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The Convention was called to order by Honorable Francis B. Condon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, at 10:20 A.M. in the State Auditorium in the Veterans' Memorial Building in the City of Providence.

Honorable August P. LaFrance, Secretary of State, serving as Temporary Secretary of the Convention read the call of the Convention and the certification of the results of the voting by the qualified electors on the question which was as follows:

APPROVE 158,241
REJECT 70,975

The roll of delegates elected to the Convention as certified by the Board of Elections was read and constituted as a temporary roll call of the delegates as follows:

DELEGATES
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
50 BRANCH AVENUE, PROVIDENCE

To the Honorable President
Constitutional Convention to be held December 8, 1964

Sir:

WE HEREBY DECLARE that at the Election held on Tuesday next after the first Monday in November A.D. 1964, the following persons were elected a DELEGATE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION to be held on December 8, 1964:

From Barrington	 Grafton H. Willey III
	4 Stratford Road

From Bristol	 Anthony F. Principe
1st District	 2 Third Street

2nd District	 Domenic C. Canna
	117 Beach Road

From Burrillville	 John W. Laporte
Centennial Street, Bridgeton
From Central Falls
1st District
Norman E. Bizier
54 Fletcher Street

2nd District
Arthur A. Belhumeur
250 Shawmut Avenue

3rd District
Harry J. Dyl
199 Cross Street

4th District
Edward J. Mulligan
157 Hedley Avenue

From Charlestown
William J. Gmelin
Bradford, R.F.D.

From Coventry
James F. Murphy
22 South Main Street

From Cranston
1st District
A. Marion Hager
108 Fort Avenue, Edgewood

2nd District
Theresa F. Pulner
780 Pontiac Avenue

3rd District
Aurora Castiglia
147 Flint Avenue

4th District
David J. Colbert, Jr.
16 Oakwood Drive

5th District
Epifanio F. Macari
1340 Plainfield Street

From Cumberland
1st District
Stephen A. Fanning
116 Dexter Street

2nd District
Edward P. Manning
Nate Whipple Highway

From East Greenwich
Robert F. Pickard
59 Rector Street

From East Providence
1st District
Charlotte H. Webster
70 Greenwood Avenue
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<td>Osias Cote</td>
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<td>Ernest A. Foster</td>
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From Pawtucket—continued
10th District  Raymond E. Jordan
       262 Hillside Avenue

From Portsmouth  Edward M. Dolbashian
       600 Boyd's Lane

From Providence
1st District  Frederick A. Lawrence
       24 John Street

2nd District  William I. Metzner
       204 Butler Avenue

3rd District  Dennis J. Roberts
       234 Irving Avenue

4th District  Michael A. Gammino, Jr.
       140 Prospect Street

5th District  John P. Cooney, Jr.
       2 Catalpa Road

6th District  Hugo L. Ricci
       78 Commodore Street

7th District  John A. Parrillo
       340 Woodward Road

8th District  Thomas D. Pucci
       40 Brentwood Avenue

9th District  Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.
       67 Tyndall Avenue

10th District  Samuel C. Kagan
       161 Orms Street

11th District  Thomas F. McGrath
       78 Elm Street

12th District  Vincent J. Baccari
       80 Vinton Street

13th District  James H. Kiernan
       122 Beaufort Street

14th District  Robert S. Ortoleva
       18 Ridgeway Avenue
From Providence-continued
15th District  Anthony Giangiacomo
             24 Melissa Street
16th District  Joseph A. Bevilacqua
               125 Pocasset Avenue
17th District  Arthur Merolla
               56 Oak Street
18th District  Anthony Tarro
               262 Fnight Street
19th District  John J. Wrenn
               177 Bellevue Avenue
20th District  Jeremiah H. Cannon
               62 Alvin Street
21st District  Eugene F. Cochran
               87 Princeton Avenue
22nd District  Edward P. Gallogly
               179 Ontario Street
23rd District  Edmund Wexler
               38 Pearl Street
24th District  Donald E. McKiernan
               121 Harriet Street
25th District  Demetra Lambros
               334 New York Avenue

From Richmond  John J. Toolin
               Wood River Junction

From Scituate    John Gorham
                 Silk Lane, North Scituate

From Smithfield   Anthony Vacc
                 43 Maplecrest Drive

From South Kingstown  Robert B. Gates
                      66 Silver Lake Avenue, Wakefield

From Tiverton    William F. Murphy
                 3 Bobbin Hill Road
From Warren

James E. Murphy
906 Main Street

From Warwick

1st District
Thomas H. Bride
138 Ann Mary Brown Drive

2nd District
A. Normand LaSalle
3217 West Shore Road

3rd District
Charles Nathanson
109 Timberline Road

From Westerly

1st District
John F. Lallo
5 Fierce Street

2nd District
Jane H. Barber
Watch Hill Road

From West Greenwich

Bradford H. Kenyon
Fish Hill Road

From West Warwick

1st District
Felix A. Appolonia
16 Alden Drive

2nd District
Michael DeCiantis
45 Greene Street

3rd District
Fulda E. Geoffroy
46 West Street

From Woonsocket

1st District
Claire Capuano
139 Valley Street

2nd District
Kevin K Coleman
63 Berline Avenue

3rd District
Orist D. Chaharyn
35 Lyman Street

4th District
John F. Doris
260 High Street

5th District
Antonio Prince
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From Woonsocket-continued

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused our seal to be affixed in the City of Providence this First day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Albert J. Lamarre ___________________________ Chairman

George M. Westlake ___________________________

Harry F. Curvin ______________________________

James T. Lyman ______________________________

SEAL

ATTEST:
Peter J. Pimental _____________________________ Secretary

Absentees were Messrs. Cann, Chaharyn, LaSalle and Merolla.

Communications from the League of Women Voters were read.

The Temporary Chairman appointed the following Delegates as a Temporary Committee on Credentials:

Kevin K. Coleman of Woonsocket
James F. Murphy of Coventry
Paul F. Murray of Newport
Robert F. Pickard of East Greenwich, and
Alfred B. Stapleton of Little Compton.

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved that the Temporary Roll as certified by the Board of Elections be made the Permanent Roll of the Convention. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

The Temporary Chairman administered the oath to the Delegates with the exception of Millicent S. Foster of North Kingstown who thereafter made affirmation thereto.
Mr. Fanning of Cumberland, seconded by Mr. Manning, moved that the temporary rules be adopted as follows:

"1. Until rules of order are adopted, rulings shall be in the discretion of the presiding officer, subject to an appeal to the Convention.

"2. The president shall appoint a Temporary Secretary and a Temporary Recorder.

"3. The election of permanent officers of the Convention - the person receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected to each office being balloted upon.

"4. The Certificate of Election by the Board of Elections shall constitute the Temporary Roll.

"5. Until rules are adopted, all action of the Convention shall be by majority vote."

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster and Beauchemin, moved that Rule No. 3 of the proposed Temporary Rules be amended to read as follows:

"3. The election of the permanent officers shall be by a majority vote of those elected Delegates present and voting."

The motion to amend was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Cote, moved that the Temporary Rules, as amended, be adopted. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

ORGANIZATION

The Temporary Chairman declared that the election of a Permanent Chairman was in order.

Mr. Bride nominated Mr. Dennis J. Roberts of Providence to be Permanent Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Messrs. Pickard, Fanning of Cumberland, Coleman, Murray, and Warren and Mmes. Capuano and Webster.

Mr. Appolonia nominated Mr. John F. Doris of Woonsocket to be Permanent Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Messrs. Cote, Bizer, Sao Bento, Beauchemin, Ricci, Wrenn, Belhumeur, Cochran, Dyl, Kagan and Kanakry.

Mr. DiLuglio suggested that the vote for Permanent Chairman be made by Roll Call.
Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Cote, moved that the vote for Permanent Chairman be made by ballot. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

The Temporary Chairman ruled that the Delegates deposit their ballots in the container in person as each name is called. The Delegates balloted for election of the Permanent Chairman.

The Temporary Chairman named the following Delegates as Tellers: Messrs. LaFrance, Appolonia and Fanning of Cumberland. The count of the ballots was reported as follows:

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Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved that Mr. Dennis J. Roberts of Providence be unanimously elected Permanent Chairman of the Convention. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

The Temporary Chairman appointed Mr. Doris and Mr. Fanning of Cumberland as a Committee to escort Mr. Roberts to the rostrum. The Temporary Chairman yielded the rostrum to Mr. Roberts as Permanent Chairman.

On suggestion of Mr. Fanning of Cumberland, the Delegates extended to the Temporary Chairman a rising vote of appreciation for his kindness in serving the Convention.

Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Beauchemin, moved that the Convention present to Honorable Francis B. Condon a suitably engraved gavel as a momento of the Convention. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Doris, moved that an invitation be extended to His Excellency, John H. Chafee, Governor, to address the Convention. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Cote, moved that the Chairman appoint a committee to extend the invitation to His Excellency, the Governor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

The Chairman appointed the following Delegates as a Committee to extend the invitation to His Excellency, the Governor: Messrs. Coleman, Doris, and Pickard; Mmes. Pell, Webster and Capuano.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Cote, moved that the Convention proceed to elect a Permanent Secretary. The motion was adopted unanimously on a voice vote.
Mr. Doris nominated Mr. August P. LaFrance of Pawtucket to be Permanent Secretary of the Convention. The nomination was seconded by Messrs. Foster, Fanning of Cumberland, Warren, Cote, Bizier, Cochran, Beauchemin, Wrenn and Kagan.

Mr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Fanning of Cumberland, moved that nominations be closed. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. LaFrance was elected Permanent Secretary of the Convention unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Coleman reported that His Excellency, the Governor, will address the Convention at 1:45 P.M.

Mr. Manning, seconded by Mrs. Capuano, moved that the Convention recess until 1:30 P.M. The motion was adopted on a voice vote at 12:05 P.M.

RECESS

The Convention was called to order by the Chairman at 1:52 P.M.

The Chairman presented His Excellency, John H. Chafee, Governor, who addressed the Convention.

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland offered proposed rules for the Convention.

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland moved, seconded by Mr. Foster, that the Chairman appoint a temporary rules committee. The motion was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Sherry, moved that the Convention recess for fifteen minutes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote, at 2:05 P.M.

RECESS

The Convention was called to order by the Chairman at 2:22 P.M.

The Chairman appointed the following delegates to be members of the Temporary Rules Committee and designated Mr. Fanning of Cumberland as Chairman.

Stephen A. Fanning, Chairman
John F. Doris
Grafton H. Willey
David D. Warren
Edward P. Gallogly
Thomas D. Pucci
Thomas R. DiLuglio
Edward B. Corcoran
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.
The proposed rules were referred to the Temporary Rules Committee.

Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Murray, moved that the Convention elect two Vice-Chairmen.

Mr. Matzner moved that the election of further officers be postponed until permanent rules are adopted. Mr. Matzner withdrew his motion.

Mr. Matzner moved, seconded by Mr. Doris, that the motion of Mr. Coleman be laid on the table.

A roll call was requested.

The roll was called and the motion to elect two Vice-Chairmen was laid on the table by the following vote: 47 votes in the affirmative, 44 votes in the negative, 5 delegates not voting and 4 delegates absent.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved that the Convention recess until January 11, 1965.

Mr. DiLuglio, seconded by Mr. Foster, moved to amend the original motion by adding thereto the following:

"or sooner upon call of the Chair at 10:00 A.M. in the State Auditorium in the Veterans' Memorial Building in the City of Providence."

The motion to amend was adopted on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ricci suggested that copies of the proposed rules be transmitted to the Delegates by the Secretary of the Convention.

Mr. Fanning of Cumberland announced that a meeting of the Temporary Rules Committee would be held in Room 313 at the State House on Saturday, December 12, 1964, at 10:00 a.m.
The amended motion to recess was adopted on a voice vote and at 3:00 P.M. the Convention recessed until January 11, 1965 at 10:00 A.M., or sooner at the call of the Chair, in the State Auditorium in the Veterans' Memorial Building in the City of Providence.

August P. LaFrance  
Secretary of the  
Constitutional Convention