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**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**JOURNAL OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

**Providence, Rhode Island**

July 11, 1966

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 1:45 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Mr. Edward A. White, a member of the Providence Friends Meeting, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 58 present and 42 absent.

Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia and Baccari, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Belhumeur, Canna and Cannon, Mmes. Capuano and Castiglia, Messrs. Chaharyn, Champion, Coleman, Cooney, Crandall, DeCiantis, Dyl, Dodge, Fanning of Providence, Feeney, Fontaine, Gallagher, Gammino, Gates, Giguere, Gorham of Scituate, Jordan, Kagan, Mrs. Lacroix, Mr. Lallo, Mrs. Lambros, Messrs. LaSalle, Martin, McCabe, McGrath, Moon, Mulligan, Murphy of Warren, Murphy of Coventry, Pickard, Prince, Mrs. Pulner, Messrs. SaoBento and Viall.

The names of the absentees were called.

On motion of Mr. Wrenn, the delegates extended to Mr. White a rising vote of appreciation for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Gallogly, for the Committee on the Executive Department, reported back that, by a vote of 8 to 0, the Committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 189, Section L "Article XIV - Of Continuity of Government During an Emergency"

The proposal and report were accepted, referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the General Orders.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Chairman announced that he would present the report of the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole for June 20, 1966, a copy of which was on the desk of each delegate.

On motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Murphy of Tiverton, reading of the report was dispensed and the Convention proceeded to act thereon, on a voice vote.

The Chairman, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on June 20, 1966, presented a report of the Committee of the Whole to the Convention and action was taken thereon as follows:

"The Committee of the Whole meeting on June 20, 1966, considered Proposal No. 32, Substitute A, "Of the Executive Power."

"The Committee on the Executive Department recommended adoption of the Substitute Proposal. On a division vote the Committee of the Whole recommended adoption of the proposal as amended in the Committee of the Whole."

The proposal was referred to the Committee on Style and Drafting.

REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS AFTER SECOND READING

The Chairman announced that the following proposal was referred to the Committee on Style and Drafting after second reading and vote on passage by the Convention at its session of June 20, 1966:

Proposal No. 171, Substitute C "OF AMENDMENTS"

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. Ricci, seconded by Mr. Gallogly and Mrs. Hager, 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.

MOTION

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland, seconded by Mr. Cunningham, moved that all committees except the Committee on Style and Drafting be

required to report all proposals remaining in their files within four weeks.

On a division vote, the motion prevailed, 39 delegates voting in the affirmative and 3 delegates voting in the negative with more than 9 delegates present and not voting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 2:20 P.M. on motion of Mr. Ricci, seconded by Mr. Corcoran, the Convention adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman 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

July 11, 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. 199 "Libraries"

(The Committee on Education does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Stapleton, seconded by Mr. Beauchemin and Mrs. Pell, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed, 46 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative, with more than 5 delegates present and not voting.

Proposal No. 184 "School Committees"

(The Committee on Education does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Stapleton, seconded by Messrs. Wrenn and Foster, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed, 44 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative, with more than 7 delegates present and not voting.

Proposal No. 189, Section J "Article XII - Of Education"  
(The Committee on Education does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

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

On a division vote the motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed, 45 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative, with more than 6 delegates present and not voting.

Mr. Ricci, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary  
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