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CALL TO ORDER

At 8:55 a.m., the Honorable Francisco A. Rodrigo, called the session to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Alonto, A. D.	Nieva, M. T. F.
Aquino, F. S.	Nolledo, J. N.
Azcuna, A. S.	Ople, B. F.
Bacani, T. C.	Padilla, A. B.
Bengzon, J. F. S.	Rama, N. G.
Bennagen, P. L.	Regalado, F. D.
Bernas, J. G.	De los Reyes, R. F.
Rosario Braid, F.	Rigos, C. A.
Calderon, J. C.	Rodrigo, F. A.
De Castro, C. M.	Romulo, R. J.
Colayco, J. C.	Sarmiento, R. V.
Davide, H. G.	Suarez, J. E.
Foz, V. B.	Sumulong, L. M.
Garcia, E. G.	Tan, C.
Gascon, J. L. M. C.	Treñas, E. B.
Guingona, S. V. C.	Uka, L. L.
Jamir, A. M. K.	Villacorta, W. V. W.
Laurel, J. B.	Villegas, B. M.
Monsod, C. S.	

With 37 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Abubakar, Y. R.	Natividad, T. C.
Concepcion, R. R.	Quesada, M. L. M.
Lerum, E. R.	Tadeo, J. S. L.
Maambong, R. E.	Tingson, G. J.

Mr. Rosales was sick.

REOPENING OF THE CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 551 ON THE APPORTIONMENT ORDINANCE

Upon request of Mr. Rama, the Chair recognized Mr. Davide, Chairman of the Committee on the Legislative.

Thereupon, at the instance of Mr. Davide, there being no objection, the Body reopened the consideration of Resolution No. 551, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN ORDINANCE TO BE APPENDED TO THE NEW CONSTITUTION APPORTIONING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN PROVINCES AND CITIES AND THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Mr. Davide then invited attention to the session of Monday, October 13, 1986 during which the Body approved Resolution No. 551 on the Apportionment Ordinance on Third Reading under the suspended Rules without nominal voting because of which some Members opined it may suffer from such fatal defect. Mr. Davide stated that although under the suspended Rules nominal voting is not necessary, a stand which was concurred in by the Presiding Officer and the Floor Leader, in order to avoid any question on the matter, he acceded to the reopening.

Mr. Davide, likewise, manifested that the Committee on the Legislative had received a complaint from former Ambassador Lininding Pangandaman on the apportionment of Lanao del Sur particularly on the amendment of Mr. Alonto transferring the Municipality of Masiu from the First District to the Second District. He stated that Mr. Pangandaman invited attention to Republic Act No. 6406, dividing the Province of Lanao del Sur into Maranao and Lanao del Sur, under which Masiu should be in the First District, as a separate province. He stated that the amendment approved by the Body which transferred Masiu to the Second District which actually belongs to the supposed Maranao Province might give rise to a legal question later.

On request of Mr. Davide, the Chair recognized Mr. Alonto for his comment.

REMARKS OF MR. ALONTO

Mr. Alonto stated that he was unaware of the Republic Act mentioned, and he proposed Masiu to be transferred to the Second District only for the purpose of equalizing the number of inhabitants in both districts, however, he would have no objection to retaining Masiu in the First District.

RECONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER OF MASIU TO SECOND DISTRICT

Thereupon, on motion of Mr. Davide, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered its approval of the transfer of the Municipality of Masiu from the First to the Second District of Lanao del Sur.

RETENTION OF MASIU IN THE FIRST DISTRICT

Thereafter, on motion of Mr. Davide, duly seconded by Mr. Ople, the Body approved the retention of the Municipality of Masiu in the First District and its deletion from the Second District of Lanao del Sur.

INITIAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CORRECTION IN THE FINAL PRINTED COPY OF THE ORDINANCE