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OPENING OF SESSION

At 9:40 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 Cirilo A. Rigos.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

REV. RIGOS: Let us pray:

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

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

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*.

Abubakar	Present *	Monsod	Present
Alonto	Present *	Natividad	Present *
Aquino	Present *	Nieva	Present

Azcuna	Present *	Nolledo	Present
Bacani	Present *	Ople	Present
Bengzon	Present *	Padilla	Present
Bennagen	Present	Quesada	Present *
Bernas	Present	Rama	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Regalado	Present
Brocka	Present *	Reyes de los	Present
Calderon	Present	Rigos	Present
Castro de	Present	Rodrigo	Present
Colayco	Present	Romulo	Present
Concepcion	Present	Rosales	Present
Davide	Present	Suarez	Present
Foz	Present *	Sumulong	Present
Garcia	Present *	Tadeo	Present *
Guingona	Present	Tan	Present
Jamir	Present	Tingson	Present
Laurel	Absent	Treñas	Present
Lerum	Present *	Uka	Present
Maambong	Present		

Commissioners Gascon, Sarmiento, Villacorta and Villegas are on official mission.

The President is present.

The roll call shows 30 Members responded to the call.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair declares the presence of quorum.

MR. CALDERON: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Assistant Floor Leader is recognized .

MR. CALDERON: I move that we 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.

FR. BERNAS: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Commissioner Bernas is recognized.

FR. BERNAS: Just one minor correction on page 6. The paragraph starting on line 4 states: "Mr. Bernas, on behalf of the Committee, accepted the proposed deletion but rejected the text of the substitute amendment." This should read: ". . . accepted the proposed deletion but ACCEPTED THE SUBSTITUTE TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION IN ANOTHER ARTICLE."

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; let the proper correction be made.

There was a previous motion to approve the Journal of yesterday's session.

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 Communications, the President making the corresponding references:

COMMUNICATIONS

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

(Communication No. 236 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

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 on the population program, and a provision making the members of the Supreme Court elective.

(Communication No. 237 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

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.

(Communication No. 238 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the Judiciary.

Communication from the Katipunan ng Bagong Pilipino and the Samahan ng Kababaihang Manggagawang Pilipino, proposing provisions on the equality of men and women and the retention of Philippine citizenship of a Filipino who marries an alien.

(Communication No. 239 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

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.

(Communication No. 240 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

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.

(Communication No. 241 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

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

(Communication No. 242 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Social Justice.

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.

(Communication No. 243 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

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

(Communication No. 244 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

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.

(Communication No. 245 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

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

(Communication No. 246 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

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.

(Communication No. 247 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

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

(Communication No. 248 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Social Justice.

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

(Communication No. 249 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Mr. 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.

(Communication No. 250 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

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

(Communication No. 251 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Mr. P.S. Caguioa of Quirino, Bacnotan, La Union, expressing opposition