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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

September 11, 1967

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

The roll of delegates was called; there were 84 present and 14 absent.

Absentees were: Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Capuano, Messrs. Cunningham, DeCiantis, Dodge, Gallagher, Gammino, Gmelin, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. Moon, Mulligan, Parrillo, Stapleton and Toolin.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

THIRD READING

In order for third reading was the following which had been considered completely by article at previous sessions of the Convention:

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

(Proposal 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.)

(The Committee of the Whole recommends adoption as amended.)

The Chairman declared consideration, as a whole, to be in order.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote and Wrenn, moved that the Constitution as a whole be adopted as amended.

The motion was debated.

At 2:35 the Chairman yielded the rostrum to Mr. David D. Warren, First Vice Chairman.

Mr. Gorham of Foster, for himself and several other delegates, presented a written minority report.

Debate of the motion continued.

At 2:45 the Chairman again took the rostrum.

The motion to adopt prevailed on a roll call vote, 62 delegates voting in the affirmative, 20 delegates voting in the negative and 16 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES

Baccari - Providence	Kanakry - Pawtucket
Beauchemin - Pawtucket	Kenyon - West Greenwich
Belhumeur - Central Falls	LaFrance - Pawtucket
Bissonnette - Woonsocket	Lallo - Westerly
Canna - Bristol	Lambros - Providence
Cannon - Providence	Laporte - Burrillville
Castiglia - Cranston	Lawrence - Providence
Chaharyn - Woonsocket	Macari - Cranston
Cochran - Providence	Manning - Cumberland
Colaneri - Providence	Martin - Pawtucket
Colbert - Cranston	McCabe - Pawtucket
Coleman - Woonsocket	McGrath - Providence
Cooney - Providence	McKinnon - Pawtucket
Cote - Pawtucket	Merolla - Providence
Delehanty - Newport	Murphy - Coventry
DiLuglio - Johnston	Murphy - Tiverton
DiSandro - Narragansett	Murray - Newport
Dyl - Central Falls	Ortoleva - Providence
Dolbashian - Portsmouth	Pell - Newport
Doris - Woonsocket	Prince - Woonsocket
Fanning - Providence	Principe - Bristol
Feeney - East Providence	Pucci - Providence
Fontaine - Woonsocket	Pulner - Cranston
Foster - Pawtucket	Ricci - Providence
Gallogly - Providence	Vacca - Smithfield
Gates - South Kingstown	Viall - East Providence
Geoffroy - West Warwick	Warren - North Providence
Giangiacoimo - Providence	Wexler - Providence
Giguere - Woonsocket	Wrenn - Providence
Hager - Cranston	
Kagan - Providence	

N O E S

Barber - Westerly	Matzner- Providence
Bride - Warwick	McKiernan - Providence
Corcoran - Middletown	Murphy - Warren
Crandall - Hopkinton	Nathanson - Warwick
Fanning - Cumberland	O'Donnell- Providence
Foster - North Kingstown	Pickard - East Greenwich
Gorham - Foster	Roberts - Providence
Gorham - Scituate	Smart - Lincoln
Greenhalgh - Gloucester	Steere - East Providence
LaSalle - Warwick	Willey - Barrington

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

Appolonia - West Warwick	LaCroix - Lincoln
Capuano - Woonsocket	Moon - Exeter
Cunningham - Pawtucket	Mulligan - Central Falls
DeCiantis - West Warwick	Parrillo - Providence
Dodge - New Shoreham	Sao Bento - East Providence
Gallagher - Jamestown	Sherry - North Smithfield
Gammino - Providence	Stapleton - Little Compton
Gmelin - Charlestown	Toolin - Richmond

MOTIONS and RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Doris, offered Resolution No. 41, entitled "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE CONSTITUTION TO THE ELECTORS".

The resolution was read.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Foster, Ricci and McGrath, moved passage of the resolution.

The motion was debated.

On a roll call vote, the motion for passage prevailed, 65 delegates voting in the affirmative and 15 delegates voting in the negative, with 18 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

A Y E S

Baccari - Providence	Belhumeur - Central Falls
Barber - Westerly	Bevilacqua - Providence
Beauchemin - Pawtucket	Bizier - Central Falls

AYES - (Continued)

Bissonnette - Woonsocket
 Bride - Warwick
 Canna - Bristol
 Cannon - Providence
 Castiglia - Cranston
 Chaharyn - Woonsocket
 Cochran - Providence
 Colaneri - Providence
 Coleman - Woonsocket
 Cooney - Providence
 Cote - Pawtucket
 Delehanty - Newport
 DiLuglio - Johnston
 DiSandro - Narrangansett
 Dyl - Central Falls
 Dolbashian - Portsmouth
 Doris - Woonsocket
 Fanning - Cumberland
 Fanning - Providence
 Feeney - East Providence
 Fontaine - Woonsocket
 Foster - Pawtucket
 Foster - North Kingstown
 Gallagly - Providence
 Gates - South Kingstown
 Geoffroy - West Warwick
 Giangiacomo - Providence
 Giguere - Woonsocket
 Greenhalgh - Gloucester
 Kagan - Providence

Kanakry - Pawtucket
 LaFrance - Pawtucket
 Lallo - Westerly
 Lambros - Providence
 Laporte - Burrillville
 Lawrence - Providence
 Manning - Cumberland
 Martin - Pawtucket
 McCabe - Pawtucket
 McGrath - Providence
 McKiernan - Providence
 Merolla - Providence
 Murphy - Coventry
 Murphy - Warren
 Murphy - Tiverton
 Murray - Newport
 O'Donnell - Providence
 Ortoleva - Providence
 Pell - Newport
 Prince - Woonsocket
 Principe - Bristol
 Pucci - Providence
 Pulner - Cranston
 Ricci - Providence
 Sherry - North Smithfield
 Viall - East Providence
 Warren - North Providence
 Wexler - Providence
 Wrenn - Providence

Colbert - Cranston
 Crandall - Hopkinton
 Gorham - Foster
 Gorham - Scituate
 Hager - Cranston
 Kenyon - West Greenwich
 LaSalle - Warwick
 Macari - Cranston

N O E S

Matzner - Providence
 Nathanson - Warwick
 Pickard - East Greenwich
 Roberts - Providence
 Smart - Lincoln
 Steere - East Providence
 Willey - Barrington

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING

Appolonia - West Warwick
Capuano - Woonsocket
Corcoran - Middletown
Cunningham - Pawtucket
DeCiantis - West Warwick
Dodge - New Shoreham
Gallagher - Jamestown
Gammino - Providence
Gmelin - Charlestown

Lacroix - Lincoln
McKinnon - Pawtucket
Moon - Exeter
Mulligan - Central Falls
Parrillo - Providence
Sao Bento - East Providence
Stapleton - Little Compton
Toolin - Richmond
Vacca - Smithfield

(During the roll call, Mr. Nathanson explained his vote.)

Mr. Cochran offered Resolution No. 32 entitled, "RESOLUTION ELECTING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS".

The resolution was read.

Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Kagan, moved passage of the resolution.

Mr. Viall, seconded by Mr. Cannon, moved that the resolution be amended by adding to the list of delegates to serve on the Committee the name of Jane H. Barber of Westerly.

The motion to amend prevailed on a voice vote.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Bizier and Viall, moved that the resolution be amended by adding to the list of delegates to serve on the Committee the name of Hugo L. Ricci of Providence.

The motion to amend prevailed on a voice vote.

Mr. Cochran, seconded by Messrs. Viall, Cote, Bizier and Ricci, moved passage of the resolution as amended.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 65 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Doris offered Resolution No. 43 entitled, "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PRINTING OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION".

The resolution was read.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Cote, moved passage of the resolution.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 70 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

The Chairman announced that the Committee elected to conduct public hearings would meet at the rise of the Convention.

Messrs. Viall and Kagan offered Resolution No. 44, entitled "RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION BY DELEGATES".

The resolution was read.

Mr. Kagan, seconded by Messrs. Viall, Cote, and McGrath moved passage of the resolution.

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

Mr. Cochran offered Resolution No. 45 entitled, "RESOLUTION OF FINAL ADJOURNMENT".

The resolution was read.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Cote, moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

The Chairman announced that the rules require that three full days pass after introduction of the resolution before it may be considered.

The motion to lay on the table prevailed, 65 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Wexler offered Resolution No. 46 entitled, "RESOLUTION WISHING JOHN J. TOOLIN A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM HIS PRESENT ILLNESS".

The resolution was read.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by the entire membership, moved passage of the resolution.

The motion prevailed on a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. Murphy of Tiverton announced that the Committee on Public Information would meet at the rise of the Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:31 P. M. on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Wexler and Foster, the Convention adjourned on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention