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OPENING OF SESSION

At 5:21 p.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 Alberto M. K. Jamir.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. JAMIR: Almighty God, we meet in Thy presence seeking divine guidance that we may fashion a Constitution which will prevent a repetition of the shameless rape of our country by another Marcos; assure our people's freedom from fear of oppression; and vouch-safe for them equal opportunity in their pursuit of a better tomorrow to lighten the burden of their unceasing daily toil.

For this awesome task, O Lord, we pray Thee to keep our minds clear, our hearts pure, and our hands clean and steady, that the product of our labor may endure for all time and bring to fruition our country's driving dream of a higher horizon. Only then may we be truly worthy of Thy benediction: "Well done, good and faithful servants, enter Thou into the Kingdom of Thy Lord." Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading:*

Abubakar	Present	Bacani	Present
Alonto	Present	Bengzon	Present
Aquino	Present	Bennagen	Present
Azcuna	Present	Bernas	Present
RosarioBraid	Present	Padilla	Present
Brocka	Present	Quesada	Present
Calderon	Absent	Rama	Present

Castro de	Present	Regalado	Present
Colayco	Present	Reyes de los	Present
Concepcion	Present	Rigos	Present
Davide	Present	Rodrigo	Present
Foz	Present	Romulo	Present
Garcia	Present	Rosales	Absent
Gascon	Present	Sarmiento	Present
Guingona	Present	Suarez	Present
Jamir	Present	Sumulong	Present
Laurel	Present	Tadeo	Present
Lerum	Present	Tan	Present
Maambong	Present	Tingson	Present
Monsod	Present	Treñas	Present
Natividad	Present	Uka	Present
Nieva	Present	Villacorta	Present
Nolledo	Present	Villegas	Present
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The President is present.

The roll call shows 46 Members responded to the call.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. RAMA: Madam President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of the last session and that we approve the same.

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 Resolutions on First Reading, Communications and Committee Reports, the President making the corresponding references:

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

Proposed Resolution No. 315, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY."

Introduced by Hon. de Castro.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 316, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO ADOPT IN THE CONSTITUTION A PROVISION DECLARING LAND REFORM A CORNERSTONE IN THE ECONOMIC REFORM OF THE COUNTRY.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on Social Justice.

Proposed Resolution No. 317, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCLUDE IN THE TRANSITORY PROVISIONS THE IMPOSITION OF A TWENTY-YEAR LOGGING BAN ON ENDANGERED FOREST LANDS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Proposed Resolution No. 318, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION RENOUNCING WAR AS AN INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 319, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION EXCLUSIVELY EMPOWERING THE LEGISLATURE TO DECLARE THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF WAR.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on the Legislative.

Proposed Resolution No. 320, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION ON THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF WORKERS.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on Social Justice.

Proposed Resolution No. 321, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BICAMERAL SYSTEM
OF LEGISLATURE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on the Legislative.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Mr. Bienvenido A. Castillo of Pulilan, Bulacan, suggesting provisions on the bill of rights and suffrage, among others.

(Communication No. 67 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from the Economic Emancipation Association of the Philippines, Inc., signed by Mr. Vicente D. Gabriel, submitting a proposal on managed currency.

(Communication No. 68 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Letter from Mr. Martin R. Reyes of Vasra Village, Quezon City, submitting recommendations pertaining to forest resources.

(Communication No. 69 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Letter from the Third World Movement Against the Exploitation of Women signed by Sister Mary Soledad Perpiñan, proposing "Women and men shall have equal rights," as a separate section in the Bill of Rights.

(Communication No. 70 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Mr. Rafael B. Hidalgo, Regional Trial Court Judge, Legaspi City, enclosing a draft article on the judiciary proposing a five-member board of judicial administrators.

(Communication No. 71 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolution No. 3 of the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Quezon Provincial Chapter, proposing the inclusion in the Constitution of a national policy on family planning and population control.

(Communication No. 72 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Communication from Mr. Selwyn Clyde M. Alojipan of Capitol Green Village, Tandang Sora, Quezon City, proposing, among others, the election of the vice-president of the Philippines, the provincial vice-governor and the municipal vice-mayor for six-year terms, who shall automatically take over as president, governor and mayor, respectively, after the first three years in office.

(Communication No. 73 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the Executive.

Letter from Mrs. Pura Kalaw-Ledesma of Legaspi Village, Makati, Metro Manila, enclosing proposed constitutional provisions on science, arts and letters and on a Commission on Culture.

(Communication No. 74 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Mr. Albino V. Arriero of Provident Village, Marikina, Metro Manila, proposing provisions on citizenship, bill of rights, the legislature and term and tenure of elective and appointive officials, among others.

(Communication No. 75 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Communication from Rev. Fr. Ever Cansancio, Mr. Luis S. Hervas and Ms. Noemi Deocampo, all of Tansa, Iloilo City, proposing provisions on the preamble, family unity, social integrity, poverty and reforms, among others.

(Communication No. 76 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Filipino Crusaders World Army, Inc., signed by Cirilo T. Demetria proposing incorporation in the Constitution of its Man's Moral Concept.

(Communication No. 77 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Communication from Minister of Local Governments referring Resolution No. 1473 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Cotabato requesting the inclusion of a provision for the reappointment of representative districts and the constitution of Cotabato City into a separate district.

(Communication No. 78 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)