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## R.C.C. NO. 72

Tuesday, September 2, 1986

### OPENING OF SESSION

*At 10:20 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 Rustico F. de los Reyes, Jr.

*Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.*

### PRAYER

MR. DE LOS REYES: Supreme Ruler of the universe, today we shall tackle again an important and delicate issue involving the future of our patrimony and economy. As usual, debates could be heated and passionate because of the strength of our respective beliefs and convictions. We need Your divine guidance more than ever so that we do not forget that despite our diverse stand, we are bound together as brothers and sisters under Your Fatherhood.

Grant that these proceedings, which we start in peace, may continue in harmony and adjourn in friendship. Amen.

### ROLL CALL

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

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, reading:

Abubakar	Present *	Rosario Braid	Present
Alonto	Present *	Calderon	Present
Aquino	Present *	Castro de	Present
Azcuna	Present *	Colayco	Present *
Bengzon	Present	Concepcion	Present
Bennagen	Present	Davide	Present
Bernas	Present	Foz	Present *
Garcia	Present	Reyes de los	Present
Gascon	Present	Rigos	Present *
Guingona	Present	Rodrigo	Present

Jamir	Present	Romulo	Present *
Laurel	Present	Rosales	Absent
Lerum	Present *	Sarmiento	Present
Maambong	Present *	Suarez	Present
Monsod	Present	Sumulong	Present *
Natividad	Present	Tadeo	Present *
Nieva	Present	Tan	Present *
Nolledo	Present *	Tingson	Present *
Ople	Present *	Treñas	Absent
Padilla	Present	Uka	Absent
Quesada	Present	Villacorta	Present
Rama	Present	Villegas	Present
Regalado	Absent		

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

The President is present.

The roll call shows 26 Members responded to the call.

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 yesterday's 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 yesterday's session.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any objection that we approve the Journal of yesterday's 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. Liberato Bautista of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, 879 EDSA, Quezon City, transmitting the NCCP's statement on the Presidential Commission on Good Government and on Religious Instruction in Public Schools, issued by Bishop La Verne Mercado and Dr. Johnny Gumban, respectively, hoping that the Constitutional Commission will find information on the thinking of the Protestant community about the subject matter treated in the statement.

(Communication No. 681 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Pastor Gil Palcone of the Marikina First Baptist Church, E. dela Paz St., Sto. Niño, Marikina, Metro Manila, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of Church and State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines.

(Communication No. 682 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Letter from Mr. Zoilo Dejaresco, Jr. of 56 Mabini St., City of Tagbilaran, submitting a position paper recommending the reconsideration or deletion from Proposed Resolution No. 215 of the prohibition of cross-media ownership in a single market area.

(Communication No. 683 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Letter from Minister Jose S. Concepcion, Jr. of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati, Metro Manila, transmitting a copy of the article "The Constitutional Protection of Economic Freedom" by Mr. Paul Craig Roberts, hoping that said article may be of interest and use in the Constitutional Commission's historic task of writing a new Constitution.

(Communication No. 684 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from the Bible Believers League for Morality and Democracy, 2330 Revellin St., Sta. Ana, Manila, submitting its position paper on social justice, the new system of Philippine education, and a position paper in support of the retention of the provision upholding the principle of the separation of Church and State with the hope that the same may be considered favorably.

(Communication No. 685 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from the Philippine Medical Society of Florida, Inc., signed by its President, Gonzalo A.C. Espino, and three other officers, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that would make a natural-born citizen of the Philippines who has lost his/her Philippine citizenship a transferee of private lands.

(Communication No. 686 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony.

Communication from Mr. Edilberto R. Abentino and eighty other signatories of the Cagayan de Oro College, Carmen, Cagayan de Oro City, proposing amendments to Section 4, Article II and Section 10, Article XV of the 1973 Constitution for incorporation in the new Constitution.

(Communication No. 687 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Communication from one Atty. Florante M. Yambot proposing that "the Armed Forces of the Philippines shall be composed of officers and men recruited proportionately from all the provinces."

(Communication No. 688 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Letters each from Ms. Natividad A. Umali, 100 T. Valdellon Street, Paete, Laguna; Mr. Danilo Fabella, 103 P. Jacinto Street, Caloocan City; Mr. Julius de los Santos, P.O. Box 23, Valenzuela, Metro Manila; Mr. Teody Pajaron, 4th Floor, Lola Taya Bldg., 1165 Quezon Blvd., Quezon City; and Ms. Rebecca O. Calba, Copenhagen, Denmark, all urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of the Church and State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines.

(Communication No. 689 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on General Provisions.

Communication from 329 signatories of concerned citizens of Negros Occidental, declaring that these signatories adhere and hold fast to democracy and to the tenets and principles of the democratic form of government and repudiate communism in all its forms and implications, and that the U.S. military bases in the Philippines be retained even beyond the expiry date in 1991.

(Communication No. 690 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Communication from 3,393 signatories with their respective addresses seeking to include in the Constitution a provision obliging the State to protect the life of the unborn from the moment of conception.

(Communication No. 691 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

MR. RAMA: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. RAMA: Per understanding yesterday between the chairman of the Steering Committee, Commissioner Suarez, and the chairman of the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony, we will take up the continuation of the consideration of the Article on National Economy and Patrimony this morning. We are in the period of amendments. I so move.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE PRESIDENT: Before we act on the motion, the Chair will suspend the session for a few minutes.

*It was 10:31 a.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 10:46 a.m., the session was resumed.*

THE PRESIDENT: The session is resumed.

MR. RAMA: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. RAMA: After a conference with the President, the chairman of the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony, as well as with Commissioner Suarez, they have decided to defer the consideration of the Article on National Economy and Patrimony until this afternoon.

THE PRESIDENT: Or later in the morning, just in case; and then can we proceed with the report of the Committee on Human Resources?

#### CONSIDERATION OF C.R. NO. 29

(Article on Education, Science, Technology, Arts and Culture)

*Continuation*

#### PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

MR. RAMA: I move, Madam President, that we proceed to the consideration on Second Reading of Committee Report No. 29 on the Article on Education, Science, Technology, Arts and Culture.

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

Will the honorable chairman, Mr. Villacorta, and the members of the Committee on Human Resources please occupy the front table?

Yesterday, we were discussing the section on national language. Whom do we have as speaker?

MR. DE CASTRO: Madam President.

THE PRESIDENT: Commissioner de Castro is recognized.

MR. DE CASTRO: Thank you, Madam President.