

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, MAY 29, 1995

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 5:05 p.m., the Honorable Edgardo J. Angara, President of the Senate, called the session to order.

The President: The 65th session of the Senate is hereby called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Let us all stand for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and another song, entitled *Magsimula Ka* to be led by the Bureau of Customs Cultural Society.

Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon will lead us in prayer.

Everybody rose for the singing of the National Anthem.

After the singing, everybody remained standing for the opening prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Biazon.

Almighty Father:

We gratefully acknowledge Your presence among us. And we beseech You to be with us always even if, in Your perfect judgment, we are undeserving of Your goodness and Your love. For we humbly believe that without You, there is nothing we can do.

Almighty Father, we thank You for all Your blessings which You have, without fail and without any precondition, showered upon our nation. Thank You for our beautiful land, thank You for our freedom, thank You for our perseverance, fortitude and optimism.

Guide us, Almighty Father, in all our thoughts and in all our deeds. Bless the humble Members of this chamber whom You, through the Filipino people, have chosen to make laws which must reflect Your will. Touch our hearts that we may become Your worthy servants. Free our minds from the lure of power and fame so that only the genuine interests of our country become our overriding concern.

*Appeared after the roll call

**On official mission

Help us become instruments of Your peace so that we may be able to heal the wounds of division that continue to hurt our nation. Grant us the insight to see and appreciate the many things that unite us.

Let not prestige or authority make us detached from the suffering of hundreds of thousands of our poor brothers and sisters. Deliver us from the burden of selfishness so that we may learn to give more of ourselves to others.

Look not on our many human frailties. Rather, we implore You, Almighty Father, to consider that with Your sustaining grace we shall do more for Your greater honor and glory.

All of these we ask in the name of the Redeemer, Your son.

Amen.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 5:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 5:15 p.m., the session is resumed.

The President: The session is resumed.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary will now call the roll.

The Acting Secretary [Atty. Raval]:

Senator Heherson T. Alvarez Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon Present
Senator Anna Dominique M. Coseteng Present*
Senator Neptali A. Gonzales Present
Senator Ernesto F. Herrera Present
Senator Gloria Macapagal Present
Senator Ernesto M. Maceda Present
Senator Orlando S. Mercado Present
Senator Blas F. Ople Present
Senator Santanina T. Rasul Present

secretary Manuel G. Roxas of the Department of Health furnishing the Senate a copy of the 1994 Annual Report of the Department of Health.

The President [Atty. Raval]: Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Acting Secretary [Atty. Raval]: Committee Report No. 1000, submitted jointly by the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Ways and Means; and Finance on Senate Bill No. 1889, introduced by Senator Roco, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS WORKERS' BANK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval without amendments.

Sponsors: Senator Roco and the Members of the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

The President: To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President.

The President: The Majority Leader is recognized.

MOTION OF SENATOR ROMULO
(Designation of New Set of Conferees on S. No. 2061)

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, because of the automatic resignation of some of our Colleagues as a result of their running for the Office of Governor and Congressmen, I move that we have a new set of Senate conferees for the Water Crisis Bill, on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 2061 and the House version.

For the Senate panel, I ask that the following Senators be named: Senator Shahani, as Chairman, and Senators Herrera, Mercado, Romulo and Maceda as members.

The President: Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

MOTION OF SENATOR ROMULO
(Designation of Conferees on S. No. 1751)

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, for the conferees of the

disagreeing provisions of the Senate and House versions of the Coconut Bill, I move that the following be named to the Senate panel: Senators Rasul, Macapagal and Maceda.

The President: Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

MOTION OF SENATOR ROMULO
(Designation of Conferees on S. No. 176)

Senator Romulo: For the disagreeing provisions of the Senate and House versions of Senate Bill No. 176, the Anti-Hazing Bill, filed and authored by Senator Lina, I move that the following be named to the Senate panel: Senators Roco, Alvarez and Maceda.

The President: Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

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

The President: The session is suspended for one minute, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 5:24 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 5:26 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President: The session is resumed.

Senator Romulo: May I ask, that the distinguished Senate President Pro Tempore be recognized.

The President: Senator Shahani is recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SHAHANI

Senator Shahani: Mr. President, just to make a manifestation. I should like to submit a written explanation of vote concerning my position on Resolution No. 1143 which we have just adopted.

The President: So noted.

The following is the written explanation of vote submitted by Senator Shahani: