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single served by any form of public library agency.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of Two Hundred Thousand (P200,000.00) pesos out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose indicated hereinabove.

SEC. 3. The amount herein appropriated shall be itemized or allocated by the Director of the Bureau of Public Libraries with the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Education for such various items as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

The PRESIDENT. The gentleman from Cavite has the floor.

PONENCIA DEL SEN. TIRONA

Senator TIRONA. Mr. President, it is a well known fact that not in every municipality there is a public library where our people may read books so necessary for the enlargement of their knowledge not only in science and the arts but also in regard to civic duties. Not all our people read newspapers so that they may know what are the main events not only regarding our local problems but also regarding international problems. Now this bill intends to supplement that deficiency because of the sincere belief that in order that democracy should be operative or real democracy in action there is a need of public opinion and the public opinion should come from the citizens well informed about the principal events in our country and the main achievements of our government especially at this time when there is a conflict of ideologies, the spreading of information is very essential if we want to preserve the blessings of democracy.

Mr. President, the purpose of this bill is to establish five to eight experimental book mobile units, two or three in Luzon, two or three in the Visayas and one or two in Mindanao. Each book

mobile is scheduled to visit towns and villages not enjoying the services of a public library. The townspeople will be able to borrow books from the shelves of book mobiles or return books previously borrowed. They may also read newspapers or magazines that are available, and the towns or barrios may be served each day or visited once or twice a week or oftener. In this way the rural areas will be able to benefit from the public library service, and these library facilities may be supplemented with pictures, newsreels and radio equipment, and so equipped with each set, such book mobile units can be a powerful means of educating the public.

Now your committee is presenting an amendment in Section 2, line 4; between the words "hereby" and "appropriated" insert the words "authorized to be".

With this amendment we respectfully submit the bill to the kind consideration of the Senate, and therefore I move that the amendment introduced by the committee right now be approved by the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Is there any objection to the amendment? (After a pause.) The Chair hears none. The amendment is approved.

Senator TIRONA. In the absence of further amendment, I move that this bill be voted on second reading with the amendment as approved by the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Those who are in favor of the bill please say *Aye*. (Several Senators: *Aye*.) Those who are opposed, please say *Nay*. (Silence.) The bill is approved on second reading.

CONSIDERACION Y APROBACION EN SEGUNDA LECTURA DEL P.S. NO. 251

El PRESIDENTE. Esta en orden la consideracion, en segunda lectura, del Proyecto de Ley Número 251 del Senado. Léase.

El OFICIAL DE ACTAS:

AN ACT TO CONVERT THE "ORDEN DE CABALLEROS DE RIZAL" INTO A PUBLIC

CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN IN ENGLISH AS "KNIGHTS OF RIZAL" AND IN SPANISH AS "ORDEN DE CABALLEROS DE RIZAL", AND TO DEFINE ITS PURPOSES AND POWERS.

WHEREAS, a civic organization known as "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal" (Knights of Rizal) was incorporated under the Corporation Law of the Philippines in the year 1916 by patriotic citizens for the following purposes:

"(a) To develop the most perfect union among the Filipinos in revering the memory of Dr. Jose Rizal;

"(b) To promote among the associated knights the spirit of patriotism and Rizalian chivalry;

"(c) To study and spread the teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal and keep ever alive his consecrated memory and to make effective his exemplary and exalted principles; and

"(d) To organize the annual festivities in honor of Dr. Rizal."

WHEREAS, there is greater need than ever for the Filipino people to propagate and to practice the teachings of Rizal;

WHEREAS, the Knights of Rizal, if officially recognized and vested with appropriate powers, would be a convenient instrumentality by which the teachings of our national hero may be propagated among our people to the end that they emulate and follow his examples; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to grant legislative Charter to the said Knights of Rizal in order to accord official recognition to it and to enlarge its powers so that it may more fully and more effectively accomplish the laudable purposes for which it was organized: Now, therefore

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

SECTION 1. The present civil organization

known as "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal" hereby converted into a body corporate and politic with powers hereinafter specified, under the name and style KNIGHTS OF RIZAL, known in Spanish as "ORDEN DE CABALLEROS DE RIZAL" (hereinafter called the corporation). The principal office of the corporation shall be in the city of Manila, Philippines.

SEC. 2. The purposes of this corporation shall be to study the teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal to inculcate and propagate them in and among all classes of the Filipino people, and by word and deed to exhort our citizenry to emulate and practice the examples and teachings of our national hero; to promote among the associated knights the spirit of patriotism and Rizalian chivalry; to develop a perfect union among the Filipinos in revering the memory of Dr. Jose Rizal; and to organize and hold programs commemorative of Rizal's nativity and martyrdom.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, to hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for corporate purposes; to solicit and receive public contributions; to receive real and personal property by gift, devise, or bequest; to adopt a seal and to alter the same at pleasure; to have offices and conduct its business and affairs in the city of Manila and elsewhere; to make and adopt by-laws, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the Philippines and generally to do all such acts and things (including the establishment of regulations for the election of associates and successors) as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and to promote the purposes of said corporation. The existing By-Laws of the "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal" insofar as they are not inconsistent with this Act shall remain in force as the By-Laws of the corporation until repealed or amended.

SEC. 4. All persons of legal age and of good moral character and reputation, who are in sympathy with the purposes of the corporation, are

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eligible for active membership, upon unanimous approval by the Supreme Council in banc of a written application therefor duly endorsed by at least two active members of the corporation.

SEC. 5. The general administration and direction of the affairs of the corporation shall be in the hand of a Supreme Council (Board of Directors) of nine members, which is hereby vested with full powers and authority to act and perform all such functions as the corporation itself may do and perform.

SEC. 6. A group of five or more persons of legal age residing in any locality outside of Manila and who are of good moral character and reputation, may associate themselves and form a chapter of the corporation upon approval of a written petition to the Supreme Council. It shall be the duty of each chapter to promote and carry out the purposes of the corporation in the locality where the chapter is organized.

SEC. 7. Any donation or contribution which from time to time may be made to the corporation the Government or any of its subdivisions, branches, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities, or by any other person or entity, shall be expended by the Supreme Council solely to promote the purposes for which the corporation is organized.

SEC. 8. From and after the passage of the Act, it shall be unlawful for any person to falsely and fraudulently call himself as, or represent himself to be, a member of, or an agent for, the Knights of Rizal; and any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be punished by imprisonment of not to exceed six months or a fine not exceeding five hundred pesos, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

El PRESIDENTE. Tiene la palabra el Caballero de La Union.

PONENCIA DEL SEN. OSIAS

EL SEN. OSIAS. Señor Presidente: Cabeme el honor de abogar por la aprobacion de un Proyecto de Ley, patrocinado por distinguidos miembros de este augusto Cuerpo, como los Senadores Magalona, Pesson, Abada, Sumulong, Avelino, Tirona, Torres y vuestro humilde servidor. Esta organizacion, denominada Orden de Caballeros de Rizal, y en ingles "Knights of Rizal", ha existido ya por muchos años. Hace cuarenta años, esta organizacion se fundo y esta cumpliendo debidamente su mision, que llevarse a cabo por esta nueva Republic de Filipinas. A esta organizacion pertenecieron todos los jefes del Gobierno, desde los tiempos de la administracion americana, y han sido miembros honorarios los Presidentes del Commonwealth de Filipinas y de la Republica actual.

Señor Presidente, no cabe duda que Rizal, mas que cualquiera otra figura de la historia patria, encarna la filosofia de la vida filipina. Fue Rizal quien ha abogado, predicado y practicado las virtudes caracteristicas de la nacion, filipina.

Señor Presidente, este Proyecto no hace mas que dar a la Orden de Caballeros de Rizal el caracter de corporacion publica, y, por tanto, pido que se aprueba.

EL PRESIDENTE. Se va a votar el Proyecto. Los que esten conformes con el preambulo del Proyecto, digan *si*. (Varios Senadores: *Si*) Los que no lo esten, digan *no*. (Silencio.) Queda aprobado el preambulo.

Ahora se va a votar el cuerpo del Proyecto. Los que esten a favor del cuerpo del Proyecto, digan *si*. (Varios Senadores: *Si*.) Los que no lo esten, digan *no*. (Silencio.) Se aprueba el cuerpo.

Queda aprobado *in toto* el Proyecto de Ley, en segunda lectura.

CONSIDERACION Y APROBACION EN
SEGUNDA LECTURA NO. 268

EL PRESIDENTE. Esta en orden la consideracion, en segunda lectura, del Proyecto de Ley Numero 268 del Senado. Lease.