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OPENING OF SESSION

At 9:52 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 Bernardo M. Villegas.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. VILLEGAS: God Almighty, You created us so that we may perfect ourselves mainly through human work. Through our first parents, You commanded us to exercise dominion over the whole earth. Work, far from being a punishment, has always been part of our human nature. Work — whether manual or intellectual — is the main instrument You have given us for our personal sanctification.

Lord, thank You for giving us during these past few weeks the opportunity to work with unusual vigor. We are edified to see among our colleagues in the Commission outstanding examples of diligence, thoroughness, patience, perseverance, attention to details and an abhorrence for sloppiness and mediocrity in professional work. May the lessons we are learning from them last for the rest of our lives and may we spread these exemplary attitudes to work far and wide among our fellow Filipinos.

Through the work we have been performing in writing a Constitution for our people, we want to participate in Your continuing task of creation by helping in a small way to build a just and humane society. We want this work to give glory to You and to serve our people, especially those who are poor and defenseless. Through a preferential concern for the poor, let us fulfill the new commandment which Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, brought to us. Let us love in deeds, and not just in words. Let us learn once and for all that love, more than being an emotional or sentimental feeling, is an act of the will by which we seek the good of others even at our own expense. May we continuously exercise this act of the will in good and bad times, in joy and in pain.

All these we ask You through Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ROLL CALL

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary-General will please 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	Absent
Concepcion	Present *	Rosales	Present
Davide	Present	Sarmiento	Present
Foz	Present	Suarez	Present
Garcia	Present *	Sumulong	Present
Gascon	Present	Tadeo	Present
Guingona	Present	Tan	Present
Jamir	Present	Tingson	Present
Laurel	Present *	Uka	Present
Lerum	Present *	Villacorta	Present
Maambong	Present *	Villegas	Present

The Secretariat is in receipt of official advice of absence of Commissioner Treñas.

The President is present.

The roll call shows 34 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 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 last session.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection that we approve the Journal of the last session? (*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 Mr. Niceto Z. Limpiedo, Municipal Mayor of Naval, Leyte, transmitting Resolution Nos. 72 to 76, series of 1986, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Naval, requesting inclusion of provisions in the Constitution providing for salaries, insurance, retirement and leave benefits for elective municipal officials.

(Communication No. 404 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Letter from Mr. Magdaleno Espirito, Jr., of School Volunteer Program (Philippines) Unit 823, Building 8, UP Bliss, Diliman, Quezon City, requesting inclusion of provisions in the Constitution providing for free and compulsory elementary and secondary education and recognizing the role of private colleges and universities in tertiary education by granting annual budgetary support.

(Communication No. 405 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Telegram from Mr. Anacleto O. Ranises of Lapasan, Cagayan de Oro City, requesting the Commission to give the Visaya-Cebuano language equal treatment with Tagalog in the Constitution.

(Communication No. 406 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Letter from former MP Princess Potri Ali Pacasum of 26 Marunong, Central District, Diliman, Quezon City, urging the Constitutional Commission to include in the Constitution a provision granting autonomy to the Bangsa Moro Nation of the South

and the Cordillera people of the North.

(Communication No. 407 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Communication from the Movement for a Filipino Federal Republic, signed by Mr. Samuel C. Occena, 31 Tionko Avenue, Davao City, submitting draft articles for a federal system of government.

(Communication No. 408 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from the Southern Philippine Muslim Youth Association, c/o P.O. Box 5452, Iligan City, signed by Sultan Daud P. Salsal, requesting the Constitutional Commission to consider the full implementation of the *Bangsa Moro Autonomous Government* within the framework of the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Philippines.

(Communication No. 409 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Letter from Mr. Ramon G. Santillan, President of the Tabaco Senior Citizens, Inc., 303 Ziga Avenue, Tabaco, Albay, submitting his association's Resolution No. 86-B-3, proposing a provision for a truly socialized program for the neglected and forgotten elders in the form of increased pension and government subsidized health care.

(Communication No. 410 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Social Justice.

Letter from Ms. Emma Susan I. Ortega of the Humanist Party, P.O. Box 5088, Makati, Metro Manila, applauding the inclusion of the article that gives equal rights to women in all fields and expressing opinions on the issue of legalizing abortion and on the legalization of divorce.

(Communication No. 411 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Sister Leontina Castillo, OSA and Brother Rafael Donato, FSC, Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines, 214 N. Domingo Street, Quezon City, urging the Constitutional Commission to adopt measures on (1) Philippines sans foreign military bases and nuclear plants and arms, (2) genuine land reform, (3) nationalist agricultural development and industrialization, (4) free and nationalist education, (5) national language, (6) just labor laws, and (7) right of tribal Filipinos.

(Communication No. 412 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from the Catholic Women's League, Archdiocese of Manila, signed by its President, Susana P. Africa, and the other officers and members of the board of directors, expressing appreciation and support for the inclusion in the Constitution provisions on human rights of unborn children from the moment of conception and on the teaching of religion in public elementary and secondary schools under certain conditions.

(Communication No. 413 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from the Honorable Commissioner Ponciano L. Bennagen, transmitting a letter from the Solidarity of Humane Organization for Equality and Sovereignty (SHOES) of Marikina, submitting various proposals for the consideration of the Constitutional Commission.

(Communication No. 414 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Mr. Miguel Ll. Moreno, transmitting Resolution No. 24, series of 1986, of the Sangguniang Bayan of Taal, Batangas, informing the Constitutional Commission of the objection of the Sangguniang Bayan of Taal to the scrapping of the death penalty from the Penal Code.

(Communication No. 415 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

CONSIDERATION OF
PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 517
(Article on the Executive) *
Continuation

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

MR. RAMA: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. RAMA: Up for consideration this morning is the pending last amendment to the Article on the Executive, Committee Report No. 26. This is the amendment that was proposed by Commissioner Jamir. So, in order to wind up our job on this Article on the Executive, I ask that Commissioner Jamir be recognized.

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