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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Providence, Rhode Island

April 25, 1966

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 1:50 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Reverend Damian R. Myett, O.P., Chaplain of Providence College, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 79 present and 21 absent.

Absentees were Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Castiglia, Messrs. Champion, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Gallogly, Giguere, Gorham of Scituate, Greenhalgh, Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. LaFrance, Martin, Matzner, McCabe, Moon, Prince, Smart, Stapleton, Viall and Mrs. Webster.

On motion of Mr. O'Donnell, the delegates extended a rising vote of appreciation to Reverend Myett for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

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

On motion of Mr. DiLuglio, seconded by Messrs. Warren, Cannon and Pucci, Mr. Ernest A. Foster was elected Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of the Secretary of the Convention unanimously.

The Chairman noted the presence of Honorable John C. Brooks, Executive Director of the Constitutional Convention Commission of Maryland and Mrs. Christopher Cadberry of Chicago, Mrs. Millicent S. Foster's daughter and invited them to occupy seats on the rostrum.

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Cochran and Murphy of Tiverton, moved that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole.

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.

Mr. Coleman announced that the Committee on Local Government would meet on Monday, May 2, 1966, at 12:00 P.M.

Mr. DiLuglio announced that the Committee on the Legislative Department would meet upon the rising of the Convention today.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:45 P.M., on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Ricci, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, May 2, 1966, at 1:00 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

April 25, 1966

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.

Proposal No. 196 "Permanent Commission on the Constitution"
(The Committee on Resolutions does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mrs. Foster, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian, Cote and Ricci, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 60 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 189C "Of the Distribution of Powers"
(The Committee on Resolutions does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Belhumeur, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 62 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 8 "No Title"

(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

On suggestion of Mr. Cochran, the reading of the proposal was dispensed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Coleman, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 57 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 38 "Article XIII, Of Local Government"

(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

On suggestion of Mr. Coleman, the reading of the proposal was dispensed by unanimous consent.

On suggestion of Mr. Cooney, by unanimous consent, the proposal was placed last on the calendar of General Orders.

The proposal was placed on the foot of the calendar by unanimous consent.

Proposal No. 46 "Of Local Government"

(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

On suggestion of Mr. Gorham of Foster the reading of the proposal was dispensed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Gorham of Foster, seconded by Messrs. Cannon, Cochran and McGrath, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 55 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 52 "Local Government"

(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

On suggestion of Mr. Kenyon the reading of the proposal was dispensed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Kenyon, seconded by Messrs. Cannon, Belhumeur, Lawrence,

and Cochran, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 54 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 84 "Of Local Government"

(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

By unanimous consent, the reading of the proposal was dispensed.

On suggestion of Mr. Beauchemin, by unanimous consent, the proposal was placed last on the calendar of General Orders.

Proposal No. 113 "Towns and Cities"

(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Messrs. Belhumeur, Cochran, Cannon, Bizier and Mulligan, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

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

Proposal No. 149 "Education"

(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mrs. Hager, seconded by Messrs. Coleman, Bizier, Cannon, Cochran and Mulligan, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 62 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 159 "Local Debt"

(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Messrs. Cochran, Cannon, O'Donnell and Mrs. Pulner, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 63 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 189K "Article XIII, Sections 1 through 12"
(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Cochran, the reading of the section was dispensed by unanimous consent.

On suggestion of Mr. Coleman, by unanimous consent, the proposal was placed last on the calendar of General Orders.

Proposal No. 193 "Publication of Home Rule Charters"
(The Committee on Local Government does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Messrs. Bizier, Cannon and Cochran, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 62 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 155-Substitute A "Of Local Government"
(The Committee on Local Government recommends adoption of the Substitute Proposal.)

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Cochran, the reading of the Substitute Proposal was dispensed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Messrs. Kagan, Bizier, Cochran, Cannon, Lawrence, Murphy of Tiverton and Gorham of Foster, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend recommittal of the Substitute Proposal to the Committee on Local Government.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 64 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Cooney, seconded by Messrs. Cannon, Cochran and Dolbashian, moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention