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OPENING OF SESSION

At 10:17 a.m., the Honorable Jose C . Colayco, opened the session.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the National Anthem.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Colayco): Everybody will please remain standing for the Prayer to be led by the Honorable Crispino M. de Castro.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. DE CASTRO: Heavenly Father, as we approach the end of our labors in the making of a new Constitution for our people, we see how You have guided our minds and our hearts.

We saw how You enlightened us and opened our eyes and minds when we tried to understand and finally understood the ideals and proposals that differed from our own.

We saw how You allowed the light of reason to shine on our discussions and debates, thus, we were able to exchange ideas, thoughts and arguments with truth, clarity and sincerity.

For all these, we thank You, O Lord.

We pray that You continue to give us a little more strength, a little more wisdom and understanding to discern what is right and what is wrong; what is good and what is bad; what is true and what is not true; that our Constitution shall be truly reflective of the ideals of our people.

We pray for humility when our resolutions are favored, and allow us to accept defeat graciously when our resolutions are voted down.

Guide us, Almighty God, in these final days, to make this Constitution truly democratic and acceptable to our people.

These we ask of You, through our Lord. Amen.

ROLL CALL

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Colayco): 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	Absent	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	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 32 Members responded to the call.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Colayco): 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. Colayco): 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. Colayco): 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. Colayco): 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 Petition and Communications, the Presiding Officer making the corresponding references:

PETITION

Petition of the Committee on the Judiciary signed by its Chairman, the Honorable Roberto R. Concepcion, earnestly requesting the Constitutional Commission to reopen Sections 3, 10, 11 and 14 of the Article on the Judiciary.

(Petition No. 4 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Governor Ismael D. Sueno, Koronadal, South Cotabato, transmitting a resolution adopted by the OIC Provincial Governor and OIC Municipal Mayors of the

Province of South Cotabato, seeking the creation of four (4) congressional districts for South Cotabato.

(Communication No. 1031 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the Legislative.

Letter from OIC Governor Bantas W. Suarding of the Province of Benguet, transmitting Resolution No. 75 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Mankayan, Benguet, informing the Constitutional Commission that said municipality is strongly endorsing a regionalization of the Cordilleras as far as administration is concerned and not as an autonomous region.

(Communication No. 1032 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Two letters from the Honorable Anacleto D. Badoy, Jr., Commission on Elections, Manila, to wit:

(1) Letter seeking to extend separate representation in the Lower House of Congress to regional center cities whose charters prohibit their residents from voting in the elections for provincial elective officials.

(Communication No. 1033 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the Legislative.

(2) Letter seeking the deletion of the phrase "concurrence of the President" in Section 2 (4) of Resolution No. 11 of the Constitutional Commission of 1986, incorporating in the Constitution the provisions on the Commission on Elections, and to add the following new paragraph to Section 12 of said resolution, to wit: "Funds appropriated for the operating expenses of the Commission shall likewise be released automatically upon certification of the chairman of the Commissioner."

(Communication No. 1034 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

Letter from Mr. Johnny Midnight of 821 J.P. Rizal Makati, Metro Manila, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution an article that would clearly define what and who is a Filipino.

(Communication No. 1035 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Communication from the North Philippine Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Donada Street, Pasay City, signed by Espiritu B. Guadiz, objecting to any constitutional provision allowing the teaching of religion in public schools.

(Communication No. 1036 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer.

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

MR. RAMA: I move that we vote on Third Reading Proposed Resolution No. 534 on the Article on Social Justice, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION
A SEPARATE ARTICLE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Printed copies of Proposed Resolution No. 534 were distributed on August 13, 1986 pursuant to Section 28, Rule VI of the Rules of the Constitutional Commission.

MR. SUAREZ: Mr. Presiding Officer.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Colayco): Commissioner Suarez is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

MR. SUAREZ: May we ask that we suspend the session for about five minutes in order that we can discuss this matter with the Floor Leader.

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

It was 10:26 a.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 10:30 a.m., the session was resumed.

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

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, in view of the fact that some of the members of the Committee on Social Justice asked for deferment of the vote on Third Reading on Proposed Resolution No. 534 on the Article on Social Justice, I withdraw my motion to vote on the same.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Colayco): All right. The motion has been withdrawn.

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