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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Providence, Rhode Island

September 12, 1966

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 1:58 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Rabbi Nathan N. Rosen, Chaplain at Brown University and Providence area colleges; Director of the Hillel Foundation at Brown University, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 69 present and 21 absent.

Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia, Beauchemin, Belhumeur, Mrs. Castiglia, Messrs. Coleman, Delehanty, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Feeney, Fontaine, Gallagher, Gates, Giguere, Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. Lallo, Martin, McCabe, McGrath, Merolla, Moon, Mulligan, Murphy of Coventry, Murray, Parrillo, Mrs. Pulner, Stapleton, Viall and Willey.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

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

By unanimous consent, the Convention proceeded to consider the Report of the Committee of the Whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Chairman announced that he would present the report of the Committee of the Whole for July 11, 1966, a copy of which was on the desk of each delegate.

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

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The Chairman, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole on July 11, 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 July 11, 1966, considered Proposal No. 199, 'Libraries.'

"The Committee on Education did not recommend. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed."

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian, Lawrence, and Wrenn, moved that the proposal be rejected.

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

Also, "The Committee considered Proposal No. 184, 'School Committees.'

"The Committee on Education did not recommend. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed."

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Messrs. Murphy of Tiverton and Canna, moved that the proposal be rejected.

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

Also, "The Committee considered Proposal No. 189, Section J, 'Article XII - Of Education.'

"The Committee on Education did not recommend. On a division vote a motion to recommend rejection of the proposal prevailed."

Mr. Murphy of Tiverton, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, moved that the proposal be rejected.

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

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

In order for Second Reading were the following proposals:

Proposal No. 25 "Preamble" (The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian, Fanning of Providence, Foster, Wrenn, Cooney, Chaharyn, moved that the proposal be adopted.

On a roll call vote the proposal was adopted, 66 delegates voting in the affirmative, 0 delegates voting in the negative and 34 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES - 66

Vincent J. Baccari-Providence Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket Thomas H. Bride-Warwick Domenic C. Canna-Bristol Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket William J. Champion, Jr.-Newport Eugene F. Cochran-Providence Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown Osias Cote-Pawtucket Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narra. Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth John F. Doris-Woonsocket Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket Mrs. Millicent S. Poster-N. Kngstwn. Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence William J. Gmelin-Charlestown Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence Bradford Gorham-Foster John Gorham-Scituate George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston

Samuel C. Kagan-Providence Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich Mrs. Demetra Lambros-Providence John W. Laporte-Burrillville A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston Edward P. Manning-Cumberland William I. Matzner-Providence Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket Donald E. McKiernan-Providence James E. Murphy-Warren William F. Murphy-Tiverton Charles Nathanson-Warwick Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport Robert F. Pickard-E. Greenwich Antonio Prince-Woonsocket Anthony F. Principe-Bristol Thomas D. Pucci-Providence Hugo L. Ricci-Providence Dennis J. Roberts-Providence Augusto W. SaoBento-East Providence Owen V. Sherry-North Smithfield Howard R. Smart, Jr.-Lincoln Bradley L. Steere-East Providence John J. Toolin-Richmond Anthony Vacca-Smithfield David D. Warren-North Providence Edmund Wexler-Providence John J. Wrenn-Providence

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 34

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport

Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston John C. Dodge-New Shoreham Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland William A. Feeney-E.Providence Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket James A. Gallagher-Jamestown Journal of the Constitutional Convention September 12, 1966 Page 4

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 34 (cont.)

Edward P. Gallogly-Providence
Robert B. Gates-South Kingstown
Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket
Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket
Mrs. Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln
August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket
John F. Lallo-Westerly
Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket
Thomas F. McGrath-Providence

Arthur Merolla-Providence
Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls
James F. Murphy-Coventry
Paul F. Murray-Newport
Dr. John A. Parrillo-Providence
Mrs. Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston
Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton
Charles C. Viall-East Providence
Grafton H. Willey III-Barrington

<u>Proposal No. 29, Substitute B</u> "Of the Legislative Power" (The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Mr. Doris, moved that the proposal be adopted.

On suggestion of Mr. Matzner by unanimous consent, reading of the proposal in its entirety was dispensed and the Convention proceeded to consider the proposal section by section.

Section 1 of the proposal was read.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Bride and Cannon, moved that the section be adopted.

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

Section 2 of the proposal was read.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Murphy of Tiverton, Cannon, Cunningham, SaoBento, Doris, and Cochran, moved that the section be adopted.

On a division vote the motion did not prevail, 51 affirmative votes being required, 45 delegates voting in the affirmative and 16 delegates voting in the negative.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:32 P.M., on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster and Bizier, the Convention adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary Constitutional Convention