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The flawed nature of Articles of Confederation, the first American constitution, led to the calling of a convention in Annapolis. This convention was attended only by delegates

of five states. The stated purpose of this convention was to amend the Articles of Confederation in order to make national government. However, this convention failed.

Another convention was called which came to be known as 'The Philadelphia Convention'.

The delegate of Rhode Island did not participate and Massachusetts delegate arrived late. The convention initially stated

to amend the articles, but this purpose was quickly **absolutely sidelined** and it was decided

to bring in a new document for a strong national government. The meetings for

framing the new constitution were held in secrecy because it was a controversial

matter. The new constitution addressed issues about democracy, representation,

slavery etc. Once the constitution reached

ratifying stage conflict emerged between

Federalists and Anti-Federalists, Proponents

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of the constitution and critics, respectively.

In the end, however, the constitution was ratified by a narrow vote & serves as 'Supreme Law of Land' to date.

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