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R.C.C. NO. 35

Monday, July 21, 1986

OPENING OF SESSION

At 9:47 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 sing the National Anthem.

THE PRESIDENT: Everybody will please remain standing for the Prayer to be led by the Honorable Francisco A. Rodrigo.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. RODRIGO: O Diyos na lubhang
Makapangyarihan:
Kami'y Iyo sanang damayan, tulungan
Sana'y liwanagin ang aming isipan;
Linisin ang aming puso't kalooban;
Pasipaging lubos ang aming katawan
Upang ang tungkuling aming pinapasan
Ay aming matupad, aming magampanan
At sa gayo'y aming maisakatuparan
Ang aming adhikang magharap sa bayan
Ng Saligang Batas na naglalarawan
Ng atas ng tanang mga mamamayan
Na papaghariin sa lupang hinirang
Ang laya, ang dangal, ang katiwasayan;
Ang madlang pag-unlad na pangkabuhayan.
At ang katarungan sa aming lipunan.
Siya Nawa.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE PRESIDENT: The session is suspended.

It was 9:49 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 9:51 a.m., the session was resumed.

THE PRESIDENT: The session is resumed.

ROLL CALL

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary-General will please 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*	Tingson	Present
Jamir	Present	Treñas	Present
Laurel	Present*	Uka	Present
Lerum	Present*	Villacorta	Present
Maambong	Present*	Villegas	Present
Monsod	Present*		Present

The President is present.

The roll call shows 27 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 to dispense with the reading of the Journal of the previous 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 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.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary-General read the following Communications, the President making the corresponding references:

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Katipunan ng Samahang Maharlika (KASAMA) suggesting salient features of the Constitution.

(Communication No. 258 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from Media for Evangelization and Development proposing a resolution providing for a constitutional provision to promote and protect the people's rights and welfare in the use of the air for broadcast media.

(Communication No. 259 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Communication from Media for Evangelization and Development proposing a resolution providing for a State policy to aid and support the natural right and duty of parents in the education and moral development of the youth through a system of free elementary and secondary education, whether in government-owned schools or in private community-based schools, at the option of the parents.

(Communication No. 260 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Bulacan Political Science Society signed by Mr. Jesus S. Isidoro-Torres, expressing opposition to the proposal seeking to "freeze" the powers of the Presidential Commission on Good Government.

(Communication No. 261-Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Amendments and Transitory Provisions.

Letter from the Filipino Life Insurance Companies Association, Inc., signed by Mr. Daniel M. Mercado, Jr., suggesting provisions on the national language, balanced budgeting, and nationalization of public utilities, among others.

(Communication No. 262 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the steering Committee.

Letter from Mr. Raymundo S. Cruz of 202 De Castro Subdivision, Paso de Blas, Valenzuela, Metro Manila, proposing Filipinization of certain industries and provisions on labor, among others.

(Communication No. 263 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Letter from Mr. Jose D. Mandac of 481 A. Mabini St. Manggahan, Pasig, Rizal, favoring the retention of the U.S. military bases.

(Communication No. 264 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Letter from Mr. Bernardo R. Sebastian of 471 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, favoring the retention of the U.S. military bases.

(Communication No. 265 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Letter from Mr. Leo R. Cruz of 6-G Yap Apartment Rizal Avenue Extension, Cebu City, suggesting genuine land reform, and more economic assistance to Filipinos among others.

(Communication No. 266 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Social Justice.

MR. ROMULO: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

MR ROMULO: I move that we consider Committee Report No 22 on the Proposed Article on the National Assembly as reported out by the Committee on the Legislative.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection?

MR. RODRIGO —Madam President, there is a prejudicial question which is involved in this report, and that is, whether or not we should have a bicameral or unicameral legislature. I am a member of the Committee, Madam President, and when we voted

on whether it should be unicameral or bicameral, the vote was a tie, and so the Chairman, in order to break the tie, voted in favor of a unicameral structure.

And so, the whole report of the Committee is based on a unicameral legislature, but it is possible that the body itself as a whole might vote for a bicameral assembly. In which case, the whole report will have to be changed to conform to a bicameral structure.

And so, when we had that caucus of all the Commissioners, I suggested that we first decide on this prejudicial questions that we will not be wasting too much time.

MR. ROMULO: May I suggest, and this was made in consultation with the Chairman, Commissioner Davide, that he proceed with his sponsorship speech, after which we can have a freewheeling discussion on a unicameral versus a bicameral legislature and then go into caucus thereafter.

THE PRESIDENT: Is that acceptable to the Commissioner?

MR. RODRIGO: If that is the desire of the Chairman of the Committee.

MR. ROMULO: It is, Madam President.

MR. RODRIGO: Madam President, I conform.

MR. ROMULO: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Acting Floor Leader recognized:

CONSIDERATION OF C.R. NO. 22
(Article on the National Assembly)

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

MR. ROMULO: I move that we consider Committee Report No. 22 on Proposed Resolution Nos. 35, 92 109, 132, 150, 157, 189, 235, 256, 290, 310, 319, 321, 334, 336, 337, 364, 375, 381, 396, 400 and 403 as reported out by the Committee on the Legislative.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

Consideration of Committee Report No. 22 is now in order. With the permission of the body, the Secretary General will read only the title of the committee report without prejudice to inserting in the Record the whole text thereof.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: Committee Report No. 22, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN ARTICLE ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

(The following is the whole text of the proposed Article on the National Assembly per C.R. No. 22.)