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APERTURA DE LA SESION

Se abre la sesion a las 5:00 p.m., ocupando el estrado el Presidente, Hon. Claro M. Recto.

EL PRESIDENTE: Se abre la sesion.

DISPENSACION DE LA LECTURA DE LA
LISTA DE DELEGADOS Y DEL ACTA

SR. GRAFILO: Senor Presidente.

EL PRESIDENTE: Senor Delegado.

SR. GRAFILO: Pido que se dispense la lectura de la lista de Delegados y del acta, y que esta se de por aprobada.

EL PRESIDENTE: Si no hay ninguna objecion, asi se acuerda. **(No hubo objecion.)**

MR. ROMERO: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Gentleman from Negros Oriental.

MR. ROMERO: Mr. President, the Committee on Rules, in accordance with the resolution of this Convention, has filed with the Secretary the second topic for discussion in the Convention which we request the Secretary to read. We have filed the resolution with the Secretary, and we ask that the debate on this proposition should begin tomorrow, October the 24th.

EL PRESIDENTE: Lease la resolucion.

EL SECRETARIO:

"Resolved that the right of suffrage under the Constitution be granted to its male citizens only."

MR. ROMERO: Mr. President, I want to explain that, in harmony with the practice thus far followed, we have formulated the proposition that the discussion be in accordance with the recommendation of the committee, out of respect to the other committees.

SR. ABELLA: Senor Presidente.

EL PRESIDENTE: Senor Delegado.

SR. ABELLA: Yo quisiera que antes de discutir ese asunto, se discuta primeramente el del voto obligatorio, si no tiene ningun inconveniente el Companero.

EL PRESIDENTE: ¿Insiste el Delegado por Negros Oriental en su mocion?

SR. ROMERO: Insistimos.

EL PRESIDENTE: Entonces, no podemos tratar por ahora de esa materia, Senor Delegado por Camararines Sur.

MR. BUSLON: Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Gentleman from Bohol.

MR. BUSLON: Mr. President, I move that the debate on this topic be limited to two days only as there have been speakers who delivered speeches on this question, and the assembly is sufficiently informed of the same.

THE PRESIDENT: In accordance with the Committee on Rules, three speakers can speak in favor and three other speakers can speak against. Thus we have three speakers on each side.

MR. ROMERO: It is better not to limit the time, Mr. President.

MR. BUSLON: Mr. President, just an amendment to the decision of the Committee on Rules to the effect that we vote on this question on Friday evening; that is, we have three days—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—to discuss and the question can be voted on Friday evening, at seven o'clock.

EL PRESIDENTE: ¿Que dice el Comite de Reglamentos?

MR. ROMERO: The Committee on Rules, in its first experience, found it rather difficult to limit the discussion. Unless there is a powerful reason for it, we would not want to postpone and limit the discussion to three days. It is the right of the Convention to move for a vote on the question after three speakers for and three against have spoken. We think it is better to leave it to the Convention for a vote.

MR. BUSLON: I withdraw my amendment, Mr. President.

MR. ORTIZ (M.): Mr. President, will the Gentleman yield?

THE PRESIDENT: The Gentleman from Negros may answer.

MR. ROMERO: With pleasure, Mr. President.

MR. ORTIZ (M.): May I know from the Gentleman whether this resolution is subject to amendment? Can we present amendments? I would like to know because last night, I was not allowed to present amendments.

MR. ROMERO: According to the precedents we have established last night, it seems to me that amendments are in order.

MR. VINZONS: Mr. President, I want to register my desire to vote in favor of this resolution.