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## R.C.C. NO. 105

Saturday, October 11, 1986

### OPENING OF SESSION

At 10:05 a.m., the Presiding Officer, the Honorable Alberto M.K. Jamir, opened the session.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir): The session is called to order.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir) : Everybody will please rise to sing the National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the National Anthem.*

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir) : Everybody will please remain standing for the Prayer to be led by the Honorable Jose D. Calderon.

*Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.*

### PRAYER

MR. CALDERON: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we, the Members of the Constitutional Commission of 1986, Your humble servants in the service of the Filipino people had toiled for four-and-a-half months, often in harmony, sometimes in discord, but always in the common purpose of achieving for our people the realization of their aspirations and their hopes.

It is just two plenary session days before we finally adjourn. Our labor is about to end. Our task is nearly over. The job is all but finished.

Out of our collective genius, we have fashioned a Constitution which, when adopted by our people, shall become the foundation upon which all our other laws shall stand.

This fundamental law is not flawless, but, it is firm and sturdy and strong enough to withstand the stresses and the tensions that nationhood can produce.

This fundamental law is not faultless; but, it is the utmost that the spirit of compromise and accommodation among men of goodwill can devise.

This fundamental law is not perfect; but, it is the best that the genius of men, in all its frailty, can forge.

Upon this constitutional rock, Almighty God, allow us, the Filipino people, to build the house of this nation.

And the rain descended, and the floods came,

And the winds blew, and beat upon that house;

And it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

For all this, Almighty God, we render unto You our everlasting gratitude. Amen.

### ROLL CALL

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir) : The Secretary-General will call the roll.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*:

Abubakar	Present *	Natividad	Present *
Alonto	Present *	Nieva	Present
Aquino	Present *	Nolledo	Present *
Azcuna	Present *	Ople	Present *
Bacani	Absent	Padilla	Present
Bengzon	Present	Quesada	Present
Bennagen	Present *	Rama	Present
Bernas	Present	Regalado	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Reyes de los	Present
Calderon	Present	Rigos	Present
Castro de	Present	Rodrigo	Present
Colayco	Present	Romulo	Present
Concepcion	Present	Rosales	Absent
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	Absent	Treñas	Present
Lerum	Present *		Present
Maambong	Present	Villacorta	Present *
Monsod	Present	Villegas	Present

The President appeared after the Roll Call.

The roll call shows 28 Members responded to the call.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir): The Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of yesterday's session.

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

#### APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we approve the Journal of yesterday's session.

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

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir) : The Secretary-General will read the Reference of Business.

#### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary-General read the following Proposed Resolution on First Reading and Communications, the Presiding Officer making the corresponding references:*

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

Proposed Resolution No. 548, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION TO VICE-PRESIDENT AMBROSIO  
PADILLA, THE OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE  
VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE 1986 CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION.

Introduced by Hon. Romulo, Jamir, Abubakar, Rodrigo, Rigos and Treñas.

To the Steering Committee.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Mr. Bienvenido Castillo of Pulilan, Bulacan, suggesting that in order to prevent flying voters, registration should be stopped sixty days before election, and that the master lists should also be posted sixty days before election time to give the people the chance to check their names and enough time to be able to detect if there are flying voters in the list.

(Communication No. 1091 - Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

Communication from Ms. Leonora S. de Guzman of the Schools of Social Work Association of the Philippines, 1680 Kansas Street, Malate, Metro Manila, urging the inclusion in the Constitution of a provision designed to ameliorate the living conditions of depressed Filipinos.

(communication No. 1092 - Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Social Justice.

Letter from Mr. Benjamin Gruba, Sr. of 281-1 Iraya Street, Oro Site, Legaspi City, containing various constitutional proposals for the consideration of the Constitutional Commission.

(Communication No. 1093 - Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Ms. Francisca O. Tabang of 216 M.L. Quezon Street, Magiliw, Tabun, Mabalacat, Pampanga, requesting that government scholars who have graduated and passed the licensure examination be given preferential employment in the national government or government-owned or controlled corporations, considering that it is the government that chose their courses and spent for their college education.

(Communication No. 1094 - Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir) : The Floor Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 537  
ON SECOND READING  
(Article on the Declaration of Principles)

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we approve on Second Reading the resolution incorporating in the new Constitution the Article on the Declaration of Principles and State Policies.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 537 is approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 542  
ON SECOND READING  
(Article on Family Rights)

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we approve on Second Reading the Article on Family Rights.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir) : Commissioner Monsod is recognized.

MR. MONSOD: I will speak after him, Mr. Presiding Officer, if it is not the same. I will just wait for my turn.

MR. RAMA: There is a motion, Mr. Presiding Officer, that we approve on Second Reading the Article on Family Rights.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 542 is approved on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 531  
ON SECOND READING  
(Article on General Provisions)

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we approve on Second Reading the Article on General Provisions and a section in the Transitory Provisions.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 531 is approved on Second Reading.

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we approve on Third Reading the Article on National Economy and Patrimony.

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