

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2001

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:20 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 50th session of the Senate in the Third Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all rise for the prayer to be led by Sen. Juan M. Flavier. After the prayer, the Philippine Rice Research Institute Choir will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. The Choir will also render another song entitled *If My People Will Pray*.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Flavier.**

Let us bow our heads in prayer:

Dear God, who made heaven and earth and all that dwell therein, I thank You for the members of the Senate whom You have chosen in these times of trials and testing in our nation;

Father, it is not an accident that You have chosen these senators for such a time as this, for You are a God of plan, purpose, and objectivity, and You have a great plan for this nation;

O, Lord, give the senators wisdom and understanding of Your plan for this nation, in everything they do may it be in line with Your will;

Bless our senators and their families as well, cover them with Your holy blood, especially on days that they will make decisions on issues that will affect our people;

On such days, Lord, I pray that they would pause for a while and seek the Supreme High Lawgiver for guidance;

For those who ask shall be given, and those who seek shall find, and those who knock to them shall be opened;

Lord God, let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done in the Philippines.

Amen.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

**The President.** May we thank the PhilRice Institute Choir for that beautiful song and for a beautiful rendition of the Philippine National Anthem.

Thank you.

### ROLL CALL

The Secretary will please call the roll.

**The Secretary, reading :**

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta .....	Present*
Senator Robert Z. Barbers .....	Absent **
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon .....	Present
Senator Renato L. Compañero Cayetano ...	Present
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng ....	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago .....	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 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 17 senators present, there is a quorum.

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President.

**The President.** The Majority Leader is recognized.

### JOURNAL

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the 49th *Journal* of January 31, 2001, and consider it approved.

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

\* Arrived after the roll call

\*\* On account of illness

FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 376 AND 412  
OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

**The Secretary.** Senators

Aquino-Oreta .....	Yes
Barbers .....	
Biazon .....	
Cayetano .....	
Coseteng .....	Yes
Defensor Santiago .....	
Drilon .....	Yes
Enrile .....	Yes
Flavier .....	Yes
Guingona Jr. ....	Yes
Honasan .....	
Jaworski .....	Yes
Legarda-Leviste .....	Yes
Magsaysay Jr. ....	
Ople .....	Yes
Osmeña (J.) .....	
Osmeña III .....	Yes
Revilla .....	Yes
Roco .....	Yes
Sotto III .....	Yes
Tatad .....	Yes
The President .....	Yes

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2159 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 15 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2159 is approved on Third Reading.

**BILL ON THIRD READING**

**S. No. 1956—National Caves and Cave Resources  
Management and Protection Act**

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1956. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on February 1, 2001.

**The President.** Is there any objection? [*Silence*] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1956 is now in order.

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

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1956, entitled

AN ACT TO MANAGE CAVES AND CAVE  
RESOURCES 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 .....	
Biazon .....	
Cayetano .....	
Coseteng .....	Yes
Defensor Santiago .....	
Drilon .....	Yes
Enrile .....	Yes
Flavier .....	Yes
Guingona Jr. ....	Yes
Honasan .....	
Jaworski .....	Yes
Legarda-Leviste .....	Yes
Magsaysay Jr. ....	
Ople .....	Yes
Osmeña (J.) .....	
Osmeña III .....	Yes
Revilla .....	Yes
Roco .....	Yes
Sotto III .....	Yes
Tatad .....	Yes
The President .....	Yes

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1956 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 15 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1956 is approved on Third Reading.

**BILL ON THIRD READING**

**H. No. 8887—Granting Connectivity Unlimited  
Resource Enterprise, Inc. a Franchise**

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8887. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on February 1, 2001.

**The President.** Is there any objection? [*Silence*] There being none, voting on Third Reading on House Bill No. 8887 is now in order.

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

**The Secretary.** House Bill No. 8887, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE CONNECTIVITY  
UNLIMITED RESOURCE ENTERPRISE, INC.,