

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1991**

### RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

*At 9:07 a.m., the session was resumed, with the Honorable Alberto G. Romulo, presiding.*

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Romulo]. The session is resumed.

Senator Angara will lead us in the Opening Prayer.

*Everybody rose for the opening prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Angara** God Almighty, today our country and our people face a myriad of challenges. Disasters have befallen us from almost all parts of the country. We have suffered earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and floods. We have seen the useless and senseless slaughter of our people.

In the field of education, Lord, look at several of our teachers--the molders of our youth--facing the gravest crisis in their lives. But despite all these, we have never asked why.

We knew, Lord, that You have visited all these problems upon us to give us strength; to teach us the art of giving; to give us the wisdom in decision-making; but most important of all, to make us learn to move and to act together as a people.

Give our people the strength to carry on. Give us the hope that, one day, all these problems will be behind us. Most of all, give us the blessing of having learned from these challenges that we have faced.

AMEN.

### BILL ON SECOND READING House Bill No. 1178 - Restitution of Losses of Sugar Planters (Continuation)

**Senator Guingona.** Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration on House Bill No. 31178 as re-

ported out under Committee Report No. 1205.

We are in the period of interpellation. I ask that we recognize Senator Romulo.

*At this juncture, the Presiding Officer, Senator Romulo, relinquished the Chair to Senator Edgardo J. Angara.*

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Angara]. Before we do that, Mr. Majority Floor Leader, can we ask the Secretary to read the Additional Reference of Business.

**Senator Guingona.** May we have that later, Mr. President.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Angara]. So, we will defer the reading of the Additional Reference of Business.

The resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 31178 is now in order.

We will call on Senator Romulo.

**Senator Romulo.** Mr. President, if there are no more interpellations, may we be allowed to propose the Committee Amendments.

**Senator Guingona.** I so move, Mr. President.

### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

**Senator Romulo.** Mr. President, the Committee would like to propose the following amendments:

On page 2, lines 20 to 21, delete the words and figure "twelve percent (12%) and replace with the words and figure "SEVENTEEN PERCENT (17%)".

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Angara]. Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the amendment is approved.

**Senator Romulo.** On the same page, lines 21 to 22, delete the whole sentence from the word "This" to the word "Government".

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Angara]. Is there any



close the period of amendments.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Angara]. The period of amendments, both Committee and individual, is closed.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1771  
ON SECOND READING

**Senator Guingona.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1771.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Angara]. We shall now vote on the bill on Second Reading. As many as are in favor of the bill will please say *Aye*. [*Several Senators: Aye*] As many as are against will please say *Nay*. [*Silence*] Senate Bill No. 1771 is approved on Second Reading.

**Senator Pimentel.** Thank you. [*Applause*]

BILL ON SECOND READING  
Senate Bill No. 1702—Conversion of Philippine  
Normal College into State University  
(Continuation)

**Senator Guingona.** Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1702 as reported out under Committee Report No. 1425.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Angara]. Resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1702 is now in order.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

**Senator Guingona.** May I ask, Mr. President, that we have a minute suspension.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Angara]. We shall have a one-minute suspension, if there is no objection. [*There was none.*]

*It was 9:20 a.m.*

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

*At 9:21 a.m., the session was resumed with Senator*

*Romulo, presiding.*

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Romulo]. The session is resumed.

**Senator Angara.** Mr. President.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Romulo]. Senator Angara is recognized.

**Senator Angara.** Mr. President, I have the honor and pleasure to introduce this Senate Bill No. 1702, which will convert a very distinguished institution into a state university.

The period of interpellation has been closed and there have been no amendments, Mr. President. So, may we move for the unanimous approval of this Senate bill on Second Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1702  
ON SECOND READING

**Senator Guingona.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Senate Bill No. 1702 on Second Reading.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Romulo]. We shall now vote on the bill on Second Reading. As many as are in favor of the bill will please say *Aye*. [*Several Senators: Aye.*] As many as are against will please say *Nay*. [*Silence*]

Senate Bill No. 1702 is approved on Second Reading. [*Applause*]

*At this juncture, Senator Romulo relinquished the Chair to Senator Pimentel.*

BILL ON SECOND READING  
House Bill No. 34160—Veterans Bank  
(Continuation)

**Senator Guingona.** Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of House Bill No. 34160 as reported under Committee Report No. 1407.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Pimentel]. Resump-