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APERTURA DE LA SESION

Se abre la sesion a las 4:20 p.m., ocupando el estrado el Presidente, Hon. Claro M. Recto.

EL PRESIDENTE: Se abre la sesion.

Lease la lista de los Sres. Delegados.

EL SECRETARIO, *leyendo*:

PRESENTES: 195

Sres. Abaya,
Abella,
Abordo,
Abrigo,
Adduru,
Aguilar,
Aldeguer,
Alejandrino,
Alkuino,
Alonto,
Altavas,
Albero,
Ancheta,
Araneta,
Arcenas,
Areilano,
Artadi.
Arteche,
Aruego,
Baltao,
Banaga,
Barrion,
Beltran,
Benitez,
Binag,
Bocar,
Benito,
Bonto,
Borbon,
Braganza,
Briones,
Buendia,
Bueno,
Buslon,
Cabili,
Calleja,

Sres. Laurel,
Ledesma,
Leonardo,
Lesaca,
Liboro,
Lim,
Maglanoc,
Mansueto,
Maramara,
Marabut,
Martinez (M.),
Martinez (R.),
Maza,
Melendez,
Melendres,
Millar,
Moncado,
Moldero,
Montaño
Montesa,
Montilla,
Montinola,
Morales,
Mumar,
Muñoz,
Navarro,
Nepomuceno (J.),
Nepomuceno (R.),
Nepomuceno (V.),
Niere,
Ortiz (L.),
Ortiz (M.),
Ortega,
Ocampo,
Osias,
Ozamis,

Canonoy,
Caram,
Cariño,
Carin,
Castillejos,
Castro,
Cea,
Chioco,
Cinco,
Cloribel,
Confesor,
Conejero,
Conol,
Crespillo,
Cruz (C.),
Cruz (R.),
Cuaderno,
Cuenco,
Curato,
Delgado,
Diaz,
Divinagracia,
Duguang,
Dikit,
Encarnacion,
Enriquez,
Escareal,
Esliza,
Espeleta,
Fakangan,
Fernandez,
Flores,
Francisco,
Gaerlan,
Galang,
Ganzon,
Grafilo,
Grageda,
Guariña,
Gullas,
Gumban,
Gutierrez, David,
Gumangan,
Guzman, Alejandro,
Guzman (Bernabe),
Guzman (Antonio),
Hernaez,
Hontiveros,
Inting,
Irving,
Joven,
Jose,
Jumauan,
Kapunan,
Kintanar,

Palma,
Paredes,
Pelayo,
Perez (J.),
Perez (T.),
Perfecto,
Piang,
Pio,
Prieto,
Quirino (D.),
Rafols,
Ramos,
Ranjo,
Reyes (G.),
Reyes (J.),
Ribo,
Ricohermoso,
Rivera,
Romero,
Romualdez,
Roxas,
Saguin,
Salazar (A.),
Salazar (V.),
Salumbides,
Sres. Sandiko,
Sanchez,
Sandoval,
Santos,
Sanvictores,
Sevilla,
Singson Encarnacion,
Sinsuat,
Sison,
Sobrepeña,
Sotto (F.),
Sotto (V.),
Suñer,
Surban,
Villanueva,
Villarama,
Villareal,
Tanopo,
Tulani,
Velasco,
Villamor,
Ventura,
Ventenilla,
Vinzons,
Ybañez,
Ysip,
Yusay,
Zaballa,
Zialcita,
Zurbito,

Labrador,
Lapak,

El Presidente.

AUSENTES: 6

Sres. Bautista,
Cabarroguis,
Clarín.

Sres. Guvara,
Orense,
Quirino (E.),

EL PRESIDENTE: Se declara la existencia de un *quorum*.

LECTURA Y APROBACION DEL ACTA

Se lee el acta correspondiente a la sesion del dia 9 de agosto de 1934, la cual es aprobada.

DESPACHO DE LOS ASUNTOS QUE ESTAN SOBRE LA MESA DEL SR. PRESIDENTE.

EL PRESIDENTE: Leanse los documentos recibidos. *El Secretario los lee.*

CONSIDERACION DEL INFORME NO. 1 DEL COMITE DE REGLAMENTOS

(Continuacion)

EL PRESIDENTE: Tiene la palabra el Comité de Reglamentos.

SR. SOTTO (F.): Sr. Presidente, con el fin de acelerar el despacho de los varios asuntos que hasta ahora tenemos pendientes, el Comité de Reglamentos propone que por ahora la Convencion se ponga a considerar el artículo 3 del capítulo primero del Proyecto de Reglamentos, y despues de considerado el artículo 3, que la Convencion, si quiere, pase a considerar los capítulos 2 y 3.

La razon de esta peticion, Sr. Presidente, es la si-guiente: como los Señores Delegados saben por las copias que se han repartido, los capítulos 2 y 3 se refieren a los comites que han de tener bajo su cargo los varios asuntos sometidos a la Convencion; pero nada adelantaria la Convencion con aprobar la constitucion de los varios comites si antes no se aprueba el artículo 3 que faculta al Presidente para nombrar el personal de los comites.

Esto es todo lo que el Comité de Reglamentos tiene que decir y espera que la Convencion le dara su sancion.

SR. CONFESOR: Sr. Presidente.

EL PRESIDENTE: Sr. Delegado por Iloilo.

MR. CONFESOR: Mr. President, I would like to move to amend the proposition of the Gentleman from Cebu, Mr. Sotto, that we should also consider immediately Chapter 1 of the Rules submitted in the report of the Committee on Rules; and having acted on Chapter I, then we shall pass on to consider Chapters II and III.

EL PRESIDENTE: ¿Que dice el Comité?

SR. SOTTO (F.): El Comité siente tener que manifestar que la proposición del Delegado por Iloilo, lejos de acelerar la marcha de los negocios de la Convención, solamente tendera a crear dificultades y a retrasar nuestros trabajos. No es ningún secreto para nadie que el artículo 2 ha sido objeto de fuertes discusiones ayer. Si nosotros nos enfrascamos ahora en la discusión de ese artículo, consumiríamos probablemente una o mas sesiones solamente en ese artículo, y mientras tanto los comités no estarían nombrados. Mientras los comités no estén nombrados, vuelvo a recordar a la Convención que nada podremos hacer y nuestro carro estará parado.

SR. ROXAS: Sr. Presidente.

EL PRESIDENTE: Sr. Delegado.

SR. ROXAS: Quiero hacer una manifestación, con el objeto de no causar ninguna dilación en la organización de los comités, lo cual es muy importante. Deseo manifestar, repito, que personalmente estoy conforme y secundo la proposición del Caballero por Cebu de que discutamos el artículo 3 que se refiere a los deberes del Presidente y la manera como se van a nombrar los comités y que después procedamos a los capítulos 2 y 3.

EL PRESIDENTE: ¿Insiste en su enmienda el Delegado por Iloilo.

MR. CONFESOR: I insist on my amendment, Mr. President.

EL PRESIDENTE: ¿Que dice el Comité?

SR. SOTTO (F.): El Comité no acepta la enmienda.

EL PRESIDENTE: Tiene la palabra el Delegado por Iloilo.

MR. CONFESOR: Mr. Chairman

THE PRESIDENT: Does the gentleman from Iloilo desire to speak on his amendment?

MR. CONFESOR: Yes, Mr. President. May I say a few words?

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: You may be wondering why I was inspired to speak in favor of the approval of Chapter I of the Report of the Committee on Rules. At first glance, the provisions under it are so clear and simple as to preclude any outburst of oratory and eloquence in the Assembly. I rise, however, not to deliver an oration for, unfortunately, I do not possess any gift of oratory which many of us here enjoy. Nor do I propose to display in these brief moments any special talent in the art of rhetoric, of which many of us here are past masters, and which unhappily, I must confess I do not possess. Yet, I take courage to stand before you because I wish to raise my very humble voice to recall the historic assault upon a principle of government now concentrated in Chapter I of these Rules. I refer, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention, to Paragraph (g), Article III, of the Report of the Committee that empowers the Chairman of this Convention "To appoint permanent committees provided in these Rules and also

special committees that may be created by this Convention from time to time."

I speak today to recall that event because way back in the early days of 1922, when I was younger, unwise and uninitiated, and therefore unsophisticated in the ways and by ways of politics and in the methods of shrewd politicians and astute statesmen, I threw discretion to the winds to rally with the forces that raised the banner of rebellion against alleged unipersonal powers ruling then the destiny of this country whose seat was supposed to be the Presidential chair of the House of Representatives which could appoint the permanent and special committees of said Chamber. Our battlecry then was, "A government of laws and not of men."

I joined the legion of young men who embraced this holy cause and added whatever little energy and enthusiasm I had then to stir the country with a new ideal and to preach its virtues and potentialities for our people's welfare and happiness, and, above all, its great promise to guarantee the safety and integrity of democracy and democratic institutions in this land, which in our classical literature is called the Pearl of the Orient.

Our motive then was almost indetical with that which moved the American youth to join the American Expeditionary Forces to Europe during the World War when President Wilson issued the call, "Let us make the world safe for democracy." We, too, cried with our hearts full of ideals and enthusiasm, "Down with unipersonalism and let us make the Philippines safe for democracy."

I am happy to inform this Convention that we went through those days of political crusading cheered through and through by the magic words of democracy. We went into the fight imbued with the same spirit of devotion and abnegation like the Crusaders of the Middle Ages as they patiently trudged their way towards the Holy Land in pursuit and in defense of an ideal. Theirs was to liberate the Holy Sepulchre from the hands of the infidels. Ours, twelve years ago, in a small way but not lacking in fervor and devotion, was to make secure the integrity of democracy and constitutional government.

MR. GRAFILO: Mr. President.

EL PRESIDENTE: El Sr. Delegado por Sorsogon.

MR. GRAFILO: Mr. President, will the Gentleman yield?

THE PRESIDENT: The Gentleman from Iloilo may yield if he so desires. MR. CONFESOR: Will the Gentleman be generous enough to let me finish my speech?

MR. GRAFILO: As the Gentleman has asked for my generosity, I will not insist.

MR. PAREDES: Mr. President.

EL PRESIDENTE: Sr. Delegado por Abra.

MR. PAREDES: Mr. president, I rise on a point of order. As I understand it, the subject to be discussed now is whether we are going to discuss Chapter I, or we begin only from Art. 3 of this Chapter. The one who has the floor sustains that we should discuss the whole Chapter I, and without our deciding that point — the