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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

January 27, 1965

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman at 3:36 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Cochran and Viall, Mrs. Pulner and Mr. Wexler to escort Rabbi Eli Bohnen, Temple Emanu El of Providence, to the rostrum.

The Chairman presented Rabbi Bohnen. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 78 present, 21 absent. A quorum was present.

Absentees were Messrs. Belhumeur, Bissonnette, Canna, Coleman, Cunningham, Delehanty, DeCiantis, Dodge, Feeney, Gallogly, Gates, Mrs. Hager, Messrs. Jordan, Kiernan, LaSalle, Merolla, Moon, Murphy of Warren, Mrs. Pell, Messrs. Price and Smart.

The Secretary read the names of the absentees.

Mr. Dolbashian moved that the reading of the Journal of the previous day be dispensed with. Messrs. Martin and Cote seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Gorham of Foster welcomed students from Ponagansett High School as guests at the Convention.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of Proposal No. 6 offered by Mrs. Pulner entitled "Of Suffrage, Article II, Section I" and of Proposal No. 7 offered by Mr. Roberts entitled "Article IV of the Legislative Power." The Proposals were read by title and pending approval of Committee appointments, were held on the desk.

Mr. Murray moved that the Committee appointments made by the Chairman and submitted to the Convention on the previous Convention day be approved. Messrs. Greenhalgh, Cooney and Fanning of Cumberland seconded the motion. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

From the desk, the Chairman took and referred the Proposals theretofore presented as follows:

Proposal No. 1 offered by Mr. Gorham of Scituate (no title). The Proposal was referred to the Committee on Personal Liberties.

Proposal No. 2 offered by Mr. Gorham of Scituate (no title). The Proposal was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Proposal No. 3 offered by Mr. McKiernan entitled "Article IV of Legislative Power." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Proposal No. 4 offered by Mr. McKiernan entitled "Article V of the House of Representatives." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 5 offered by Mr. McKiernan entitled "Article VI of the Senate." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 6 offered by Mrs. Pulner entitled "Of Suffrage, Article II, Section I." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 7 offered by Mr. Roberts entitled "Article IV of of the Legislative Power." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

On suggestion of Mr. Cochran the delegates extended Rabbi Bohnen a unanimous rising vote of appreciation for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman announced receipt from Mr. Ricci and many other delegates of Resolution No. 4 entitled "Resolution expressing deepest sympathy at the death of Representative Anthony Tarro, Member of the Rhode Island Legislature and Delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention."

The Resolution was read. Mr. Ricci moved that the Resolution be adopted. Mr. Chaharyn and all of the delegates present seconded the motion. The Resolution was adopted on a unanimous rising vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. DiLuglio announced that the Committee on Legislative Department would meet at the rising of the Convention.

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland announced that the Committee on Administration of the Convention would meet at the rising of the Convention.

Mr. Wexler announced that the Committee on Style and Drafting would meet at the rising of the Convention.

Mrs. Foster announced that the Committee on Resolutions would meet at the rising of the Convention.

Mr. Kagan announced that the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote would meet at the rising of the Convention.

Mr. Murphy of Tiverton announced that the Committee on Public Information would meet at the rising of the Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ricci moved, that as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Anthony Tarro, the Convention adjourn to meet on Monday, February 1, 1965 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the State House.

Mr. DiLuglio seconded the motion.

Mrs. Lacroix moved that the time for which the Convention should adjourn be fixed at 4:00 P.M. Mr. McKiernan seconded the motion. The motion failed of adoption on a voice vote.

The motion to adjourn was adopted on a unanimous rising vote and at 4:07 P.M. as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Anthony Tarro the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, February 1, 1965 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chambers of the House of Representatives at the State House.

August P. LaFrance
Secretary
Constitutional Convention