

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2000

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:31 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 13th session of the Third Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

We shall be led in prayer by Sen. Robert S. Jaworski.

After the prayer, the Opera Chorus of the Philippines will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. It will also render another song, entitled *Pilipinas, Inang Bayan*.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Jaworski.**

Lord, we bow to Your presence and power over us, over all our affairs on earth - in our homes, communities, and in our nation divided by man-made tragedies and man-made wars.

If we come upon a man by the roadside who was robbed, beaten, and driven from his home, or whose town was visited by pestilence or pillaged by foes, empower us to correct the injuries that man received, salve the wounds that he sustained, find him a home where he can be safe with his family and provide for their needs.

Empower us to lovingly do that to all our neighbors—who may not be of the same race, who may not be of the same social class, who may not have the same lifestyle, who may not share the same beliefs as we have.

In that light, we pray for our brothers chained by all enslaving conditions: war, environmental abuse, disrespect and greed.

Lord, we thank You for the strength and humility that help us affirm Your healing presence. We thank You for showering us with love enough so that we may truly love and extend peace to all our neighbors.

Amen.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

**The President.** 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. <i>Compañero</i> Cayetano ....	Present*
Senator Anna Dominique M. L. Coseteng ...	Absent ***
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago .....	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile .....	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavio .....	Present
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona Jr. ....	Present
Senator Gregorio B. Honasan .....	**
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 16 senators present, there is a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

### JOURNAL

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of Session No. 12, Wednesday, August 16, 2000 and consider it approved.

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

\* Arrived after the roll call

\*\* On official mission

\*\*\* On account of illness

**The President.** The Secretary is directed to reflect the negative vote of Sen. Sergio R. Osmeña III.

**Senator Barbers.** Mr. President.

**The President.** Sen. Robert Z. Barbers is recognized.

**Senator Barbers.** Mr. President, may I also register a *no* vote.

**The President.** The Secretary is directed to register the negative vote of Sen. Robert Z. Barbers.

**Senator Legarda-Leviste.** Mr. President.

**The President.** Sen. Loren B. Legarda-Leviste is recognized.

**Senator Legarda-Leviste.** May I ask how my vote was registered?

**The President.** It was registered as an affirmative vote.

**Senator Legarda-Leviste.** No—it is a *no*.

**The President.** All right. The record will so reflect the negative vote of Sen. Loren B. Legarda-Leviste.

#### APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1976 ON THIRD READING

With 11 affirmative votes, five negative votes, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1976 is approved on Third Reading.

#### MOTION OF SENATOR TATAD (Reconstitution of Senate Panel to the Bicameral Conference Committee)

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we now reconstitute the Senate panel to the Bicameral Conference Committee on this particular bill. I hereby nominate Senator Roco as chairman; and as members, Senators Pimentel, Biazon and Barbers.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the motion is approved. The contingent of the Senate to the Bicameral Conference Committee is so reconstituted.

#### BILL ON THIRD READING S. No. 2038—Anti-Injunction Act of 2000

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2038. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on August 16, 2000.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2038 is now in order.

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

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2038, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING LOWER COURTS FROM ISSUING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIONS OR PRELIMINARY MANDATORY INJUNCTIONS IN CASES INVOLVING GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS TO ENSURE THE EXPEDITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLETION THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 605 AND 1818, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

#### APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2038 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 17 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2038 is approved on Third Reading.

Senator Cayetano. Mr. President.

The President. What is the pleasure of Senator Cayetano?

Senator Cayetano. With the permission of the Majority Leader, may I put on record that one of the coauthors of this bill we just approved is none other than Sen. Raul S. Roco.

The President. The record will so indicate the coauthorship of Sen. Raul S. Roco.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON S. NO. 2038/H. NO. 898  
(Anti-Injunction Act of 2000)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we now constitute the Senate panel to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 2038 and its House of Representatives' counterpart. For this purpose, I hereby nominate Sen. Renato L. Compañero Cayetano as chairman; and as members, Senators Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. and Robert S. Jaworski.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved. The Senate panel to the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 2038 is constituted as nominated by the Majority Leader.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, may I amend that panel to include Senator Roco.

The President. Sen. Raul S. Roco is included in the panel.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE  
DELEGATION FROM THE KBP AND THE PPI

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, we are honored this afternoon with the visit of a very distinguished and high-powered delegation from the Philippine media. These are executives of the media. From the KBP, the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas, and the Philippine Press Institute, I would like the record to bear the presence of Serge Remonde, chairman of the KBP; Joselito Yabut Jr., president of the KBP; Jake Macasaet, chairman of PPI and publisher of the *Malaya*; Mr. Isagani Yambot, publisher of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* and vice president of the PPI; Mr. Alejandro del Rosario, publisher and COO of the *Manila Standard*; Ray Julog, executive director of the KBP and Ermin Garcia, executive director of the PPI.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one

minute so that the senators may greet these distinguished lions of the media, who are here to observe parliamentary practice. [Laughter]

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

It was 3:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:52 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE  
OFFICIALS OF THE LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY OF  
ZARAGA, ILOILO

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, before we proceed, may we also acknowledge the presence in the Hall of the Liga ng mga Barangay from the municipality of Zaraga, Iloilo, led by the ABC President, Rufo Sunido. [Applause]

Thank you. And please, when these officials go back to Iloilo, spread the good word that the Senate President from Iloilo is doing very well, and Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago of Iloilo. [Laughter]

Mr. President, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

The President. The Secretary will read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Secretary.

August 10, 2000

The Honorable  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
President of the Senate  
Financial Center  
Pasay City 1308

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the