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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

February 1, 1965

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Robert F. Pickard, Second Vice-Chairman, in the absence of the Chairman and the First Vice-Chairman, at 2:10 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman appointed Mr. Coleman, Mrs. LaCroix and Mr. Dodge to escort Rev. J. A. Limberakis, Pastor of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Providence, to the rostrum for the purpose of giving the invocation.

The Chairman presented Rev. Limberakis. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 74 present, 25 absent. A quorum was present.

Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia, Baccari, Bizier, Mrs. Capuano, Messrs. Chaharyn, Crandall, DeCiantis, Fontaine, Gallogly, Gammino, Gates, Giguere, Jordan, Kiernan, Lallo, LaSalle, Manning, Merolla, Moon, Murphy of Coventry, Ortoleva, Parrillo, Roberts, Smart, and Warren.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Cannon reported for the Committee on Administration of the Convention that the Committee met, organized, elected Mr. Fanning of Cumberland, Chairman, Mr. Manning, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Cannon, Secretary and authorized the Secretary of the Convention to purchase in the name of the Convention all supplies necessary to carry out the work of the Convention.

Mr. Pucci reported for the Committee on Judiciary that the Committee met, organized and elected Mr. Bride, Chairman, Mr. Cooney, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Pucci, Secretary.

Mr. Kagan reported for the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote that the Committee met, organized and elected Mr. Kagan, Chairman, Mr. DiSandro, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Foster, Secretary.

Mr. Murphy of Tiverton reported for the Committee on Public Information that the Committee met, organized and elected Mr. Murphy of Tiverton

Chairman and Mr. McCabe, Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Wexler reported for the Committee for Style and Drafting that the Committee met, organized and elected Mr. Wexler, Chairman and Mr. Cunningham, Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Murray reported for the Committee on Rules and Credentials that the Committee met, organized and elected Mr. Murray, Chairman and Mr. Pucci, Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Murphy of Warren announced that the Committee on Personal Liberties would meet at the rising of the Convention.

Mr. DiLuglio reported for the Committee on Legislative Department that the Committee met, organized and elected Mr. DiLuglio, Chairman, Mr. Doris, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Cochran, Secretary.

Mrs. Foster reported for the Committee on Resolutions that the Committee met, organized and elected Mrs. Foster, Chairman, Mr. Chaharyn, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Capuano, Secretary.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mr. Stapleton announced that the Committee on Education would meet at the rising of the Convention.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of a communication from Mr. Thomas W. Pearlman of Providence relative to proportional representation. The communication was referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

#### INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following Proposals:

Proposal No. 8 offered by Mr. Cochran. (no title) The Proposal was referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 9 offered by Mr. Chamption entitled "Zoning Ordinances." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Personal Liberties.

Proposal No. 10 offered by Mr. Murray entitled "Acting Governor." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Executive Department.

Proposal No. 11 offered by Mr. Murray entitled "Executive Department." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Executive Department.

Proposal No. 12 offered by Mr. Murray entitled "President of the Senate." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 13 offered by Mr. Vacca entitled "Declaration of Certain Constitutional Rights and Principles." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Personal Liberties.

Proposal No. 14 offered by Mr. Vacca entitled "Declaration of Certain Constitutional Rights and Principles." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Personal Liberties.

Proposal No. 15 offered by Mr. Vacca entitled "Declaration of Certain Constitutional Rights and Principles." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Personal Liberties.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of Resolution No. 5 offered by Mrs. Foster. The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

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

Mr. Cooney inquired concerning the compliance with Rule 9A in furnishing copies of the Journal to delegates. The Chairman stated that the Convention had not yet provided facilities for compliance with Rule 9A in that regard and when facilities are provided, copies of all Journals would be furnished to each delegate.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Wrenn and Cochran, moved that the Convention adjourn to meet on Monday, February 15, 1965 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the State House. The motion to adjourn passed on a voice vote and at 3:03 P.M. the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, February 15, 1965 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the State House.

August P. LaFrance  
Secretary  
Constitutional Convention