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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Providence, Rhode Island

June 7, 1965

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

The roll of delegates was called; there were 65 present, 34 absent. A quorum was present.

Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia, Baccari, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Beauchemin, Bride, Mme. Capuano and Castiglia, Messrs. Cochran, Colbert, Coleman, Cote, Delehanty, DeCiantis, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Gallagher, Gallogly, Geoffroy, Giguere, Gorham of Scituate, Greenhalgh, Jordan, Kiernan, Lallo, Laporte, LaSalle, Macari, Martin, McCabe, Merolla, Murphy of Coventry, Murray, Mrs. Pell and Mr. SaoBento.

The names of the absentees were called.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Rev. John B. Lyte of All Saints Episcopal Church of Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Belhumeur for the Committee on Education, reported back the progress of the Committee and announced that the Committee would meet at Convention Headquarters on Friday, June 11, 1965, at 4:00 P.M. The report was accepted.

Mr. Kagan announced that the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote would meet at Convention Headquarters on Monday, June 7, 1965 at 7:30 P.M.

The Chairman obtained from various committees reports on the expectations for reports of proposals to the Convention.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of two 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. 152 offered by Mr. Chaharyn, entitled "Land Court". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Proposal No. 153 offered by Mr. Chaharyn, entitled "District Courts". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Proposal No. 154 offered by Mr. McKiernan entitled "Freedom of Political Activity". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Personal Liberties.

Proposal No. 155 offered by Messrs. Cannon and Lawrence, entitled "Of Local Government". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Proposal No. 156 offered by Mr. Ricci, entitled "State Lotteries". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Legislative Department.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Pulner offered Resolution No. 17 entitled "Rule 21a". The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

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

Mr. Cooney announced that the Committee on Judiciary would meet at the rising of the Convention.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:51 P.M. on motion of Mr. Cannon, seconded by Messrs. Belhumeur and Willey, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, June 14, 1965 at 4:00 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the State House, on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention