

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2001

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:16 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 47th session of the Senate in the Third Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all rise for the singing of the national anthem to be rendered by the Senate Choir, after which, a prayer shall be led by Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Everybody rose for the singing of the national anthem.*

### PRAYER

*Everybody remained standing for the prayer.*

**Senator Defensor Santiago.** This prayer was written by John Newton.

I asked the Lord that I might grow  
In faith, and love, and every grace;  
Might more of His salvation know,  
And seek more earnestly His face.

I hoped that in some favoured hour  
At once He'd answer my request,  
And by His love's constraining power  
Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel  
The hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry powers of hell  
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more, with His own hand He seemed  
Intent to aggravate my woe;  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried,  
"Wilt thou pursue Thy worm to death?"  
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith.  
These inward trials I employ  
From self and pride to set thee free;

And break thy schemes of earthly joy,  
That thou may'st seek Thy all in me."

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. <i>Compañero</i> 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. Flavies .....	Present
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona Jr. ....	Present
Senator Gregorio B. Honasan .....	Present
Senator Robert S. Jaworski .....	Present
Senator Loren B. Legarda-Leviste .....	Absent
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 18 senators present, there is a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

### THE JOURNAL

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the 46th *Journal* of January 22 to 24, 2001 and consider it approved.

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

### MOTION OF SENATOR TATAD (Deferment of the Reading of Reference of Business)

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, so that we can proceed with the approval on Third Reading of so many bills before us, I move that

\* Arrived after the roll call

\*\* On account of illness

Magsaysay Jr. ....	Yes
Ople .....	Yes
Osmeña (J.) .....	Yes
Osmeña III .....	
Revilla .....	Yes
Roco .....	Yes
Sotto III .....	Yes
Tatad .....	Yes
The President .....	Yes

## APPROVAL OF H. NO. 1995 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 16 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, House Bill No. 1995 is approved on Third Reading.

## BILL ON THIRD READING

## H. No. 795--Zamboanga del Sur Engineering District

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 795. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on January 25, 2001.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on House Bill No. 795 is now in order.

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

**The Secretary.** House Bill No. 795, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

**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 .....	Yes
Coseteng .....	Yes
Defensor Santiago .....	Yes
Drilon .....	Yes
Enrile .....	Yes
Flavier .....	Yes
Guingona Jr. ....	Yes
Honasan .....	

Jaworski .....	Yes
Legarda-Leviste .....	
Magsaysay Jr. ....	Yes
Ople .....	Yes
Osmeña (J.) .....	Yes
Osmeña III .....	
Revilla .....	Yes
Roco .....	Yes
Sotto III .....	Yes
Tatad .....	Yes
The President .....	Yes

## APPROVAL OF H. NO. 795 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 17 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, House Bill No. 795 is approved on Third Reading.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON

S. NO. 1734/H. NO. 12029

(National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2000)

(Continuation)

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of the Bicameral Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1734 and House Bill No. 12029.

**The President.** There is a motion to consider Senate Bill No. 1734 and House Bill No. 12029. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the motion is approved.

## APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

ONS. NO. 1734/H. NO. 12029

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, this report was read into the *Record* last week by the chairman of the Senate panel, Senator Jaworski, but we had to await the original copy from the House. That copy is now with us and copies thereof had been distributed to the Senators. I now move for the adoption of this report.

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

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

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

The Secretary will read the Reference of Business.