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Mr. Woodruff is named as chairman in the place of Mr. Crocker, who asked to be excused from service.

Commissioner Morrison is named in the place of JOHN T. RICH, who is no longer in office. At his request he is not named as chairman of the committee.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 3d*, 1891.—11 o'clock a. m.

The Convention was called to order by Honorable THOMAS M. COOLEY, chairman of the committee to call the Convention:

The CHAIRMAN: As chairman of the committee that has made the call for this meeting, it perhaps devolves upon me to call the meeting to order, which I now do. The Secretary of the last meeting will read the call.

The SECRETARY read as follows:

At a Convention of Railroad Commissioners held at the city of Washington on the 6th day of March, 1889, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the members of this Convention that provision should be made for annual conventions of the Railroad Commissioners of the several States and the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to be held at such place as may be agreed upon, with a view of perfecting uniform legislation and regulation concerning the supervision of railroads.

In pursuance of this resolution a Convention was held at the city of Washington, beginning on the 28th day of May, 1890, at which the undersigned were appointed a committee to call the next Convention.

Under the authority conferred upon them the undersigned designate the 3d day of March, 1891, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission, No. 1317 F street, Sun Building, in the city of Washington, D. C., as the place, for the holding of said Convention.