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Saturday, July 19, 1986

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:40 a.m., the President of the Constitutional Commission, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The National Anthem was sung followed by a prayer led by Mr. Cirilo A. Rigos, to wit:

Most loving and righteous God, who knowest our deepest thoughts and divinest the purest longings of our hearts: look with mercy upon us. Save us from faithlessness and pride. Remind us of our inadequacy and assure us of Thy sufficiency.

As we gather for another day of work, may we find pleasure in the thought that we are investing unto eternity a portion of our labors and of ourselves. Help us therefore to bear the weight of our responsibilities, and to discharge our duties with a sense of mission.

May this be another day of fulfilling experiences, a glorious time of learning from one another, and a precious moment in the life of our nation.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General of the Commission called the Roll and the following Members responded:

Bennagen, P.	Padilla, A. B.
L.	
Bernas, J. G.	Muñoz Palma, C.
Rosario	Rama, N. G.
Braid, F.	
Calderon, J.	Regalado, F. D.
D.	
De Castro,	De los Reyes, R. F.
C. M.	
Colayco, J.	Rigos, C. A.
C.	
Concepcion,	Rodrigo, F. A.

R. R.
 Davide, H. Romulo, R. J.
 G.
 Guingona, S. Rosales, D. R.
 V. C.
 Jamir, A. M. Suarez, J. E.
 K.
 Maambong, Sumulong, L. M.
 R. E.
 Monsod, C. Tan, C.
 S.
 Nieva, M. T. Tingson, G. J.
 F.
 Nollado, a. Treñas, E. B.
 N.
 Ople, B. F. Uka, L. L.

With 30 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Abubakar, Y. Foz, V. B.
 R.
 Alonto, A. D. Garcia, E. G.
 Aquino, F. S. Lerum, E. R.
 Azcuna, A. Natividad, T. C.
 S.
 Bacani, T. C. Quesada, M. L. M.
 Bengzon, J. Tadeo, J. S. L.
 F. S.
 Brocka, L. O.

The following Members were on official mission:

Gascon, J. L. Villacorta, W. V.
 M. C.
 Sarmiento, Villegas, B. M.
 R. V.

Mr. Laurel was absent.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Mr. Calderon, there being no objection, the reading of the Journal of the previous session was dispensed with and the said Journal was approved by the Body, with the correction, at the instance of Mr. Bernas, on page 312, column 1, paragraph 6, lines 8 and 4, under the caption AMENDMENT OF MR. ROMULO, to delete the phrase "rejected the text of the substitute amendment", and in lieu thereof, to substitute the phrase "accepted the substitute text for consideration in another Article."

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Calderon, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES OF COMMUNICATIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General of the Commission read the titles of the following Communications which were, in turn, referred by the Chair to the Committees hereunder indicated:

Communication No. 236 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Honorable Commissioner Ponciano L. Bennagen, transmitting a resolution for an autonomous Cordillera region signed by 3,219 people.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Communication No. 237 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, signed by Mr. Ramon A. Tagle, Jr., transmitting two resolutions from the Maguindanao and North Cotabato Chapters requesting the inclusion of a clear statement of the population program, and a provision making the members of the Supreme Court elective

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 238 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Enrique B. Inting, Provincial Fiscal, Bohol, proposing the retirement of the justices of the Supreme Court and other collegiate courts upon reaching 70 years and other trial judges upon reaching 65 years

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Communication No. 239 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the *Katipunan ng Bagong Pilipino and the Samahan ng Kababaihang Manggawang Pilipina* proposing provisions on the equality of men and women and the retention of Philippine citizenship by a Filipino who marries an alien

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 240 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Family Planning Organization of the Philippines, Zamboanga Provincial Chapter, signed by Dr. Pilar A. Avedillo, transmitting its Resolution No. 10, series of 1986, proposing provisions

that shall strengthen the family as a basic social unit and a policy statement on population program

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 241 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Honorable Commissioner Minda Luz M. Quesada, transmitting the following papers: a) protests by different groups against the move to make religious instruction in public schools compulsory, and b) position paper of the Citizen Assembly for Good Government, People's Welfare, and Human Rights on the proposed Constitution

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 242 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter of Mrs. Liceria H. Ona of the Catholic Women's League, San Juan, Batangas, suggesting measures to improve health care delivery services

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 243 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the National Council of Churches in the Philippines signed by Bishop La Verne D. Mercado, enclosing proposals on separation of church and state, human rights, foreign relations, education, rural issues and land reform, labor issues, women's and children's rights, among others

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 244 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Piux W. Amoguia of Baclayon, Bohol, submitting proposals to help achieve economic recovery

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 245 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Honorable Commissioner Ponciano L. Bennagen, transmitting a resolution for a regional autonomous government in the Cordillera, sponsored by the Cordillera People's Alliance and signed by 4,905 Igorots

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Communication No. 246 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from P/Lt. Policarpio F. Joson, Navotas Police Station, Metro Manila, proposing the adoption of general policies regarding the police organization

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 247 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Philippine Federation for Environmental Concern signed by Mr. Delfin J. Ganapin, Jr., supporting Proposed Resolution No. 205 introduced by the Honorable Cirilo A. Rigos which seeks to incorporate in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies provisions recognizing the right to a healthy environment and providing for the preservation and protection of the country's natural resources; and suggesting that similar provisions be incorporated in the articles on the Bill of Rights, National Economy and Patrimony and General Provisions

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 248 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Manuel C. Pore of the Confederation of Labor and Allied Social Services, suggesting some provisions on labor and social justice

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 249 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Honorable Commissioner Ambrosio B. Padilla, attaching a letter from Mr. Alejandro P. San Pedro regarding the Sabah issue

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 250 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from M. Ahmad P. Musur of Data Street, Sta. Mesa Heights, Quezon City, recommending the federal form of government and the change of name of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Federal States of Luzviminda.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 251 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from M. Nicolas B. Montenegro of 126 F. Fule St., Barangay I, Alaminos, Laguna, suggesting that nationalism be taught from kindergarten to the college level

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Communication No. 252 — Constitutional Commission of 1986'

Letter from Mr. P. S. Caguioa of Quirino, Bacnotan, La Union, expressing opposition to the abolition of the death penalty

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP, BILL OF RIGHTS, POLITICAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS