

RECORD OF THE SENATE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1991

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 11:03 a.m., the session was resumed, with the Honorable Jovito R. Salonga, President of the Senate, presiding.

The President. Binubuksan ang pulong ng Senado. Pangungunahan tayo sa panalangin ni Senador Joseph Estrada.

Everybody remained standing for the opening prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Estrada.

Tanging sa Iyo, makapangyarihang Diyos, kami at ang sambayanang Pilipino ay umaasa at nagtitiwala. Sa aming dinaranas na matinding kagipitan at kahirapan, ibinubuhos namin sa Iyo ang aming pananalig, sapagkat Ikaw ay makatarungan, makatuwiran, at wagas ang Iyong pagmamahal at pagkalinga sa sanlibutan, walang halong pag-iimbot at kasakiman, walang conditionalities, walang supplementary agreements, walang side-letters, walang best efforts at walang phaseout.

Nawa'y matumbasan namin ang Iyong angking pagmamahal at tiwala sa amin ng kaukulang tiwala at pagmamahal sa aming kapwa at sa aming bayan.

Kami ay binigyan Mo ng malayang kaisipan at kamalayan. Ipahintulot Mo na gamitin namin ito sa was-tong paraan sa ikabubuti ng aming lipunan. Huwag Mong hayaang kami ay padala sa takot at sa hakot ng salapi, ng ginto o ng makamundong kapangyarihan.

Tanging Ikaw lamang ang aming tagapagligtas, tagapagtanggol at tagapatnubay, at ito ay buong puso naming tinatanggap ng walang reservations, walang subject to amendments, at higit sa lahat, walang technical yes.

Amen.

The President. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized. We merely suspended the session last night.

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President. I think there is an Additional Reference of Business.

The President. The Secretary will read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1883, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL COMPENSATION PACKAGE, EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER FORMS OF RELIEFS NOT ONLY FOR THE DISPLACED WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TWO MAJOR U.S. MILITARY BASES BUT ALSO FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MOUNT PINATUBO STRICKEN AREAS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Senators Maceda, Estrada, and Tamarano.

The President. Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Trade and Commerce; Finance; and Ways and Means.

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1884, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING AND RECLASSIFYING THE POSITIONS AND THE SALARY GRADES OF CERTAIN COMELEC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Senators Maceda and Estrada.

The President. Referred to the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance.

COMMUNICATION

The Secretary. Letter from Asst. Executive Secretary Roberto Rafael V. Lucila transmitting two copies of

Republic Act No. 7155, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TULAY-NA-LUPA IN THE PROVINCE OF
CAMARINES NORTE,

which was approved and signed by Her Excellency,
President Corazon C. Aquino on September 6, 1991.

The President. To the Archives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 1423, submitted by the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Development on Senate Bill No. 1853, introduced by Senator Mercado, entitled

AN ACT CHANGING THE DATE OF WHITE
CANE DAY FROM AUGUST 1 TO OCTOBER
15 AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION THREE (3) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
6759 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE WHITE
CANE ACT,

recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor: Senator Mercado

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 1424, submitted by the Committee on National Defense and Security on Senate Bill No. 1824, introduced by Senator Romulo, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948 ON OLD AGE
PENSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senators Romulo and Maceda

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 1425, sub-

mitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture on Senate Bill Nos. 1702 and 1759, introduced by Senators Rasul and Maceda, respectively, both entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PHILIPPINE
NORMAL COLLEGE INTO A STATE
UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY,

recommending the approval of Senate Bill No. 1702 without amendment with Senators Rasul, Maceda, and Angara as authors.

Sponsors: Senators Rasul and Maceda

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

RESOLUTION ON SECOND READING Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1259 - Nonconcurrency Resolution (Continuation)

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1259 as reported out under Committee Report No. 1422, on the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Security between the Government of the Philippines and the Government of the United States of America.

The President. Resumption of consideration of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1259 is now in order.

Senator Guingona. We are in the period of interpellations. I ask that we recognize Senator Romulo and Senator Tañada.

The President. Senator Romulo and Senator Tañada are recognized.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, being the only Senator here who is voting Yes, I feel like Daniel in the lion's den. But anyway, may I ask the distinguished Senator from Quezon if he would yield to a few questions?