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### R.C.C. NO. 42

Tuesday, July 29, 1986

#### OPENING OF SESSION

*At 9:40 a.m., the President, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, opened the session.*

THE PRESIDENT: The session is called to order.

#### NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE PRESIDENT: Everybody will please rise to sing the National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the National Anthem.*

THE PRESIDENT: Everybody will please remain standing for the Prayer to be led by the Honorable Jose E. Suarez.

*Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.*

#### PRAYER

MR. SUAREZ: Dear Lord, I am not much at saying prayers. I do not 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 serve as an inspiration to me.

And, dear Lord, there is so much talent 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.

Dear Lord, take good care of my colleagues, 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. I pray that our dear leader, the kindly Celing, shall be in good health 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

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary General will please call the roll.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*:

Abubakar	Present *	Natividad	Present
Alonto	Present *	Nieva	Present
Aquino	Present	Nolledo	Present
Azcuna	Present *	Ople	Present *
Bacani	Present *	Padilla	Present
Bengzon	Present *	Quesada	Present
Bennagen	Present	Rama	Present
Bernas	Present	Regalado	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Reyes de los	Present *
Brocka	Present	Rigos	Present
Calderon	Present *	Rodrigo	Present
Castro de	Present	Romulo	Present *
Colayco	Present	Rosales	Absent
Concepcion	Present	Sarmiento	Present
Davide	Present	Suarez	Present
Foz	Present	Sumulong	Present
Garcia	Present *	Tadeo	Present
Gascon	Present	Tan	Present
Guingona	Present	Tingson	Present *
Jamir	Present	Treñas	Present
Laurel	Present *	Uka	Present
Lerum	Present	Villacorta	Present
Maambong	Present	Villegas	Present
Monsod	Present *		

The President is present.

The roll call shows 34 Members responded to the call.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

MR. RAMA: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. RAMA: I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of yesterday's session.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

## APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. RAMA: Madam President, I move that we approve the Journal of yesterday's session.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

MR. RAMA: Madam President, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary-General will read the Reference of Business.

#### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary-General read the following Proposed Resolution on First Reading, Communications and Committee Report, the President making the corresponding references:*

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

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 Hon. Bennagen, Villacorta and Garcia.

To the Steering Committee.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

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.

(Communication No. 358 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

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."

(Communication No. 359 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

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.

(Communication No. 360 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

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

(Communication No. 361 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Prof. L. V. Toralballa of 4762 Neptune Drive, Alexandria, Va., U.S.A. 22309, expressing his thoughts in a political synthesis, entitled: "A Democracy for the Philippines."

(Communication No. 362 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Msgr. Manuel Dormido of P.O. Box 883, Bacolod City, suggesting a Maharlika system of government which is similar to the parliamentary system of government.

(Communication No. 363 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Preamble, National Territory, and Declaration of Principles.

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

(Communication No. 364 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

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.

(Communication No. 365 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Preamble, National Territory, and Declaration of Principles.

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.

(Communication No. 366 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

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

(Communication No. 367 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

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.

(Communication No. 368 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Preamble, National Territory, and Declaration of Principles.

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

(Communication No. 369 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

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.

(Communication No. 370 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

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.

(Communication No. 371 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Mr. Vicente Roy L. Kayaban, Jr. of 1649 Concepcion Aguila St., San Beda Subdivision, San Miguel, Manila, submitting a paper, entitled: "Land Re-form: 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.

(Communication No. 372 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)