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**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

**JOURNAL OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

**Providence, Rhode Island**

April 12, 1965

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:20 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Rev. Gordon J. Stenning of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Providence, 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, Bacari, Beauchemin, Bissonnette, Champion, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, Dodge, Gallagher, Gallogly, Giguere, Jordan, Kenyon, Kiernan, Lallo, LaSalle, Macari, Manning, Martin, McCabe, Merolla, Moon, Murphy of Coventry, Prince and Sherry.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

On motion of Mr. Cochran, seconded by Messrs. Bevilacqua, Kagan and Chaharyn, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed on a voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mrs. Pulner for the Committee on Executive Department reported back a notification that the Committee, in compliance with Rule 64, will hold a public hearing, April 12, 1965, at 8:00 P.M. at Convention Headquarters on Proposals No. 10, 11 and 23 and that advertisement of said hearing, a copy of which was attached to the report, was made in the Providence Evening Bulletin, April 5, 1965, and in the Providence Journal, April 6, 1965.

By unanimous consent, the report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following communications relative to metropolitanization:

From the Town Council President of the Town of Foster transmitting a copy of a Resolution of the Town Council:

A copy of a Resolution passed by the Town Council of the Town of New Shoreham.

The Communications were referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

#### INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following Proposals:

Proposal No. 65 offered by Mr. Murphy of Coventry entitled, "Judicial Power". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Proposal No. 66 offered by Mr. Lallo entitled, "Of Suffrage". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 10005 offered by a qualified elector, Lawrence Gordon of Barrington, entitled, "Firearms". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Proposal No. 10006 offered by a qualified elector, James L. Sweeney of Providence, entitled, "Personal Freedoms". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Proposal No. 10007 offered by a qualified elector, Robert Murray of Cranston, entitled, "Personal Freedoms". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Proposal No. 10008 offered by a qualified elector, Irving B. Vincent of North Providence, entitled "Personal Freedoms". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Proposal No. 10009 offered by a qualified elector, Andrew T. Dennehy of Pawtucket, entitled, "Right to Strike by Government Employees". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

The Chairman introduced as a guest speaker Dean Charles W. Joiner, Dean of the Michigan Law School.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 3:25 P.M. on motion of Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Cote, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, April 26, 1965 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the State House on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary  
Constitutional Convention