

Second Reading on House Bill No. 6778, as amended.

As many as are in favor of the bill, as amended, say *aye*.

Several Members. *Aye*.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Flavie]. As many as are against the bill, say *noy*. [Silence]

House Bill No. 6778, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H. NO. 6778

Senator Tatad. I move that we suspend consideration of House Bill No. 6778.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Flavie]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we transfer from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Order Committee Report No. 783 on Senate Bill No. 2320; Committee Report No. 782 on House Bill No. 683; and Committee Report No. 781 on House Bill No. 3839.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Flavie]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

BILLS ON SECOND READING
(Three Bills on Education)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, with the consent of the Chamber, I move that we consider under omnibus sponsorship three local bills on education. These are Senate Bill No. 2320 as reported out under Committee Report No. 723; House Bill No. 683 as reported out under Committee Report No. 782; and House Bill No. 3839 as reported out under Committee Report No. 781.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Flavie]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

Consideration of these three education bills is now in order. With the permission of the Body, the Secretary will read only the respective titles of the bills without prejudice to inserting in the Record the whole text of each bill.

The Acting Secretary [Atty. Raval]. Senate Bill No. 2320, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE

COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

The following is the whole text of the bill:

Senate Bill No. 2320

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU NORMAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Cebu State College, the first state college in Central Visayas, situated along two main streets of a centrally-located district in Cebu City and servicing thousand of students from Mindanao and the Visayas islands, is hereby converted into a state university, to be known as the Cebu Normal University (CNU), hereinafter referred to as the University.

SEC. 2. The University shall primarily provide higher professional and special instructions for special purposes and promote research and extension services, advanced studies, and progressive leadership in education and other fields as may be relevant.

SEC. 3. The University shall offer undergraduate, graduate and short-term courses within its areas of specialization as the Board of Regents may deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly in order to meet the needs of the province and the country.

SEC. 4. The University shall continue to operate a reasonably-sized laboratory school within its campus.

In addition, the University shall adopt public elementary and secondary schools in the city and the province of Cebu to service as pilot centers for innovative teaching learning strategies and approaches so operated and maintained under the appropriate memorandum of agreement between the University and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports.

SEC. 5. The governing body of the University shall