

RECORD OF THE SENATE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1998

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:03 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Marcelo B. Fernan, called the session to order.

The President. The 15th session of the Senate in the First Regular Session of the 11th Congress is hereby called to order.

We shall be led in prayer by Senate President Pro Tempore Blas F. Ople.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Ople.

PANALANGIN

Mahal naming Panginoon:

Sa amin pong kapaligiran ay naghahari pa rin ang lagim ng mga patayan, gutom at matinding pagdarahop at laganap na kawalan ng pag-asa;

Sa kabila nito'y buo ang aming pananampalataya sa Iyo at sa Iyong banal na pananalita. Sapagkat alam naming sa pamamagitan ng kalinga at pagpapala Mo ay maaari naming tawirin at pagtagumpayan ang lahat ng pagsubok na ito kung kami ay magiging tapat sa Iyo at sa aming sinumpaang tungkulin.

Pagpalain Mo po, Panginoon, ang Senado ng Pilipinas at ang lahat ng bumubuo sa Kapulungang ito.

Maraming salamat po.

The President. Thank you, Senate President Pro Tempore, Blas F. Ople.

ROLL CALL

The President. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading:

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon **
Senator Renato L. *Compañero* Cayetano Present
Senator Anna Dominique M. L. Coseteng . Present
Senator Franklin M. Drilon Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile Present*

Senator Juan M. Flavier Present
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 Miriam Defensor Santiago Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III Present
Senator Francisco S. Tatad Present
The President Present

The President. With 19 senators being present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

THE JOURNAL

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the previous session and consider it approved.

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

The Secretary will read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Secretary.

Malacañang
Manila

Aug. 20, 1998

Hon. MARCELO B. FERNAN
Senate President
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City

Dear Senate President Fernan:

I hereby endorse Senate Bill No. 586, entitled

* Arrived after roll call

** On official mission

AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED THREAT OF TERRORISM IN THE PHILIPPINES AS MAY BE CONFIRMED BY THE ALLEGED LINKS OF TERRORIST LEADER AND FINANCIER OSMAN BIN LADEN IN MINDANAO, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADOPTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES THAT WILL ADDRESS THE VERY NATURE OF TERRORISM, ITS ACTS, NATURE AND EFFECT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY

Introduced by Senator Barbers

The President. Referred to the Committee on National Defense and Security

The Secretary. Proposed Senate Resolution No. 149, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CLAMOR FOR JUSTICE AND EQUITY OF THE POOR AND MARGINALIZED SECTOR, WHO FALL VICTIM TO THE ALLEGED FIENDISH PLOT OF UNSCRUPULOUS LAND GRABBERS AND SOME CORRUPT LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY PERSONNEL AND COURT OFFICIALS, PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE AND COURT AUTHENTICATION OF FAKE LAND TITLES THAT SERVE TO JUSTIFY THE WANTON DEMOLITION OF THEIR HOMES

Introduced by Senator Jaworski

The President. Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 2, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs, on Senate Bill No. 1136, with Senator Sergio Osmeña III and the members of the Committee on Economic Affairs as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT EXPEDITING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECOZONES, AMENDING CERTAIN

SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1986," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 155.

Sponsors: Senator Sergio Osmeña III and the members of the Committee on Economic Affairs

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 3, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Public Services, on Senate Bill No. 1137, with Senators Flavier, Coseteng, Sotto III, Osmeña III and Santiago as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY MOTORISTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VEHICLES TO USE SEAT BELT DEVICES, AND REQUIRING VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO INSTALL SEAT BELT DEVICES IN ALL THEIR MANUFACTURED VEHICLES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 69, 248 and 695.

Sponsors: Senators Sotto III, Flavier, Coseteng, Osmeña III and Santiago

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

The Majority Leader is recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DRILON
(Senator Coseteng as Coauthor of S. No. 829)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, upon the request of Senator Coseteng, I would like to manifest that she is made a coauthor of Senate Bill No. 829.

The President. It is noted. Senator Coseteng is made a coauthor of Senate Bill No. 829.

MOTION OF SENATOR DRILON
(Change of Referral)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, may we amend the referral on Senate Bill Nos. 152 and 1118. These two bills were previously referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce.