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OPENING OF SESSION

At 9:33 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 Minda Luz M. Quesada.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MS. QUESADA: Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You with contrite hearts.

Be with us today and the days ahead as we resolve to finish the challenging task of drafting our new Constitution that is acceptable to the majority of the Filipino people, and that truly reflects their interests and welfare.

We pray for our esteemed colleagues who are in the hospital — Commissioners Rosales and Treñas — and all others who are now experiencing some illnesses, possibly borne out of the stress and strain of our work.

Lay Your healing hands on them and strengthen us all in mind and body that we may remain whole when our task is done.

We beseech You, our gracious Lord and Redeemer, to also heal the wounds and the pain resulting from conflicts; help us to be tolerant of our differences, and

Help us to show our love for You and that Your love is in us not only in words but in our deeds and the lives we lead.

May Your light so shine before us that people may see Your glory in us all.

These we ask through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

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	Absent
Bacani	Present	Padilla	Present *
Bengzon	Present *	Quesada	Present
Bennagen	Present	Rama	Present
Bernas	Present	Regalado	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Reyes de los	Present *
Brocka	Absent	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	Absent
Laurel	Present *	Uka	Present
Lerum	Present *	Villacorta	Present
Maambong	Present *	Villegas	Present
Monsod	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. CALDERON: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Assistant Floor Leader is recognized.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of yesterday's session? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is

approved.

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

MR. GUINGONA: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Commissioner Guingona is recognized.

MR. GUINGONA: May I respectfully request some minor corrections before the approval of the Journal.

THE PRESIDENT: The Commissioner will please proceed.

MR. GUINGONA: On page 9, fifth line of the second paragraph, which states: "He stressed that notwithstanding the view," add S to "view." On page 17, first line of the third paragraph, which states: "Quality education, he maintained, would involve curriculum . . . ," insert AMONG OTHERS between "involve" and "curriculum." On page 19, third line of the second paragraph, which states case of "*Lacer vs. Board of Education*," change "Lacer" to LASSER; on the seventh line, change "Padre Bulan" to PADRIGUILAN; and on the ninth line, which states: "student was due to his deficiency," change "his" to HER.

On page 21, ninth line of the third paragraph, which states: "is that directed principally to students," change "principally" to ONLY, and finally on page 23, second line of the last paragraph, change "Chou Shuyui" to CHIA SIOUW YUE.

That is all, Madam President. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (Silence) The Chair hears none; let the proper corrections be made.

MR. UKA: Madam President, I, too, would like to make just a one-letter correction on page 14 of the Journal, which is to add S to "messenger" to read: "Many great men of the world, he noted, were called teachers among them Moses, Buddha — the great MESSENGERS of God."

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

THE PRESIDENT: We reserve the right of other Commissioners to submit their corrections to this particular Journal.

There being no further corrections at this moment, the Journal, as corrected, is approved.

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

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection that we proceed to the Reference of Business? (*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, the President making the corresponding references:

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication signed by 272 members of the Catholic Women's League of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Project 4, Quezon City, seeking inclusion in the Constitution of a provision protecting the right to life of the unborn from the moment of conception.

(Communication No. 664 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Communication from the Alliance of Concerned Teachers, 2866-C Zamora Street, Pasay City, signed by its Chairman, Mr. Raul E. Segovia, suggesting inclusion in the Constitution of a provision that "No Filipino should be barred from studying in any school for reason of religion, sex, political belief, or income.

(Communication No. 665 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Communication from the Catholic Women's League of the Diocese of Antipolo Rizal, signed by its President, Judge Salome A. Montoya, informing that the Diocesan Board passed unanimously a resolution calling for full and unqualified protection for the unborn child from the very moment of conception in the mother's womb.

(Communication No. 666 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Mayor Henry D. Relleta of the Municipality of Jose Panganiban, Camarines Norte, transmitting Resolution No. 35-86, adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Jose Panganiban, appealing to the Constitutional Commission that the problem of American bases in the country be left to the incoming legislature to decide.

(Communication No. 667 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Telegram from the Atlantic Network Conference with participants from the Pacific, Indian Ocean, and Mediterranean, seeking inclusion in the new Constitution of a provision for a bases-free and nuclear-free Philippines for the sake of peace.

(Communication No. 668 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Communication from the American Division Post 45, Philippine Department of American Legion, Cebu City, signed by its Post Commander, Eleno Andales, urging the retention of the American military bases in the Philippines even beyond 1991.

(Communication No. 669 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Communication from the Citizens Alliance for the Constitutional Protection of the Unborn, signed by Ms. Neco de Torres, schoolteacher, and two hundred forty-two employees and students of Canossa College, San Pablo City, Laguna, seeking to include in the new Constitution a provision obliging the State to protect the life of the unborn from the moment of conception.

(Communication No. 670 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Mr. Laurence G. Woolcox, a Canadian who migrated to the Philippines, requesting that resident immigrants be accorded equal rights based on the principle of reciprocity, particularly in the development of the economy.

(Communication No. 671 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Letter from Mr. Rudolfo P. Parreno of the Parañaque Bible Christian Church, Merville Park Community Center, Merville Park Subdivision, Parañaque, Metro Manila, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that the separation of Church and State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines.

(Communication No. 672 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Telemessage from Mr. Lupo T. Carlota, Jr., Chairman, First National Convention of Filipino-Americans in the United States, 5300 Cottonwood, Memphis, Tennessee, U.S.A., urging the Constitutional Commission to include in the new Constitution a provision allowing natural-born Filipinos who have acquired citizenship in other countries to retain their Philippine citizenship.

(Communication No. 673 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Citizenship, Bill of Rights, Political Rights and Obligations and Human Rights.

Letter from Mr. Romeo C. Balandra of the Commission on Population, Region X, Cagayan de Oro City, transmitting a resolution of the Association of Law Students, Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City, proposing amendments to Section 4, Article