

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2000

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:24 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

**The President.** The 10th session of the Senate in the Third Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta.

After the prayer, the Senate Choir will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. The Choir will also render another song entitled, *May Ibong Kakanta-Kanta*.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Aquino-Oreta.**

Mahal na Panginoon,

Salamat posa Inyong mga biyaya at sa pagkakataong ito na kami ay magtipun-tipon.

Narito po kami ngayon at dumudulog sa Inyo na tulungan kami sa aming mga adhikain.

Ipagkaloob po Ninyo sa amin ang karunungan at kakayahang maibsan ang mga suliraning sumasakal sa aming bayan.

Nawa po ay tangkilikin ng pamahalaan at ng buong bayan ang wikang pambansa tungo sa misyon ng pagpapayaman sa kaluluwa ng lahi at maging kasangkapan sa pagkakaisa ng sambayanang Pilipino.

Bigyan po Ninyo kami ng lakas para suungin ang masalimuot na sitwasyong kinasasadlakan namin ngayon.

Gabayan po Ninyo kami sa pagsisilbi sa aming mga kababayan at ituro po Ninyo sa amin ang tamang landas.

Nawa po ay maghari sa aming puso at isip ang Inyong Kadakilaan at umiral sa aming mga kilos ang Inyong biyaya.

Hinihiling po namin ito sa Ngalan ng Panginoon.

Siya nawa.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Everybody remained standing for the singing of the national anthem.*

**The President.** The Chair would like to thank the Senate Choir members for their rendition of the national anthem and the song, entitled, *May Ibong Kakanta-Kanta*.

The Secretary will please call the roll.

### ROLL CALL

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta .....	Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers .....	Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon .....	Present
Senator Renato L. Compañero Cayetano ....	Present
Senator Anna Dominique M. L. Coseteng ...	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago .....	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile .....	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavie .....	*
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona Jr. ....	Present
Senator Gregorio B. Honasan .....	Present
Senator Robert S. Jaworski .....	Present
Senator Loren B. Legarda-Leviste .....	Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. ....	Present
Senator Blas F. Ople .....	Present
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña .....	Present
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III .....	Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. ....	Present
Senator Ramon B. Revilla .....	Present
Senator Raul S. Roco .....	Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III .....	Present
Senator Francisco S. Tatad .....	Present
The President .....	Present

**The President.** With 21 senators present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

### THE JOURNAL

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of Session No. 9 of Wednesday, August 9, 2000 and consider it approved.

\*On official mission

Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance on Senate Bill No. 2113 with Senators Sotto III, Coseteng, Aquino-Oreta and Magsaysay Jr. as authors thereof, entitled

**AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNANCE  
AND DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE  
PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL (PSHS)  
SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8496,**

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 866, 1388, 1868 and 1871, taking into consideration House Bill No. 8134.

Sponsor: Senator Aquino-Oreta

**The President.** To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

The Majority Leader is recognized.

**BILL ON THIRD READING**

**S. No. 1168 -- Prohibiting the Use of Hard Surfactants**

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1168. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on August 8, 2000.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1168 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill.

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1168, entitled

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE,  
IMPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE  
OF LAUNDRY DETERGENTS CONTAINING  
HARD SURFACTANTS, AND PROVIDING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

**The President.** We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

**The Secretary.** Senators

Aquino-Oreta .....	Yes
Barbers .....	Yes
Biazon .....	Yes
Cayetano .....	Yes
Coseteng .....	Yes
Defensor Santiago .....	Yes

Enrile .....	Yes
Flavier .....	
Guingona Jr. ....	Yes
Honasan .....	Yes
Jaworski .....	Yes
Legarda-Leviste ..	Yes
Magsaysay Jr. ....	Yes
Ople .....	Yes
Osmeña (J.) .....	Yes
Osmeña III .....	Yes
Pimentel Jr. ....	Yes
Revilla .....	Yes
Roco .....	Yes
Sotto III .....	Yes
Tatad .....	Yes
The President .....	Yes

**APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1168 ON THIRD READING**

**The President.** With 21 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1168 is approved on Third Reading.

**MOTION OF SENATOR TATAD  
(To Withdraw S. No. 1976 and  
All Accompanying Documents)**

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, in accordance with our agreement during the just concluded caucus of senators this afternoon, I move to withdraw from the House of Representatives Senate Bill No. 1976 which we sent to it for concurrence and ask for the return of our message dated the 25th of May 2000 together with the said Senate Bill No. 1976 and all the accompanying documents.

**The President.** Senator Roco is recognized.

**Senator Roco.** Would the Majority Leader accept the rewording of the motion so that we just withdraw the Senate measure from the Conference Committee as constituted so that then it gets back to the floor?

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

*It was 3:38 p.m.*