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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Providence, Rhode Island

April 26, 1965

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:19 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Canon Anthony R. Parshley, Retired, of the Diocese of 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, Belhumeur, Bevilacqua, Bizier, Chaharyn, Colbert, Cunningham, Delehanty, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, Dodge, Gallagher, Giguere, Jordan, Kiernan, Lallo, LaSalle, Martin, McCabe, Murphy of Coventry, Pickard, SaoBento, Stapleton, Warren and Wexler.

The names of the absentees were called.

On motion of Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Mr. Cochran, the Journal of the previous day was corrected to identify Rev. Gordon J. Stenning of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Portsmouth, instead of Providence, and the reading of the Journal of the previous day, as corrected, was dispensed on a voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mrs. Barber, for the Committee on Education, reported back the matters considered by the Committee at its meetings.

By unanimous consent, the report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of several communications relative to proposals under consideration and the communications were referred to the Committees considering the respective proposals.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following Proposals:

Proposal No. 67 offered by Mr. Bride, entitled "Of the Judicial Power". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Proposal No. 68 offered by Mr. Fanning of Providence, entitled "Of Elections". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 69 offered by Mr. Fanning of Providence, entitled "Legislature". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 70 offered by Mr. Fanning of Providence, entitled "Of the Legislative Power". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 71 offered by Mr. McKiernan, entitled "Article IV". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 72 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Declaration of Certain Constitutional Rights and Principles". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Personal Liberties.

Proposal No. 73 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of the Distribution of Powers". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 74 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of the Qualifications of Electors". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 75 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of the Legislative Power". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 76 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of the House of Representatives". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 77 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of the Senate". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 78 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of the Executive Power". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Executive Department.

Proposal No. 79 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of Elections". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 80 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of Qualifications for Office". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 81 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of the Judicial Power". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Proposal No. 82 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of Impeachments". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 83 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of Education". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Proposal No. 84 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of Local Government". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Proposal No. 85 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of Continuity of Government During an Emergency". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

Proposal No. 86 offered by Mr. Beauchemin, entitled "Of Amendments". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Proposal No. 87 offered by Mr. Gorham, of Foster, entitled "Sessions of the Legislature". The Proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. McKiernan offered Resolution No. 14 entitled "Public Distribution". The Resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Public Information.

Mr. Cochran offered Resolution No. 15 entitled "Resolution Providing for Pages". The Resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Administration of the Convention.

Mr. Murray offered Resolution No. 16 entitled "Amendment of Rules". The Resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

On motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Matzner, Resolution No. 16 was ordered to be duplicated and distributed to the delegates before the next session of the Convention on a voice vote.

On suggestion of Mr. Cochran, the delegates extended Canon Parshley 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.

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

Mr. Coleman announced that the Committee on Local Government would meet at the rising of the Convention.

Mr. Bride announced that the Committee on Judiciary 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.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:44 P.M., on motion of Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Cochran, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, May 10, 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