

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1991

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 4:25 p.m., the Honorable Jovito R. Salonga, President of the Senate, called the session to order.

The President. Binubuksan ang pulong ng Senado.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Aawitin ni Binibining Aida Gamboa ang Pam-bansang Awit at ang "Luha sa Kinalimutang Lupa," at pagkatapos ay pangungunahan tayo sa panalangin ni Senator Neptali Gonzales.

Everybody rose for the singing of the National Anthem and remained standing for the opening prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Gonzales.

Mahabaging Ama, Makapangyarihang Diyos at aming Panginoon, ang lahat ng kapurihan at ang lahat ng kaluwalhatian ay Sumasainyo.

Pinupuri, niluluwalhati at sinasamba namin ang Inyong banal at dakilang pangalan. Salamat po at napakabuti Ninyo. Ang Inyong kagandahang-loob ay dakila. Ang Inyong mga kahabagan ay magpakailanman.

Salamat po sa buhay, kalakasan at kasaganaang ito na patuloy na ipinagkakaloob Ninyo sa bawat isa sa amin.

Marami pong salamat sa Inyong patuloy na pag-iingat at pagliligtas sa amin. Na kami ay inilalayo Ninyo sa mga panganib, inililigtas sa mga kapahamakan at ginagamot sa aming mga karamdaman.

Kung aming aalalahanin, Panginoon, ang handog ng buhay, ng kalakasan at ng kasaganaan na Inyong ipinagkaloob sa amin, ay aming nasasabi na tunay na dakila ang Inyong pag-ibig at katapatan sa amin.

Dinadala namin sa Inyo, Panginoon, ang kapalaran

ng aming bayan.

Tulungan po Ninyo kami sa lahat ng mga suliranin at krisis na sinasalunga ng aming bansa. Hindi kami nagtatanong kung bakit nangyayari ang mga bagay na ito. Ang lahat ng ito ay may kani-kaniyang dahilan.

Ang aming isinasamo sa Inyo, O Diyos, ay tulungan Ninyo kaming mapaglabanan at mapagtagumpayan ang lahat ng mga kahirapang ito. Pagalingin po Ninyo, Panginoon, ang aming lupain.

Dinadala rin namin sa trono ng Inyong kahabagan ang Pangulo ng aming bansa sa kanyang mahirap na tungkulin bilang Pangulo ng aming Republika. Tulungan po Ninyo siya sa bawat sandali, Panginoon.

Ipagkaloob po Ninyo sa kanya ang liwanag at ang karunungan ng pamamahala mula sa langit upang ang bayan namin ay mahango sa mga kahirapan at makita namin ang liwanag ng kinabukasan na siyang makakapagpabuti sa kalagayan ng lahat ng aming mga kababayan.

Ang lahat ng ito ay hinihiling po namin sa matamis na pangalan ng aming Mananakop na si Hesus, ngayon at magpakailanman.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

The President. Babasahin ng Kalihim ang talaan ng mga Senador.

The Secretary.

Senator Heherson T. Alvarez	Present
Senator Edgardo J. Angara	Present
Senator Agapito A. Aquino	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile	Present
Senator Joseph E. Estrada	Present*
Senator Neptali A. Gonzales	Present
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona, Jr.	Present
Senator Ernesto F. Herrera	Present
Senator Sotero H. Laurel	Present*
Senator Jose D. Lina, Jr.	Present*
Senator Ernesto M. Maceda	Present
Senator Orlando S. Mercado	Present

*Arrived after the roll call

**On official mission.

HEREOF BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The President. The Senate will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll and the result of the voting was as follows:

YES - 17

Senator Angara	Senator Osmeña
Senator Aquino	Senator Paterno
Senator Enrile	Senator Pimentel
Senator Gonzales	Senator Rasul
Senator Guingona	Senator Romulo
Senator Herrera	Senator Salonga
Senator Laurel	Senator Tamano
Senator Maceda	Senator Tañada
Senator Mercado	

NO - 0

ABSTENTION - 1

Senator Saguisag*

RESULT OF VOTING

The President. With 17 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and one abstention, Senate Bill No. 1771 is approved on Third Reading.

Senator Saguisag. May I submit a written Explanation of Vote, Mr. President.

The following is the written Explanation of Vote submitted by Senator Saguisag:

BILL ON THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 1702 - Conversion of Philippine Normal College into a State University

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1702. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the Members of the Senate on November 25, 1991.

*With written Explanation of Vote

The President. Voting on the Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1702 is now in order. The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1702, entitled

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

The President. The Senate will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll and the result of the voting was as follows:

YES - 18

Senator Angara*	Senator Osmeña
Senator Aquino	Senator Paterno
Senator Enrile	Senator Pimentel
Senator Gonzales	Senator Rasul*
Senator Guingona	Senator Romulo
Senator Herrera	Senator Saguisag*
Senator Laurel	Senator Salonga
Senator Maceda*	Senator Tamano*
Senator Mercado*	Senator Tañada
Senator Osmeña	

NO - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATOR ANGARA

Senator Angara. Mr. President, this is a long delayed development for the Philippine Normal University. This University is the premier teaching institution in this country, and as the result of the Congressional Commission on Education findings indicate, we need more effective teacher training institutions. The elevation of this College into a university status will highlight and spotlight the premier role that this University will play in the teaching of our teachers. So, I vote *Yes*, Mr. President.

Senator Gonzales. Mr. President, I consider it a great honor and privilege to vote for this bill.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATOR MACEDA

Senator Maceda. Mr. President, during the middle of this year, we were treated to the surprising statistic that the Department of Education, Culture and Sports was short of 46,000 teachers. As our population growth projects to 75 million by the turn of the century and to 100 million by 2020, this is one of the most forward-looking bills, innocuous as it may seem, that this Congress will pass into law.

There is a need for the Philippine Normal University to expand, to grow and to broaden its horizons to take care of the ever-expanding need for more teachers, for better teachers and for more professionals in the field of education, especially on graduate and postgraduate level. With the approval of this bill, we shall enable our educational profession, which after all is given the honor of being the first priority concern right in the Constitution to achieve its full potential. This is only part of the things that the Congress may do or should do to implement the constitutional mandate for highest priority for education.

In the five years that we will be here, Mr. President, I will rank the approval of this bill as one of the top ten most important measures that the Senate has acted on.

It is, therefore, my greatest privilege and pleasure not only to have coauthored this bill, but to vote affirmatively on Third Reading on this measure.

I vote *Yes*, Mr. President.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATOR MERCADO

Senator Mercado. I vote in the affirmative, Mr. President. We have a serious lack of teachers in the country today. I think this is a step in the right direction. My only lament is that, our suggestion that some other name be used instead of Philippine Normal University was not considered. I understand there is a valid explanation for the name normal college or university. But nowadays, its name may only suggest that we have an abnormal university as well.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATOR RASUL

Senator Rasul. Mr. President, the approval of the

upgrading of the Philippine Normal College is long overdue. The findings of the Bicameral Congressional Commission on Education which has gone around the country to make an assessment of Philippine education, reveal that there has been a deterioration of the quality of education in this country.

Number one, Mr. President, was the fact that we have produced poor quality teachers. The role of the Philippine Normal College, as upgraded, will really answer the need of our educational system today, because we cannot have quality education unless we have quality teachers. We can only have quality teachers if we have institutions like the Philippine Normal University.

So, I vote a resounding *Yes*, Mr. President, for the approval of this bill.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATOR SAGUISAG

Senator Saguisag. I vote *Yes*, Mr. President.

Senator Mercado was not the only Colleague we have who was curious why the name "Normal" is attached to the name of the institution. But our friends from the institution have since edified, enlightened and educated us on this respect, and we thought that it was a very convincing one. That was why there was no motion entertained for any change of name. I guess it only remains for us to understand why there is another institution called "University of Life."

Salamat po.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATOR TAMANO

Senator Tamano. Mr. President, I just want to place on record that I am very pleased with having to vote affirmatively on the bill, because it would please the spirit of my father, who was a student at the Philippine Normal School.

He was one of the very first Muslim students in the Philippine Normal School, High School. Although he did not finish his studies because he saw my mother and fell in love with her, we always consider Philippine Normal School as the Alma Mater of my father who had the distinction, as I said, of being one of the first Muslim

students in this grand old school. He was a government *pensionado* in the PNS during the early 1920s.

I wish to record a strong affirmative vote in favor of this bill.

RESULT OF VOTING

The President. With 18 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1702 is approved on Third Reading.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

The President. Why do we not suspend the session for one minute, if there is no objection? [*There was none.*]

It was 5:47 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 5:53 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

BILL ON THIRD READING House Bill No. 34160 - Veterans Bank

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 34160. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the Members of the Senate on November 25, 1991.

The President. Voting on Third Reading on House Bill No. 34160 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read the title of the bill only, if there is no objection. [*There was none.*]

The Secretary. House Bill No. 34160, entitled

AN ACT TO REHABILITATE THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK CREATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3518, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The President. The Senate will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll and the result of the voting was as follows:

YES - 19

Senator Alvarez	Senator Mercado
Senator Angara	Senator Paterno
Senator Aquino	Senator Pimentel
Senator Enrile	Senator Rasul
Senator Gonzales	Senator Romulo
Senator Guingona	Senator Saguisag
Senator Herrera	Senator Salonga
Senator Laurel	Senator Tamano
Senator Lina	Senator Tañada
Senator Maceda	

NO - 1

ABSTENTION - 1

Senator Osmeña

The President. I am pleased and honored to add my vote to this bill. It should have been passed long, long ago.

Therefore, I vote *Yes*.

RESULT OF VOTING

With 19 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and one abstention, House Bill No. 34160 is approved on Third Reading.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

The President. Let us suspend the session for one minute, if there is no objection. [*There was none.*]

It was 5:57 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 5:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The Majority Floor Leader.