

RECORD OF THE SENATE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1991

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 10:11 a.m., the Senate was called to order with the Honorable Ernesto M. Maceda, acting as the Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The session is resumed.

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, to avail himself of the Privilege Hour, I ask that we recognize Senator Tañada.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, the distinguished Senator from Gumaca, Quezon is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR TAÑADA (A Plan to Implement, Not Reverse, the Senate's Historic September 16, 1991 Decision)

Senator Tañada. Thank you, Mr. President.

Ginoong Pangulo, isang buwan na ang nakakaraan mula nang gumawa ng makasaysayang hakbang ang Senado sa pag-reject sa Bases Treaty na nakabalatkayo sa dokumentong "Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Security." Kasabay nito, inaprubahan natin ang Senate Resolution No. 1259, "Expressing the Decision of the Senate Not to Concur with the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Security and Its Supplementary Agreements, Signed on August 27, 1991."

Hinati ng isyung ito ang sambayanan. Noong takdang araw na iyon, nanaig ang kapasyahang ikawing ang desisyon sa mithiin ng sambayanang Filipino--mithiing malinaw sa Konstitusyon: makaraan ang 16 ng Septyembre, hindi na papayagan ang dayuhang base militar, tropa at mga pasilidad sa Pilipinas.

Nagdiwang ang sambayanan sa resolusyon ng Senado na tanggihan ang Tratado. Huwag nating kalimutan ang maraming pagbati at pagbubunyi ng lalo

pang dumaming mga Pilipino dahil nanaig ang pagtangga sa pananatili pa ng mga Base Militar at gayundin sa nilalaman ng Tratado.

Ginoong Pangulo, sa kaniyang sulat sa Pangulo ng Senado, kinikilala at tinatanggap ng Pangulong Aquino na tinanggihan na nga ng Senado ang Tratado. Ayon sa isang resolusyong may suporta ng ilan sa Senado, ganito po ang sinasabi ng Resolusyon:

The Executive shall conclude an arrangement with the United States Government for the orderly withdrawal of U.S. military forces in Subic which shall be completed within a period of not exceeding three (3) years.

Malinaw sa resolusyong binanggit na inaakala ng Pangulo na sa loob ng tatlong taon ng orderly withdrawal, ang epekto ng withdrawal sa mga Filipino base workers, suppliers at communities around the U.S. facilities ay mapapagaan.

Ang withdrawal ng U.S. military forces ay tiniyak ng pagtangga sa Tratado. Ngunit hindi dapat iparis ang withdrawal ng tropang Amerikano sa proseso ng conversion.

Ang bagong isyung muling humahati sa sambayanan at sa mga namumuno ay kung paano at ilang taong magaganap ang withdrawal. Kung pagbabatayan ang mga reaksiyon, may pagnanais na dapat tiyakin nating magiging konstitusyonal at hindi na mapipigil, irreversible, ang withdrawal ng mga U. S. military forces.

Ang ganitong adhikain ay samahan natin. Sa bagay na ito ay sikapin nating magkaisa tayong lahat, maging unanimous kung maaari, upang ang withdrawal ng U. S. military forces ay maging konstitusyonal at irreversible.

Itatanong po, Ginoong Pangulo: Paano nating gagawin ito?

Mr. President, the withdrawal of the U. S. military forces, in implementation of the Senate's rejection of the Treaty, must adhere to the spirit and letter of the Constitution. Such a withdrawal must be made irreversible.

The key question after this Chamber rejected the

Senator Gonzales. That has already been provided for in an earlier amendment that we have approved. 1873, entitled

The President. *Mawawala na itong* Executive Judge.

Senator Gonzales. Yes, Mr. President, *kaya kinakailangang i-restore natin iyan.*

The President. *Mawawala na iyong* Citizens Arm.

Senator Gonzales. Yes, Mr. President.

The President. That is a major thing.

Senator Saguisag. Yes, because the judge is supposed to be...

The President. I suppose, we can postpone this to Monday. I think, it is unfair to do this in the absence of Senator Maceda.

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE BILL NO. 1861

Senator Guingona. If we cannot close this now, Mr. President, we will have to suspend consideration of this measure.

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

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that the following be transferred to the Calendar for Special Orders: Committee Report No. 1403 on Senate Bill No.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGY DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Senator Guingona. Committee Report No. 1430 on Senate Bill No. 963, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FILIPINO OVERSEAS SHIPPING.

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

Senator Guingona. Finally, Committee Report No. 1425 on Senate Bill No. 702 and 759, entitled

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

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

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

Senator Guingona. I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock, Monday afternoon.

The President. The session is adjourned until three o'clock, Monday afternoon, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 1:19 p.m.