

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:14 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Marcelo B. Fernan called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 19th session of the Senate in the First Regular Session of the 11th Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Ramon B. Revilla.

After the prayer, the Ambassadors of Goodwill to the 25th Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Program delegates will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. They will also render another song entitled *Ikaw ang Mahal Ko*.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Revilla.**

Mahal na Panginoon, taus-puso kaming nagpapasalamat sa lahat ng mga biyayang Inyong ipinagkaloob sa amin. Higit sa lahat, pinasasalamatan namin ang Inyong patuloy na pagsubaybay na siyang nagbibigkis sa amin bilang isang buong samahan, sa kabila ng aming magkakaibang layunin at pananaw.

Amang nasa langit, batid Ninyo ang sari-saring suliraning kinakaharap ng aming bayan. Ang mga ito ay hindi magkakaroon ng ganap na kalutasan kung hindi Ninyo ituturo sa amin ang malinaw at matuwid na pamamaraan sa paglutas ng mga suliraning ito.

Dahil dito, isinasamo namin na sana ay basbasan Ninyo kami ng Inyong makalangit na karunungan at katalinuhan upang ang lahat ng kapasiyahang mabubuo sa Kapulungang ito ay maging kapakipakinabang sa sambayanan at maging kaiga-igaya sa Inyong kaluwalhatian at kalooban.

Mahal naming Ama sa langit, nawa ay maghari sa kalooban ng bawat isa sa Kapulungang ito ang Inyong banal na katwiran at umiral ang katarungan nang may katapatan sa panahon ng aming talakayan. Nawa ay ipaalaala Ninyo tuwina sa bawat isa sa amin ang "Panunumpa sa Katungkulan" o "Oath of Office," lalo't higit ang pangako na "Kusa kong babalikatin ang pananagutang ito nang walang ano mang pasubali o hangaring umiwas."

Ang lahat ng ito ay aming hinihiling sa ngalan ng Inyong Anak na si Hesus.

Siyanawa.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Everybody remained standing for the singing of the national anthem.*

### ROLL CALL

**The President.** The Secretary will please call the roll.

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta .....	Present*
Senator Robert Z. Barbers .....	Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon .....	Present
Senator Renato L. Compañero Cayetano ..	Present
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng ..	Present
Senator Franklin M. Drilon .....	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile .....	Absent
Senator Juan M. Flavier .....	Present
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona Jr. ....	Present
Senator Gregorio B. Honasan .....	Present
Senator Robert S. Jaworski .....	Present*
Senator Loren B. Legarda-Leviste .....	Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. ....	Present
Senator Blas F. Ople .....	Present*
Senator John R. Osmeña .....	**
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III .....	Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. ....	**
Senator Ramon B. Revilla .....	Present
Senator Raul S. Roco .....	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago .....	Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III .....	Present
Senator Francisco S. Tatad .....	Present
The President .....	Present

**The President.** With 17 senators present, there is a quorum.

**Senator Drilon.** Mr. President.

**The President.** The Majority Leader is recognized.

### THE JOURNAL

**Senator Drilon.** I move that we dispense with the reading

\*Arrived after the roll call

\*\*On official mission

over the South Sulu Sea.

**The President.** Referred to the Committee on Energy

**The Acting Secretary** [Atty. Tolentino]. Letter from Assistant Secretary Franklin M. Ebdalin, Office of Legal Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs, submitting to the Senate a copy of the Note Verbale of the Korean Embassy, informing the Philippines about the conferment to H.E. Ernesto S. Gidaya, Philippine Ambassador to Korea, the Order of the Diplomatic Service Merit of the Republic of Korea.

**The President.** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

**The Acting Secretary** [Atty. Tolentino]. Letter from Assistant Secretary Victor G. Garcia, Office of Protocol of the Department of Foreign Affairs, forwarding to the Senate a copy of the Note Verbale from the Embassy of France, informing the Department of Foreign Affairs that Captain Ernesto de Leon, PN, has been awarded the National Order of Merit with the rank of Officer.

**The President.** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

**The Acting Secretary** [Atty. Tolentino]. Letter from Ms. Erlinda Q. Gavino, Special Assistant, Department Legislative Liaison Unit of the Department of Foreign Affairs, furnishing the Senate a copy of a memorandum from the Philippine Consul General in Vancouver, reporting on the signing of a Land Settlement Treaty Between the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia and Nisga's Indian Tribe.

**The President.** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

The Majority Leader is recognized.

**BILL ON THIRD READING  
S. No. 1136--Special Economic Zone Act of 1995**

**Senator Drilon.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1136. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on September 23, 1998, thus complying with Section 26, paragraph (2), Article VI of the Constitution requiring that printed copies of the bill be distributed to the Senators three days before its consideration.

**The President.** Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1136 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill.

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1136, entitled

AN ACT EXPEDITING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECOZONES, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF R. A. NO. 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL ECONOMICS ZONE ACT OF 1995, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**The President.** Before we proceed with the voting, the Minority Leader is recognized.

**Senator Guingona.** I noticed, Mr. President, an error on page 3, line 8. [Pause]

I withdraw, Mr. President.

**Senator Drilon.** The Minority Leader has been enlightened and we can now therefore proceed with the nominal voting on Third Reading.

**The President.** We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

**The Secretary.** Senators

- Aquino-Oreta ..... Yes
- Barbers ..... Yes
- Biazon ..... Yes
- Cayetano ..... Yes
- Coseteng ..... Yes
- Drilon ..... Yes
- Enrile ..... Yes
- Flavier ..... Yes
- Guingona ..... Yes
- Honasan ..... Yes
- Jaworski ..... Yes
- Legarda-Leviste ..... Yes
- Magsaysay Jr. .... Yes
- Ople ..... Yes
- Osmeña (J.) ..... Yes
- Osmeña III ..... Yes
- Pimentel ..... Yes
- Revilla ..... Yes
- Roco ..... Yes
- Santiago ..... Yes
- Sotto III ..... Yes
- Tatad ..... Yes
- The President ..... Yes

## APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1136 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 19 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1136 is approved on Third Reading.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

**Senator Drilon.** Mr. President, I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session.

**The President.** The session is suspended, if there is no objection. [*There was none.*]

*It was 3:53 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:54 p.m., the session was resumed.*

**The President.** The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

**Senator Drilon.** Senator Tatad has a parliamentary inquiry. May I ask that he be recognized.

**The President.** Senator Tatad is recognized.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR TATAD  
(Whether an Unparliamentary Offense Is Committed  
if the Word *Compañero* Is Omitted)

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, in the Reference of Business, I noticed that there was a change of name on the part of one of our senators, Sen. Renato *Compañero* Cayetano. This is the first time this has come to my attention. I know this is not a maternal surname so we would like to find out the evolution of this change, and whether we do not commit an unparliamentary offense in case we omit mention of this name when we refer to our distinguished colleague.

**Senator Drilon.** I am not very familiar with the parentage of Senator Cayetano. But let me assure the gentleman that our office received an official notice from the office of Senator Cayetano, requesting that all reference to him include *Compañero* as his middle name. That is on record, Mr. President.

**Senator Tatad.** We would like to thank our colleague for that information. Now the question is: Will we be committing an offense if we fail to include this in any reference to our distinguished colleague?

**Senator Drilon.** Our distinguished colleague is here and maybe he can reply to the query of the gentleman from Bicol, whether any failure to include *Compañero* in the name of Senator Cayetano would constitute an unparliamentary language.

**Senator Cayetano.** Mr. President.

**The President.** Senator Cayetano is recognized.

**Senator Cayetano.** Since this involves a personal matter, may I inquire from the gentleman why he is so concerned with my use of the word *Compañero* after my middle name "L."?

**Senator Tatad.** It is only because in the many years that I have known our distinguished colleague, I have always known him as "Renato Cayetano" and the appearance of this new word prompted me to ask whether I would not be committing any offense if I failed to include this in my reference to our distinguished colleague.

**Senator Cayetano.** Thank you, Mr. President. I do appreciate the concern and respect of the gentleman who is really a friend of good standing.

I wrote the Office of the Senate President, Mr. President, precisely to include the word *Compañero* in my name because during the last May 11 elections, the alias that I used and approved by the Commission on Elections was *Compañero* and several million Filipinos voted that word. I thought I owe them who voted me into office to ensure that the name *Compañero* is included in my name.

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I would like to thank the gentleman for that information. Since I voted for our distinguished colleague, then I am obliged to use that.

**Senator Cayetano.** I am thankful to the gentleman, Mr. President.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR TATAD  
(On Determination of Resolutions, Petitions or  
Information Referred by the President)

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, another parliamentary inquiry. There is a spate of resolutions asking for inquiries into many things. Under Section 8 of our Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, it states:

Preliminary Determination. - Except in cases of bills and resolutions (which do not call for an investigation or inquiry) filed for consideration, the Committee to which a speech, resolution, petition, or information has been