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JOURNAL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Providence, Rhode Island

December 5, 1966

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Reverend Keith E. Scott, Assistant Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation.

The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 73 present and 26 absent.

Absentees were Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Beauchemin, Belhumeur, Bissonnette, Canna, Mrs. Capuano, Messrs. Colbert, Coleman, Cunningham, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Gallagher, Gallogly, Giguere, Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. Lallo, Manning, Martin, Moon, Murphy of Warren, Murray and Stapleton.

The names of the absentees were called.

On suggestion of Mr. Foster, by unanimous consent, the Journal for the session on November 28, 1966, was corrected to record Mr. Foster as a co-sponsor of Resolution No. 35.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Kagan for the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote reported back that, after a duly advertised public hearing was held thereon, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 189, Section N "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.

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

The Chairman introduced as a guest on the rostrum Reverend Hubert Edwards, Executive Director of the Providence Human Relations Commission.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following proposal:

Proposal No. 210, offered by Mr. LaSalle, entitled "Judiciary."

The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 on November 21, 1966:

Proposal No. 32, Substitute B "OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER"

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

The Convention continued consideration of the following proposal in which it had been engaged at adjournment of the previous session:

Proposal No. 155, Substitute D "OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was amended at the previous session of the Convention.

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

"I move to amend the next to the last sentence of Section 6 of Proposal 155, Substitute D, as heretofore amended so that the same will read as follows:

"This body shall provide for the publication of said charter in a newspaper of general circulation in said city or town at least thirty days before the day fixed for voting on the question of charter adoption, and shall provide for the submission of said charter to the qualified electors of the city or town at the next regular city or town wide election for local officers or representatives in Congress or at the next general election, held more than thirty days after the date of the submission of the charter by the commission."

Edmund Wexler

The motion was read.

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

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Cannon, Lawrence, Principe and Roberts, moved that Proposal No. 155, Substitute D, be adopted as amended.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 61 delegates voting in the affirmative, 5 delegates voting in the negative with 33 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES - 61

Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence	Samuel C. Kagan-Providence
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls	Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick	Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence	John W. Laporte-Burrillville
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston	Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket	Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston
Eugene F. Cochran-Providence	William I. Matzner-Providence
Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence	Thomas F. McGrath-Providence
John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence	Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown	Arthur Merolla-Providence
Osias Cote-Pawtucket	Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton	James F. Murphy-Coventry
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport	William F. Murphy-Tiverton
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narra.	Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls	John A. Parrillo-Providence
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth	Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
John F. Doris-Woonsocket	Antonio Prince-Woonsocket
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence	Anthony F. Principe-Bristol
William A. Feeney-East Providence	Thomas D. Pucci-Providence
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket	Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket	Hugo L. Ricci-Providence
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No.Kngstn.	Dennis J. Roberts-Providence
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence	Augusto W. SaoBento-East Providence
Robert B. Gates-So.Kingstown	Howard R. Smart, Jr.-Lincoln
Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick	Bradley L. Steere-East Providence
Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence	Anthony Vacca-Smithfield
Bradford Gorham-Foster	Charles C. Viall-East Providence
John Gorham-Scituate	David D. Warren-North Providence
George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester	Edmund Wexler-Providence
Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston	Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington
John J. Wrenn-Providence	

NOES - 5

William J. Gmelin-Charlestown	Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick	Charles Nathanson-Warwick
Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence	

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 33

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick	Edward P. Gallogly-Providence
Vincent J. Baccari-Providence	Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket
Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly	Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket	Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls	August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket	John F. Lallo-Westerly
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol	Demetra Lambros-Providence
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket	Edward P. Manning-Cumberland
David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston	Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket	Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket	Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick	James E. Murphy-Warren
Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston	Paul F. Murray-Newport
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham	Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland	Owen V. Sherry-North Smithfield
James A. Gallagher-Jamestown	Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton

John J. Toolin-Richmond

(During the roll call Messrs. LaSalle and Vacca, by unanimous consent, explained their votes.)

In order for second reading was the following proposal:

Proposal No. 208 "LEGISLATIVE VOTING"

The proposal was read.

Mrs. Pulner, seconded by Messrs. Warren and LaSalle, moved that the proposal be adopted.

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

AYES - 33

Thomas H. Bride-Warwick	Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
Aurora Castiglia-Cranston	Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown	Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton	James F. Murphy-Coventry
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narra.	Charles Nathanson-Warwick
William A. Feeney-East Providence	Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No.Kngstn.	Antonio Prince-Woonsocket
Robert B. Gates-So.Kingstown	Mrs. Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown	Hugo L. Ricci-Providence
Bradford Gorham-Foster	Dennis J. Roberts-Providence
John Gorham-Scituate	Howard R. Smart, Jr.-Lincoln
Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston	Bradley L. Steere-East Providence
Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich	Anthony Vacca-Smithfield
A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick	Charles C. Viall-East Providence
Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston	David D. Warren-North Providence
William I. Matzner-Providence	Edmund Wexler-Providence

Grafton H. Willey III - Barrington

NOES - 33

Vincent J. Baccari-Providence	Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence	George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls	Samuel C. Kagan-Providence
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence	Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket
Eugene F. Cochran-Providence	John W. Laporte-Burrillville
Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence	Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence
Osius Cote-Pawtucket	Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport	Thomas F. McGrath-Providence
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls	Arthur Merolla-Providence
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth	William F. Murphy-Tiverton
John F. Doris-Woonsocket	Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence	Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket	Anthony F. Principe-Bristol
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket	Thomas D. Pucci-Providence
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence	Augusto W. SaoBento-East Providence
Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick	John A. Parrillo-Providence
John J. Wrenn-Providence	

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 33

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick	James A. Gallagher-Jamestown
Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly	Edward P. Gallogly-Providence
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket	Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls	Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket	Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol	August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket	John F. Lallo-Westerly
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket	Demetra Lambros-Providence
David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston	Edward P. Manning-Cumberland
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket	Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence	Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket	James E. Murphy-Warren
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick	Paul F. Murray-Newport
Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston	Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham	Owen V. Sherry-North Smithfield
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland	Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton
John J. Toolin - Richmond	

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

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. DiSandro, seconded by Mr. Warren, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:53 P.M., on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Cote, Cannon and Sherry, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, January 9, 1967, 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

A P P E N D I X

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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. 207 "LIMITATION ON STATE DEBT"

(The Committee on the Legislative Department does not recommend adoption.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Messrs. Doris, Principe, Murphy of Coventry, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 56 delegates voting in the affirmative and 4 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 41, Substitute A "ARTICLE XVI OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS
CONSTITUTION"

(The Committee on Elections and Right to Vote recommends adoption.)

Mr. Kagan, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Viall and Lawrence, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 43 delegates voting in the affirmative and 9 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Principe, moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention