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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

November 28, 1966

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

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Reverend Roger M. Fortin, Chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 78 present and 21 absent.

Absentees were Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Beauchemin, Belhumeur, Colbert, DeCiantis, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Feeney, Gallagher, Gammino, Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. LaFrance, Martin, Merolla, Moon, Murphy of Warren, Murphy of Coventry, Prince, Stapleton and Viall.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr Kagan for the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote reported back that, after a duly advertised hearing was held thereon, by a vote of 8 to 3, the Committee recommended adoption of the following proposal:

Proposal No. 41, Substitute A "Article XVI Of the Adoption of this
Constitution"

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent Mr. Murray offered Resolution No. 35 (Fifteenth day of December, 1966, established as last date for introduction of proposals).

The resolution was read.

Mr. Murray requested unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There was no objection.

Mr. Murray, seconded by Messrs. Pickard, Warren, Toolin and Wexler, moved passage of the resolution.

The motion prevailed on unanimous voice vote.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

In order for Second Reading were the following proposals:

Proposal No. 39, Substitute A "Of Continuity of Government During
An Emergency"

(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was read.

At 2:15 P.M. the Chairman yielded the rostrum to Mr. David D. Warren, First Vice Chairman.

Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Messrs. Canna, Bride, Vacca, Wexler and Cooney, moved that the proposal be adopted.

The motion prevailed on a roll call vote, 68 delegates voting in the affirmative, 1 delegate voting in the negative and 30 delegates absent or not voting, as follows:

AYES - 68

Vincent J. Baccari-Providence	John P. Cooney-Providence
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence	Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls	Osias Cote-Pawtucket
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket	Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick	Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol	Robert J. Delehanty-Newport
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence	Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket	Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narra.
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston	Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket	Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth
Eugene F. Cochran-Providence	John F. Doris-Woonsocket
Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence	Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence

AYES - Cont.

Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket	Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No.Kngstn.	Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
Edward P. Gallogly-Providence	Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls
Robert B. Gates-South Kingstown	William F. Murphy-Tiverton
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown	Paul F. Murray-Newport
Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence	Charles Nathanson-Warwick
Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket	Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence
Bradford Gorham-Foster	Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence
George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester	Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston	Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
Samuel C. Kagan-Providence	Anthony F. Principe-Bristol
Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket	Thomas D. Pucci-Providence
Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich	Mrs. Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston
Mrs. Demetra Lambros-Providence	Hugo L. Ricci-Providence
John W. Laporte-Burrillville	Dennis J. Roberts-Providence
A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick	Bradley L. Steere-East Providence
Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence	John J. Toolin-Richmond
Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston	Anthony Vacca-Smithfield
Edward P. Manning-Cumberland	David D. Warren-North Providence
William I. Matzner-Providence	Edmund Wexler-Providence
Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket	Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington
Thomas F. McGrath-Providence	John J. Wrenn-Providence

NOES - 1

John Gorham-Scituate

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 30

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick	Mrs. Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln
Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly	August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket	John F. Lallo-Westerly
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls	Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston	Arthur Merolla-Providence
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket	Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick	James E. Murphy-Warren
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham	James F. Murphy-Coventry
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland	John A. Parrillo-Providence
William A. Feeney-East Providence	Antonio Prince-Woonsocket
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket	Augusto W. SaoBento-East Providence
James A. Gallagher-Jamestown	Owen V. Sherry-North Smithfield
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence	Howard R. Smart, Jr.-Lincoln
Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick	Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton
Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket	Charles C. Viall-East Providence

Proposal No. 165, Substitute B "Legislative Auditor"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Roberts, seconded by Messrs. Bride, Toolin and Pickard, moved that the proposal be rejected.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote the motion did not prevail, 26 delegates voting in the affirmative and 44 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Cote, moved that the proposal be laid on the table.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Proposal No. 36 "Of Impeachments"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was read.

At 2:57 P.M. the Chairman again took the rostrum.

Mr. Matzner, seconded by Messrs. Cochran, Lawrence and Wexler, moved that the proposal be adopted.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 66 delegates voting in the affirmative, 0 delegates voting in the negative and 33 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES - 66

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick	Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick
Vincent J. Baccari-Providence	Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence	Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls	Bradford Gorham-Foster
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick	John Gorham-Scituate
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol	George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence	Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket	Samuel C. Kagan-Providence
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston	Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket	Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich
Eugene F. Cochran-Providence	Mrs. Demetra Lambros-Providence
Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence	John W. Laporte-Burrillville
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket	A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick
John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence	Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown	Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston
Osias Cote-Pawtucket	Edward P. Manning-Cumberland
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton	William I. Matzner-Providence
Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston	Thomas F. McGrath-Providence
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls	Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth	Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls
John F. Doris-Woonsocket	William F. Murphy-Tiverton
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence	Charles Nathanson-Warwick
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket	Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket	John A. Parrillo-Providence
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No. Kingstn.	Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
Robert B. Gates-So. Kingstown	Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown	Anthony F. Principe-Bristol

AYES - Cont.

Thomas D. Pucci-Providence	Howard R. Smart, Jr.-Lincoln
Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston	Bradley L. Steere-E. Providence
Hugo L. Ricci-Providence	John J. Toolin-Richmond
Dennis J. Roberts-Providence	David D. Warren-North Providence
Augusto W. SaoBento-East Prov.	Edmund Wexler-Providence
Owen V. Sherry-North Smithfield	John J. Wrenn-Providence

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 33

Jane H. Barber-Westerly	Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket	August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls	John F. Lallo-Westerly
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket	Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston	Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket	Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport	Arthur Merolla-Providence
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick	Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narra.	James E. Murphy-Warren
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham	James F. Murphy-Coventry
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland	Paul F. Murray-Newport
William A. Feeney-East Providence	Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence
James A. Gallagher-Jamestown	Antonio Prince-Woonsocket
Edward P. Gallogly-Providence	Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton.
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Prov.	Anthony Vacca-Smithfield
Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket	Charles C. Viall-East Providence
Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington	

Proposal No. 55 "Line of Succession to Governorship"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Cochran, 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. 202 "Term of Members of the House of Representatives"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting reports out without recommendation.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Kagan, Cote and Lawrence, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 36 delegates voting in the affirmative and 26 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 205 "Term of Office of Representatives"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting reports out without
 recommendation.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Lawrence, Cote and Kagan, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 42 delegates voting in the affirmative and 23 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 155, Substitute D "Of Local Government"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

On suggestion of Mr. Cooney, by unanimous consent, the Convention dispensed with reading of the proposal.

Mr. Cooney, seconded by Messrs. Wexler, Lawrence and Cannon, moved that the proposal be adopted.

The motion was debated.

Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Messrs. Dolbashian and Bride, offered the following written motion to amend:

"I move to amend the second to last sentence of Section 6 of Proposal No. 155, Substitute D, by inserting the words 'regular election for local officers or the next' after the word 'next' and before the word 'general' in said sentence."

Edward B. Corcoran

The motion was read.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote the motion to amend prevailed, 40 delegates voting in the affirmative, 3 delegates voting in the negative with more than 8 delegates present and not voting.

The proposal as amended was debated.

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

"I move to amend Proposal No. 155, Substitute D, by striking out Section 8 thereof."

A. Norman LaSalle

The motion was read.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote the motion to amend did not prevail, 13 delegates voting in the affirmative and 37 delegates voting in the negative with more than 1 delegate present and not voting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:16 P.M., on motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Messrs. Cochran, Doris, Bizier and Parrillo, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, December 5, 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