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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JOURNAL OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Providence, Rhode Island

August 23, 1965

The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:10 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented the Very Reverend Monsignor William J. Carey, Rector of the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul, Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 76 present, 24 absent. A quorum was present.

Absentees were Messrs. Beauchemin, Bizier, Bissonnette, Bride, Mrs. Capuano, Messrs. Cochran, DeCiantis, Dodge, Gallagher, Giguere, Gorham of Scituate, Kiernan, LaFrance, Lallo, Manning, Martin, McCabe, McKiernan, Moon, Murphy of Coventry, Mrs. Pell, Messrs. Ricci, SaoBento, Willey.

The names of the absentees were called.

On suggestion of Mr. Wrenn, the delegates extended to Very Reverend Monsignor Carey a rising vote of appreciation for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

On nomination of Mr. Warren, seconded by Messrs. Wexler and Murphy of Tiverton, Mr. Ernest A. Foster was elected Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of the Secretary of the Convention, unanimously.

Mr. Murphy of Tiverton, seconded by Mr. Coleman, offered the following motion for correction of the Journal of July 19, 1965:

"In the vote on Proposal No. 10 under "Ayes" add Edward J. Mulligan - Central Falls; William F. Murphy - Tiverton and under "Absent" add Arthur A. Belhumeur - Central Falls.

"In the vote on Proposal No. 11 under "Absent" add Alfred B. Stapleton - Little Compton."

William F. Murphy

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

On motion of Mr. Principe, seconded by Mr. Gallogly, the reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed, on a voice vote.

The appointment of Miss Elaine C. Colaneri to the Committee on Education was approved unanimously.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman announced receipt of a communication relative to taxation. The communication was referred to the Committee on the Executive Department.

#### INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following proposals:

Proposal No. 179 offered by Mr. DiLuglio, entitled "Suffrage". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 180 offered by Mr. LaSalle, entitled "Property Qualification". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 181 offered by Mr. Fontaine, entitled "Suffrage". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote.

Proposal No. 182 offered by Mr. LaSalle, entitled "Interest". The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on Executive Department.

Proposal No. 10020 offered by a qualified elector, Chandler W. Johnson, of Providence. The proposal was referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Proposal No. 10021 offered by a qualified elector, Chandler W. Johnson, of Providence. The proposal was referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Proposal No. 10022 offered by a qualified elector, Chandler W. Johnson, of Providence. The proposal was referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland offered Resolution No. 18 entitled "Proposed Amendment to Rules". The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Mr. Pickard offered Resolution No. 19. The resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Mr. Cooney, seconded by Messrs. Wexler and Murphy of Tiverton, moved that the Convention adjourn today by 5:00 P.M. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

GENERAL ORDERS

On motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Messrs. Belhumeur and Toolin, the Convention resolved into a Committee of the Whole upon the General Orders of the Day, on a voice vote.

(For Journal of the Committee of the Whole, see appendix, this Journal).

Upon the rising of the Committee of the Whole, the Chairman again called the Convention to order.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:40 P.M. on motion of Mr. Cooney, seconded by Messrs. Wexler and Murphy of Tiverton, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, August 30, 1965 at 1:30 P.M. in the Chamber of the House of Representatives at the State House, on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary  
Constitutional Convention

A P P E N D I X

Journal of the Committee of the Whole

August 23, 1965

Upon the resolving of the Convention into a Committee of the Whole, the Chairman called the Committee of the Whole to order.

GENERAL ORDERS

The Committee of the Whole proceeded to consider and act upon the General Orders of the Day.

Proposal No. 112 "General Treasurer"

(The Committee on the Executive Department does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

APPENDIX-CONT.

Mr. Fanning, seconded by Messrs. Fontaine and Toolin moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption of the proposal.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote the motion failed of passage, 29 delegates voting in the affirmative; 41 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 53 "Protection of Salt Water Resources"  
(The Committee on the Executive Department does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Champion seconded by Messrs. Fontaine and DiLuglio, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection of the proposal.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 69 delegates voting in the affirmative; 0 delegates voting in the negative.

At 3:11 P.M. the Chairman yielded the rostrum to the First Vice-Chairman.

Proposal No. 43 "Civil Service"  
(The Committee on the Executive Department does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mrs. Foster, seconded by Messrs. Pickard, Coleman, Toolin and Mmes. Webster and Pulner moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption of the proposal.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote, the motion failed of passage, 30 delegates voting in the affirmative; 36 delegates voting in the negative.

Proposal No. 121 "Attorney General"  
(The Committee on the Executive Department does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland, seconded by Mr. Toolin moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption of the proposal.

The motion was debated.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bevilacqua the Committee of the Whole recommended that the proposal be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary on a voice vote.

APPENDIX - CONT.

Proposal No. 134 "Governor's Mansion"

(The Committee on the Executive Department does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Canna, seconded by Mr. Principe moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption of the proposal.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote, the motion failed of passage, 3 delegates voting in the affirmative; 60 delegates voting in the negative.

At 4:30 P.M. the Chairman again assumed the rostrum.

Proposal No. 158 "Attorney General"

(The Committee on the Executive Department does not recommend.)

The proposal was read.

Mrs. Pulner, seconded by Mr. Toolin, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption of the proposal.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote, the motion failed of passage, 2 delegates voting in the affirmative; 62 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Wrenn, moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary  
Constitutional Convention