

RECORD OF THE SENATE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2001

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 10:26 a.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. called the session to order.

The President. The 53rd 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. Loren Legarda-Leviste. She is not yet in the hall. So let us have a one-minute... Ah, Senator Magsaysay will read the prayer on her behalf.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Magsaysay. This is on behalf of Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste, Mr. President.

Mahal naming Panginoon,

Sa nalalapit na pagtatapos ng makasaysayang Kongresong ito, nais po namin Kayong bigyang pasasalamat sa Inyong walang tigil na paggabay sa aming isip, kilos at gawa. Kayo ang marapat naming bigyang pagpupugay dahil kung hindi dahil sa Inyong patnubay at sa talino at lakas na ipinagkaloob Ninyo sa amin, ay hindi po namin maisasagawa ang lahat ng mga samut-saring tungkulin namin bilang mga senador ng Republika, mambabatas at tagapaglingkod ng bayan.

Hiling namin na ang lahat ng mga batas na aming naipasa at naipatupad ay magdulot ng lubos na kabutihan at kaginhawaan sa aming mga milyun-milyong pinaglilingkurang mamamayan, at para sa higit pang ikauunlad ng aming bayan. Huwag sana kaming makalimot na kami ay Inyong iniluklok sa aming kinalalagyan ngayon upang maging sanga at haligi ng Inyong kabutihan, at bilang mga tagapaglingkod lamang.

Alam namin na marami pa kaming mga bagay na dapat matutunan at maisagawa, at suliraning dapat gampanan sa aming pagbabalik sa susunod na Kongreso. Hiling po namin na sa aming pansamantalang pagtatapos ay mabigyan kami ng pagkakataon na makaipon pa ng kinakailangang lakas ng katawan at lakas ng espiritu, upang magampanan ang lahat ng ito.

Nagpapasalamat pokami, Panginoon, sa magandang samahan at pagkakaibigan na aming nabuo nitong mga nagdaang taon, na kahit na sa matinding pagdedebate at pagkakaiba ng aming mga opinyon, ay nananaig pa rin ang aming pagkakaisa bilang isang Kamara na may mataas na tungkulin at pananagutan sa Inyo at sa bayan. Ang ilan po sa amin ay magsisilbi na sa ibang pamamaraan. Hiling po namin na patuloy Ninyo silang gabayan at patnubayan sa bago nilang mga tungkulin.

Higit sa lahat, hinihiling po namin na ang nalalapit na eleksyon ay maging maayos, malaya, at mapayapa. Gabayan po Ninyo ang ating mga mamamayan sa pagpili ng mga pinuno na tapat sa kanilang tungkulin at sa layuning mapaunlad ang bayan.

Muli, ang aming taus-pusong pasasalamat sa Inyo aming mahal na Panginoon,

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. Flavio	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. Osmenia	Present
Senator Sergio R. Osmenia III	Present*
Senator Ramon B. Revilla	Present
Senator Raul S. Roco	Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III	Absent
Senator Francisco S. Tatad	Present
The President	Present

* Arrived after the roll call

** On account of illness

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

to address the public emergency consisting of our commitment in accordance with the WTO (GATT)-TRIPS Agreement.

Best wishes.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO

cc: Hon. Feliciano R. Belmonte Jr.
Speaker
House of Representatives
Quezon City

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

BILL ON THIRD READING

S. No. 1989 — Protection of Layout Design (Topographies) of Integrated Circuits

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, in light of those certifications, I move that we now consider on Third Reading the corresponding bills.

First, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1989.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1989 is now in order.

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

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1989, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF LAYOUT DESIGN (TOPOGRAPHIES) OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY THREE (RA 8293), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES 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	
Barbers	
Biazon	Yes
Cayetano	
Coseteng	Yes
Defensor Santiago	
Drilon	Yes
Enrile	Yes
Flavier	Yes
Guingona Jr.	Yes
Honasan	Yes
Jaworski	Yes
Legarda-Leviste	Yes
Magsaysay Jr.	
Ople	Yes
Osmeña (J.)	Yes
Osmeña III	Yes
Revilla	Yes
Roco	Yes
Sotto III	
Tatad	Yes
The President	Yes

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1989 ON THIRD READING

The President. With 16 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1989 is approved on Third Reading.

BILL ON THIRD READING

S. No. 2261 — Philippine Science Heritage Center

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2261.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2261 is now in order.

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

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