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The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:16 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Reverend Aaron Usher, Vicar of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 83 present and 17 absent.

Absentees were Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Cannon, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Gammino, Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Mr. Lallo, Mrs. Lambros, Messrs. McCabe, Moon, Parrillo, Smart and Viall.

The names of the absentees were called.

On motion of Mr. Ricci, the delegates extended a rising vote of appreciation to Reverend Usher 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.

REFERENCE OF PROPOSAL 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 on September 12, 1966:

Proposal No. 25 PREAMBLE

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

In order for Second Reading were the following proposals:

Proposal No. 190, Substitute B "Claims against Governmental Units"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was read.
Mr. Cooney, seconded by Messrs. Wexler, Murphy of Warren, Lawrence and Dolbashian, moved that the proposal be adopted.

The motion was debated.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 75 delegates voting in the affirmative, 6 delegates voting in the negative and 19 absent or not voting as follows:

**AYES - 75**

- Vincent J. Baccari-Providence
- Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket
- Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls
- Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence
- Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls
- Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket
- Thomas H. Bride-Warwick
- Domenic C. Canna-Bristol
- Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket
- Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston
- Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket
- William J. Champion, Jr.-Newport
- Eugene F. Cochran-Providence
- Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence
- David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston
- Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket
- John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence
- Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown
- Osias Cote-Pawtucket
- Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton
- Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket
- Robert J. Delehanty-Newport
- Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narragansett
- Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls
- Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth
- John F. Doris-Woonsocket
- Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.
- William A. Feeney-East Providence
- Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket
- Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket
- Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No. Kingstown
- James A. Gallagher-Jamestown
- Edward P. Gallogly-Providence
- Robert B. Gates-No. Kingstown
- William J. Gmelin-Charlestown
- Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick
- Anthony Giangiaco-Gloucester

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Noel A. Giguer-Woonsocket
Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston
Samuel C. Kagan-Providence
Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket
Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich
August P. Lafrance-Pawtucket
John F. Lallo-Westerly
John W. Laporte-Burrillville
Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence
Epifanio P. Macari-Cranston
Edward P. Manning-Cumberland
Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
Thomas F. McGrath-Providence
Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
Arthur Merolla-Providence
Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls
James E. Murphy-Warren
William F. Murphy-Tiverton
Paul F. Murray-Newport
Charles Nathanson-Warwick
Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence
Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence
Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
Antonio Prince-Woonsocket
Anthony F. Principe-Bristol
Mrs. Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston
Hugo L. Ricci-Providence
Dennis J. Roberts-Providence
Augusto W. Sasso-Bento-East Providence
Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton
Bradley L. Steere-East Providence
John J. Toolin-Richmond
Anthony Vacca-Smithfield
David D. Warren-North Providence
Edmund Wexler-Providence
Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington

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John J. Wrenn-Providence
Proposal No. 20, Substitute C  "Term and Election of General Officers"

(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Messrs. Doris, Wexler, and Beauchemin, offered the following written motion to amend:

"I move to amend Proposal No. 20, Substitute C, by striking from the proposals the words 'after the first Monday' from the last sentence of Section 2."

Edward B. Corcoran

The motion was read.

On a division vote the motion to amend prevailed, 75 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Murphy of Warren, seconded by Mr. McKiernan, moved that the proposal be recommitted to the Committee on Style and Drafting.

The motion was debated.

The motion to recommit was withdrawn.

Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Messrs. Bizier and Lawrence, moved that Proposal No. 20, Substitute C be adopted.

Mr. Murphy of Warren, seconded by Mr. McKiernan, offered the following written motion to amend:

"I move to amend Proposal No. 20, Substitute C, by striking 'and
all members of the general assembly' and inserting 'and all members of the senate'.'"

James E. Murphy

The motion was read.

Mr. Doris requested a roll call vote on the motion to amend.

On a roll call vote the motion did not prevail, 32 delegates voting in the affirmative, 49 delegates voting in the negative and 19 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

**AYES - 32**

- Thomas H. Bride-Warwick
- Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston
- Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown
- Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton
- Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narr. 
- Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence
- Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No.Kngstn.
- Edward P. Gallogly-Providence
- Robert B. Gates-So.Kingstown
- William J. Gmelin-Charlestown
- Bradford Gorham-Foster
- John Gorham-Scituate
- George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester
- Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston
- Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich
- A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick
- Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston
- William I. Matzner-Providence
- Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
- Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
- James E. Murphy-Warren
- William F. Murphy-Warren
- Charles Nathanson-Warwick
- Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence
- Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
- Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
- Mrs. Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston
- Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton
- Bradley L. Steere-East Providence
- John J. Toolin-Richmond
- David D. Warren-North Providence
- Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington

**NOES - 49**

- Vincent J. Baccari-Providence
- Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket
- Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls
- Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence
- Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls
- Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket
- Domenic C. Canna-Bristol
- Orist D. Chahary-Woonsocket
- William J. Champion, Jr.-Newport
- Eugene F. Cochran-Providence
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- David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston
- Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket
- John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence
- Osias Cote-Pawtucket
- Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket
- Robert J. Delehanty-Newport
- Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls
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- James A. Gallagher-Jamestown
- William A. Feeney-East Providence
- Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket
- Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket
- Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick
- Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence
- Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket
- Samuel C. Kagan-Providence
- Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket
- August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket
- John W. Laporte-Burrillville
- Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence
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Hugo L. Ricci-Providence          Owen V. Sherry-North Smithfield
Dennis J. Roberts-Providence      Anthony Vacca-Smithfield
Augusto W. SaoBento-East Providence Edmund Wexler-Providence
                                   John J. Wrenn-Providence

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 19
Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick   Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket
Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly      Mrs. Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence     John F. Lallo-Westerly
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket    Mrs. Demetra Lambros-Providence
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick    Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket
Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston       Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham        James F. Murphy-Coventry
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland    John A. Parrillo-Providence
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence Howard R. Smart, Jr.-Lincoln
                                   Charles C. Viall-East Providence

(During the roll call Mr. LaSalle explained his vote.)

Mr. McKiernan, seconded by Messrs. Nathanson and Willey, offered
the following written motion to amend:

"In proposal No. 20, Substitute C, I move to delete the words
'and all members of the General Assembly' in lines 6 and 7 of
Section 2."

Donald E. McKiernan

The motion was read.

Mr. Doris requested a roll call vote on the motion to amend.

On a roll call vote the motion did not prevail, 31 delegates
voting in the affirmative, 48 delegates voting in the negative and
21 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES - 31

Thomas H. Bride-Warwick
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narr.:
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No. Kingston
Edward P. Gallogly-Providence
Robert B. Gates-So. Kingstown
William J. Qmelin-Charlestown
Bradford Gorham-Foster
John Gorham-Scituate
George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester
Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston
Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich
                                   A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick
                                   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
                                   Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
                                   Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
                                   Mrs. Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston
                                   Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton
                                   Bradley L. Steere-East Providence
                                   John J. Toolin-Richmond
                                   David D. Warren-North Providence
                                   Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington
Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. LaSalle, offered the following written motion to amend:

"I move to amend Section 2 of Proposal No. 20, Substitute C, as follows:

'By striking out "four years" in lines 3 and 6 and substituting "two years";

'By striking out "non concurrent with a presidential election" in line 5.'"

Edmund Wexler
Mr. Wexler requested a roll call vote on the motion to amend.

On a roll call vote the motion did not prevail, 6 delegates voting in the affirmative, 71 delegates voting in the negative and 23 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

**AYES - 6**

Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls  
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No. Kingstn.  
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown  
A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick  
Donald E. McKiernan-Providence  
Edmund Wexler-Providence

**NOES - 71**

Vincent J. Baccari-Providence  
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket  
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls  
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Charlestown  
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls  
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket  
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick  
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol  
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston  
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket  
William J. Champion, Jr.-Newport  
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David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston  
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket  
John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence  
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown  
Osias Cote-Pawtucket  
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton  
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport  
Domenic A. Disandro, Jr.-Narr.  
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth  
John F. Doris-Woonsocket  
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence  
William A. Feeney-East Providence  
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket  
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket  
James A. Gallagher-Jamestown  
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Robert B. Gates-So. Kingstown  
Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick  
Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence  
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Edward P. Manning-Cumberland  
William I. Matzner-Providence  
Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket  
Arthur Merolla-Providence  
Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls  
James E. Murphy-Warren  
James F. Murphy-Covington  
William F. Murphy-Tiverton  
Paul F. Murray-Newport  
Charles Nathanson-Warwick  
Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence  
Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence  
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John J. Toolin-Richmond  
David D. Warren-North Providence  
Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington  
John J. Wrenn-Providence
The motion for adoption of the proposal was debated.

On a roll call vote the motion to adopt did not prevail, less than a majority of all the delegates elected to the Convention having voted therefor, 50 delegates voting in the affirmative, 29 delegates voting in the negative and 21 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

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Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No. Kingston
Robert B. Gates-South Kingston
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown
Bradford Gorham-Foster
John Gorham-Scituate
Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston
George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester
Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich
A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick
Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston
William I. Matzner-Providence
Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 21

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick
Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick
Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence
Charles C. Viall-East Providence

Proposal No. 67, Substitute A "Judicial Power"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

Mr. Cooney requested unanimous consent to dispense with reading of the proposal.

Mr. LaSalle objected.

At 3:35 P.M. the Chairman yielded the rostrum to Mr. David D. Warren, First Vice Chairman.

The proposal was read.

Mr. Cooney, seconded by Messrs. Murray and Wexler, moved that the proposal be rejected.

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

Proposal No. 118 "Suffrage"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

The proposal was read.
Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. McKiernan, Nathanson, Bride and Murray, moved that the proposal be rejected.

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

At 3:40 P.M. the Chairman again took the rostrum.

Proposal No. 120 "Suffrage"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Matzner, seconded by Messrs. Kanakry, McKiernan and Wexler, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 53 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 148 "Of the Judicial Power"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Wexler, moved that the proposal be rejected.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote the motion to reject prevailed, 35 delegates voting in the affirmative and 11 delegates voting in the negative with more than 5 delegates present and not voting.

Proposal No. 172 "State Bond Referenda"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Willey, seconded by Messrs. Wexler, SaoBento and Lawrence, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 52 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 21 "Election of General Officers"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Messrs. Cochran, Wexler, Lawrence and Murphy of Tiverton, moved that the proposal be adopted.
Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Beauchemin, moved that the proposal and the motion to adopt be laid on the table.

On a division vote the motion to lay on the table prevailed, 37 delegates voting in the affirmative and 15 delegates voting in the negative.

On suggestion of Mr. Doris, by unanimous consent, the Convention referred back to Reports of Standing Committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Doris, for the Committee on the Legislative Department, reported back that, by a vote of 11 to 0 the Committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 198 "PROPERTY TAKEN FOR PUBLIC USE"

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

Mr. Doris, for the Committee on the Legislative Department, reported back that, by a vote of 9 to 2, the Committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 208 "LEGISLATIVE VOTING"

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

Mr. Doris, for the Committee on the Legislative Department, reported back that, by a vote of 11 to 0, the Committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 209 "REAPPORTIONMENT"

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:00 P.M. on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Cote, Foster and Cochran, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, October 10, 1966, at 1:30 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the State House, on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention