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R.C.C. NO. 36

Tuesday, July 22, 1986

OPENING OF SESSION

At 9:43 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 Ricardo J. Romulo.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. ROMULO: Dear Lord, we beseech You to grant us the faith to believe that we can do the task assigned to us; the hope that our people will find our work worthy of ratification; and the charity to accept graciously the will of the majority in our deliberations.

In the silence of our hearts, let us now pray for our own intentions and the intentions of one another. Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*:

Abubakar	Present*	Colayco	Present
Alonto	Present	Concepcion	Present
Aquino	Present	Davide	Present
Azcuna	Present*	Foz	Present
Bacani	Present	Garcia	Present*
Bengzon	Present*	Gascon	Present
Bennagen	Present*	Guingona	Present
Bernas	Present	Jamir	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Laurel	Present*
Brocka	Present*	Lerum	Present*

Calderon	Present*	Maambong	Present*
Castro de	Present	Monsod	Present*
Natividad	Present*	Rosales	Present
Nieva	Present*	Sarmiento	Present*
Nolledo	Present*	Suarez	Present
Ople	Present*	Sumulong	Present
Padilla	Present	Tadeo	Present*
Quesada	Present*	Tan	Present
Rama	Present	Tingson	Present*
Regalado	Present	Treñas	Present
Reyes de los	Present*	Uka	Present*
Rigos	Present	Villacorta	Present
Rodrigo	Present	Villegas	Present
Romulo	Present		

The President is present.

The roll call shows 27 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 Communications and Committee Report, the President making the corresponding references:

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Mr. Salustiano G. Tengonciang of 13 Maginhawa, U.P. Village, Quezon City, proposing provisions that would provide for the development of a national language for understanding and unity, and saying that "bilingual education concentrates too much of our efforts in learning a language rather than on instilling in the youth nationalistic values."

(Communication No. 267 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Communication from Mr. Bonifacio M. Lacdoo of 9-A Monserrat St., "MBS" Caloocan City, proposing a legislature composed of all provincial governors.

(Communication No. 268 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the Legislative.

Letter from Mr. Delfin R. Manlapaz of 1707 E. Rodriguez, Sr. Boulevard, Cubao, Quezon City, Metro Manila, proposing an amendment to Proposed Resolution No. 496 (Committee Report No. 24), which would provide for the creation of a citizen-owned Reservoir of National Credit.

(Communication No. 269 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Communication from Mr. Cesar C. Sanchez of 19 ACSIE Avenue, Severina Industrial Estate, Km. 16, West Bicutan, Parañaque, Metro Manila, proposing a provision that will require elected national officials headed by the President to come up with an Economic Development Program, embodying a general plan based on priorities for implementation within a specific period of time.

(Communication No. 270 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Position paper of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Inc., in support of Proposed Resolution No. 389, introduced by the Honorable Ambrosio Padilla, entitled: "RESOLUTION PROPOSING A PROVISION ALLOWING FOREIGN INVESTORS TO ACQUIRE, HOLD OR OWN LOTS WITH LIMITED AREA REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF EXPORT-ORIENTED INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES."

(Communication No. 271 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Position paper of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Inc. on foreign investments and multinational corporations role in rebuilding the Philippine economy.

(Communication No. 272 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Resolution No. 1, series of 1986, of the Archbishop Luis del Rosario Assembly, Pagadian City, proposing a provision in the Declaration of Principles that the basic and fundamental unit of the nation as a body politic is the family institution and that the preservation of its solidarity, development and strength is the primordial concern of the State.

(Communication No. 273 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Resolution No. 2, series of 1986, of the Archbishop Luis del Rosario Assembly, Pagadian City, proposing a provision for the retention of the U.S. military bases in the Philippines.

(Communication No. 274 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Letter from the Alliance of Farmers Union in Zamboanga del Sur, signed by Mr. Wilfredo Alinton, submitting a program for genuine land reform.

(Communication No. 275 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Social Justice.

Resolution No. 115 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Oriental, expressing its objection to the disregard of the proprietary rights of the province and suggesting that this be corrected through a provision promoting local autonomy.

(Communication No. 276 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Letter from Mr. Custodio C. Lauron of Bacuag, Surigao del Norte, suggesting provisions on citizenship, suffrage, qualifications of local candidates, retention of death penalty, sessions of Congress from January to November, fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year, and approval of the budget before Congress adjourns, among others.

(Communication No. 277 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

An article by the honorable Commissioners Yusup R. Abubakar, Lugum L. Uka, and Ahmad Domocao Alonto, entitled: "VICE-PRESIDENT LAUREL'S TRIP TO SPAIN UNDERSCORES THE ARABIC INFLUENCE IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND HISTORY — Islam is a universal faith: 55 million Moslems coexist with 700 million Buddhists in China, 30 million Moslems live in friendship with the Russians, 9 percent of the

population in Yugoslavia are Moslems — we had religious unity way back in 1930 but Marcos, pursuing the policy of divide and rule, promoted religious strife."

(Communication No. 278 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

A detailed list of native folk songs to be taught in the elementary and high school levels, to be furnished all Members of the Commission for their favorable consideration, respectfully submitted by the honorable Commissioners Hilario G. Davide, Jr., Yusup R. Abubakar, Napoleon G. Rama, Regalado E. Maambong and Lugum L. Uka who are among the authors of Proposed Resolution No. 451, for a better understanding of the implementation of Section 19 thereof.

(Communication No. 279 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 32 on Proposed Resolution No. 533, prepared by the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE ARTICLE ON NATIONAL
ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY A PROVISION ON ANCESTRAL LANDS,

recommending its approval in substitution of Proposed Resolution Nos. 375 and 378.

Sponsored by Hon. Villegas, Tadeo, Bacani, Bengzon, Jr., Bennagen, Foz, Gascon, Monsod, Natividad, Ople, Romulo, Sarmiento, Suarez, Uka and Villacorta.

To the Steering Committee.

MR. RAMA: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF C.R. NO. 22 (Article on the Legislative/National Assembly) *Continuation*

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

MR. RAMA: I move that we continue the consideration of Committee Report No. 22 on the Article on the Legislative/National Assembly.

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

The body will now proceed to the consideration on Second Reading of the Article on the Legislative/National Assembly.