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OPENING OF SESSION

At 10:03 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 Yusup R. Abubakar.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

MR. ABUBAKAR: With your permission, Madam President, I shall recite the Prayer, first in Arabic as originally conceived to show the beautiful lines it conveys, and then in English for its full meaning so that the Members of the Constitutional Commission would understand this Arabic original.

PRAYER

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful
Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Universe
Most Gracious, Most Merciful
Master of the Day of Judgment
To Thee do we worship
And to Thee do we seek for help
Show us the right path
The Path of those to whom Thou hast bestowed Thy Grace
And not those whose path hast earned Thy Wrath
And those gone astray.
O Allah, give us Thy Blessings that this Constitution we are about to
finish shall appeal to men in their doubts and fear.
Help and put heart in them in moments of trials, and ordain for them
laws

by which they could live a society, lives of purity, goodness and peace.

Verily, when Allah intends a thing, His Command is "BE," and it is. So glory be to Him in Whose Hands is the dominion of all things. And to Him will you all be brought back. 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	Absent
Guingona	Present	Tan	Present
Jamir	Present	Tingson	Present *
Laurel	Present	Treñas	Present
Lerum	Present *	Uka	Present
Maambong	Present	Villacorta	Present
Monsod	Present		

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

The President is present.

The roll call shows 31 Members responded to the call.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

MR. RAMA: Madam President.

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*)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. RAMA: I move, Madam President, 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: 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

Communication from Mr. Orlando F. Caliolio of Southern City Colleges, Pilar Street, Zamboanga City, proposing for inclusion in the Constitution of a provision granting Filipinos the right to keep and bear arms.

(Communication No. 1037 — Constitutional Commission of 1986).

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

Letter from Mr. Mario Perez of 37 Aldrin Street, Doña Faustina Village, Culiati, Diliman, Quezon City, saying that if we want to eliminate the U.S. Military Bases in

the Philippines, we should first eliminate the MNLFs and the NPAs who are supported by foreign countries.

(Communication No. 1038 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

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

Letter from Mr. Domingo C. Salita, retired professor and former dean, College of Arts and Sciences, U.P., recommending that to determine the reasonable compensation of the constitutional officers in the 1986 Constitution, multiply by 10 their compensations under the 1935 Constitution and by 3 under the 1973 Constitution, then get the mean values and round up the figures.

(Communication No. 1039 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Communication from Mrs. Felomena B. Murallon and 14 other Pilipino teachers of Ozamiz City, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision making Pilipino the national language.

(Communication No. 1040 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Ms. Leonora D. Romblon, College of Public Administration, U.P., submitting two resolutions which were culled from the interaction of graduate students in a general assembly organized by the College of Public Administration Student Council, to wit:

Resolution No. 4-86 — proposing to delete Section 4(c) of the proposed Article on Education, Science and Technology, Arts, Culture and Sports; and to incorporate in the curriculum of elementary and high school students a course on good morals and right conduct; and

Resolution No. 5-86 — proposing the inclusion in the Constitution of the following: (1) prohibition of the teaching of religion within the regular class hours; (2) establishment and maintenance of a system of free and quality public education in the elementary, high school, and tertiary levels with a nationalist, scientific and mass-oriented perspective, among others.

(Communication No. 1041 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Mr. Carlos E. Santiago of 1009-1011 Solis, Gagalangin, Manila, expressing apprehension over the move of certain Members of the Constitutional Commission to include in the Constitution the matter of the status of the U.S. bases in the Philippines, saying that the matter should better be left to the future

executive and legislative branches of the Republic rather than include it in the fundamental law of the land.

(Communication No. 1042 — 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: I move that we vote on Third Reading on the proposed resolution to incorporate in the Constitution an Article on Education, Science and Technology, Arts, Culture and Sports. The committee chairman, Commissioner Villacorta, has made representation and said there are no impediments to the voting on Third Reading of this resolution.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

At this juncture, the President relinquished the Chair to the Honorable Jose C . Colayco.

It was 10:13 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:14 a.m., the session was resumed.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Colayco): The session is resumed.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 540 (Article on Transitory Provisions) *Continuation*

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we continue the consideration of Proposed Resolution No. 540 on the Article on Transitory Provisions. I ask that the chairman, as well as the members of the committee, occupy the front table.

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