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OPENING OF SESSION

At 5:17 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 Edmundo G. Garcia.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. GARCIA: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4, verses 16-19:

Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written.

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save His people.'

Dear God, our Father, You, who so loved the world that You pitched Your tent among us, be with us today as we work together in drafting the law of the land that will help set our people free: free from poverty and hunger, free from injustice and oppression, free to break down the barriers which prevent us from truly becoming brothers and sisters to one another.

Lord, Father of us all, forgive us for our shortcomings Help us to listen and learn, to respect the word of another and to understand the concern of those who are poor and powerless.

We are a rich country, but our people are poor. We are an independent Republic, but we are still struggling to be sovereign. We want to be a nation, proud to walk our

own path, before the concert of nations.

Lord of our history, Father of our people, be with us as we march towards a new day and help us realize in these halls that brother helped by brother is like a strong city built on the rock of faith in our people and hope that one day we shall all be free. 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
Brocka	Present	Rigos	Present
Calderon	Present	Rodrigo	Present
Castro de	Present	Romulo	Present
Colayco	Present	Rosales	Present
Concepcion	Present	Sarmiento	Present
Davide	Present	Suarez	Present
Foz	Present	Sumulong	Present
Garcia	Present	Tadeo	Present
Gascon	Present	Tan	Present
Guingona	Present	Tingsont	Present
Jamir	Present	Treñas	Present
Laurel	Absent	Uka	Present
Lerum	Present	Villacorta	Present
Maambong	Present	Villegas	Present
Monsod	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. ALONTO: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Assistant Floor Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. ALONTO: 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. ALONTO: 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. 229, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION AN ARTICLE
ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Introduced by Hon. Tingson.

To the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers.

Proposed Resolution No. 230, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION STATE
POLICIES CONCERNING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Introduced by Hon. de Castro.

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 231, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION STATE
POLICIES TO PREVENT THE SAD EXPERIENCES OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE
DURING THE TWENTY-YEAR RULE OF THE DEPOSED REGIME.

Introduced by Hon. de Castro.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 232, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION SECTION
SIX OF ARTICLE X OF THE 1973 CONSTITUTION.

Introduced by Hon. Treñas.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Proposed Resolution No. 233, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION SECTION SEVEN OF ARTICLE X OF THE 1973 CONSTITUTION.

Introduced by Hon. Treñas.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Proposed Resolution No. 234, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION IN THE ARTICLE ON THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT A SPECIFIC PROVISION REDEFINING THE POWER OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OVER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

Introduced by Hon. Regalado.

To the Committee on the Executive.

Proposed Resolution No. 235, entitled.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM PARTICIPATING AS COUNSEL IN JUDICIAL, QUASI-JUDICIAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS AND PROHIBITIONS AGAINST THEIR HAVING FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.

Introduced by Hon. Regalado.

To the Committee on the Legislative.

Proposed Resolution No. 236, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING A PROVISION IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE.

Introduced by Hon. Romulo.

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Proposed Resolution No. 237, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH FREEDOM PARKS IN ALL TOWNS, CITIES AND PROVINCES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Introduced by Hon. de los Reyes, Jr.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 238, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO STRENGTHEN THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BY INCORPORATING IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION PROVISIONS REQUIRING THAT APPOINTMENTS THERETO SHALL BE MADE FROM A LIST OF NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS SECTORS AND INCREASING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER.

Introduced by Hon. Davide, Jr.

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

Proposed Resolution No. 239, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ENTRY INTO THE CIVIL SERVICE BY QUALIFIED AND COMPETENT MEN BY INCORPORATING IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION MANDATING COMPARABILITY OF PAY TO CIVIL SERVANTS WITH THAT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

Introduced by Hon. Davide, Jr.

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

Proposed Resolution No. 240, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG CIVIL SERVICE BY CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE REFORMS IN VARIOUS AREAS OF CONCERN AND INCORPORATING IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION GRANTING BROADER POWERS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Introduced by Hon. Davide, Jr.

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

Proposed Resolution No. 241, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THAT THE FIRST ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE AND ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING THOSE OF THE BARANGAY BE HELD ON MARCH 25, 1987 AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

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

To the Committee on Amendments and Transitory Provisions.

Proposed Resolution No. 242, entitled:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DEATH PENALTY AS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT EXPRESSLY BANNED BY THE 1986 CONSTITUTION.

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

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