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CALL TO ORDER

At 9:50 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. Florenz D. Regalado, to wit:

"Almighty Father, when You created man You breathed Your own life into him. When You established a covenant with Your People, You called them into friendship with You and assured them of Your abiding presence. You established the law as a bond of love between Yourself and Your people and between each man and his community. Through law, You have brought order into the universe, and through law You have enabled each one to find his fulfillment as a person created in Your image and likeness.

As we gather here to formulate a new law as the foundation of our society, we ask You to fill us with Your spirit of wisdom and compassion, so that our work may be an instrument of Your justice and thus lead our people on their continuing pilgrimage towards the peace and freedom of Your salvation.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen."

ROLL CALL

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

Bacani, T.C.
Bengzon, J. F. S.
Bennagen, P. L.
Rosario Braid, F.
Calderon, J. D.
De Castro, C. M.
Colayco, J. C.
Concepcion, R. R.
Davide, H. G.
Foz, V. B.
Guingona,
Jamir, A. M. K.
Romulo, R. J.

Laurel, J.B.
Maambong, R.E.
Monsod, C.S.
Nieva, M.T.F.
Padilla, A.B.
Muñoz Palma, C.
Quesada, M.L.M.
Rama, N.G.
Regalado, F.D.
De Los Reyes, R.F.
S. V. C. Rigos, C.A.
Rodrigo, F.A.
Uka, L.L.

Sumulong, L. M.
Tingson, G. J.
Treñas, E. B.

Villacorta, W.V.
Villegas, B.M.

With 31 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

A.M.

Abubakar, Y. R.
Alonto, A. D.
Aquino, F. S.
Azcuna, A. S.
Bernas, J. G.
Garcia, E. G.
Gascon, J. L. M. C.
Lerum, E. R.

Natividad, T.C.
Nolledo, J.N.
Ople, B.F.
Sarmiento, R.V.
Suarez, J.E.
Tadeo, J.S.L.
Tan, C.

Mr. Rosales was sick.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

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

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES OF RESOLUTION AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Proposed Resolution No. 544, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED ELECTIONS WITH A
STAGGERING OF THE TERM FOR SENATORS

Introduced by Honorable Davide, Jr.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Communication No. 719 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from the Honorable Salvador H. Laurel, Vice-President and Minister of Foreign Affairs, reiterating the recommendation in his letter of June 25, 1986 that the President's power to appoint "Ambassadors, other public Ministers and, Consuls" be specifically provided in the new

Constitution in conformity with standard practice in international diplomacy, and recommending that the Constitutional Commission consider providing for a more descriptive statement of the national flag

TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Communication No. 720 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Telegram from the Christian Reformed Diaconal Assembly of Negros Occidental, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 721 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Mr. Agaton N. Ibarbia I, President, Small Landowners Association of Buhi, Inc., 42 San Jose St., San Felipe, Naga City, proposing the ejection of tenants who are also small landowners, and the ejection of landless tenants who have substantially dispossessed, impoverished, and caused economic dislocation among small landowners

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Communication No. 722 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Telegram from the Faculty and Staff of Christian Reformed Seminary and Bible College, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 723 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Telegram sent by Mr. Pedro B. Cruz for the seven thousand eight hundred forty-six Nueva Ecija public schoolteachers, expressing support for the provision on industrialization, protectionism and economic nationalism

TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Communication No. 724 — Constitutional Commission 1986

Communication from Rev. Fernando R. Basilio of the Caloocan Bethel Assembly of God, Inc., 504 A. Mabini St., Caloocan City, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 725 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the Catholic Bishops' Commission on Family Life, signed by Bishop Jesus Y. Varela, 470 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila, opposing the inclusion in the new Constitution of a provision in the 1973 Constitution stating that "it is the responsibility of the State to achieve and maintain population levels most conducive to the national welfare

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 726 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the Community Bible Center, P.O. Box 10, Bais City, Negros Oriental, signed by Rev. Romualdo A. Pino and sixty-five (65) others, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution a provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 727 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Ms. Henrietta T. de Villa, transmitting Resolution No. 1 of the Council of the Laity of the Philippines, First Regional Conference, Western Visayas, proposing an amendment to the Article on Education, Science, Technology, Arts, Culture and Sports, such that "religion shall be considered as the most important subject in the curriculum . . ."

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

Communication No. 728 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Ms. Emelyn Ablay and twenty other signatories, Cambagroy, Bais City, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 729 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from one Beverley Symons on behalf of the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Coordinating Committee, P.O. Box A243, Sydney South, NSW 2000, Australia, expressing its belief that the U.S. military facilities in the Philippines represent a threat not only to the Filipinos but also to all people in the Asian-Pacific region

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

Communication No. 730 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from Rev. Emilia Tallo and eleven others of Aguinaldo Street, Bais City, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 731 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Letter from Atty. Samuel Matunog transmitting a resolution of the Protestant Lawyers League of the Philippines, 879 EDSA, Quezon City, proposing constitutional provisions for the protection of Filipino children, youth and mothers

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

Communication No. 732 — Constitutional Commission of 1986

Communication from the faculty and students of the Community Bible School, Imugan, Sta. Fe, Nueva Vizcaya, urging the Constitutional Commission to incorporate in the Constitution the provision that the separation of the Church and the State shall be inviolable as embodied in the 1973 Constitution and as understood historically and jurisprudentially in the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PROVISIONS

Communication No. 733 — Constitutional Commission

Communication jointly signed by Mr. Bernardo P. Villas and Mr. Rufino M. Espina of the Metro Dumaguete Post, Negros Occidental Chapter, Veterans Federation of the Philippines, Dumaguete City, proposing a constitutional provision urging the State to give a monthly pension to all World War II veterans at the age of sixty-three years old and shall be treated as number one citizens of the Republic of the Philippines

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 29 ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE ARTICLE ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ARTS AND CULTURE

On motion of Mr. Rama, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of the Proposed Resolution on the Article on Education, Science, Technology, Arts and Culture (Committee Report No. 29), entitled:

Resolution to incorporate in the Constitution an Article on Education, Science, Technology, Arts and Culture.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Mr. Villacorta and the members of the Committee on Human Resources.

MANIFESTATION OF MR. VILLACORTA