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## R.C.C. NO. 100

Saturday, October 4, 1986

### OPENING OF SESSION

*At 10:02 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 Roberto R. Concepcion.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

### PRAYER

MR. CONCEPCION: Merciful Father, fountain of all good,  
As we look in retrospect  
At the work of this Commission  
During the last four months,  
As we assess the magnitude and quality  
Of our individual and collective endeavors,  
As we ponder on the nature and significance  
Of the conflicts and other obstacles  
We have solved and surmounted  
In the pursuit of our common objective,  
We perceive the magnitude of our debt of gratitude  
to You  
For the beneficent influence of Your grace,  
Our complete dependence upon Your Holy Will  
And the bigness of Your Sacred Heart.  
We beg You, our Lord and Shepherd, to sustain us,  
To provide us with further strength  
And impart to us the light of Your wisdom  
To the end that we may complete the New  
Constitution

In line with the demands of a just, humane  
and democratic society,  
With the honest conviction and collective will  
of the Members of this Convention,  
And, as far as practicable,  
with the general requirements of  
constitution-making.  
As we approach the end of our undertaking,  
With mixed feelings of joy  
In the accomplishment of our mission as a body,  
And with the hope and fervent prayer  
That our fundamental law  
May effectively contribute  
to the stabilization of our government,  
the promotion of understanding and unity  
among the Filipino people,  
and of their welfare and prosperity,  
As well as of sorrow at the thought  
that this Commission must soon be dissolved  
and its Members will part ways,  
for each to meet his own destiny.  
Oh, Lord of Lords, grant us  
The grace to reach the finish line  
In a spirit of brotherhood and friendship,  
Fortified by the feeling  
That we have done our level best for country  
and the people,  
Bolstered up by the common anxieties  
and warm associations,  
And the enduring pleasure of being together  
in the quest for truth and justice,  
for freedom, and equality,  
and for a lasting peace for all.  
For this Constitutional Commission  
And its distinguished Officers and Members,  
We earnestly pray to You, our Savior and  
Redeemer  
To extend Your bountiful blessings  
That their work of love  
and devotion to the Fatherland  
may merit due recognition from all.  
And, lastly, please accept my heartfelt gratitude  
for the courtesies extended to me by the  
Commission and its Officers and particularly  
for the expressions of personal consideration  
and esteem of my dear colleagues in this body,  
which I hope to fondly remember and treasure  
till the end of my days.  
This I ask You, Lord to grant us. Amen.

ROLL CALL

THE PRESIDENT: 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	Present *	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	Absent *
Laurel	Present	Treñas	Present
Lerum	Present	Uka	Present
Maambong	Present	Villacorta	Present
Monsod	Present *	Villegas	Absent

THE PRESIDENT: The Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. RAMA: 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. RAMA: Madam President, I move that we approve the Journal of yesterday's session.

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

MR. RAMA: 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 former MP Helena Z. Benitez, National President, Girl Scouts of the Philippines, 901 Padre Faura, Manila, submitting, for consideration by the Constitutional Commission, proposed constitutional provisions concerning the child — its role in nation-building and the promotion of its physical, intellectual, moral, emotional and social well-being.

(Communication No. 1043 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter of Mr. Gregorio M. Batalla of Sipocot, Camarines Sur, urging the inclusion in the Constitution of a provision that would mandate the government to give salaries to barangay captains.

(Communication No. 1044 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Letter from Ms. Patrocinio del Rosario, President, Aklan Public School Retirees Association, Batan, Aklan, seeking a constitutional provision that would uplift the plight of government retirees, especially the retired public school teachers.

(Communication No. 1045 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Social Justice.

Communication from Mayor Baltazar A. Gimolatan of the Municipality of Liloy, Zamboanga del Norte, transmitting Resolution No. 73 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Liloy, fully supporting Resolution No. 130 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Dipolog, proposing the creation of a new region to be composed of the Provinces of Zamboanga del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Zamboanga del Sur, the Cities of

Dipolog, Dapitan, Oroquieta, Ozamis, Tangub and Pagadian.

(Communication No. 1046 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Legislative.

Letter from Mr. Tomas Crisologo Valeros of San Jose Norte, Manabo, Abra, submitting for consideration by the Constitutional Commission a xerox copy of "Constitution for the Republic of the Philippines," written by him.

(Communication No. 1047 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Mr. Manuel A. Argel of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, suggesting that in order to resolve the issue of unicameralism and bicameralism, two questions should be asked in the plebiscite — one asking to vote for the approval of the Constitution, and the other, to choose between a unicameral and bicameral legislature.

(Communication No. 1048 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Amendments and Transitory Provisions.

Letter from Mr. Juan J. Angeles of 1842 F. Agoncillo St., Malate, Manila, advocating that the President and the Vice-President should submit themselves to the election of 1987.

(Communication No. 1049 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Amendments and Transitory Provisions.

Telegram from Ms. Nelia A. Mitra of Makati, Metro Manila, seeking help for a no-vote to a presidential election.

(Communication No. 1050 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Amendments and Transitory Provisions.

Letter from Mr. Romulo M. del Rosario, President, DEHECHO, Inc., Manila City Hall, transmitting a resolution adopted by DEHECHO, expressing several concepts on "The Rights and Protection of Children and Youth and the Rights, Responsibilities and Liabilities of Mothers" for possible inclusion in the Constitution.

(Communication No. 1051 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Mr. Vicente T. Ataviado, Maasin, Southern Leyte, suggesting that in presenting the proposed Constitution to the people for ratification, the controversial provisions should be separated from the whole and the voter be made to choose between two contradictory alternatives regarding these selected provisions, after voting yes or no on the general document.