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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**JOURNAL OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

June 14, 1965

Providence, Rhode Island

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 4:15 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Rabbi Jacob Handler of Temple Beth Israel, Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 68 present, 31 absent. A quorum was present.

Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Beauchemin, Belhumeur, Bevilacqua, Bissonnette, Bride, Chaharyn, Champion, Coleman, Cunningham, Delehanty, DeCiantis, Dyl, Dodge, Fontaine, Gallagher, Gammino, Gates, Jordan, Kiernan, Lallo, LaSalle, Martin, McCabe, Merolla, Moon, Murphy of Warren, Parrillo, Prince, SaoBento.

The names of the absentees were called.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Gorham of Foster, for the Committee on Local Government, reported back the progress of the committee. On motion of Mr. Vacca, seconded by Mr. Cochran, the report was accepted on a

Mrs. Pulner, for the Committee on the Executive Department, reported back that by vote of a majority of the committee members, the committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 10 "Acting Governor"

The proposal and report were accepted, referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the General Orders.

Mr. Warren, for the Committee on the Executive Department, reported back that by vote of seven to two of the committee members the committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 23 "Of the Executive Power"

The proposal and report were accepted, referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the General Orders.

Mrs. Webster, for the Committee on the Executive Department, reported back that by a vote of seven to two of the committee members, the Committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 134 "Governor's Mansion"

The proposal and report were accepted, referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the General Orders.

Mr. Gallogly, for the Committee on the Executive Department, reported back that by a vote of the majority committee members, the committee recommended the following proposal:

Proposal No. 28 "Distribution of Powers"

The proposal and report were accepted, referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the General Orders.

Mr. Gallogly, for the Committee on the Executive Department, reported back that by a vote of the majority committee members,

the committee recommended the following proposal:

Proposal and report were accepted, referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the General Orders.

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following proposals:

Proposal No. 157 offered by Mrs. Webster, entitled "Executive Amendment (Conditional Veto)". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on the Executive Department.

Proposal No. 158 offered by Mrs. Pulner, entitled "Attorney General". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on the Executive Department.

Proposal No. 159 offered by Mrs. Pulner, entitled "Local Debt". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

On suggestion of Mr. Cochran, the delegates extended Rabbi Jacob Handler a rising vote of appreciation for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

Mr. Cooney announced that there would be a meeting of the Committee on Judiciary at the rising of the Convention.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. Gallogly, recognized on a parliamentary inquiry, submitted that in connection with the reports by the Committee on the Executive Department he had ruled during a committee session that, a quorum being present, a majority of Committee members present and voting was sufficient for committee action in reporting any proposal and requested a ruling on the number of committee members necessary for committee action on a proposal.

The Chairman ruled that, although normally the ruling made by Mr. Gallogly was correct, Rule 21 sets the requirement for committee action as the majority of the committee members which is a majority of the full committee.

On suggestion of Mr. Gallogly, by unanimous consent, because the action of the Committee on the Executive Department was taken by a vote of less than a majority of the committee members, from the General Orders are taken the following proposals:

Proposal No. 23 "Of the Executive Power". By unanimous consent, the proposal was recommitted to the Committee on Executive Department.

Proposal No. 134 "Governor's Mansion". By unanimous consent, the proposal was recommitted to the Committee on the Executive Department.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:45 P.M., on motion of Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Cochran, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, June 21, 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