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R.C.C. NO. 103

Thursday, October 9, 1986

OPENING OF SESSION

At 10:07 a.m., the Presiding Officer, the If Honorable Alberto M K Jamir, opened the session.

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

Everybody rose to sing the National Anthem.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir) : Everybody will please remain standing for the Prayer to be led by the Honorable Jose C. Colayco.

Everybody remained standing for the Prayer.

PRAYER

MR. COLAYCO: Dear Lord,

When we began to work on the task You assigned to us four months ago, we were mostly strangers to each other picked by You from different walks of life. We appealed to You every day since then for Your divine inspiration and guidance, united by our common resolve to set the fundamental guidelines that will ensure the economic progress of our people and the political stability of our government in the future. You deigned to hear our prayers.

We are about to close the book. It is time to acknowledge our debt of gratitude. We wish to thank You for keeping us together after the intense and at times acrimonious debates. We thank You for drawing us closer to You and to each other. We thank You for everything.

We owe You one, dear Lord. Amen.

ROLL CALL

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir): The Secretary-General will call the roll.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, *reading*.

Abubakar	Present *	Natividad	Present *
Alonto	Present	Nieva	Present *
Aquino	Present	Nolledo	Present *
Azcuna	Present	Ople	Present *
Bacani	Present	Padilla	Present
Bengzon	Present *	Quesada	Present
Bennagen	Present	Rama	Present
Bernas	Present	Regalado	Present
Rosario Braid	Present	Reyes de los	Present
Calderon	Present	Rigos	Present
Castro de	Present	Rodrigo	Present
Colayco	Present	Romulo	Present *
Concepcion	Present	Rosales	Absent
Davide	Present	Sarmiento	Present *
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 *	Uka	Present
Maambong	Present *	Villacorta	Present
Monsod	Present *	Villegas	Present

The President is sick.

The roll call shows 32 Members responded to the call.

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

The Assistant Floor Leader is recognized.

MR. CALDERON: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of yesterday's session.

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

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

MR. CALDERON: Mr. Presiding Officer, I move that we approve the Journal of the previous session.

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

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

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir): 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 Proposed Resolution on First Reading and Communications, the Presiding Officer making the corresponding references:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON FIRST READING

Proposed Resolution No. 547, entitled:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE SECRETARIAT, THE TASK FORCE, THE PRESS CORPS, THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE STAFF OF THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES.

Introduced by Hon. Villacorta, Muñoz Palma, Quesada, Maambong, Lerum, Villegas, Uka, Bernas, Monsod, Bengzon, Jr., Davide, Jr., Sarmiento, Rama, Rodrigo, Bennagen, Nollado, Guingona, Rosario Braid, Abubakar, Alonto, Aquino, Rigos, Tadeo, Sumulong, Garcia, Natividad, Nieva, de Castro, Jamir, Tingson, Bacani, Suarez, Treñas, Romulo, Padilla, Regalado and Concepcion.

To the Steering Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Ms. Edna S. Galia, transmitting Resolution No. 82, series of

1986, adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Catarman, Samar, requesting the Constitutional Commission to amend the draft Constitution to grant autonomous government to Muslim Filipinos in provinces and/or islands of Mindanao where the greater majority or all of the inhabitants thereof are Muslim Filipinos only.

(Communication No. 1079 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Letter from Mr. Ciriaco Puson of Bakilid, Mandaue City, expressing opposition to any move to change the barangay system.

(Communication No. 1080 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Local Governments.

Communication from Mr. Silverio P. Alarcio of Laoac, Pangasinan, seeking inclusion in the Constitution of a provision providing for free elementary, secondary and college education.

(Communication No. 1081 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Human Resources.

Letter from Mr. Teodoro C. Garcia of 481 Tiong St., Manaoag, Pangasinan, expressing his views concerning the presence of foreign bases in the country.

(Communication No. 1082 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Preamble, National Territory, and Declaration of Principles.

Letter from Mr. Florencio B. Abad of 41-B Purdue St., Cubao, Quezon City, transmitting a resolution adopted by the Lakas ng Sambayanan of which he is the chairperson, supporting the proposal for selective objection in the ratification of the proposed Constitution.

(Communication No. 1083 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on Amendments and Transitory Provisions.

Letter from Mr. Regner P. Ramirez of the National Manpower and Youth Council, expressing his views and suggestions on a number of issues related to constitution-making.

(Communication No. 1084 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Steering Committee.

Letter from Mr. Senador L. Zamora, transmitting Resolution No. 37-86 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Davao Oriental, requesting the allocation of two (2) congressional seats for the Province of Davao Oriental.

(Communication No. 1085 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Committee on the Legislative.

Letter from Mr. Emmanuel V. de Ocampo, President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines, Arroceros Street, Manila, expressing deep and sincere gratitude for the inclusion of Section 4 of the Article on General Provisions of the proposed Constitution.

(Communication No. 1086 — Constitutional Commission of 1986)

To the Archives.

MR. TINGSON: Mr. Presiding Officer.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir): What is the pleasure of the Commissioner?

MR. TINGSON: I move that Proposed Resolution No. 547, expressing thanks to our Secretary-General, Secretariat and others be made unanimous, signed by all Members of our Commission.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir): Has a copy of that proposed resolution been forwarded to each of the Commissioners?

MR. RAMA: Yes, Mr. Presiding Officer.

MR. TINGSON: If it is not unanimously signed, I suggest that we make it unanimous.

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

MR. RAMA: Mr. Presiding Officer.

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

CONSIDERATION OF C.R. NO. 40
(Reopening Sections 5 and 11 of the Article on the Legislative)
Continuation

MR. RAMA: I move that we continue consideration of Committee Report No. 40 on Petition No. 3, as prepared by the Steering Committee

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

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

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Jamir): Before Commissioner Davide proceeds, the Chair wishes to announce and acknowledge with gratitude the presence of the