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Submitted by the Committee on Tariff, October 3, 1934.

Mr. President:

The Committee on Tariff, to which were referred various Constitutional precepts on tariff and related, matters presented by several delegates, after a thorough study and careful consideration of those proposed directly to the Committee by its Chairman and members, has the honor to submit to the Convention the attached Constitutional provisions and to recommend their insertion in the Constitution.

In the formulation of the proposed Constitutional provisions, we have given due weight to the fact that tariff depends on changing economic conditions of the country. and considering its importance in relation to the national economy, we have deemed it essential that the legislative branch of the government be given vast and elastic powers that will enable it to meet all possible future contingencies.

For obvious reasons, the Committee could not avoid relating the proposed constitutional provisions, to a certain extent, with such related matters to tariff as taxation imports, exports, trade agreements, wharfage dues, and tonnage dues.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) SERAFIN MARABUT
Chairman Committee on Tariff

The Honorable
The President of the
Constitutional Convention
Manila

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CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TARIFF

Section 1. The Legislature shall, unless herein otherwise provided, have exclusive power to levy duties, imposts, and excise taxes, and to provide for the collection thereof.

Sec. 2. No tax or duty shall be levied on articles exported from one province, city, municipality or any other

political subdivision to another province, city, municipality or any other political subdivision within the Philippine Islands.

Sec. 3. The Legislature shall have the power to regulate, restrict or prohibit imports from or exports to any foreign country.

Sec. 4. The Legislature may authorize the Chief Executive to enter, upon the advice of a board to be created by law, into trade agreements with other countries.

Sec. 5. The Legislature may delegate to the Chief Executive, to be exercised by him with the advice of a board to be created by law, the power to fix within certified limits, duties, wharfage dues, tonnage dues or other imposts or excises, and to regulate, restrict or prohibit imports or exports.

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