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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

March 15, 1965

The Convention was called to order by Mr. David D. Warren, First Vice Chairman at 2:45 P.M. in the absence of the Chairman.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Rev. James E. Annand, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Westerly, Rhode Island, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

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

Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia, Beauchemin, Bevilacqua, Bissonnette, Coleman, Delehanty, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, DiSandro, Fanning of Providence, Foster, Gammino, Giguere, Gorham of Scituate, Kiernan, LaSalle, Manning, Martin, McCabe, McGrath, Merolla, Murphy of Coventry, Pickard, Prince and Roberts.

The names of the absentees were called.

Mr. Cannon, seconded by Messrs. Cochran and Wrenn, moved the reading of the Journal of the previous day be dispensed.

Mr. Cunningham commented on the hour recorded in the Journal as the hour to which the Convention had adjourned and the hour at which this session was called to order.

The motion to dispense with reading of the Journal was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Cannon for the Committees on Administration of the Convention reported back that the committee had made the following appointments:

Dr. Elmer E. Cornwell, Jr. - Research Director  
Mr. Jay S. Goodman - Assistant Director of Research

The report was accepted on motion of Mr. Cochran seconded by Mr. Cote, on a voice vote.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of a communication from the House of Representatives transmitting a copy of an Opinion of the Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations dated March 12, 1965, to the Honorable, the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

The Chairman announced receipt of a communication from Messrs. Dyl, Mulligan, Kanakry, McKinnon, Merolla, DiLuglio and Martin relative to evening sessions of the Convention.

The communication was referred to the Committee on Administration of the Convention.

### INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following proposals: Proposal No. 50 offered by Mr. Champion entitled, "Compensation of Members of the General Assembly". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 51 offered by Mr. Murphy of Coventry entitled, "Income Tax." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 52 offered by Mr. Kenyon entitled "Local Government." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Proposal No. 53 offered by Mr. Champion entitled "Protection of Salt Water Resources." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Executive Department.

Proposal No. 54 offered by Mrs. Pell entitled, "Article II of Suffrage." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 55 offered by Mr. Bizier entitled "Line of Succession to Governorship." The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Executive Department.

On suggestion of Mrs. Barber the delegates extended Rev. Annand a rising vote of appreciation for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

Mr. Gallogly announced that the Committee on Executive Department would meet at the rising of the Convention.

On suggestion of Mr. Cochran by unanimous consent, the Convention recessed for a period of ten minutes at 3:09 P.M.

RECESS

The Convention was called to order at 3:32 P.M.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Cochran offered Resolution No. 12 entitled, "Resolution to Require an Election for the Vacancy in the Office of Delegate to the Constitutional Convention." The Resolution was read, Mr. Cochran, seconded by Messrs. Wrenn, Bizier and Champion, moved that the Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Cooney suggested that the Resolution be given committee study. Mr. Cochran withdrew his motion. By unanimous consent the Resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

On suggestion of Mr. Cannon, by unanimous consent, the Convention refers back to Reports of Standing Committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Cannon for the Committee on Administration of the Convention reports back a Budget for the Constitutional Convention for a period of twelve (12) months. By unanimous consent, the Budget was ordered to be appended to the Journal of this session and to be made a Special Order for the next session of the Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bizier, seconded by Mr. Cochran, moved that the Convention adjourn to meet on Monday, March 29, 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 at 3:50 P.M. and the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, March 29, 1965 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

August P. LaFrance  
Secretary  
Constitutional Convention

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR  
 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
 BASED ON 12 MONTHS

Personal Services		\$100,000
4 Stenographers	14,800	
4 Typists	13,600	
1 Chief Clerk	5,000	
1 Duplicating Machine Operator	3,600	
Part time Clerical	2,600	
1 Research Director	3,700	
1 Assistant Research Director	4,200	
8 Research Associates	30,000	
Consultants and Technicians	10,000	
1 Journal Clerk	2,500	
1 Convention Recorder	10,000	
 Operating Supplies and Expenses		 54,000
Office and Duplicating	5,000	
Printing-Journals-Convention Report	15,000	
Postage and Telephone	3,000	
Books-Pamphlets-Library	1,000	
Advertising-Hearings	6,000	
Mileage-delegates	20,000	
Travel-Consultants-Staff	4,000	
 Equipment and Capital		 10,000
Office Equipment	7,500	
Convention Hall Set-up	2,500	
 Post Convention		 35,000
Advertising proposed Constitution	15,000	
Public Hearings	5,000	
Address to the people	10,000	
Informational pamphlets & material	5,000	
 Contingency Fund		 25,000
 TOTAL		 \$224,000