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OPENING OF SESSION

At 5:14 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 Reverend Cirilo A. Rigos.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

REV. RIGOS: Most loving and gracious God by Whose goodness we are gathered here today, we pause to invoke Thy blessings upon us.

Grant us the courage to change what can be changed, the humility to accept what cannot be changed and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*:

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

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

The President is present.

The roll call shows 43 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.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. CALDERON: Madam President, I move that we approve the Journal of the previous 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 Proposed Resolutions on First Reading and Communications, the President making the corresponding references:

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING

Proposed Resolution No. 256, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PRINCIPLE OF PEOPLE POWER IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS THROUGH THE METHOD OF INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Introduced by Hon. Garcia and Gascon.

To the Committee on the Legislative.

Proposed Resolution No. 257, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION FOR A
PRESIDENTIAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT SPECIFYING THEREIN THE TERM,
QUALIFICATIONS AND MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on the Executive.

Proposed Resolution No. 258, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION SECTION
TWENTY, ARTICLE FOUR, OF THE 1973 CONSTITUTION WITH
MODIFICATION TO MAKE THE PROTECTION EFFECTIVE.

Introduced by Hon. Treñas.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 259, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION A
PROVISION REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE SUPREME COURT OF RULES
CONCERNING PLEADING, PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE PROMULGATED BY
QUASI-JUDICIAL BODIES BEFORE THESE RULES CAN BECOME
EFFECTIVE.

Introduced by Hon. Treñas.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Proposed Resolution No. 260, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION A
PROHIBITION AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICERS HOLDING TWO OR MORE
PUBLIC OFFICES AT THE SAME TIME.

Introduced by Hon. Treñas.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 261, entitled:

RESOLUTION STRENGTHENING THE LIBERTY OF ABODE AND TRAVEL
PROVISION OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

Introduced by Hon. Natividad, de los Reyes, Jr., Maambong and Ople.

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

Human Rights.

Proposed Resolution No. 262, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUOUS VALIDITY OF ALL EXISTING LAWS, PROCLAMATIONS, DECREES, ORDERS OR INSTRUCTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXERCISE AND TERMINATION OF THE LAW-MAKING POWERS OF THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT.

Introduced by Hon. Maambong, de los Reyes, Jr., Natividad and Ople.

To the Committee on Amendments and Transitory Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 265, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCORPORATE THE STUDY OF THE LIFE AND WORKS OF OUR NATIONAL HERO, JOSE RIZAL, IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 266, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCORPORATE THE STUDY OF THE CONSTITUTION IN THE NEW CHARTER.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 267, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING A PROVISION IN THE CONSTITUTION CREATING THE COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 268, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE RETENTION OF THE U.S. MILITARY BASES ON PHILIPPINE TERRITORY AS PART OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 269, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCLUDE IN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE CONSTITUTION A PROVISION ON MORAL

COMMITMENT.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 270, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE INCLUSION OF OPTIONAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 271, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION CALLING FOR THE DISMANTLING OF PRIVATE ARMIES AND THE CIVILIAN HOME DEFENSE FORCES (CHDF).

Introduced by Hon. Sarmiento and Nollado.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 272, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A SEPARATE ARTICLE ON THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE FAMILY.

Introduced by Hon. Nieva, Bacani, Muñoz Palma, Rigos, Gascon and Guingona.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Honorable Neptali A. Gonzales, Minister of Justice, referring a letter of Mr. O. L. dela Cuesta of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, requesting a dual citizenship provision in the Constitution.

(Communication No. 45 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from the Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines signed by Mr. Ricardo G. Librea, submitting a paper proposing that the Central Bank be made a constitutional body.

(Communication No. 46 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.