

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

May we invite attention to the clean copy of the bill which has been distributed? It is labeled *Amended Copy as of August 9, 2000*.

But we understand that Senator Defensor Santiago wishes to propose further amendments, although she has left the hall.

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 2038 – Anti-Injunction Act of 2000
(Continuation)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, for this purpose, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 2038 as reported out under Committee Report No. 239.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 2038 is now in order.

Senator Tatad. I move that we reopen the period of amendments on Senate Bill No. 2038.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 2038

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, as previously mentioned, Senator Defensor Santiago is no longer in the hall. I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 2038.

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

BILL ON SECOND READING
S. No. 1595 – Integrated Solid Waste
Management Act of 1999
(Continuation)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595 as reported out under Committee Report No. 52.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595 is now in order.

Senator Tatad. We are now in the period of amendments.

May I ask that the distinguished sponsor, Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste, be recognized; and to propose some amendments, Sen. Sergio Osmeña III. So this is going to be a Minority play.

The President. The principal sponsor, Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste is recognized. To propose amendments, Sen. Sergio Osmeña III is recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR OSMEÑA III
(That All Members Be Furnished with a
Copy of the Draft Report)

Senator Osmeña III. Thank you, Mr. President.

With the permission of the distinguished chairman of the Energy Committee, we did receive in advance the draft report of the financial adviser to the Senate.

However, the Secretary to the Senate per the covering memorandum only sent this to the seven members, including the distinguished Chair, to the Bicameral Conference Committee. Since what is at issue here is the PSSALT bill, which this Chamber will now have to pass in order to complete all five bills to match what the Lower House passed before we go back to the Bicam, may I respectfully request that all members of the Senate be given a copy of this draft report and be invited to the hearing tomorrow in order to speed up the process on the floor on the passage of the PSSALT bill, for the Chamber's consideration, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. May we support that motion, Mr. President.

The President. The Secretary is so directed to furnish every member of this Chamber with a copy of that financial report.

The gentleman may now proceed with his amendments on Senate Bill No. 1595.

Senator Osmeña III. Thank you, Mr. President. Will the distinguished sponsor of this measure kindly yield for a few amendments?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Gladly, Mr. President.

Senator Osmeña III. Mr. President, preliminarily, may I inform the distinguished sponsor that I had hoped to finish presenting all my proposed amendments today. But at the last minute, the sponsor and I also received a copy of a multipaged proposal from some NGOs which I would like to have time to study. So I will try to finish what I have prepared for today. But maybe in a couple of days, we may be able to come up with what I shall consider as my last proposed amendments to Senate Bill No. 1595.

OSMEÑA III AMENDMENT

Mr. President, on page 1, line 10, after the word "guidelines," insert the words AND TARGETS. So it shall read: "Set guidelines AND TARGETS for solid waste volume reduction."

Senator Roco. I have an antecedent amendment, Mr. President.

The President. Senator Roco is recognized.

ROCO AMENDMENTS

Senator Roco. May we look at line 5. I am looking at the amended copy as of August 1, 2000, Mr. President.

The President. That is correct.

Senator Roco. It says: "...the policy of the State to adopt an integrated solid waste..." May I propose an amendment so that it would read as follows: an integrated AND COMPREHENSIVE ECOLOGICAL waste management program instead of "Solid waste management program" may be better expressed if we say "ECOLOGICAL waste management program" so that "Solid" should be replaced by ECOLOGICAL. Would this be acceptable?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President. My only concern is, we have to distinguish solid waste from liquid waste and from hazardous waste which is also defined in a certain section of this bill. But I agree with the addition of the words COMPREHENSIVE and ECOLOGICAL. That sits well with me. My only concern is, if we take out the words "solid waste," there could be some confusion later on.

Senator Roco. I am glad the distinguished sponsor can accept the words COMPREHENSIVE and ECOLOGICAL. As a matter of fact, we are suggesting a philosophy that "ecology" is the management of ecological waste whether solid, liquid, gaseous, toxic or whatever. That is sought to be addressed by this Act and so the term "ECOLOGICAL waste management" not only comprehends the way it is described in this bill. It tends to solve the problem after the fact, after the waste is already there. Whereas, if we call it ECOLOGICAL waste management, we may have to go backwards to prevent even the disposal of wastes.

Mr. President, it is not enough that we solve the garbage after the fact. If the citizens can clean up, can reclassify, can recycle even at home or at the start of the point where there is *basura*, then there is less solid waste. Some are recycled, some are buried, some are transformed into fertilizer or

whatever. So that is the philosophy we were suggesting. I know that even in the speech of the distinguished sponsor, this is within the ambit of her sponsorship speech.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. The session is suspended for one minute, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

It was 6:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

Senator Roco. In the short discussion, Mr. President, we were talking of a wider view, a wider philosophy for the bill that while the bill itself regulates and focuses on solids as part of the danger to ecology, the philosophy is both comprehensive and ecological. The ecology can be threatened by solid, by liquid, by the gaseous and among the gaseous some may even be toxic. So, since the philosophy is not adverse to the ones already explained by the distinguished sponsor, we will be very happy if this is accepted.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, we appreciate the intent of the amendment and we accept it.

Senator Osmeña III. May I just request a restatement of the amendment, Mr. President.

The President. All right. May the proponent restate the amendment?

Senator Roco. The opening phrase of Section 2 will then read as follows: "It is hereby declared the policy of the State to adopt an integrated AND COMPREHENSIVE ECOLOGICAL waste management program." The term "solid" disappears although it is addressed in the specifics.

The President. All right. The amendment would delete the word "solid" and in its stead insert the words AND COMPREHENSIVE ECOLOGICAL.

Senator Roco. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Osmeña III. Does this in any way remove the generic term "solid waste" from the bill?

Senator Roco. No, Mr. President. In fact, we are just making it wider in philosophy. It is more generic, because instead of just solid—although that may be one of the specifics of the bill—it is ecology that is calling attention and that is calling for help.

Senator Osmeña III. The issue has been clarified, I thank the distinguished gentleman.

The President. All right. There is a motion to amend line 5 as stated by the proponent and as accepted by the sponsor. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

We now proceed to line 10 on the same page. There is an Osmeña III amendment to insert the phrase AND TARGETS between the words “guidelines” and “for.” Is this acceptable to the sponsor?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President, the amendment is accepted.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Roco. In the same line, Mr. President, may we suggest another amendment.

The President. Does the gentleman mean line 10?

Senator Roco. Yes, Mr. President. So that it now reads: “Set guidelines AND TARGETS for solid waste”. Then insert the word AVOIDANCE. It reads: “solid waste AVOIDANCE AND volume reduction. After “waste” but before “volume”, add the words “AVOIDANCE AND”.

The President. What does the sponsor say?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Osmeña III. In line 11, Mr. President.

The President. Senator Osmeña III is recognized.

OSMEÑA III AMENDMENT

Senator Osmeña III. Before the words “waste minimization”, insert the words SOURCE REDUCTION AND. So it shall now read, “through SOURCE REDUCTION AND waste minimization measures”.

The President. What does the sponsor say?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

ROCO AMENDMENT

Senator Roco. In the same line, Mr. President, line 11, may we insert the word COMPOSTING between “including” and “recycling”? The last two words of the line, “including COMPOSTING, recycling”.

The President. What does the sponsor say?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Roco. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any other amendment on page 1?

Senator Osmeña III. Mr. President, in line 17b, after the words “TOXIC FUMES” but before the semicolon (;), insert the words BUT EXCLUDING INCINERATION.

The President. BUT EXCLUDING INCINERATION.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. May I move that we suspend the session for one minute, Mr. President.

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

It was 6:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:13 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

There is a pending proposal to amend line 17b by inserting the words BUT EXCLUDING INCINERATION.

Senator Roco. Mr. President, if I may propose an amendment to the amendment. That is, we delete in line 16 starting

from the phrase "minimum national standards..." all the way until the end of line 17b. And in lieu thereof, insert the phrase ADOPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICE AND ECOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT.

The way I understand it from an environmentalist, that excludes incineration because that is not the best practice except in very focused instances.

So by replacing this enumeration, if the proponent can accept that... But I am also willing to go along with the specific mention of "NO INCINERATION."

Senator Osmeña III. Mr. President, the problem that we have is that the phrase "INCLUDING THE UTILIZATION OF SOLID WASTE IN WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITIES" is a euphemism also for "incineration". As a matter of fact, in this waste to energy, we burn the waste. In the sugar industry, we burn the bagasse and convert it into power; in poultries and piggeries, we convert waste into methane gas. There is a certain amount of burning, and the concern was that this would be utilized as a way to go around Section 20 of the Clean Air Act which has a ban on incineration. That is why we added the words "BUT EXCLUDING INCINERATION".

Senator Roco. I agree with the gentleman. What I am saying is, we change the latter part of line 16 and delete from the word "minimum" all the way to the end and replace it with the phrase ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICE IN ECOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT. As I understand it from an environmentalist that precludes incineration.

Senator Osmeña III. Mr. President, I am tempted to accept; however, the standards of best practices vary from country to country. Here in the Philippines, we are just beginning to set our own best practices. As a matter of fact, we are a long way from best practices. So, following that particular phrase, best practices in Austria may allow incineration above a certain level of heat, 1,300 degrees or something, and best practices in other countries may not allow incineration. So, which country's best practices are we talking about?

Senator Roco. I am just trying to build on the discussion. Supposing the phrase ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICE IN ECOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, EXCLUDING INCINERATION, or something to that effect, so that I do not...

Senator Osmeña III. Yes, I accept, Mr. President, as long as the words "EXCLUDING INCINERATION" is in place.

Senator Roco. If the main sponsor, Mr. President, will accept that, then we may delete the latter four lines of line 16,

from the words "minimum national standards", and we change it with the phrase ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICE IN ECOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, EXCLUDING INCINERATION.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, yes, I am comfortable with both suggestions as long as this is consistent with the provisions of the Clean Air Act.

Senator Roco. Subject to revisiting, Mr. President, if that is acceptable, then maybe we can accept...

Senator Legarda-Leviste. May we hear the amendments again of the proponent.

ROCO-OSMEÑA III AMENDMENT

Senator Roco. I propose an amendment to the amendment of the distinguished gentleman from Cebu so that line 16, from the word "minimum" is now deleted all the way to the end of line 17b and in lieu thereof, we replace it with the phrase ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICE IN ECOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT, EXCLUDING INCINERATION.

The President. Is the proposed Roco amendment acceptable to the principal proponent, Sen. Sergio R. Osmeña III?

Senator Osmeña III. It is acceptable, Mr. President.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President. We agreed, however, in consultation earlier, that they would add "PROVIDED, THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS LAW SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RA NO. 8749, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CLEAN AIR ACT."

Senator Osmeña III. It is accepted, Mr. President.

Senator Roco. If that may be approved, Mr. President.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, I therefore accept the amendments of the two proponents.

The President. May we just act on the Osmeña III amendment as amended by Senator Roco before we proceed with the subsequent amendment?

Is there any objection to the amendment of Sen. Sergio Osmeña III, as amended by Senator Roco and accepted by the sponsor? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

We will now proceed with the...

Senator Roco. I am sorry, Mr. President, I have to go back to line 13a. Maybe I was not paying attention.

The President. All right.

ROCO AMENDMENT

Senator Roco. After "MANAGEMENT FACILITIES," in line 13a, may we add the phrase IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, it is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

There was an earlier proposal by the sponsor to include another amendment after the Osmeña III amendment. The Chair will now entertain that amendment.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Roco. But we have deleted the last portion, Mr. President, so it is no longer necessary.

The President. We have...

Senator Roco. We have deleted the last four lines of...

The President. No. In addition to the Osmeña III amendment which was approved, there was a proposed amendment of Senator Leviste.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President, the amendment that said "PROVIDED, THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS LAW SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RA NO. 8749, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CLEAN AIR ACT."

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, it is a very good amendment, but I believe we may put that much later in the bill.

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 6:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:21 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed. Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste is recognized.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. We withdraw our amendment, Mr. President, for consideration later on.

The President. All right, the amendment is withdrawn.

Senator Osmeña III. On page 2, Mr. President.

Senator Pimentel. Mr. President.

The President. Sen. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. is recognized.

Senator Pimentel. I would like to propose an amendment on page 1 but I do not know to whom I will propose it. There are so many people standing here. *[Laughter]*

The President. The principal sponsor is Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste. The gentlemen are proposing amendments.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. I am very happy, Mr. President, that there is more than adequate support for this very important measure. The best brains in the Senate are putting their heads together for this.

Senator Pimentel. All right then, if the lady senator would kindly consider an amendment on page 1, line 12. I would like to start from line 10(b) so we can have a fuller understanding of what I am trying to do. It says, "Set guidelines for solid waste volume reduction through waste minimization measures, including recycling, reuse, recovery..." I would like to put a comma (,) after the word "recovery" and introduce a terminology that has been brought to my attention by a Filipino inventor who incidentally is here, Mr. Gonzalo "Jun" Catan, Executive Vice-President of Mapecon and National Chairman of Filipino Inventors Federation and member of the Technical Committee on Biowaste Management Reduction and the Flagship office; a TOYM awardee in 1975 and TOFIL awardee in 1995.

Senator Roco. Mr. President, will the gentleman yield for a few seconds?

Senator Pimentel. For many seconds, Mr. President. *[Laughter]*

Senator Roco. Is this the same Gonzalo "Jun" Catan who explained the CPM to the erstwhile Constitutional Convention of 1971 to 1972?

Senator Pimentel. I suppose, Mr. President, that the senator asking that question was a witness to the inventiveness of Mr. Catan during the Constitutional Convention days. I suppose he is the same person.

Senator Roco. He looks the same. Is he the same person who was able to frighten the cockroaches out of their wits despite their survival over the cons, this Mr. Gonzalo "Jun" Catan?

Senator Pimentel. That is correct, Mr. President. And I might add that in 1996, at a Geneva Conference on International Invention Contest, Mr. Catan and the Philippine delegation won a medal for bio-fuel recycling material, which is now what I want to introduce here.

Senator Roco. In which case, Mr. President, without even listening to the proposed amendment, I am supporting it already.

Senator Pimentel. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator Roco. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President. Senator Pimentel may proceed.

PIMENTEL AMENDMENT

Senator Pimentel. Yes, Mr. President.

In line 12, after the word "recovery", insert a comma (,) and then add the phrase GREEN-CHARCOAL PROCESS...

If I will be allowed, Mr. President, to just explain very briefly. The green-charcoal process is the process that converts biodegradable waste and other organic materials into green charcoal. The green charcoal, in effect, becomes bio-fuel for the power industries and will produce electricity for direct use as domestic fuel, and it is environmentally clean.

So, if the distinguished senator will kindly consider allowing that phraseology to enter our discussion, I would appreciate it very much.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President. We appreciate that input and, in fact, we are supportive of this green-charcoal technology.

The President. Does the sponsor accept the proposed amendment?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Pimentel. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection?

Senator Osmeña III. Objection, Mr. President. I have to object not because it does not work. As a matter of fact, nobody in this Chamber knows whether it works or not. Section 2 (b) is merely a stating policy. I think that all technologies under this bill will be taken into consideration, because there are several technologies that have not even been invented yet that must be taken into consideration by the DENR and the local government units which would be implementing the provisions of this bill.

So, may I request the distinguished gentleman from Cagayan de Oro whether such a technology may be inserted at a later portion of the bill. But specific technology should be avoided in the declaration of policy so that it will be broader and will encompass any and all technologies that may be in existence today or may be invented in the future.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, since we also mentioned other processes like waste minimization or composting and recycling which are various processes in waste management, I do not see any problem with naming this green-charcoal process. Anyway, we have provided for "and others" which may account for the future technology that may be invented or discovered in future days.

Senator Pimentel. Moreover, Mr. President, I was proposing that amendment to the lady senator. I do not see why Senator Osmeña should be the one objecting to it or subjecting...

Senator Osmeña III. There is a period for objections. The lady senator accepted the gentleman's amendment and I came in with my objection because it is really out of place in the declaration of policy that we will be promoting specific technology that we ourselves have not even proven to be effective. But if that is the wish of the gentleman from Mindanao, I will withdraw my objection.

Senator Pimentel. Thank you very much, Mr. President, and he will have my vote. *[Laughter]*

The President. Is Senator Osmeña III reiterating or withdrawing his objection?

Senator Osmeña III. I withdraw my objection, Mr. President.

The President. The objection is withdrawn. The Pimentel amendment has been accepted by the sponsor. Is there any further objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

All right. We go now to page 2.

OSMEÑA III AMENDMENTS

Senator Osmeña III. On page 2, insert a new subparagraph to be known as subparagraph (b) which will be worded as follows:

TO ENCOURAGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE BY ADOPTING CLEANER PRODUCTION PRACTICES AND SOURCE REDUCTION SCHEMES. End of the subparagraph and to subsequently renumber the remaining subparagraphs.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Osmeña III. On page 2A, the next page, after line 28, insert a new subparagraph (J) to read as follows:

J) INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE - SOLID WASTE WHICH IS GENERATED AS A RESULT OF THE MANUFACTURING AND/OR PRODUCTION PROCESS;

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted.

Senator Osmeña III. In line 29, renumber paragraphs J to K.

The President. The amendment has been accepted by the sponsor. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Osmeña III. On page 4, Mr. President.

ROCO AMENDMENT

Senator Roco. Just a small antecedent amendment, Mr. President.

The President. On what page?

Senator Roco. On page 2, Mr. President.

The President. On page 2, what line, Senator Roco?

Senator Roco. In line 8, Mr. President. This has already been accepted, but in view of this small amendment earlier—between the words “integrated and solid”, it might be appropriate to therefore add again the words COMPREHENSIVE AND ECOLOGICAL. So that line 8 reads: “integrated COMPREHENSIVE AND ECOLOGICAL solid waste management...”

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Roco. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any amendment on page 3, 3a; page 4?

OSMEÑA III AMENDMENT

Senator Osmeña III. On page 4, line 11c, Mr. President, after the semicolon (;), include the following phrase: *PROVIDED, THAT SUCH RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES EXCLUDE INCINERATION.*

Again, the same reasons for our amendment earlier on line 17b, page 1.

The President. What does the sponsor say?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Roco. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Roco is recognized.

Senator Roco. Again, I am sorry, Mr. President, I am a little bit behind the sponsor and the proponent of the amendments.

On page 3, line 8, may we suggest that instead of “Opportunity to Recycle”, we define instead “Opportunity” OF RECYCLING. So that the proposed amendments shall read as follows: RECYCLING SHALL REFER TO THE PROCESS OF SEGREGATING NONTOXIC OR HAZARDOUS USED MATERIALS AND TRANSFORMING TO OTHER SUITABLE BENEFICIAL USE AND PROVIDING TEMPORARY STORAGE THEREFOR.

And delete lines 9 to 16. It is really a replacement of the lengthy definition.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. May we request the proponent to read it.

Senator Roco. Yes, I will read it again, Mr. President.

In the "Opportunity to Recycle", we are suggesting, Mr. President, an amendment so that the whole letter "M" from lines 8 to 16 is replaced with the following...

Senator Legarda-Leviste. May I just interrupt for a while, Mr. President. On page 4, there is also a definition of the term "recycling".

Senator Roco. Yes, I am aware of that, Mr. President.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. I just want to inform the proponent. We might have to duplicate the definition of "recycling" on page 4.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The President. With the permission of the Chamber, the Chair declares a one-minute suspension of the session to enable Senators Roco and Legarda-Leviste to thresh it out.

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

It was 6:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:37 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1595

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, to allow the proponents of the various amendments to sort out their proposals, I move that we temporarily suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There

being none, the motion is approved.

Senator J. Osmeña. Mr. President.

The President. Sen. John Osmeña is recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR J. OSMEÑA (Reservation on S. No. 1595 in View of Funding Requirement)

Senator J. Osmeña. My amendments later on, Mr. President, will be very, very, shall we say, substantial and will have a large impact on the success of waste management. And these are mainly directed at where we are going to get the money to do all the things that we want to do. That is why, I would like to make a reservation.

The President. The reservation of Sen. John Osmeña is noted.

MOTION OF SENATOR TATAD (Referral of Senator Sotto's Speech to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, before we adjourn, I move that we refer the privilege speech of Senator Sotto which was delivered last Wednesday to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture.

The President. The privilege speech of Senator Sotto is referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, 15 August 2000.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is adjourned until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Tuesday, 15 August 2000.

It was 6:39 p.m.