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CALL TO ORDER

At 9:49 A.M., The Vice-President Of The Constitutional Commission, The Honorable Ambrosio B. Padilla, Called The Session To Order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The National Anthem Was Sung Followed By A Prayer Led By Mr. Jose C. Colayco, To Wit:

"Dear Lord And Heavenly Father, When We Assumed Office On June 2, 1986, We Solemnly Swore To Perform Our Task Of Framing A New Constitution That Will Embody The Ideals And Aspirations Of Our People, And Guarantee The Enjoyment Of Our People's Freedom From Tyranny And Oppression For Generations To Come. We Were Eager And Able To Do What Had To Be Done. It Has Been More Than Two Months Now Since We Made That Promise. We Reaffirm It Now.

The Task Is Tremendous, But We Have Not Spared Study, Time And Diligence To Accomplish What We Have Set Out To Do. In The Process, Some Of Us, Including Your Humble Servant, Are Beginning To Falter And To Fall Behind. Others Have Had To Drop Back Out Of Strain And Sheer Fatigue And Exhaustion. Our Spirit Is Faltering, Our Health Weakening. We Need Your Help.

We Beseech Thee, Dear Lord, Restore Our Energy And Rekindle Our Spirit, So That We Can Carry On And Resume Our Assigned Task To Its Final And Successful Completion.

Amen."

Roll Call

Upon Direction Of The Chair, The Secretary-General Of The Commission Called The Roll And The Following Members Responded:

Alonto, A. D.	Jamir, A. M. K.
Aquino, F. S.	Laurel, J. B.
Azcuna, A. S.	Padilla, A. B.
Bennagen, P. L.	Rama, N. G.
Rosario Braid, F.	Rigos, C. A.
Calderon, J. D.	Rodrigo, F. A.
De Castro, C. M.	Romulo, R. J.
Colayco, J. C.	Rosales, D. R.
Concepcion, R. R.	Suarez, J. E.
Davide, H. G.	Sumulong, L. M.

Foz, V. B.
Tan, C.
Tingson, G. J.
Treñas, E. B.

Tadeo, J. S. L.
Uka, L. L.
Villacorta, W. B.
Villegas, B. M.

With 28 Members Present, The Chair Declared The Presence Of A Quorum.

The Following Members Appeared After The Roll Call:

A.M.

Abubakar, Y. R.
Bengzon, J. F. S.
Bernas, J. G.
Brocka, L. O.
Garcia, E. G.
Gascon, J. L. M. C.
Maambong, R. E.

Monsod, C. S.
Natividad, T. C.
Nolledo, J. N.
Ople, B. F.
Quesada, M. L. M.
De Los Reyes, R. F.
Sarmiento, R. V.

P.M.

Lerum, E. R.

Mr. Bacani Notified The Constitutional Commission, Through The Secretariat, Of His Absence.

Mr. Guingona, Mrs. Muñoz Palma And Mr. Regalado Were Sick.
Mrs. Nieva 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.

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 AND COMMITTEE REPORT

Upon Direction Of The Chair, The Secretary-General Read The Titles Of The Following Communications And Committee Report Which Were, In Turn, Referred By The Chair To The Committees Hereunder Indicated:

Communication No. 538 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Communication From Mr. Geronimo A. Carreon Of 263 Turingan Street, Santiago, Isabela, Proposing That Teachers Should Not Be Compelled To Perform Election Duties; Civil Service Employees Should Be On Equal Footing With The Military Personnel When It Comes To Retirement; Ceiling Age Limit Should Be Required Of Candidates For President And

Vice-President, Among Others

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 539 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Communication From Rev. Paul B. Marx, O.S.B., Of 418 C. Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 2002, Saying That If Abortion Is Legalized, It Becomes A Primary Means Of Birth Control; Some People Will Not Even Bother With The Use Of Contraception; Young People Will Have Increasing Irresponsible Sexual Intercourse Because They Know They Can Always Get Rid Of It, But Expressing The Hope That The New Constitution Will Contain Protection For The Unborn From The Moment Of Conception

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

Communication No. 540 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Communication From Mr. Ric C. Rubia Of Claveria, Masbate, Transmitting Resolution No. 86-55 Of The Sangguniang Bayan Of Claveria, Requesting The Transfer From The Philippine Gamefowl Commission To The Local Executives Of The Power To Issue Cockpit License And Permit

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Communication No. 541 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Communication From The European Chamber Of Commerce Of The Philippines, Signed By Its President, Arthur G.D. Gilmour, 3Rd Floor Electra House 115-117 Esteban St., Legaspi Village, Makati, Metro Manila, Urging The Retention Of The Current 60/40 Restrictions On Foreign Participation In The Area Of Telecommunications, And Expressing Apprehension That Further Reduction Of Foreign Equity Ceiling Might Dampen The Enthusiasm For Additional Investment And Subsequently Create An Unnecessary Gap In The Overall Development Of The Telecommunications Industry

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 542 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Communication From Mr. Benjamin M. Orteza Of Butuan City, Transmitting Resolution No. 47-86 Of The Sangguniang Panlungsod Of Butuan, Seeking To Incorporate In The Constitution The Following Proposals: (1) That The State Shall Limit The Exploitation, Development And Use Of The Country's Natural Resources To Natural-Born Filipinos; (2) That Salvaging, Torture, Hamletting, Zoning, Food Blockade And Similar Acts In Any Form Shall In All Cases Be Prohibited And Shall Be Punishable By Law; (3) That The State Shall Provide Free Elementary And Secondary Education; And (4) That Youth And Student Organizations' Right And Freedom To Sympathize With The People's Struggle Shall Not Be Stifled Or Suppressed

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 543 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Communication From Mr. Oswaldo Bacarza Of Dipolog City And Sixty-One (61) Other Signatories Expressing Strong Support To The Following: (1) Enshrinement Of Health As A Basic Human Right; (2) Nationalization Of The Drug Industry, (3) Creation Of People's Congresses And Sectoral Consultative Committees To Enshrine People's Participation In Policy And Decision Making Processes Of The State; (4) Prioritization Of Health And Other Social Services; (5) Enactment Of Laws To Promote Better Mother-Child Health; And (6) Respect For The Right Of Privacy Between Patients And Doctors, Among Others

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 544 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Letter From Mr. Leandro I. Verceles, Suite 612/614 Manila Hilton, United Nations Avenue, Manila, Submitting, In Behalf Of The Philippine Council For Foreign Relations, Inc., Proposals With Respect To Some Provisions Of The Proposed Constitution, Specifically On Foreign Military Bases In The Philippines

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

Communication No. 545 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Letter From Mr. Elly Velez Pamatong Of Room 600, Vip Building, 1140 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila Submitting His Suggestions On Declaration Of Principles For Consideration By The Constitutional Commission

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

Communication No. 546 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Resolution 67-86 Of The Sangguniang Panlungsod Of Butuan City, Signed By City Mayor-Designate Guillermo R. Sanchez And Other City Officials, Expressing Support Of The Resolution Of The Committee On Amendments And Transitory Provisions, Fixing The Term Of Office Of President Corazon C. Aquino And Vice-President Salvador H. Laurel For A Period Of Six Years Counted From February 25, 1986

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Communication No. 547 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Telemessage From The Association Of Philippine Physicians In America Seeking The Amendment Of Section 7 Of Proposed Resolution No. 496 So As To Allow A Natural-Born Citizen Of The Philippines Who Has Lost His Philippine Citizenship To Be A Transferee Of Private Lands

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 548 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Communication From Ms. Ruth B. Duran Of Pagadian City, Transmitting Resolution No. 106 Of The Sangguniang Panlungsod Of Pagadian City, Expressing Resentment Over The Lack Of Recognition Extended To The City Chief Executive By The Sponsors/Organizers Of The Baganian-Wide Dialogue On Human Rights Held At Pagadian City On June 26, 1986, And The Concom Public Hearing Held On July 12, 1986 Where No Mayor's Permit Was Secured For The Purpose

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 549 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

One Hundred Eighty-Six Letters From Students Of The Infant Jesus Academy, Silang, Cavite, All Seeking To Include In The Constitution The Following Proposals: (1) A No-U.S. Military Bases Agreement; (2) An Anti-Nuclear Power Plant; (3) The Promotion Of Philippine Sovereignty Over Our Natural Resources; And (4) A No-U.S. Or Any Foreign Intervention In Philippine Affairs

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

Communication No. 550 — Constitutional Commission Of 1986

Communication From Mr. Adolfo V. Revilla, Jr. Of The Forestry Development Center, U.P. Los Baños, College Of Forestry, College, Laguna, Seeking For The Inclusion In The Constitution Of A Basic Statement On The Need To Conserve Our Natural Resources, And To Exempt From The Provision That Leases For Exploration Of Natural Resources Be Limited To A Maximum Of Twenty-Five Years, Renewable For Not More Than Twenty-Five Years

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 551 Constitutional Commission Of 1986

One Hundred Three Letters With Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-One Signatories With Their Respective Addresses, All Seeking To Include In The Constitution A Provision Mandating The State To Protect The Life Of The Unborn From The Moment Of Conception

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 38 On Proposed Resolution No. 540, Prepared By The Committee On Amendments And Transitory Provisions, Entitled: