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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

January 14, 1965

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:50 P.M.

The roll of delegates was called. There were 93 delegates present, 7 delegates absent. A quorum was present. Absent were Messrs. DeCiantis, Gammino, Jordan, LaSalle, Moon, Parrillo and Tarro.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented His Excellency, Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation.

The Invocation was given.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Cooney, Stapleton, Fanning of Cumberland and Mrs. LaCroix as a committee to escort His Excellency, Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, from the rostrum.

The Chairman presented the Honorable J. Joseph Nugent, Attorney General for the State of Rhode Island, for the purpose of addressing the Convention in accordance with the invitation extended by Resolution No. 2 passed at the preceding session of the Convention.

The Attorney General addressed the Convention.

Mr. Cunningham moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with. Mr. Beauchemin seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

On suggestion of Mr. Cochran, the delegates extended His Excellency, Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence, a unanimous rising vote of appreciation for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

ORGANIZATION

The Chairman declared that the election of a Second Vice-Chairman was in order.

Mr. Baecari nominated Mr. Thomas R. DiLuglio to be the Second Vice-Chairman. Messrs. Chaharyn, Doris, Appolonia and Beauchemin seconded the nomination.

Mr. Stapleton nominated Mr. Robert F. Pickard to be Second Vice-Chairman. Messrs. Greenhalgh, Murphy of Coventry and Toolin seconded the nomination.

Mr. Cunningham moved that nominations be closed. Messrs. Wrenn, Martin and Cannon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. Murphy of Coventry moved that election be by paper ballot. Mrs. Webster seconded the motion.

Mr. Doris moved that Mr. Murphy's motion be laid on the table. Mr. Bizier seconded the motion. The motion to lay on the table was adopted on a voice vote.

The Chairman ordered a roll call of delegates for the election of a Second Vice-Chairman. The results were as follows: Mr. DiLuglio 48 votes, Mr. Pickard 44 votes and 8 delegates absent.

Mr. Coleman suggested a vote by paper ballot.

Mr. Doris moved that the Convention recess for a period of twenty minutes. By unanimous consent the Convention recessed for a period of twenty minutes at 3:55 P.M.

RECESS

The Chairman called the Convention to order at 4:15 P.M.

ORGANIZATION

Mr. DiLuglio addressed the Convention and withdrew his name from nomination for the office of Second Vice-Chairman. Mr. DiLuglio requested to be recorded as voting for Mr. Pickard.

Mr. Cochran requested that he be recorded as voting for Mr. Pickard.

Mr. Canna requested that he be recorded as voting for Mr. Pickard.

Mr. Viall, recognized on a point of order, submitted that the changes of votes were out of order. The Chairman ruled that the delegates were in order to change their votes.

Mr. Belhumeur requested to be recorded as voting for Mr. Pickard.

Mr. Parrillo requested to be recorded as voting for Mr. Pickard.

Mr. Doris, recognized on a point of order, submitted that the results of the roll call had been declared and that thereafter the dele-

gates could not change their votes. The Chairman ruled that the vote as announced showed insufficient number to elect a Second Vice-Chairman and that new nominations for Second Vice-Chairman would be accepted.

Mr. DiLuglio nominated Mr. Pickard to be Second Vice-Chairman. Mr. Bizier seconded the nomination.

Mr. Bizier moved that nominations be closed.

Messrs. Cochran and Wrenn seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. Cannon moved that the election of Mr. Pickard be made unanimous. Mr. Doris seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. Cochran moved that the Secretary cast one vote for Mr. Pickard.

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland submitted that as a precaution the vote for Second Vice-Chairman be taken by standing vote to show at least 51 votes.

On a standing vote Mr. Pickard had 92 votes. The Chairman declared Mr. Pickard elected as Second Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman declared the election of a Sergeant at Arms to be in order.

Mr. Wrenn nominated Mr. Jean Marc Fontaine of Woonsocket to be Sergeant at Arms.

Messrs. Greenhalgh, Cote, Doris, Cochran, Dolbashian, Cooney and Tarro seconded the nomination.

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Mr. Cochran, moved that nominations for Sergeant at Arms be closed. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland submitted that a standing vote be taken on the election of a Sergeant at Arms. On a standing vote, Mr. Fontaine had 94 votes. The Chairman declared Mr. Fontaine elected Sergeant at Arms.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of Proposal No. 1 and Proposal No. 2 both offered by Mr. Gorham of Scituate and stated that the rules require

referral to a proper committee but that pending the appointment of committees, the Proposals would be held on the desk.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Doris moved that the Convention adjourn to meet on January 25, 1965 at 3:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives in the State House. Messrs. Wrenn and Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and at 4:35 P.M. the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, January 25, 1965 at 3:00 P.M. in the Chambers of the House of Representatives at the State House.

August P. LaFrance
Secretary
Constitutional Convention