

[VOL. V, October 10, 1986]

R.C.C. NO. 104

Friday, October 10, 1986

OPENING OF SESSION

At 10:20 a.m., the Presiding Officer, the Honorable Efrain B. Treñas, opened the session.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): Everybody will please rise to sing the National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the National Anthem.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): Everybody will please remain standing for the Prayer to be led by the Honorable Edmundo B. Garcia.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. GARCIA: Isang pagbasa mula sa Aklat ng Propetang Isaias, Kabanata 42:16-17 at Kabanata 43:1-3:

Aakayin ko ang mga bulag,
Sa mga lansangang hindi pa nila natatahak
Yaong kadiliman sa harapan nila'y gagawing liwanag,
At papatagin ko ang baku-bakong landas;
Ang lahat ng ito'y aking gagawin.
Mabibigo at mapapahiya ang lahat ng kumikilala
At nagtitiwala sa mga diyus-diyosan . . .
Israel, ito ang sinasabi sa iyo ni Yahweh:
Huwag kang matatakot, ililigtas kita.
Tinawag kita sa iyong pangalan, ikaw ay akin.
Pag ikaw ay daraan sa karagatan, sasamahan kita;
Hindi ka madadaig ng mga suliranin.
Dumaan ka man sa apoy, di ka maaano,
Hindi ka maibubuwal ng mabibigat na pagsubok
Sapagkat akong si Yahweh ang iyong Diyos,
Ang Banal ng Israel na magliligtas sa iyo.

Panginoong Diyos, aming Ama, nawa'y Iyong kalugdan ang pagsisikap namin dito sa Komisyon, itong apat na buwan nang dumaan — hatid ay matinding paglalahok ng isip at katawan.

Gawain namin ay alay sa sambayanang Iyong hirang, natatangi sa Iyong paningin — ang bayan naming naghihintay at nagtitiwala sa pangako ng Iyong pagpapalaya.

Aming gawain kailanma'y di sasapat sa mga pangangailangan at inaasam ng aming mga kababayan. Tulungan Ninyo po kaming ito ay ibigay at ibahagi sa kanila, nang sa gayo'y mga pagkukulang nami'y kanilang mapuno at trabaho nami'y sa kanila ay magkaroon ng katuparan.

Sapagkat ang mga linyang sulat nami'y walang saysay, kung hindi isasabuhay ng mga taong-bayan. Tanging sila ang magpapatotoo sa Iyong mithiin.

Itong mithiin, Kayo rin po, Ama, sa mga puso namin, ang nagtanim, mithiin at pangarap ng isang bukas, kung saan ang mga taong bayan ay malaya sa sariling lupa, mga Pilipinong may dangal sa harap ng mga bansa — isang bukas kung saan ang mga taong-bayan ay may pasiya sa sariling kinabukasan, at nakikinabang sa bunga at likha ng kanilang paggawa — isang bukas kung saan ang yaman ng bayan ay ibinabahagi sa lahat, kung saan ang isda at tinapay ay sama-samang ipinagpipiraso at pinagsasaluhan ng bawat isang kapwa sa pamayanan. Isang bukas kung saan ang mga tahanan ay mapayapa, ang mga tao ay nagdiriwang at ang mga bata ay nagsasayahan.

Malayo pa ang aming lalakbayin upang marating itong mithiin, alam namin. Di ba't sa bawat dulo ng daan, ay may nagbubukas na panibagong landas? Patuloy ang paglalakad at pagtitiyaga, ang pag-aarok para sa mga pangarap.

Gawain namin ay hindi nagtatapos sa bulwagang ito. Marami pa ang mga linya na kailangang isulat, mga pinto na kailangang buksan, mga pagsisikap na kailangang simulan.

At dito, Kayo po Ama ay laging kapiling namin. Tulad ng gabing nagbubukang-liwayway at laging binabati ng umaga, di nagmamaliw Inyong pag-ibig na tapat. Pagkalinga Mo'y sintatag ng bundok, di nagigiba.

Sapagkat Kayo ang tumawag at naghirang sa amin — Kayo ang nagnais na kami ay pagpalain. Pangako Mo'y Iyong tutuparin: mukha ng kalupaa'y Iyong babaguhin, katarungan at pag-ibig Iyong paiiralin. At yaong araw ay darating din, kung kailan ang bawat isa ay ituturing, kapatid at kapwa, kaakbay sa diwa at kaisa sa mithiin. Siya nawa.

ROLL CALL

Abubakar	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*	Natividad	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*
----------	--	-----------	--

Alonto	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>	Nieva	Present
Aquino	Present	Nolledo	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>
Azcuna	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>	Ople	Present
Bacani	Present	Padilla	Present
Bengzon	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>	Quesada	Present
Bennagen	Present	Rama	Present
Bernas	Present	Regalado	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Reyes de los	Present
Calderon	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>	Rigos	Present
Castro de	Present	Rodrigo	Present
Colayco	Present	Romulo	Present
Concepcion	Present	Rosales	Absent
Davide	Present	Sarmiento	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>
Foz	Present	Suarez	Present
Garcia	Present	Sumulong	Present
Gascon	Present	Tadeo	Present
Guingona	Present	Tan	Present
Jamir	Present	Tingson	Present >
Laurel	Absent	Treñas	Present
Lerum	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>	Uka	Present
Maambong	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>	Villacorta	Present
Monsod	Present	Villegas	Present <SUP STYLE="COLOR: RGB(255, 0, 0);">*</SUP>

The President is absent.

The roll call shows 32 Members responded to the call.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): The Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

MR. RAMA: I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of yesterday's session.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we approve the Journal of yesterday's session.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary-General will read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary-General read the following Communications, the Presiding Officer making the corresponding references.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Mrs. Adelaida Boiser Deuna of 15-D Libis Santolan Road, Quezon City, opposing the move to change the name of the Philippines.

(Communication No. 1087 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Mr. Patricio R. Mamot, Ministry of Political Affairs, Malacañang, urging the Constitutional Commission to return Spanish as one of the country's official

languages along with Filipino and English.

(Communication No. 1088 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Mr. Fortunato U. Abat, Administrators, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, Arroceros Street, Manila, expressing the deep gratitude of the veterans and their kin for the approval of a provision in the Article on General Provisions of the New Constitution which recognizes the patriotic services of our veterans and declares it an obligation of the State to extend to them, their widows and orphans, immediate and adequate assistance for their economic security with preference in the acquisition of land from the public domain and in the exploitation of our natural resources.

(Communication No. 1089 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Archives.

Letter from Atty. Eufrazio D. Santos, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, and three other BIR officers, seeking the conversion of the Bureau of Internal Revenue into a constitutional "Commission on Revenue" as an ultimate remedy to optimize its performance and maximize the collection of taxes.

(Communication No. 1090 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Constitutional Commissions and Agencies.

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): The Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer, I ask that Commissioner Villacorta be recognized.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): Commissioner Villacorta is recognized.

MR. VILLACORTA: Mr. Presiding Officer, our attention was called about our omission of the Commission on Audit in our resolution of thanks that was approved unanimously yesterday. This was an unintentional oversight based on the assumption that the COA was part of the Secretariat.

On behalf, therefore, of the 47 signatories of that resolution, I would like to amend Resolution No. 547 to include the Commission on Audit.

Thank you, Mr. Presiding Officer.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): Is there any objection?

MR. GUINGONA: Mr. Presiding Officer.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Treñas): Commissioner Guingona is recognized.