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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

January 25, 1965

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 3:26 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Martin, Coleman and Warren to escort the Rt. Rev. John Seville Higgins, D.D., Episcopal Bishop of Rhode Island, to the rostrum for the purpose of giving the Invocation.

The Chairman presented Bishop Higgins.

The Invocation was given.

The Chairman ordered that the roll of delegates be called. Mr. Cunningham moved that the roll call be dispensed with. Mr. Cote seconded the motion. Mr. DiLuglio suggested that the motion be amended to establish a quorum. Mr. Fanning of Cumberland submitted that the roll should be called to establish a quorum which would be necessary even to dispense with the call of the roll. Mr. Cunningham withdrew his motion.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 86 delegates present, 14 delegates absent. A quorum was present. Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia, DeCiantis, Dodge, Feeney, Mrs. Hager, Messrs. Jordan, Kiernan, Lallo, LaSalle, Moon, Murphy of Coventry, Murray, Mrs. Pell and Mr. Viall.

Mr. Pucci submitted that Rule 56 requires that the names of the absentees should again be called. The Chairman stated that the Secretary had planned to call the names of the absentees. The Secretary called the names of the absentees.

The Chairman ordered that the Journal of the previous day be read. Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Cochran, moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. The motion was adopted on a voice vote unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of Proposal No. 3 offered by Mr. McKiernan entitled, "Article IV of Legislative Power", of Proposal No. 4 offered by Mr. McKiernan entitled, "Article V of the

House of Representatives" and Proposal No. 5 offered by Mr. McKiernan entitled, "Article VI of the Senate". The Proposals were read by title and, pending the appointment of Committees, were held on the desk.

On suggestion of Mr Cochran, the Delegates extended Bishop Higgins a unanimous rising vote of appreciation for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

The Chairman announced that he had consulted with the First Vice Chairman and the Second Vice Chairman on appointment of Committees and therefore submitted the following for Convention approval.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT-continued

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ELECTIONS AND RIGHT TO VOTE

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Anthony Vacca

The appointments were read.

Mr. Gallogly suggested that the Delegates discuss establishing a regular schedule of day and hour for meetings of the Convention and of the Committees. Mr. Pickard discussed the suggestion. The Chairman stated that the Committee for the Administration of the Convention in the Conventions of other states had worked out this detail and that the same solution could be found for this Convention. Mr. Fanning suggested that a further discussion await Committee consideration. Mr. Bizier discussed the suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kagan, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved that the Convention adjourn to meet on Wednesday, January 27th, 1965 at 3:15 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives in the State House. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and at 4:05 P.M. the Convention adjourned to meet on Wednesday, January 27, 1965 at 3:15 P.M. in the Chambers of the House of Representatives at the State House.

August P. LaFrance
Secretary
Constitutional Convention