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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Providence, Rhode Island

December 4, 1967

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:11 P.M.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 73 present and 24 absent.

Absentees were Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Beauchemin, Bevilacqua, Bissonnette, Canna, Mmes. Capuano, Castiglia, Messrs. Colbert, DeCiantis, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Fontaine, Gallagher, Gallogly, Gmelin, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. Martin, McFinnon, Mulligan, Mrs. Pell, Messrs. Sherry, Stapleton and Toolin.

The names of the absentees were called.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Cote and Bride, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed, on a voice vote.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Messrs. Cunningham and Macari, offered the following written motion:

"I move that the Committee on Administration furnish to each delegate at least thirty days before the date set for the Special Election on the proposed Constitution, a statement of the expenditures made by the Convention including the names of the persons and the amount of money paid each as compensation for services rendered as employee, advisor, consultant or otherwise."

A. Norman LaSalle

The motion was read.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At adjournment of the previous session there was pending on reconsideration the following:

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
(Proposal No. 20 Sub. C, 25, 26 Sub. B, 27 Sub. E, 28, 29 Sub. B, 30 Sub. B, 31 Sub. B, 32 Sub. B, 33 Sub. B, 34 Sub. B, 35 Sub. C, 36, 37, 39 Sub. A, 41 Sub. B, 155 Sub. D, 171 Sub. C, 190 Sub. 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, Bizier, McGrath, Foster, Lawrence and DiLuglio, moved that the Constitution as a whole be adopted as amended.

The motion to adopt prevailed on a roll call vote, 57 delegates voting in the affirmative, 13 delegates voting in the negative and 27 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES -- 57

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Baccari - Providence | LaFrance - Pawtucket |
| Belhumeur - Central Falls | Lallo - Westerly |
| Bizier - Central Falls | Lambros - Providence |
| Chaharyn - Woonsocket | Laporte - Burrillville |
| Cochran - Providence | Lawrence - Providence |
| Colaneri - Providence | Macari - Cranston |
| Coleman - Woonsocket | Manning - Cumberland |
| Corcoran - Middletown | McCabe - Pawtucket |
| Cote - Pawtucket | McGrath - Providence |
| Crandall - Hopkinton | McKiernan - Providence |
| Cunningham - Pawtucket | Murphy - Warren |
| Delehanty - Newport | Murphy - Coventry |
| DiLuglio - Johnston | Murphy - Tiverton |
| DiSandro - Narragansett | Murray - Newport |
| Dyl - Central Falls | Ortoleva - Providence |
| Dolbashian - Portsmouth | Parrillo - Providence |
| Doris - Woonsocket | Prince - Woonsocket |
| Foster - Pawtucket | Principe - Bristol |
| Gammino - Providence | Pucci - Providence |
| Geoffroy - West Warwick | Pulner - Cranston |
| Giangiacoimo - Providence | Ricci - Providence |
| Giguere - Woonsocket | SaoBento - East Providence |
| Hager - Cranston | Steere - East Providence |
| Kagan - Providence | Vacca - Smithfield |
| Kanakry - Pawtucket | Viall - East Providence |
| Kenyon - West Greenwich | Warren - North Providence |
| Fanning - Providence | Wexler - Providence |
| Feeney - East Providence | Merolla - Providence |
| Wrenn - Providence | |

NOES -- 13

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bride - Warwick | LaSalle - Warwick |
| Foster - North Kingstown | Matzner - Providence |
| Gates - South Kingstown | Nathanson - Warwick |
| Gorham - Foster | Pickard - East Greenwich |
| Gorham - Scituate | Roberts - Providence |
| Greenhalgh - Gloucester | Smart - Lincoln |
| Willey - Barrington | |

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING -- 27

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Appolonia - West Warwick | Fanning - Cumberland |
| Barber - Westerly | Fontaine - Woonsocket |
| Beauchemin - Pawtucket | Gallagher - Jamestown |
| Bevilacqua - Providence | Gmelin - Charlestown |
| Bissonnette - Woonsocket | Lacroix - Lincoln |
| Canna - Bristol | Martin - Pawtucket |
| Cannon - Providence | McKinnon - Pawtucket |
| Capuano - Woonsocket | Mulligan - Central Falls |
| Castiglia - Cranston | O'Donnell - Providence |
| Colbert - Cranston | Pell - Newport |
| Cooney - Providence | Sherry - North Smithfield |
| DeCiantis - West Warwick | Stapleton - Little Compton |
| Dodge - New Shoreham | Toolin - Richmond |
| Gallogly - Providence | |

(During the roll call Messrs. Corcoran, LaSalle and Vacca explained their vote.)

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Bizier, Cote and McGrath, moved to take from the table Resolution No. 41 entitled "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE CONSTITUTION TO THE ELECTORS".

The Resolution was read.

On a division vote the motion to take from the table prevailed, 56 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Bizier, Cote and McGrath, offered the following written motion to amend Resolution No. 41:

"I hereby move to amend Resolution Number 41 to delete therefrom the words 'November 7, 1967' and substitute therefor 'April 16, 1968'."

John F. Doris

The motion was read.

On a division vote the motion to amend prevailed, 59 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Bizier and Wexler, moved passage of the resolution as amended.

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

On a roll call vote the motion to amend Resolution No. 41 prevailed on a roll call vote, 63 delegates voting in the affirmative,

1 delegate voting in the negative and 33 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES -- 63

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Baccari - Providence | Lambros - Providence |
| Belhumeur - Central Falls | Laporte - Burrillville |
| Bizier - Central Falls | LaSalle - Warwick |
| Bissonnette - Woonsocket | Lawrence - Providence |
| Chaharyn - Woonsocket | Macari - Cranston |
| Cochran - Providence | Manning - Cumberland |
| Coleman - Woonsocket | Matzner - Providence |
| Cote - Pawtucket | McCabe - Pawtucket |
| Crandall - Hopkinton | McGrath - Providence |
| Cunningham - Pawtucket | McKiernan - Providence |
| Delehanty - Newport | Merolla - Providence |
| DiSandro - Narragansett | Murphy - Warren |
| Dyl - Central Falls | Murphy - Coventry |
| Dolbashian - Portsmouth | Murphy - Tiverton |
| Doris - Woonsocket | Murray - Newport |
| Fanning - Providence | Nathanson - Warwick |
| Feeney - East Providence | O'Donnell - Providence |
| Foster - Pawtucket | Ortoleva - Providence |
| Foster - North Kingstown | Parrillo - Providence |
| Gamminc - Providence | Prince - Woonsocket |
| Gates - South Kingstown | Principe - Bristol |
| Gmelin - Charlestown | Pucci - Providence |
| Geoffroy - West Warwick | Pulner - Cranston |
| Giguere - Woonsocket | Ricci - Providence |
| Greenhalgh - Gloucester | Roberts - Providence |
| Hager - Cranston | SaoBento - East Providence |
| Kagan - Providence | Steere - East Providence |
| Kanakry - Pawtucket | Vacca - Smithfield |
| LaFrance - Pawtucket | Viall - East Providence |
| Lallo - Westerly | Warren - North Providence |
| Colaneri - Providence | Wexler - Providence |

Wrenn - Providence

NOES -- 1

Pickard - East Greenwich

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 33

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Appolonia - West Warwick | Colbert - Cranston |
| Barber - Westerly | Cooney - Providence |
| Beauchemin - Pawtucket | Corcoran - Middletown |
| Bevilacqua - Providence | DeCiantis - West Warwick |
| Bride - Warwick | DiLuglio - Johnston |
| Canna - Bristol | Dodge - New Shoreham |
| Cannon - Providence | Fanning - Cumberland |
| Capuano - Woonsocket | Fontaine - Woonsocket |
| Castiglia - Cranston | Gallagher - Jamestown |

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - Continued

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Gallogly - Providence | McKinnon - Pawtucket |
| GiangiacoMo - Providence | Mulligan - Central Falls |
| Gorham - Foster | Nathanson - Warwick |
| Gorham - Scitutate | Pell - Newport |
| Kenyon - West Greenwich | Sherry - North Smithfield |
| Lacroix - Lincoln | Smart - Lincoln |
| Martin - Pawtucket | Stapleton - Little Compton |
| Toolin - Richmond | |

Mr. Murray, seconded by Messrs. Chaharyn, Foster and Manning, moved that the Committee to Hold Public Hearings conduct further hearings on the amended document.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Chaharyn, offered Resolution No. 47 entitled "CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. LALLO ON THE BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER, DINA LYNN LALLO."

The resolution was read.

Mr. Chaharyn, seconded by Messrs. Cote and Foster, moved passage of the resolution.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of communications from the League of Women Voters of Rhode Island, thanking the delegates for their contribution of time, thought, and energy on behalf of the citizens of Rhode Island.

The communication was read.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:52 P.M. on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Bizier, McGrath and Foster, the Convention adjourned on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention