# **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1991**

# OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:52 p.m., the Hon. Jovito R. Salonga, President of the Senate, called the session to order.

The President. Binubuksan ang pulong ng Senado.

Pangungunahan tayo sa panalangin ni Senador Teofisto T. Guingona.

Everybody remained standing for the opening prayer.

#### **PRAYER**

# Senator Guingona.

Jesus said to His disciples: "Fortunate are you to see what you see, for I tell you that many prophets and kings would have liked to see what you see, but did not; and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

This revelation of Jesus is a gift of the Father. It requires from us poverty, lowliness of heart, great simplicity to receive Him.

May we have the spirit to face the challenges that we have to face in the days ahead.

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 Ejercito Estrada	Present

<sup>\*</sup>Arrived after the roll call

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	**	
Senator Ernesto M. Maceda	Present .	
Senator Orlando S. Mercado		
Senator John H. Osmeña	Present	
Senator Vicente T. Paterno	Present	
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr	Absent	
Senator Santanina T. Rasul		
Senator Alberto G. Romulo	Present	
Senator Rene A. V. Saguisag	Present	
Senator Leticia Ramos Shahani	Present	
Senator Mamintal Abdul J. Tamano	Present	
Senator Wigberto E. Tañada	Present***	
Senator Victor S. Ziga	Present*	
The President	Present	

The President. Labinlimang Senador ang dumalo sa ating pagpupulong; mayroon tayong korum.

#### THE JOURNAL

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of yesterday's session and consider the same as approved.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary will now proceed with the reading of the Order of Business.

## REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

#### **BILL ON FIRST READING**

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1922, entitled

AN ACT PROFESSIONALIZING THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING SERVICE TO SERVE AS A TOOL FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANCY OFFICE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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eration of this measure.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

**Senator Guingona**. Senator Enrile and Senator Angara have reserved their rights to interpellate the Sponsor of the bill.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Senators Enrile, Angara, Osmeña and Saguisag have reserved their rights to interpellate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 1702/HOUSE BILL NO. 34769 (Conversion of Philippine Normal College into State University)

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, to thresh out the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1702 and the House version on the Philippine Normal College Bill, I move that we designate Senators Rasul, Maceda, Angara,

Laurel and Enrile as Members of the Senate panel.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

### ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, tomorrow, we will take up the following bills: The General Appropriations Bill, the Baselands Conversion and Development Authority, the Magna Carta for Small Farmers, Enhancement of Relations Between the Philippines and Foreign Entities, and the Simplified Net Income Tax System.

I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. The session is adjourned until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 6:59 p.ni.