The Convention was called to order by Mr. Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman, at 2:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

The Chairman presented Reverend Keith E. Scott, Assistant Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Providence, for the purpose of giving the Invocation.

The Invocation was given.

The roll of delegates was called; there were 73 present and 26 absent.

Absentees were Mr. Appolonia, Mrs. Barber, Messrs. Beauchemin, Belhumeur, Bissonnette, Canna, Mrs. Capuano, Messrs. Colbert, Coleman, Cunningham, DeCiantis, DiLuglio, Dodge, Fanning of Cumberland, Gallagher, Gallogly, Giguere, Jordan, Mrs. Lacroix, Messrs. Lallo, Manning, Martin, Moon, Murphy of Warren, Murray and Stapleton.

The names of the absentees were called.

On suggestion of Mr. Foster, by unanimous consent, the Journal for the session on November 28, 1966, was corrected to record Mr. Foster as a co-sponsor of Resolution No. 35.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Kagan for the Committee on Elections and Right to Vote reported back that, after a duly advertised public hearing was held thereon, by a vote of 10 to 0, the Committee did not recommend the following proposal:

Proposal No. 189, Section N "Article XVI OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION"

The proposal and report were accepted, referred to the Committee of the Whole and placed on the General Orders.
On motion of Mr. Cochran, the delegates extended a rising vote of appreciation to Reverend Scott for his kindness in giving the Invocation.

The Chairman introduced as a guest on the rostrum Reverend Hubert Edwards, Executive Director of the Providence Human Relations Commission.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSALS

The Chairman announced receipt of the following proposal:

Proposal No. 210, offered by Mr. LaSalle, entitled "Judiciary."

The proposal was read by title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS AFTER SECOND READING

The Chairman announced that the following proposal was referred to the Committee on Style and Drafting after second reading and vote on passage by the Convention at its session on November 21, 1966:

Proposal No. 32, Substitute B "OF THE EXECUTIVE POWER"

SECOND READING OF PROPOSALS

The Convention continued consideration of the following proposal in which it had been engaged at adjournment of the previous session:

Proposal No. 155, Substitute D "OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT"
(The Committee on Style and Drafting recommends adoption.)

The proposal was amended at the previous session of the Convention.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Corcoran, Cannon and Lawrence, offered the following written motion to amend:

"I move to amend the next to the last sentence of Section 6 of Proposal 155, Substitute D, as heretofore amended so that the same will read as follows:

"This body shall provide for the publication of said charter in a newspaper of general circulation in said city or town at least thirty days before the day fixed for voting on the question of charter adoption, and shall provide for the submission of said charter to the qualified electors of the city or town at the next regular city or town wide election for local officers or representatives in Congress or at the next general election, held more than thirty days after the date of the submission of the charter by the commission."

The motion was read.

Edmund Wexler
On a division vote the motion to amend prevailed, 46 delegates voting in the affirmative and 0 delegates voting in the negative with more than 5 delegates present and not voting.

Mr. Wexler, seconded by Messrs. Cannon, Lawrence, Principe and Roberts, moved that Proposal No. 155, Substitute D, be adopted as amended.

On a roll call vote the motion prevailed, 61 delegates voting in the affirmative, 5 delegates voting in the negative with 33 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

**AYES - 61**

Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence
Norman E. Bizer-Central Falls
Thomas H. Bride-Warwick
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Cranston
Mrs. Aurora Castiglia-Cranston
Orist D. Chaharyn-Woonsocket
Eugene F. Cochran-Providence
Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence
John P. Cooney, Jr.-Providence
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown
Osias Cote-Pawtucket
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narragansett
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth
John F. Doris-Woonsocket
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence
William A. Feeney-East Providence
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-No.Kingston.
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence
Robert B. Gates-S. Kingstown
Pulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick
Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence
Bradford Gorham-Poster
John Gorham-Scituate
George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester
Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston

**NOES - 5**

William J. Glemin-Charlestown
A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick

John J. Wrenn-Providence
Donald E. McKiernan-Providence
Charles Nathanson-Warwick
Francis P. O'Donnell-Providence
Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick  
Vincent J. Baccari-Providence  
Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly  
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket  
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls  
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket  
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol  
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket  
David J. Colbert, Jr.-Cranston  
Kevin K. Coleman-Woonsocket  
Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket  
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick  
Thomas R. DiLugio-Johnston  
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham  
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland  
James A. Gallagher-Jamestown  
John J. Toolin-Richmond

During the roll call Messrs. LaSalle and Vacca, by unanimous consent, explained their votes.

In order for second reading was the following proposal:

Proposal No. 208 "LEGISLATIVE VOTING"

The proposal was read.

Mrs. Pulner, seconded by Messrs. Warren and LaSalle, moved that the proposal be adopted.

On a roll call vote the motion did not prevail, 33 delegates voting in the affirmative, 33 delegates voting in the negative and 33 delegates absent or not voting as follows:

Thomas H. Bride-Warwick  
Aurora Castiglia-Cranston  
Edward B. Corcoran-Middletown  
Lloyd R. Crandall-Hopkinton  
Domenic A. DiSandro, Jr.-Narragansett  
William A. Feeney-East Providence  
Mrs. Millicent S. Foster-Narragansett  
Robert B. Gates-So.Kingstown  
William J. Gmelin-Charlestown  
Bradford Gorham-Foster  
John Gorham-Scituate  
Mrs. A. Marion Hager-Cranston  
Bradford H. Kenyon-West Greenwich  
A. Norman LaSalle-Warwick  
Epifanio F. Macari-Cranston  
William I. Matzner-Providence  
Edward P. Gallogly-Providence  
Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket  
Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket  
Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln  
August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket  
John F. Lallo-Westerly  
Demetra Lambros-Providence  
Edward P. Manning-Cumberland  
Frank A. Martin, Jr.-Pawtucket  
Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket  
Edwin J. Moon-Exeter  
James E. Murphy-Warren  
Paul F. Murray-Newport  
Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich  
Owen V. Sherry-Smithfield  
Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton  
Grafton H. Willey III - Barrington
NOES - 33
Vincent J. Baccari-Providence  Anthony Giangiacomo-Providence
Joseph A. Bevilacqua-Providence George D. Greenhalgh-Glocester
Norman E. Bizier-Central Falls Samuel C. Kagan-Providence
Jeremiah H. Cannon-Providence Samuel J. Kanakry-Pawtucket
Eugene F. Cochrane-Providence John W. Laporte-Burrillville
Miss Elaine C. Colaneri-Providence Frederick A. Lawrence-Providence
Orias Cote-Pawtucket Francis H. McCabe-Pawtucket
Robert J. Delehanty-Newport Thomas F. McGrath-Providence
Harry J. Dyl-Central Falls Arthur Merolla-Providence
Edward M. Dolbashian-Portsmouth William F. Murphy-Tiverton
John F. Doris-Woonsocket Robert S. Ortoleva-Providence
Stephen A. Fanning, Jr.-Providence Mrs. Nuala O'D. Pell-Newport
Paul A. Fontaine-Woonsocket Anthony F. Principe-Bristol
Ernest A. Foster-Pawtucket Thomas D. Pucci-Providence
Michael A. Gammino, Jr.-Providence Augusto W. SaoBento-East Providence
Fulda E. Geoffroy-West Warwick John A. Parrillo-Providence
John J. Wrenn-Providence

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING - 33
Felix A. Appolonia-West Warwick James A. Gallagher-Jamestown
Mrs. Jane H. Barber-Westerly Edward P. Gallogly-Providence
Roger A. Beauchemin-Pawtucket Noel A. Giguere-Woonsocket
Arthur A. Belhumeur-Central Falls Raymond E. Jordan-Pawtucket
Adrien Bissonnette-Woonsocket Jeannette M. Lacroix-Lincoln
Domenic C. Canna-Bristol August P. LaFrance-Pawtucket
Mrs. Claire Capuano-Woonsocket John F. Lallo-Westerly
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Matthew C. Cunningham-Pawtucket James E. Murphy-Warren
Michael DeCiantis-West Warwick Paul F. Murray-Newport
Thomas R. Diluglio-Johnston Robert F. Pickard-East Greenwich
John C. Dodge-New Shoreham Owen V. Sherry-North Smithfield
Stephen A. Fanning-Cumberland Alfred B. Stapleton-Little Compton
John J. Toolin - Richmond

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

GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. DiSandro, seconded by Mr. Warren, moved that the Convention resolve into a Committee of the Whole upon the General Orders of the Day.

The motion prevailed 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 2:53 P.M., on motion of Mr. Doris, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Cote, Cannon and Sherry, the Convention adjourned to meet on Monday, January 9, 1967, 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

**APPENDIX**

Journal of the Committee of the Whole December 5, 1966

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. 207 "LIMITATION ON STATE DEBT"
(The Committee on the Legislative Department does not recommend adoption.)

The proposal was read.

Mr. Dolbashian, seconded by Messrs. Doris, Principe, Murphy of Coventry, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend rejection.

The motion was debated.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 56 delegates voting in the affirmative and 4 delegates voting in the negative.

*Proposal No. 41, Substitute A "ARTICLE XVI OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION"
(The Committee on Elections and Right to Vote recommends adoption.)

Mr. Kagan, seconded by Messrs. Foster, Viall and Lawrence, moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend adoption.

On a division vote the motion prevailed, 43 delegates voting in the affirmative and 9 delegates voting in the negative.

Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Principe, moved that the Committee of the Whole rise.

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

August P. LaFrance, Secretary
Constitutional Convention