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CALL TO ORDER

At 9:43 a.m., the President of the Constitutional Commission, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma, called the session to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PRAYER

The National Anthem was sung followed by a prayer led by Mr. Ricardo J. Romulo, to wit:

Dear Lord, we beseech You to grant us the faith to believe that we can do the task assigned to us; the hope that our people will find our work worthy of ratification; and the charity to accept graciously the will of the majority in our deliberations.

In the silence of our hearts, let us now pray for our own intentions and the intentions of one another.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair? the Secretary-General of the Commission called the Roll and the following Members responded:

Alonto, A. D.	Muñoz Palma, C.
Aquino, F. S.	Rama, N. G.
Bacani T. C.	Regalado, F. D.
Bernas, J. G.	Rigos, C. A.
Rosario	Rodrigo, F. A.
Braid, F.	
De Castro, C. M.	Romulo, R. J.
Colayco, J. C.	Rosales, D. R.
Concepcion, R. R.	Suarez, J. E.
Davide, H. G.	Sumulong, L. M.
Foz, V. B. C.	Tan,
Gascon, J. L. M. C.	Treñas, E. B.
Guingona, S. V. C.	Villacorta, W. V.

Jamir; A. M. Villegas, B. M.
K.
Padilla, A. B.

With 27 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Abubakar, Y. R.	Brocka, L. O.
Azcuna, A. S.	Calderon, J. D.
Bengzon, J. F. S.	Garcia, E. G.
Bennagen, P. L.	Laurel, J. B.
Lerum, E. R.	Quesada, M. L. M.
Maambong, R. E.	De los Reyes, R. F.
Monsod, C. S.	Sarmiento, R. V.
Natividad, T. C.	Tadeo, J. S. L.
Nieva, M. T. F.	Tingson, G. J.
Nolledo, J. N.	Uka, L. L.
Ople, B. F.	

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

On motion of Mr. Rama, there being no objection, the reading of the Journal of the previous session was dispensed with and the said Journal was approved by the Body.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Rama, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES OF COMMUNICATIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General of the Commission read the titles of the following Communications which were, in turn, referred by the Chair to the Committees hereunder indicated:

Communication No. 267 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Salustiano G. Tengonciang of 13 Maginhawa, U.P. Village, Quezon City, proposing provisions that would provide for the development of a national language for understanding and unity, and

saying that "bilingual education concentrates too much of our efforts in learning a language rather than on instilling in the youth nationalistic values"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 268 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Bonifacio M. Lacdoo of 9-A Monserrat St.; "MBS" Caloocan City, proposing a legislature composed of all provincial governors

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE LEGISLATIVE

Communication No. 269 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Delfin R. Manlapaz of 1707 E. Rodriguez Sr. Boulevard, Cubao, Quezon City, Metro Manila, proposing an amendment to Proposed Resolution No. 496 (Committee Report No. 24), which would provide for the creation of a citizen-owned Reservoir of National Credit

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 270 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Cesar C. Sanchez of 19 ACSIE Avenue, Severina Industrial Estate, Km. 16, West Bicutan, Parañaque, Metro Manila, proposing a provision that will require elected national officials headed by the President to come up with an Economic Development Program, embodying a general plan based on priorities for implementation within a specific period of time

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 271 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Position paper of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Inc., in support of Proposed Resolution No. 389, introduced by the Honorable Ambrosio Padilla, entitled: RESOLUTION PROPOSING A PROVISION ALLOWING FOREIGN INVESTORS TO ACQUIRE, HOLD OR OWN LOTS WITH LIMITED AREA REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF EXPORT-ORIENTED INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 272 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Position Paper of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Inc., on foreign investments and multinational corporations' role in rebuilding the Philippine economy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 273 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Resolution No. 1, series of 1986, of the Archbishop Luis del Rosario Assembly, Pagadian City, proposing a provision in the Declaration of Principles that the basic and fundamental unit of the nation as a body politic is the family institution and that the preservation of its solidarity, development, and strength is the primordial concern of the state

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PREAMBLE, NATIONAL TERRITORY AND DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Communication No. 274 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Resolution No. 2, series of 1986, of the Archbishop Luis del Rosario Assembly, Pagadian City, proposing a provision for the retention of the U.S. military bases in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 275 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Alliance of Farmers Union in Zamboanga del Sur, signed by Mr. Wilfredo Alinton, submitting a program for genuine land reform

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 276 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Resolution No. 115 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Negros Oriental, expressing its objection to the disregard of the province' proprietary rights and suggesting that this be corrected through a provision promoting local autonomy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Communication No. 277 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Mr. Custodio C. Lauron of Bacuag, Surigao del Norte, suggesting provisions on citizenship, suffrage, qualifications of local candidates, retention of death penalty, sessions of Congress from January to November, fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year, and approval of the budget before Congress adjourns, among others

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 278 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

An article by the Honorable Commissioners Yusup R. Abubakar, Lugum L. Uka, and Ahmad Domocao Alonto, entitled: "VICE-PRESIDENT LAUREL'S TRIP TO SPAIN UNDERSCORES THE ARABIC INFLUENCE IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AND HISTORY — Islam is a universal faith: 55 million Moslems coexist with 700 million Buddhists in China, 30 million Moslems live in friendship with the Russians, 9 percent of the population in Yugoslavia are Moslems — We had religious unity way back in 1930 but Marcos pursuing the policy of divide and rule, promoted religious strife"

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

A detailed list of native folk songs to be taught in the elementary and high school levels, to be furnished to all Members of the Commission for their favorable consideration, respectfully submitted by the Honorable Commissioners Hilario G. Davide, Jr., Yusup R. Abubakar, Napoleon G. Rama, Regalado E. Maambong, and Lugum L. Uka who are among the authors of Proposed Resolution No. 451, for a better understanding of the implementation of Section 19 thereof

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 32 on Proposed Resolution No. 533, prepared by the Committee on the National Economy and Patrimony, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE ARTICLE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY A PROVISION ON ANCESTRAL LANDS,

recommending its approval in substitution of Proposed Resolutions Nos. 375 and 378.

Sponsors: Hon. Villegas, Tadeo, Bacani, Bengzon, Jr., Bennagen, Foz, Gascon, Monsod, Natividad, Ople, Romulo, Sarmiento, Suarez, Uka and Villacorta

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22 ON THE ARTICLE ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

On motion of Mr. Rama, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Committee Report No. 22, entitled:

Resolution proposing an Article on the National Assembly.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Mr. Davide to continue with the sponsorship.

INTERPELLATION OF MR. RODRIGO

Mr. Rodrigo stated that, although he is a member of the Committee, he signed the report with reservations because of his reservations on unicameral legislature; on the election by sectors and party list; and on the reserve powers of initiative and referendum.

He stated that he was not in essence against election by sector and by party list except that he is concerned with the problem of mechanics of its implementation. He explained that he had already asked the Committee to submit a practical plan for its implementation but no practical method had been submitted so far.

He also stated that he is in favor of initiative and referendum considering that said processes are part of direct democracy, but he adverted to the difficulty of obtaining the required signatures and verifying their authenticity, thereby hampering the effective use of these powers by the people; and that the exercise of these powers