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CALL TO ORDER

At 9:40 a.m., the President of the Constitutional Commission, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The National Anthem was sung followed by a prayer led by Mr. Jose E. Suarez, to wit:

Dear Lord, I am not much at saying prayers. I don't have to tell You because You already know that I have been privately communicating with You rather frequently since the beginning of June, seeking Your divine guidance in making correct decisions for our people.

I entered this Commission awed by the enormity of the task before us. Having just emerged from the streets battling the evil forces of the dictatorship, I did not feel exactly comfortable in the presence of a select group. Midway to our common goal, however, I feel so relaxed with my colleagues. Everybody is so contributive and supportive. I have never worked with a nicer bunch of ladies and gentlemen. Imbued with a deep sense of nationalism, they served as an inspiration to me.

And, dear Lord, there is so much Went and decency around me that I pray to see the day when, in the not-too-distant future, these colleagues of mine will walk the corridors of power. Then, perchance, if they see me pounding once again the streets of Central Luzon clamoring for justice for our people, they will give me a knowing smile of recognition, or perhaps even a shaking of the head, which, after all if we are to believe Dick, could signify an approval.

Take good care of my colleagues, Dear Lord- especially the frail and fragile Fely, the ailing Pepe, Cosoy and Efrain who, I was cheered to learn last night, has not changed his sex at all. But, most of all, take good care of our dear leader, the kindly Celing, in order that we may continue making honest decisions for our country and our people, that we may succeed in finally establishing a just and humane government.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General of the Commission called the Roll Call and the following Members responded:

Aquino, F. S. Padilla, A. B.

Bennagen, P. L.	Muñoz Palma, C.
Bernas, J. G.	Quesada, M. L. M.
Rosario Braid, F.	Rama, N. G.
Brocka, L. O.	Regalado, F. D.
De Castro, C. M.	Rigos, C. A.
Colayco, J. C.	Rodrigo, F. A.
Concepcion, R. R.	Rosales, D. R.
Davide, H. G.	Sarmiento, R. V.
Foz, V. B.	Suarez, J. E.
Gascon, a. L. M. C.	Sumulong, L. M.
Guingona, S. V. C.	Tadeo, J. S. L.
Jamir, A. M. K.	Tan, C.
Lerum, E. R.	Treñas, E. B.
Maambong, R. E.	Uka, L. L.
Nieva, M. T. F.	Villacorta, W. V.
Nolledo, J. N.	Villegas, B. M.

With 34 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Abubakar, Y. R.	Laurel, J. B.
Alonto, A. D.	Monsod, C. S.
Azcuna, A. S.	Natividad, T. C.
Bacani, T. C.	Ople, B. F.
Bengzon, J. F. S.	De los Reyes, R. F.
Calderon, J. D.	Romulo, R. J.
Garcia, E. G.	Tingson, C. J.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Mr. Rama, there being no objection, the reading of the Journal of the previous session was dispensed with and the said Journal was approved by the

Body.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Rama, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES OF RESOLUTION, COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read the titles of the Resolution, Communications and Committee Report which were, in turn, referred by the Chair to the Committees hereunder indicated:

Proposed Resolution No. 535, entitled:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION
OF THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTION OF THE PHILIPPINE
SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL IN THE PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS AND FOR
PROVIDING RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE NEW
CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Honorable Bennagen, Villacorta and Garcia

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication No. 358 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Jose Leonidas of 128 N. Domingo St., San Juan, Metro Manila, urging the Constitutional Commission to adopt some measures for the preservation of the environmental balance

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 359 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Bishop Emerito P. Nacpil and Mr: Emmanuel G. Cleto both of the United Methodist Church in the Philippines, submitting suggestions from a group of lay persons and clergy, entitled: "Theories of a Constitution for the Filipino people, Today and for the Future"

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 360 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication signed by Ms. Mila Polotan and seven hundred seventy-seven others, urging the Constitutional Commission not to incorporate in the Constitution the issue of the U.S. bases

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 361 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Wilfred D. Asis of Room 207, Ong Hoc Bldg., Butuan City, submitting various constitutional proposals for consideration by the Constitutional Commission

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 362 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Candido B. Talosig of Saint Mary's College, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, containing various constitutional proposals for consideration by the Constitutional Commission

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 363 Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Meletico Palomata of 31 Camias St., Zone 1, Purok 2, Signal Village, Taguig, Metro Manila, containing some revelations regarding the "Sabah" issue

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 366 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Position paper submitted by Mr. William H. Quasha of Don Pablo Bldg., 114 Amorsolo St., Makati, Metro Manila, proposing that foreign investors be allowed to acquire and own land in the Philippines as an investment incentive, with appropriate restrictions

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 367 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Moises B. Dayon, Acting Secretary, Sangguniang Panlungsod, Davao City, submitting Resolution No. 240, S. 1986 of said *Sanggunian*, to incorporate in the Constitution provisions on free secondary education in public schools

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Communication No. 368 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication signed by Miss Josefa de Lange of 39 11th St., New Manila, Quezon City, and four hundred ninety-eight others with their respective addresses, seeking the inclusion in the Constitution of a provision obliging the state to protect the life of the unborn from the moment of conception

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 369 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Dionito B. Aplacador of Cataingan West, Masbate, containing suggestions on the various issues in the Constitutional Commission

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 370 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Sr. Luz Emel Soriano, R.A., and two hundred seventy-six others, saying that the issue of U.S. military bases should not be in the Constitution and should be left to the government to negotiate so as to protect the national interest

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 371 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Ms. Perla Golez of Bacolod City and sixty-nine others also of Bacolod City and other municipalities/cities in Negros Occidental, requesting the inclusion of provisions providing for religious instruction during regular school hours to be materially and financially supported by the government

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Communication No. 372 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Vicente Roy L. Kayaban Jr. Of 1649 Concepcion Aguila St., San Beda Subdivision, San Miguel, Manila, submitting a paper, entitled: "Land Reform: a Landowner's Introspection," and requesting that small landowners be accorded legislative seats: at least one for the agrarian sector and at least one for small apartment owners

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 373 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Laufred I. Hernandez for the students of the College of Public Administration, University of the Philippines, submitting recommendations on the right of civil servants to collective bargaining, prohibition of government resources for electioneering purposes, prohibition of nepotism and provisions for human resources development

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES

Communication No. 374 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Muslim and Christian leaders who attended a SOLIDARITY- sponsored seminar on Mindanao urging a clear policy statement regarding Mindanao and Muslim affairs, among others

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT