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CALL TO ORDER

At 5:22 p.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. Wilfrido V. Villacorta, to wit:

A reading from the Book of Psalms:

"Show Your power, Oh God, the power that You have used on our behalf, from Your temple in Jerusalem where kings bring gifts to You.

"Rebuke Egypt — that wild animal in the reeds. Rebuke the nations-that herd bulls with their calves — until they bow down and offer You their silver. Scatter those people who love to make war.

"Ambassadors will come from Egypt; the Sudanese will raise their hands in prayer to God.

"Sing to God, kingdoms of the world; sing praise to the Lord, to Him who rise in the ancient sky. Listen to Him shout with a mighty roar. Proclaim God's power, His majesty is over Israel, His might is in the skies.

"How awesome is God as He comes from His Sanctuary, the God of Israel. He gives strength and power to His people. Praise God."

Almighty Lord,

You have given us this gift of having the historic opportunity to frame the new constitution of our People. Please will it that we may reciprocate Your kindness and generosity by giving our people a worthy gift: a liberative document that will restore the freedom and dignity of which they have been deprived for four centuries.

Please make us worthy of the people's trust. While in the past, we have in our humble ways tried to help the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters, we have largely been concerned with ourselves, our family, our interests.

Please inspire and give us strength, Oh Lord, to transcend our selfish needs and aspirations so that we can fully offer ourselves towards the obliteration of exploitation in our land-exploitation coming from within as

well as from without.

As we remember tomorrow our special relations with a giant power, enlighten us with Your Holy Spirit so that we can reflect thoroughly on the issues concerned and arrive at the best approach that would maximally serve the paramount national interest of our beloved Philippines; so that then we face the judgment of history, our descendants will look back to this Constitutional Commission with pride and admiration, and not with shame and derision; and so that we all in this Commission can contribute to Your glory and that of our people.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

Abubakar, Y. R.	Nieva, M. T. F.
Aquino, F. S.	Nolledo, J. N.
Azcuna, A. S.	Ople, B. F.
Bacani, T. C.	Padilla, A. B.
Bengzon, J. F. S.	Muñoz Palma, C.
Bennagen, P. L.	Quesada, M. L. M.
Bernas, J. G.	Rama, N. G.
Rosario Braid, F.	Regalado, F. D.
Brocka, L. O.	De los Reyes, R. F.
Calderon, J. D.	Rigos, C. A.
De Castro, C. M.	Rodrigo, F. A.
Colayco, J. C.	Romulo, R. J.
Concepcion, R. R.	Sarmiento, R. V.
Davide, H. G.	Suarez, J. E.
Foz, V. B.	Sumulong, L. M.
Garcia, E. G.	Tadeo, J. S. L.
Guingona, S. V. C.	Tan, C.
Jamir, A. M. K	Treñas, E. B.
Laurel, J. B.	Uka, L. L.
Lerum, E. R.	Villacorta, W. V.

Maambong, Villegas, N. M.
R. E.
Monsod, C.
S.

With 43 Members present, the Chair declare, presence of a quorum.

The following Members appeared after the Roll Call:

Alonto, A. D. Natividad, T. C.
Gascon, J. L.
M. C.

The following Members were absent:
Rosales, D. Tingson, G. J.
R.

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 RESOLUTIONS

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary-General read, on First Reading, the titles of the following proposed Resolutions which were, in turn, referred by the Chair to the Committees hereunder indicated:

Proposed Resolution No. 374, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCREASE FROM SIXTY TO SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM CAPITAL OWNERSHIP OF FILIPINO CITIZENS IN CORPORATIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES FOR THESE CORPORATIONS TO QUALIFY AS GRANTEES OF FRANCHISES OR CERTIFICATES TO OPERATE PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TO DISALLOW FOREIGNERS FROM SITTING IN THE GOVERNING BODY OR BOARD OF ANY PUBLIC UTILITY

Introduced by Honorable Calderon, Alonto, Tingson, Maambong, Nollado and Rama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Proposed Resolution No. 375, entitled:

RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO SET ASIDE LANDS OF PUBLIC DOMAIN AS PERMANENT SETTLEMENT AREAS FOR CULTURAL MINORITIES

Introduced by Honorable Tingson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Proposed Resolution No. 376, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A
PROVISION AFFORDING MORE PROTECTION TO LABOR AND
GUARANTEEING BASIC HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS

Introduced by Honorable Gascon and Garcia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Proposed Resolution No. 377, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION THE
PROVISIONS OF SECTION THREE, ARTICLE THIRTEEN, OF THE 1973
CONSTITUTION, AS AMENDED, WITH MODIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR
AUTOMATIC INITIATION OF IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AFTER THE
ONE-FIFTH VOTE

Introduced by Honorable Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS

Proposed Resolution No. 378, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION A
PROVISION ON ANCESTRAL LANDS AND THE DISPOSITION AND
UTILIZATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOUND THEREIN

Introduced by Honorable Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PATRIMONY

Proposed Resolution No. 379, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION A
PROVISION TO EMPHASIZE AND STRENGTHEN THE CONSTITUTIONAL
BASE FOR A SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAM

Introduced by Honorable Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Proposed Resolution No. 380, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION THE
FIXING OF THE MINIMUM ELECTION PERIOD

Introduced by Honorable Treñas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND AGENCIES

Proposed Resolution No. 381, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION MANDATING THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF FOREIGN CONTROL OR DOMINATION IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE NATION

Introduced by Honorable Davide, Jr.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 382, entitled:

RESOLUTION TO INCORPORATE IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION RECOGNIZING HUMAN RIGHTS AS INVIOABLE AND INALIENABLE

Introduced by Honorable Davide, Jr.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP, BILL OF RIGHTS, POLITICAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Proposed Resolution No. 383, entitled:

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF A CITIZEN TO REFUSE TO RENDER WAR SERVICE ON GROUNDS OF CONSCIENCE

Introduced by Honorable Davide, Jr.

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

Proposed Resolution No. 384, entitled:

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE, WHETHER EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OR NOT, TO FORM ASSOCIATIONS OR UNIONS WHOSE PURPOSE IS NOT CONTRARY TO LAW

Introduced by Honorable Lerum

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP, BILL OF RIGHTS, POLITICAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Proposed Resolution No. 385, entitled:

RESOLUTION STRENGTHENING THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS BY INCORPORATING IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION A PROVISION EXPRESSLY PROHIBITING CENSORSHIP

Introduced by Honorable Davide, Jr.