The motion was read. The motion was debated.

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On motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Cote, Bizier and McGrath, the motion to amend was laid on the table on a voice vote.

The motion to recommend adoption of this section prevailed on a voice vote.

Section 5 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 6 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 7 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 8 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 9 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 10 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 11 of Article IV was read.

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

Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Hagar and Mr. Pickard, offered the following written motion to amend:

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" I move to amend Article IV Of the Legislative Power Section 11 by striking out sentence 2 and inserting the following:

"Final passage of any public act shall not occur without the lapse of five legislative days following its introduction. The yeas and nays on final passage shall be entered in the journal for each public act. "

Millicent S. Foster

The motion was read.  
The motion was debated.

On motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Bizier and McGrath, the motion to amend was laid on the table on a voice vote.

The motion to recommend adoption of the section prevailed on a voice vote.

Section 12 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 13 of Article IV 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 14 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 15 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 16 of Article IV was read.

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

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Section 17 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 18 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 19 of Article IV was read.

Mr. Bride, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption of the section.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Doris, offered the following written motion to amend:

" I hereby move to amend Sec. 19 of Article IV by striking therefrom the word 'article' and substituting therefor the word 'section'. "

Edmund Wexler

The motion to amend prevailed on a voice vote.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mesrs. Foster and Bizier, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption of the section as amended.

The motion to recommend adoption of the section as amended prevailed on a voice vote.

Section 20 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 21 of Article IV was read.

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

Section 22 of Article IV was read.

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

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Mr. McKiernan, seconded by Mmes. Hager and Foster, offered the following written motion:

" I move to amend Article IV 'Of the Legislative Power' by adding there-  
to the following section:

'Sec. 23. All lotteries shall be prohibited in this state.' "and further  
propose that this section be submitted to the electorate separate and distinct from  
the balance of the constitution for their approval or disapproval. "

Donald E. McKiernan

At 3:40 p. m. the Chairman yielded the rostrum to Mr. Robert F. Pickard, Second  
Vice Chairman.

The motion was read.  
The motion was debated.

Mr. Ricci, seconded by Messrs. Cote, McGrath, Bizier and Doris, moved that the  
motion be laid on the table.

At 4:00 p. m. the Chairman again returned to the rostrum.

The motion to lay on the table prevailed, on a division vote, 33 delegates voting in  
the affirmative and 18 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. LaSalle and Foster, moved that the Committee of  
the Whole rise.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary  
Constitutional Convention