

RECORD OF THE SENATE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2001

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 4:08 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. called the session to order.

The President. The 51st 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. Teofisto T. Guingona Jr.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Guingona. Let us bow our heads in prayer.

Dear God in Heaven,

The nation has emerged from a storm
It is now time to build, a time to heal
A time to renew faith, to restore moral values
like honesty and honor,
A time to address with vigor the challenges we all face:
poverty, social and economic inequity, free
trade in an unequal world, justice, especially to
the underprivileged.

As we emerge from the storm of the recent past,
It is time we take stock and ask: Where do we go from
here? What other problems and priorities?
How do we bind the nation's wounds and build
the Filipino anew? What legacy do we wish to
leave to our children?

Dear God in Heaven,

Help us as You did thru the storm
Guide us, strengthen us, teach us.
Infuse into us the spirit to fight for truth
To bind the past into lessons for the future, to build the
nation resolutely for Your own eternal glory.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

The President. 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 14 senators present, there is a quorum.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF LOCAL OFFICIALS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAJAYJAY, AKLAN LED BY TELO AND RACHEL TONGLOD

May the Chair kindly acknowledge the presence of some local officials from the municipality of Majayjay, Aklan, led by Mrs. Rachel Tonglod and her husband, Telo. Will you please all kindly rise to be acknowledged.

Thank you very much.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

THE JOURNAL (Consideration Deferred)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we defer consideration of the 50th *Journal* as it is still being finalized.

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

* Arrived after the roll call
** Absent on account of illness

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

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2196 ON THIRD READING

The President. With 19 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2196 is approved on Third Reading.

BILL ON SECOND READING
 S. No. 1989—Protecting the Layout
 Design of Integrated Circuits
 (Continuation)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1989 as reported out under Committee Report No. 218.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1989 is now in order.

Senator Tatad. We are still in the period of interpellations but those who have made a reservation to interpellate have since withdrawn their reservation. I move that we now close the period of interpellations.

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

Senator Tatad. I ask that Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. be recognized.

The President. Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. is recognized.

Senator Tatad. May we know if there are proposed committee amendments?

Senator Magsaysay. There are no committee amendments.

Senator Tatad. Since there are no proposed committee amendments, I move that the period of committee amendments be closed.

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

Senator Tatad. This is a WTO-compliance measure, Mr. President. I do not believe there are any individual amendments. I move that the period of individual amendments be closed.

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

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1989 ON SECOND READING

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1989.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, we shall now vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1989.

As many as are in favor of the bill, say *aye*.

Several Members. *Aye*.

The President. As many as are against the bill, say *nay*. [Silence]

Senate Bill No. 1989 is approved on Second Reading.

Senator Magsaysay. This is a certified measure, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. This is a certified measure. I ask that the Secretary read the certification.

The President. The Secretary will please read the certification.

Mr. Majority Leader, there seems to be some problem. Maybe we should have a one-minute suspension of the session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Tatad. 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 4:53 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:55 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

The Secretary will now read the certification.

The Secretary.

March 4, 1999

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

Dear Senate President Fernan:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 (2), Article VI of the Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 1430, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PROTECTION OF LAYOUT-DESIGNS (TOPOGRAPHIES) OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS,

to meet a public emergency consisting of the proximity of the effectivity of WTO (GATT)-TRIPS Agreement by the year 2000, after which, protection of the same is already violative of said agreement.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

cc: Hon. Manuel B. Villar Jr.
Speaker
House of Representatives
Quezon City

The President. There is too much noise in the gallery. The gallery will please maintain some silence.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:57 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1989

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, it appears that this certification was issued in connection with the original bill. Since what we have just approved is a substitute measure, it will need a new certification. I believe this can be secured as soon as possible. So I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1989.

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

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 2261 — Science and Technology Resources

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we consider Senate Bill No. 2261 as reported out under Committee Report No. 623.

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

Consideration of Senate Bill No. 2261 is now in order. With the permission of the Body, the Secretary will read only the title of the bill without prejudice to inserting in the Record the whole text thereof.

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 2261, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING AND PRESERVING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HERITAGE CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The following is the whole text of the bill:

Senate Bill No. 2261

AN ACT PROMOTING AND PRESERVING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE