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OPENING OF SESSION

At 9:14 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 Serafin V.C. Guingona.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. GUINGONA: Almighty Father, we humbly pray for Your divine guidance so that we may be able to correctly perceive and discern the sentiments and desires of our people as to what should be contained in the proposed Constitution and so that we may conformably and accurately crystallize and express these sentiments and desires.

Grant us the wisdom so that in our efforts, truth and justice may prevail, the humility to accept the ideas of others which may conflict with ours, bearing in mind that we are here to serve the interests of our people, and the physical endurance to accomplish the many and varied tasks before us.

Help us never to forget to be concerned with the common good, for the welfare of our people, particularly the poor and the deprived, in this our work of drafting our people's constitution, one which would seek to establish in this fair land a community characterized by moral regeneration, social progress for all, political stability, economic prosperity, love and concern for one another.

Grant us to use the responsibility that You have given us to the fullest advantage of our people and our country. Make us realize fully and well that our acts and omissions in this momentous endeavour would inevitably be judged by our people now and by those of future generations and by You.

We give You thanks for this great opportunity to serve our people and we pray that with Your divine assistance, we shall not fail the. AMEN

ROLL CALL

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

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*:

Abubakar	Absent	Natividad	Present *
Alonto	Present *	Nieva	Present
Aquino	Present	Nolledo	Absent
Azcuna	Present	Ople	Present *
Bacani	Present	Padilla	Present
Bengzon	Absent	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	Present
Concepcion	Present	Sarmiento	Present
Davide	Absent	Suarez	Present
Foz	Present	Sumulong	Absent
Garcia	Present	Tadeo	Present
Gascon	Absent	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.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. RAMA: I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of yesterday's 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 and Communications, the President making the corresponding references:

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

Proposed Resolution No. 296, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION SECTION
ONE OF ARTICLE III OF THE 1973 CONSTITUTION WITH MODIFICATION.

Introduced by Hon. Treñas and Suarez.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 297, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO ADOPT IN THE CONSTITUTION AN ARTICLE
FOR THE BILL OF RIGHTS OF CITIZENS.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 298, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING FOR THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE MINISTRY
ON CULTURAL COMMUNITIES.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Proposed Resolution No. 299, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE
MINISTRY OF CULTURE.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Proposed Resolution No. 300, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CHARTER A
PROVISION ON THE COMPULSORY STUDY OF ETHNIC FILIPINO

CULTURES IN ALL SCHOOLS.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Proposed Resolution No. 301, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A STATE POLICY ON TOURISM RESPECTING THE CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS, AND BELIEFS OF NATIONAL CULTURAL COMMUNITIES.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on Human Resource.

Proposed Resolution No. 302, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO DELETE THE PROVISION UNDER DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES IN BOTH THE 1935 AND 1973 CONSTITUTIONS POSTULATING THAT "THE DEFENSE OF THE STATE IS THE PRIME DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE" AND TO THIS END TO COMPEL EVERY CITIZEN TO RENDER MILITARY SERVICE — A DANGEROUS ANACHRONISM THAT SHOULD YIELD TO THE SOUNDER AND MORE RELEVANT PRIORITY THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIMARY DUTY IS TO LIFT THE LIVING LEVEL OF OUR IMPOVERISHED PEOPLE AND TO DEFEND THEIR BASIC FREEDOMS.

Introduced by Hon. Rama.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 303, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION FOR THE COMPULSORY TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION AS WELL AS IN NONFORMAL TRAINING TO PERSONS AND INSTITUTIONS TASKED TO ENFORCE AND GUARANTEE THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

Introduced by Hon. Quesada and Bennagen.

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Proposed Resolution No. 304, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE ARTICLE ON TRANSITORY PROVISIONS OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION MANDATING JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION OF ADMISSIONS TO PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP UNDER OR PURSUANT TO A DECREE PROMULGATED BY THE PAST REGIME.

Introduced by Hon. Davide, Jr.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 305, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES UNLESS THEY PUBLISH AND SUBMIT THEIR PROGRAM OF GOVERNMENT OR PLATFORMS AND THEIR CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND PROCLAIM THEIR ADHERENCE TO AND SUPPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Introduced by Hon. Davide, Jr.

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

Proposed Resolution No. 306, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION EXCLUDING FROM THE RULE ON DOUBLE COMPENSATION, PENSIONS OR GRATUITIES.

Introduced by Hon. Davide, Jr.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 307, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION REQUIRING THAT ONLY CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES OR CORPORATIONS WHOLLY OWNED BY SUCH CITIZENS CAN ENGAGE IN COMMERCIAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THAT MEMBERS OF BOTH THE GOVERNING AND MANAGING BODIES THEREOF SHALL BE FILIPINO CITIZENS.

Introduced by Hon. Davide, Jr.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 308, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION PROHIBITING ANY RELIGIOUS SECT AND ANY PARTY, AGGROUPEMENT, ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION WHICH SEEKS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO ACHIEVE ITS GOAL THROUGH VIOLENCE OR ARMED STRUGGLE FROM BEING REGISTERED OR ACCREDITED AS A POLITICAL PARTY.

Introduced by Hon. Davide, Jr.

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

Proposed Resolution No. 309, entitled: