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OPENING OF SESSION

At 9:59 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 Cirilo A. Rigos.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

REV. RIGOS: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, for the beauty of this day we give Thee thanks. For the love in our hearts, the peace in our souls, the serenity of our spirits, the strength of our bodies, and the many tokens of Thy goodness, we give Thee thanks.

Help us today to obey the leading of Thy Spirit, that we may continue to work with a sense of mission, and pursue our mission with a sense of duty.

Grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days. As we deal with one another, make us channels of Thy grace.

Clothe us with humility, and save us from the folly of seeking recognition for every little thing we do. Inspire us to give the best that we can, even though we may not be credited for it.

And to Thy name we ascribe all glory and majesty, dominion and power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary-General will 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
Calderon	Present	Rigos	Present
Castro de	Present	Rodrigo	Present
Colayco	Present	Romulo	Present
Concepcion	Present	Rosales	Absent
Davide	Present	Sarmiento	Present *
Foz	Present	Suarez	Present
Garcia	Present *	Sumulong	Present
Gascon	Present	Tadeo	Present *
Guingona	Present	Tan	Present
Jamir	Present	Tingson	Present
Laurel	Present	Treñas	Present *
Lerum	Present *	Uka	Present
Maambong	Present	Villacorta	Present
Monsod	Present	Villegas	Present

The President is present.

The roll call shows 36 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? (*Silence*) The chair hears none; the motion is approved.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. CALDERON: 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. CALDERON: 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 Motion and Communications, the President making the corresponding references:

MOTION

MOTION REQUESTING THE SECRETARIAT TO COMPILE, IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, THE INVOCATIONS OF COMMISSIONERS AND TO PUBLISH THEM IN BOOK FORM WITH THE TITLE "THE LIVING GOD AND THE. COMMISSION."

Presented by Honorable Davide, Jr.

(Motion No. 3 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from officers and members of the Bicol Brigade, Kapatiran ng mga Kawal na Manunulat sa Pilipino, Fishermen, Farmers and Sailors Association of the Philippines, Inc., Cultural Communities Association of Surigao del Sur, and People's Tri-Media Foundation, all of Surigao del Sur, submitting various proposals on the development of Filipino culture.

(Communication No. 827 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from four hundred (400) officers/members of the Subic Market Vendors Association, Subic, Zambales, seeking the retention of the US military bases in the Philippines.

(Communication No. 828 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Mr. Federico C. Cipriano of Sumagui, Bansud, Mindoro Oriental, transmitting a copy of 391 signatories all from Mindoro Oriental suggesting that the Constitution be written and promulgated in Tagalog.

(Communication No. 829 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Communication from 149 signatories all of Cebu and Mandaue City, seeking inclusion in the Constitution of: "The right of a citizen to keep and bear arms shall be recognized, and in consonance therewith, a well regulated citizen's militia may be formed for the security of the State, life, liberty and property of persons."

(Communication No. 830 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Mr. Cesar V. Canchela of the United Architects of the Philippines, CCP, Roxas Blvd., Manila, submitting a joint resolution seeking utilization of the services of qualified Filipino technological professionals and consultants on government projects funded by the Philippine government and/or by foreign loans and grants.

(Communication No. 831 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

Letter from Mr. Manuel C. Calumpit of St. Louis School, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, submitting for consideration by the Constitutional Commission various proposals on accountability of public officers.

(Communication No. 832 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers.

Letter from Mr. Dennis G. dela Torre, Acting Chairman, Movement for the Abolition or Reorientation of C.M.T. (MARC) suggesting, among others, that the term "civil service" in Section 6 of Proposed Resolution No. 537 under Committee Report No. 36 be changed to "civic service."

(Communication No. 833 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Communication from Mr. Antonio L. Cantero, Chairman, Filipino Advertising Agencies for Filipinization, of 269 EDSA corner Connecticut, Greenhills, Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, recommending that the ownership and management of mass media, including advertising agencies, should be limited to Filipino citizens or to corporations wholly owned and managed by such citizens.

(Communication No. 834 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Telegram from 13 officers of the Association of Philippine Physicians in America, Inc., seeking inclusion in the Constitution of a provision that would make a natural-born citizen of the Philippines who has lost his/her Philippine citizenship a transferee of private lands.

(Communication No. 835 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Letter from Mr. Edilberto F. Laput of 48-F 20th Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City, transmitting a copy of an article: "Christian Communism: Solution for Poverty" with the hope that the ideas contained therein may find a place in the Constitution.

(Communication No. 836 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Mr. Isidro A. Mutia of 2318 Lopez Jaena Street, Pagadian City, suggesting that the "Teaching of the Holy Bible" be required in public and private schools from Grade I to college.

(Communication No. 837 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Communication from 95 members of Davao City Association of Teachers, Parents and Students, Davao City, suggesting to the Constitutional Commission to include Spanish as one of the official languages.

(Communication No. 838 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Communication from the Executive Board of the Philippine Social Science Council, Inc., endorsing a proposal to adopt a two-third (2/3) to one-third (1/3) ratio of ownership in public utilities firms in favor of Filipinos.

(Communication No. 839 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Letter from 151 signatories of the Philippine Women's University, College of Education Alumnae Association, Taft Avenue, Manila, suggesting that free education be extended up to high school level.

(Communication No. 840 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Communication from Ms. Marie Kletke, 904 N. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, California 90744, suggesting a provision granting proprietary rights to overseas Filipinos who are natural-born Filipinos including those who may have acquired foreign citizenship.

(Communication No. 841 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letters seeking to incorporate in the Constitution a provision obliging the State to protect the life of the unborn from the moment of conception, from:

- 1) Dr. Julieta Lorenzo of 67 West Capitol Drive, Barrio Kapitolyo, Pasig, and 733 others.

(Communication No. 842 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

- 2) Mr. Elpidio C. Ocampo of San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City, and 415 other concerned citizens.

(Communication No. 843 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

- 3) One thousand seven concerned citizens of varying backgrounds and occupations with their respective addresses.

(Communication No. 844 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

- 4) Five hundred seven concerned citizens of varying backgrounds and occupations from Quezon City and Caloocan City.