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The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 1:50 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Reverend Leonard W. Heroo, President of the Zion Bible Institute and Pastor of the Zion Gospel Temple, East Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation. The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 76 present and 24 absent.

Absentees were Messrs. Appolonia, Baccari, Belhumeur, Mrs. Castiglia, Miss Colaneri, Messrs. Coleman, Cooney, Cunningham, Dodge, Gallagher, Gammino, Giguere, Greenhalgh, Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. LaFrance, Lallo, Martin, McCabe, McKinnon, McKiernan, Moon, Murphy of Tiverton and Parrillo.

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

On motion of Mr. Viall, the delegates extended a rising vote of appreciation to Reverend Heroo for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

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

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

In order for Second Reading were the following proposals:

Proposal No. 26, Substitute B "Declaration of Certain Constitutional Rights and Principles"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

On suggestion of Mr. Wexler, by unanimous consent, reading of the proposal was dispensed.

On a roll call vote, the proposal was adopted, on motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Willey, Gorham of Foster and Manning, 68 delegates voting in the affirmative, 0 delegates voting in the negative,
and 32 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

**AYES - 68**

Jane H. Barber-Westerly  
Roger A. BeauChemin-Pawtucket  
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence  
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls  
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket  
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick  
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol  
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence  
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David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston  
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown  
Osias Cote-Pawtucket  
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton  
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport  
Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston  
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narr.  
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls  
Edward M. Dolbhashian-Portsmouth  
John F. Doris-Woonsocket  
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence  
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket  
Millicent S. Foster-No. Kingston  
Edward P. Gallogly-Providence  
Robert B. Gates-So. Kingston  
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown  
Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick  
Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence  
Bradford Gorham-Foster  
John Gorham-Scituate  
Samuel C. Kagan-Providence  
Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 32**

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick  
Vincent J. Baccari-Providence  
Arthur A. Belhumer-Central Falls  
Aurora Castiglia-Cranston  
Elaine C. Colaneri-Woonsocket  
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket  
John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence  
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket  
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick  
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham  
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland  
William A. Feeney-East Providence  
Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich  
John W. Laporte-Burrillville  
A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick  
Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence  
Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston  
Edward P. Manning-Cumberland  
William I. Matzner-Providence  
Thomas F. McGrath-Providence  
Arthur Merolla, Providence  
Edward J. Mulligan-Central Falls  
James E. Murphy-Warren  
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John J. Toolin-Richmond  
Anthony Vacca-Smithfield  
Charles C. Viall-East Providence  
David D. Warren-North Providence  
Edmund Wexler-Providence  
Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington  
John J. Wrenn-Providence  
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket  
James A. Gallagher-Jamestown  
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence  
Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket  
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A. Marion Hager-Cranston  
Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket  
Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln  
August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket  
John F. Lallo-Westerly  
Demetra Lambros-Providence  
Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
The Chairman noted the presence of the Honorable Giovanni Folcarelli, Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island and Mr. Edwin C. Brown, Secretary-Treasurer of the R. I. A.F.L.-C.I.O., with various labor leaders from Japan. The Lieutenant Governor and Mr. Brown were escorted to the rostrum.

Proposal No. 27, Substitute B "Of Suffrage"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Messrs. Willey and Matzner, moved that the proposal be adopted.

Mr. DiLuglio, seconded by Mr. Dolbashian, submitted the following written motion to amend:

"I move that Section 1a of Proposal 27, Substitute B be amended, by adding thereto the following sentence:

"In case of felons, the general assembly shall provide for the restoration of voting rights by statute."

/s/ Thomas R. DiLuglio

The motion was read.

The motion to amend was debated.

The motion to amend was withdrawn.

Mr. Willey, seconded by Messrs. Toolin and Pickard, offered the following written motion to amend:

"I move to amend paragraph (a) of Section 1 of Proposal No. 27, Substitute B, by striking out all of said paragraph from line 10 to the end thereof (e.g. all beginning with word except) and inserting therein the following:

"except that the general assembly may by law establish disqualification for voting of persons non compos mentis or under guardianship, or of those convicted of bribery or of any crime deemed infamous at common law."

/s/Grafton H. Willey, III
The motion was read.

The motion was debated.

Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Fanning of Cumberland, moved that the motion be laid on the table.

On a division vote the motion to lay on the table prevailed, 66 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. DiLuglio, offered the following written motion to amend:

"I move to amend paragraph (a) of Section 1 of Proposal No. 27, Substitute B, by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, however, that the general assembly may by law establish disqualification for voting of persons non compos mentis or under guardianship, or of those convicted of bribery or of any crime deemed infamous at common law."

/s/ Grafton H. Willey, III

The motion was read.

The motion was debated.

The motion to amend was withdrawn.

Mrs. Pulner, seconded by Mr. DiLuglio, offered the following written motion to amend:

"I move to strike the words 'of any crime deemed infamous at common law' and substitute the word felony in Proposal No. 27, Substitute A Section 1 (a)."

/s/ Theresa F. Pulner

The motion was read.

The motion was debated.

The motion to amend was withdrawn.

Mr. DiLuglio, seconded by Mr. Toolin, moved that the motion for adoption of the proposal be laid on the table.

On a division vote the motion to lay on the table did not prevail, 8 delegates in the affirmative and 54 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Corcoran withdrew his motion for adoption of the proposal.
Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Messrs. DiLuglio and Fontaine, moved that the proposal be continued until the next session of the Convention.

On a division vote the motion did not prevail, 20 delegates voting in the affirmative and 47 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Kagan, seconded by Messrs. Viall, Beauchemin, Bizier, Lawrence, and Mrs. Pell, moved that the proposal be adopted.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 55 delegates voting in the affirmative, 15 delegates voting in the negative and 30 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

**AYES - 55**

Jane H. Barber-Westerly  
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket  
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence  
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls  
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket  
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick  
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Robert J. Delehaney-Newport  
Domenic A. DiSandro,Jr.-Narrar.  
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls  
John F. Doris-Woonsocket  
William A. Feeney-E.Providence  
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket  
Edward P. Gallgoly-Providence  
Robert B. Gates-So.Kingstown  
Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick  
Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence  
Bradford Gorham-Foster  
John Gorham-Scituate  
A. Marion Hager-Cranston  
Samuel C. Kagan-Providence  
John J. Wrenn-Providence

**NOES - 15**

Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown  
Thomas R. DiLuglio-Johnston  
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth  
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland  
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence  
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket  
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-N.Kgstn.  
Mrs. Theresa F. Pulner-Cranston  
Dennis J. Roberts-Providence  
Howard R. Smart, Jr.-Lincoln  
Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton  
John J. Toolin-Richmond  
David D. Warren-North Providence  
Edmund Wexler-Providence  
Grafton H. Willey, III-Barrington
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 30

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick                              Noel A. Giguerie-Woonsocket
Vincent J. Baccari-Providence                                 George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls                             Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence                                 Mrs. Jeannette M. Lacrois-Lincoln
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston                                 August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket
Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence                            John F. Lallo-Westerly
David J. Colbert, Jr. Cranston                                 Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket                                   Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket
John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence                                Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket                               Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick                                Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham                                     Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
James A. Gallagher-Jamestown                                    William F. Murphy-Tiverton
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence                            Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown                                  John A. Parrillo-Providence

(During the roll call Mr. Corcoran explained his vote.)

Proposal No. 22 "Article II-Of the Qualifications of Electors"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Corcoran, seconded by Messrs. Kagan and Wexler, moved that the proposal be rejected.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 66 delegates voting in the affirmative, 0 delegates voting in the negative, and 34 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES - 66

Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly                                         William A. Feeney-East Providence
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket                                      Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket
Norman E. Bizer-Central Falls                                       Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket                                      Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-N.Kingstown
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol                                            Edward P. Gallogly-Providence
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket                                     Robert B. Gates-South Kingstown
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket                                        Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick
William J. Champion, Jr.-Newport                                    Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence
Eugene F. Cochran-Providence                                        Bradford Gorham-Foster
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown                                      John Gorham-Scituate
Osias Cote-Pawtucket                                               Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton                                        Samuel C. Kagan-Providence
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narragansett                              Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls                                          Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich
John F. Doris-Woonsocket                                            Mrs. Demetra Lambros-Providence
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth                                    John W. Laporte-Burrillville
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland                                      A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence                                  Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence
Thomas F. McGrath-Providence                                       Edward P. Manning-Cumberland
Arthur Merolla-Providence                                           William I. Matzner-Providence
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Proposal No. 34, Substitute B  "Of Qualifications for Office"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

On suggestion of Mr. Willey, by unanimous consent, reading of the proposal was dispensed.

Mr. Willey, seconded by Messrs. Wexler and Prince, moved that the proposal be adopted.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 65 delegates voting in the affirmative, 1 delegate voting in the negative and 34 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

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NO - 1
Stephen A. Fanning, Cumberland

A B S E N T O R N O T V O T I N G - 34

Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick
Vincent J. Baccari-Providence
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston
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Vincent P. McKinnon-Pawtucket
Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
Edwin J. Moon-Exeter
William F. Murphy-Tiverton

(During the roll call, Mr. Fanning of Cumberland explained his vote.)

Proposal No. 33, Substitute B "Of Elections"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

On suggestion of Mr. Matzner, reading of the proposal was dispensed, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Matzner, seconded by Messrs. Prince and Wexler, moved that the proposal be adopted.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 65 delegates voting in the affirmative, 0 delegates voting in the negative and 35 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

AYES - 65

Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westemly
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket
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William J. Champion, Jr.-Newport
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Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown
RECESS

At 3:55 P.M. the Chairman declared the Convention to be in recess for a period of five minutes.

ORDER

At 4:00 P.M. the Chairman again called the Convention to order.

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

Proposal No. 35, Substitute B "Of the Judicial Power"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

Mr. Willey requested unanimous consent to dispense with the reading of the proposal.

Mr. LaSalle objected.

The proposal was read in part.

Mr. LaSalle withdrew his objection.

By unanimous consent, further reading of the proposal was dispensed.

Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Chaharyn, Bizier, Dolbashian and Mr. Fanning of Cumberland, moved that the proposal be recommitted to the Committee on Style and Drafting.

The motion was debated.
On a division vote the motion to recommit prevailed, 28 delegates voting in the affirmative, 20 delegates voting in the negative with more than 3 delegates present and not voting.

Proposal No. 148 "Of the Judicial Power"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends rejection.)

Mr. Willey, seconded by Mr. Wexler, moved that the proposal be recommitted to the Committee on Style and Drafting.

On a division vote the motion to recommit prevailed, 26 delegates voting in the affirmative, 0 delegates voting in the negative with more than 25 delegates present and not voting.

On suggestion of Mr. Wexler, by unanimous consent, Proposal No. 37 "Of Education" was continued to the next session of the Convention.

The Chairman declared Proposal No. 171, Substitute C "Of Amendments" to be in order for consideration.

Mr. Doris questioned the existence of a quorum.

On a roll call to determine the existence of a quorum, there were 48 delegates present and 52 delegates absent.

The Chairman declared that a quorum did not exist.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:27 P.M. on motion of Mr. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Principe, the Convention adjourned on a voice vote.