

RECORD OF THE SENATE

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2000

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:27 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

The President. The second session of 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. Robert Z. Barbers.

Everybody rose for the prayer

PRAYER

Senator Barbers.

Lord Jesus, we come to You in our need, create in us an awareness of the massive forces of conflict that threaten our country today and grant us a sense of urgency to activate the forces of goodness, of justice, of love, of peace and of reconciliation.

Where there is armed conflict, especially in Mindanao, let us stretch out our arms to our brothers and sisters.

Where there is abundance, let there be simple lifestyle and sharing.

Where there is poverty, let there be dignified living.

Where there is destruction, let there be repair and rehabilitation.

Where there is selfish ambition, let there be humble service.

Where there is injustice, let there be atonement.

Where there is despair, let there be hope in the good news.

Where there are wounds of division, let there be unity and wholeness.

Help us to be committed to the building of Your kingdom:

Not seeking to be cared for, but to care.

Not expecting to be served, but to place ourselves in the service of others.

Not aspiring to be materially secure, but to place our security in Your love.

Teach us Your Spirit for it is only in loving imitation of You, Lord, that we can discover the healing springs of life that will bring hope for the world.

Mama Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us and our brothers and sisters in Mindanao.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ Who lives with the Father in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

The President. The Secretary will please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary, reading:

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta	Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers	Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon	*
Senator Renato L. <i>Compañero</i> Cayetano ..	Present
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng ..	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile	Absent**
Senator Juan M. Flavie	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	*
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña	*
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III	Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr.	Present
Senator Ramon B. Revilla	Present
Senator Raul S. Roco	*
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III	Present
Senator Francisco S. Tatad	*
The President	Present

The President. With 16 senators present, there is a quorum.

* On official mission

** On account of illness

I further move that we seriously consider the creation of a Budget and Management Committee for the Senate itself. Every year, we tackle the national budget of P650 billion, but we never bother to prepare and study our own operating budget, which is equal to the budget of Cebu province, larger than Laguna, larger than Misamis Oriental, and larger than some of the largest provinces of this country.

The Senate budget is always prepared by the Senate staff and the bureaucracy, and we take it in good faith that whatever is put in there is along the lines of good management practices. Well, I question that. And I think that the Senate, like all other parliamentary bodies, should have its own Budget and Management Committee that will be tasked to prepare the annual budget and to monitor and manage the affairs of the Senate in the course of the year.

Today, we have what is known as the "Accounts Committee." But the tasks and responsibilities of the Accounts Committee are merely limited to auditing and realignment. Mr. President, as we all know, the Accounts Committee hardly meets.

I wrote a letter to the present chairman, Senator Tatad. He is now out of town. I asked him how often the committee meets and he said that it is not true that they have never met because he called for a meeting on May 8 but nobody arrived. Therefore, it never met.

Second, Mr. President, going back to 1996—from February 16, 1996 up to January 25, 2000—the last three meetings of the Committee on Accounts were on February 16, 1996, January 16, 1996 and November 28, 1996. That was the last time the Committee on Accounts met.

I feel that, No. 1, in the interest of transparency, we, the individual members of this Chamber, are entitled to know what is going on and how the monies of the people of the Philippines are being spent; No. 2, we would like to have a say, as we have a right, on managing and determining how that money will be spent.

I have heard rumors that there are as many as 200 or 300 casualties. I would like to know exactly how many casualties we hired and may I respectfully ask the Chair to direct the Secretariat to send to my office a list of the number of casualties today in the Senate Secretariat budget.

No. 2. May I also request that the latest accounts, expenses, the update vis-a-vis the budget for 1999 and the year 2000 be furnished the office of every senator within the next two to three days, by Friday at the most.

May I also respectfully ask that the Rules Committee, whose members, in fact, have not met since September 14, 1999 be convened to consider amendments to the Senate Rules for the creation of the Budget and Management Committee and to amend the tasks and responsibilities of the Committee on Accounts, among other things. I hope that we can do this as expeditiously as possible so that we will be able to see where we will be going.

I know we will have to be preparing the budget of the Senate for the year 2000. So this committee will have that task ahead of them, aside from auditing what has happened in the past.

I hope that, in the interest of fairness and transparency, we can avoid having the bureaucracy here in the Senate telling us senators what to do and how it can cut our budget because I will not stand for it. I think it is the right of every senator here to know what is going on as far as this institution is concerned.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, to the main motion of the distinguished senator, which is to suspend the execution of the order, we do not have any objections. But as regards the other suggestions, I believe that we should seriously consider such. The creation of the committee is tantamount to an amendment to on the *Rules*. So we could probably act that at a later time.

The President. Is there any objection to the motion of Sen. Serge Osmeña III as seconded by the Majority Leader? [Silence] There being none, the effectivity of the policy on overtime is hereby suspended until a committee is formed to review the same.

Senator Sotto. At the moment, yes, the Committee on Rules, Mr. President. Thank you.

BILL ON SECOND READING
S. No. 1595 — Integrated Solid Waste Management
Act of 1999
(Continuation)

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595 as reported out under Committee Report No. 52.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595 is now in order.

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, we are in the period of individual amendments. May I ask that we recognize the principal sponsor, Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste. And for the continuation of the period of individual amendments which was started last time, may I ask that Sen. Ramon B. Revilla be recognized.

The President. Sen. Ramon B. Revilla is recognized. The sponsor is likewise recognized.

REVILLA AMENDMENTS

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, in line with the argument raised by this humble representation during the previous session when we tackled this issue, whether to allow the construction of garbage open dump or landfill in a watershed area, I would like to inform this august Body, as a backgrounder, that this humble representation sought the technical assistance of the DENR Region IV's Forest Management Bureau Office.

The DENR then provided this humble representation with the document entitled "Guidelines for Watershed Management and Development of the Philippines" which is a product of an interagency joint collaboration effort between the following institutions and agencies namely: the DENR; the Department of Agriculture; the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology; and the College of Forestry and Natural Resources of the University of the Philippines, Los Baños.

With that, Mr. President, I now propose my amendment based on the amended copy of this measure as of July 18, 2000.

Mr. President, on page 4, line 18, between the word "soil" and the semi-colon (;), insert a colon (:) and phrase *PROVIDED, THAT SUCH SANITARY LANDFILL SHALL NOT BE SITUATED IN ANY AQUIFER, GROUNDWATER RESERVOIR AND WATERSHED AREA.* So that Section 3, paragraph (p) will now read as follows:

"p) Sanitary Landfill - shall refer to an engineered facility for the disposal of solid waste in land by spreading the waste in thin layers, compressing it into the smallest practical volume, and covering it with compacted soil: *PROVIDED, THAT SUCH SANITARY LANDFILL SHALL NOT BE SITUATED IN ANY AQUIFER, GROUNDWATER RESERVOIR OR WATERSHED AREA;*"

Mr. President, last week when I had my amendment on this, I believe Sen. John Osmeña objected to the use of the word "waterways". He wanted it deleted so I believe it is already deleted in this amendment of mine.

The President. What does the sponsor say?

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 5:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:20 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, we accept the amendment of the senator from Cavite in providing that such sanitary landfill shall not be situated in any aquifer ground-water reservoir or watershed area.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, I based my reasons...

The President. Go ahead.

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, may I just ask a question. Is this the same provision that was objected to by Sen. John Osmeña or it is another provision?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. This is the same provision, Mr. President, and that is the reason I consulted with the senator from Cavite. But he had expressly mentioned that the objection then was on waterways.

In fact, I recall now that Sen. John Osmeña had mentioned about a Japanese project where garbage was supposed to have been dumped under the sea. Therefore, he objected to the inclusion of waterways as part of this provision.

Senator Sotto. Therefore, the same objection is no longer contained...

Senator Legarda-Leviste. And the waterways was therefore deleted.

Senator Sotto. And it is no longer contained in the...

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is not contained in this provision anymore. Because I personally strongly feel that no landfills should be present in any watershed area, whether

critical or noncritical. So I believe that we have addressed the problem posed by Sen. John Osmeña on the possibility of having a waterway project as mentioned to him.

The President. All right. The sponsor has accepted the proposed Revilla amendment. We will vote on this amendment with the understanding that since Sen. John Osmeña who previously raised some concern about this amendment is not in the country right now, we can proceed to vote on this amendment—that should it be adopted—and that Sen. John Osmeña may again bring up this matter should he so wish when he becomes available.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, there is no problem with that, Mr. President. That is accepted.

The President. All right. With that reservation, is there any objection to the approval of the Revilla amendment? [Silence] The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. May I continue, Mr. President?

The President. Senator Revilla may continue.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, this humble representation made consultations with the technical staff of the sponsors of this measure, and during that consultation, it was raised that it is the intention of the distinguished sponsor to delete the provisions of Section 4 of this measure because this is a duplication of the powers and functions of the National Solid Waste Management Council as envisioned and created under Section 5 of this measure.

With that understanding, Mr. President, this humble representation now formally proposes to withdraw his amendment on page 5, lines 23a to 23e.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. We are grateful to the senator for that, and that is based on previous consultations.

The President. May the Chair be clarified. There is an amendment in capital letters found in lines 23a to 23e on page 5. These are in capital letters.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President. Since this is withdrawn...

The President. If I recall correctly, the records of the Chamber will show that this was accepted and voted upon by the Chamber. So I think, properly, there should be a motion to reconsider the approval.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION
Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 5:24 p.m.

REVILLA AMENDMENTS
RESUMPTION OF SESSION

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, in line with the argument raised by this honorable member, whether to allow the continuation of the session is resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.
Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, with the permission of the Chamber, may we request the reconsideration of the approval of the Revilla amendment on page 5, lines 23a to 23e.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the previous approval of the Revilla amendment, found on lines 23a to 23e on page 5 is therefore reconsidered.

The President. Senator Revilla is recognized.
Senator Revilla. Mr. President, this humble representation now formally proposes to withdraw his amendment on page 5, lines 23a to 23e.

The President. There is a motion by Senator Revilla to withdraw the amendment he previously introduced now found in lines 23a to 23e. The amendment is therefore withdrawn.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, in relation to my previous motion, I now propose to insert a provision under Section 6, Powers and Functions of the National Council, page 7A line 31, which shall read as follows:

(E) ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS, CRITERIA, GUIDELINES AND FORMULA IN THE COMPUTATION OF A FAIR AND REASONABLE TIPPING CHARGES AND RATES THAT THE PROPONENT WILL CHARGE IN THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGIES AT AN AQUIFER, GROUNDWATER RESERVOIR OR WATERBODIES.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. We accept that amendment, Mr. President.

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

into Senator Revilla. Mr. President, in line with the outcome of the consultation made by this representation with the technical staff of the distinguished sponsor on the intention to delete Section 4 of this measure, I move to withdraw my amendment on page 6, lines 12a to 12d.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, with the permission of the Chamber, may we request reconsideration of the approval of the amendments on page 6, lines 12a to 12d.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 5:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:34 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, according to the sponsor, they are proceeding in the same way as the other amendment previous to this.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. May I reiterate my request with the permission of the Chamber, to reconsider the approval of the amendment on page 6, lines 12a to 12d.

The President. There is a motion to reconsider the amendment previously approved by the Chamber found on page 6, lines 12a to 12d. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment previously approved is reconsidered.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Revilla is recognized.

Senator Revilla. In the same light, Mr. President, I now propose to insert a provision under Section 6, Powers and Functions of the National Council, on page 7A, line 31, which shall read as follows:

(F) DEVELOP SAFETY NETS AND ALTERNATIVE

LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS FOR SMALL RECYCLERS AND OTHER SECTORS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED AS A RESULT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR OPERATION OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING PLANT OR FACILITIES.

The President. What does the sponsor say?

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, may I ask that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 5:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:36 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, there was a motion by the sponsor to reconsider lines 12a to 12d on page 6 and it was approved by the Body. The proper thing to do now, I think, is for Senator Revilla to propose his action on such motion to reconsider.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 18, line 22, before So may I ask that Senator Revilla be recognized, Mr. President.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, I withdraw my amendments on page 6, lines 12a to 12d.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. We accept the withdrawal; Mr. President.

The President. The amendment is withdrawn.

Senator Revilla may proceed to the other pages where he has an amendment.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, I now propose to insert a provision under Section 6, Powers and Functions of the National Council, on page 7A, line 31, which shall read as follows:

DEVELOP SAFETY NETS AND ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS FOR SMALL RECYCLERS AND

OTHER SECTORS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED AS A RESULT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR OPERATION OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING PLANT OR FACILITIES.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. The amendment is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 13, after line 30, insert another paragraph which shall read as follows:

- (N) THE METHOD AND PROCEDURE FOR THE PHASEOUT PERIOD AND EVENTUAL CLOSURE WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT IN CASE OF EXISTING OPEN DUMPS AND/OR SANITARY LANDFILL LOCATED WITHIN AN AQUIFER, GROUNDWATER RESERVOIR OR WATERSHED.

The President. What does the sponsor say?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 18, line 22, before the letter (a), insert a new paragraph, (A) and the phrase: THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF LANDFILLS OR ANY TYPE OF GARBAGE DUMP ON ANY AQUIFER, GROUNDWATER RESERVOIR OR WATERSHED AND/OR ANY PORTIONS THEREOF. And then renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly, so that the whole phrase will read as follows:

"SEC. 21. *Prohibited Acts.* - The following acts are hereafter prohibited:

- A. THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF LANDFILL OR ANY TYPE OF GARBAGE DUMP ON ANY AQUIFER, GROUNDWATER RESERVOIR OR WATERSHED AND/OR ANY PORTIONS THEREOF."

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President, subject to the earlier agreement on the concurrence of Sen. John H. Osmeña since it also includes the watershed areas.

The President. All right. The amendment is being accepted by the sponsor, with the qualification and understanding that upon the return of Sen. John H. Osmeña from his official mission, he may move for a reconsideration if he so wishes, of the proposed amendment.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Sotto. We concur, Mr. President.

The President. All right. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, subject to the conditions stated, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. At this juncture, Mr. President, I would like to commend the distinguished sponsor for this landmark and noble piece of legislation. Indeed, the tragedy that happened in Payatas dump site posed a serious call on this august Chamber to heed the cries of the public—to provide a sustainable solution to the solid waste management problem of the country without compromising the protection of our precious water resources, our environment, and the lives of our children and the public in general.

That would be all, Mr. President. Thank you.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, I would like to thank the distinguished senator from Cavite for his enlightened contributions towards the crafting of this very important piece of legislation.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, for the continuing individual amendments, we will have later on Senator Aquino-Oreta, Senator Honasan, Senator Defensor Santiago and Senator Enrile. But at this point, the sponsor would like to introduce her individual amendments.

LEGARDA-LEVISTE AMENDMENTS

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Thank you, Mr. President.

If I may continue, on page 5, starting with line 13 up to line 12 of page 6, delete the contents therein starting from the paragraph "The Bureau in consultation with a national council on solid waste management shall perform the following powers and functions", and ending in letter (c), "Development of a recycling market through the establishment and promotion of a national recycling network that will enhance the opportunity to recycle by linking waste generators and recyclers."

The President. With the indulgence of the sponsor, may the Chair ask that the amendment be restated?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. We moved that line 13 of page 5 continuing to line 12 of page 6 be deleted. The rationale for this is to avoid the duplication of the functions of the Bureau and the National Council.

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

Senator Legarda-Leviste. On page 18, line 30, delete the phrase "of the EMB-DENR" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase WHICH SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT. So that subparagraph (c), Section 21 shall read as follows:

The manufacture, distribution, or use of packaging materials for consumer products, other than those indicated as recyclable on the list WHICH SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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

Senator Legarda-Leviste. On page 19, line 14, between the letter "(d)" and the word "shall", insert the phrase FOR THE FIRST TIME. So that the first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 22 shall read:

"Any person who violates section 21 (c) and (d) FOR THE FIRST TIME shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) plus an amount not less than five percent (5%) but not more than ten percent (10%) of his net annual income during the previous year.

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

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Further also, on page 19, lines 18 to 21, delete the sentence "Gross violations shall suffer imprisonment for a minimum period of one (1) year but not to exceed three (3) years shall be imposed on gross violations", and replace it with the following sentence: THE ADDITIONAL PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT OF A MINIMUM PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR BUT NOT TO EXCEED THREE (3) YEARS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT SHALL BE IMPOSED FOR SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 21 (C) AND (D).

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

Senator Legarda-Leviste. On page 22, between lines 8 and 9, insert the additional Section 29 which will read as follows:

ABOLITION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT. - THE PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON WASTE MANAGEMENT WHICH WAS CREATED BY VIRTUE OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 39 DATED NOVEMBER 2, 1987, AS AMENDED BY MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 39-A AND 88, IS HEREBY ABOLISHED. FURTHER, PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 90 DATED OCTOBER 19, 1992, THE PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IS LIKEWISE HEREBY ABOLISHED. CONSEQUENTLY, THEIR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS SHALL BE ABSORBED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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

Senator Legarda-Leviste. That is all for my individual amendments, Mr. President. We are ready to hear the other amendments of our colleagues.

Senator Sotto. May I ask that Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta be recognized.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. May I just present also—maybe not today, but at the end of all the amendments—the amendments on definition of terms which were not finished during the interpellations of Senator Raul Roco. If we recall, Senator Roco asked us to defer the definition of terms. May we, therefore, reserve in the future the amendments on the definition of terms.

The President. It is so noted.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President.

The President. Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta is recognized.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Thank you, Mr. President. Will the distinguished sponsor accept some amendments from this representation?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President. It will be a pleasure to yield to one of the coauthors of this piece of legislation.

There being no objection, the amendment is approved.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President, I shall refer to the copy of Senate Bill No. 1595 dated July 18, 2000 as amended by the committee which inserted the additional Section 23.

will start with the short title on page 1, line 3. Delete the figure "1999" and replace it with "2000". The short title will now read: "Integrated Solid Waste Management Act of 2000".

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Also on page 1, line 13, delete the last two words "disposal sites" and replace them with the words "MANAGEMENT FACILITIES".

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Before we proceed further, can we first act on the two previous amendments?

The first amendment is in line 2...

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Line 3, Mr. President.

The President. In line 3, is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

And the second amendment accepted by the sponsor is in line...

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Line 13, Mr. President.

The President. Line 13, is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. May I proceed?

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Still on page 1, line 17, after the word "management" add the following phrase: INCLUDING THE UTILIZATION OF SOLID WASTE IN WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY WHICH DOES NOT EMIT POISONOUS AND TOXIC FUMES.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta. On page 5, line 5, add a new paragraph.

The President. Before line 5?

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Yes, before line 5. Actually, it will be line 5, if it will be accepted by the sponsor. A new paragraph will be added and it will be letter (U). HAZARDOUS WASTE SHALL REFER TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES SUCH AS CHEMICAL, BIOMEDICAL, INFECTIOUS AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE THAT CAN CAUSE HEALTH HAZARDS TO PEOPLE OR DAMAGE THE ENVIRONMENT.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. I move that we suspend the session for one minute, Mr. President.

The President. The session is suspended, if there is no objection. There was none.

It was 5:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The manuscript, distribution, or use of packaging materials for consumption...

At 5:51 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed. Senator Legarda-Leviste is recognized.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, we accept the definition. However, as I mentioned earlier, all the amendments on the definition of terms will be included after the other individual amendments, after the text on the substance of the bill. But we accept this to be included at the end of all the other amendments.

The first time...

The President. If the amendment is being accepted, the appropriate procedure would be to submit the same to the Chamber for approval.

May the Chair know if this amendment is being withdrawn, to be reintroduced later on or is it being accepted at this point of the proceedings?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is being accepted, Mr. President.

The President. All right. The amendment has been accepted. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. On page 6, line 17, after the word SECRETARY, add the words AS EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta: Again on page 6, line 21, after the words "EX-OFFICIO CAPACITIES", add the words WHO SHALL BE NOMINATED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION The President: The proposed amendment for purposes of the record is as follows:

Senator Aquino-Oreta: I move that we suspend the session for one minute, Mr. President.

The President: Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 5:52 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted, Mr. President.

At 5:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President: The session is resumed. Senator Aquino-Oreta is recognized.

Senator Aquino-Oreta: Mr. President, after the sponsor explained to this representation that a future amendment would be prepared by another colleague, Senator Honasan, I would like to withdraw my amendment on page 6, line 21.

The President: The amendment is withdrawn.

Senator Aquino-Oreta: So we will now go to page 7, lines 1 to 4. I am sorry, I made a mistake. It is page 7, line 7. Delete the words "SHALL BE POSSESSED OF" and replace with the words "ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR".

Senator Legarda-Leviste: May we clarify the amendments? It is page 7, line 7. PROVIDED FOR THE CONDUCTED. MANUFACTURED CONSUMER PRODUCTS SHALL BE.

Senator Aquino-Oreta: Yes, Mr. President. Delete the words "SHALL BE POSSESSED OF" and replace with the words "ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR". So the sentence will now read: FOUR NON-EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS FROM THE RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING INDUSTRIES, THE ADVOCACY, BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SECTORS WHO ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR UTMOST INTEGRITY, COMPETENCE AND PROBITY, or any language that the sponsor may prefer.

Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta: Page 7A, lines 24 and 25. Put a

period (.) after the word "councils" and delete the words "and ecology centers".

Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted, Mr. President.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION The President: Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Aquino-Oreta: Page 11, line 14, delete the phrase "applicable and in accordance with the recommendation of" and replace it with the words "RECOMMENDED BY".

Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta: On the same page, page 11, line 15, insert the word CHIEF between the words "local" and "executive".

Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta: On page 11, line 16, after the last word "officer", add a comma and the phrase "OR IF NOT AVAILABLE IN THE MUNICIPALITY, THE RECOMMENDEE OF THE PROVINCIAL NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICER IN AN INTERIM CAPACITY".

Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta: Still on page 11, line 21, at the end, add the following phrase: FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, UNLESS REVOKED EARLIER.

Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta: On page 13, line 8, after the words "resource recovery", add the following phrase: INCLUDING WASTE-TO-ENERGY GENERATION.

Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Legarda-Leviste: It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Page 14, line 26, add a new paragraph which will be letter (f) - PROHIBIT SCAVENGING AND SQUATTING WITHIN OPEN DUMPS AND LANDFILLS.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 5:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President, may I just explain why I proposed this amendment. Because the scavenging here can be done before we put the landfill. But when it is already filled, then there will be no more scavenging.

So that was the justification for including the word "scavenging."

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President, while we wholeheartedly agree with the distinguished senator, we believe that in a way scavenging helps out in terms of segregation. However, until such time that there will be a suitable replacement for the livelihood of the scavengers, many of whom deem it as their only form of survival, may we therefore request that it be amended. Squatting should be prohibited but maybe there should be a phaseout period, at least, for the scavengers, if it is possible.

May we request then the distinguished senator to rephrase that.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President, maybe the committee can add later a phrase wherein once the open dump sites are already filled, then maybe scavenging will have to be prohibited. I will leave it to the decision of the committee—if we can have this open note about later—but scavenging will be prohibited once the open dump sites are filled up.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President. We will have to craft that then. We agree that there should be a prohibition on squatting in dangerous areas like dump sites and we believe that in due time scavenging must be phased

out. Therefore, there should be a phaseout period provided for in this provision.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Thank you then, Mr. President.

The President. May the Chair now know exactly what the proposed amendment for purposes of the record is?

Senator Aquino-Oreta. On page 14, line 26, add a new paragraph (f), to read as follows:

(f) PROHIBIT SQUATTING WITHIN OPEN DUMPS AND LANDFILLS.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President, on page 18, line 30, on the issue of prohibited packaging materials.

Actually, during the interpellation on March 14, the distinguished sponsor agreed with me that the list of nonrecyclable packaging materials shall be banned under this proposed law. It shall be specifically mentioned in the bill now for utmost transparency.

So instead of delegating later to the DENR-EMB the power to legislate this most important and crucial issue, what shall we do now? Maybe we can, on page 18, line 30, delete the words "of the EMB-DENR" and replace the same with the phrase: ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT: PROVIDED, THAT EXTENSIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE CONDUCTED. PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT LOCALLY MANUFACTURED CONSUMER PRODUCTS SHALL BE GIVEN A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THIS LIST TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION. PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT MEDICINE AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM THIS PROVISION.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 6:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:08 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Aquino-Oreta is recognized.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President, in view of the fact that the sponsor already amended line 30, I withdraw my amendment.

The President. The amendment is withdrawn.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. On page 21, line 8, delete the words "investors which" and replace with the phrase: PROJECTS OF ENTITIES WHICH WILL INVEST AT LEAST FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) IN NEW OR REPLACEMENT OF FACILITIES THAT WILL.

So the sentence will now read: "Incentives shall be provided to registered PROJECTS OF ENTITIES WHICH WILL INVEST AT LEAST FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) IN NEW FACILITIES THAT WILL reduce their on-stream waste in accordance with the standards established by the Department."

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, Senator Enrile, the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, has expressed his desire to also provide his inputs in this provision. Therefore, we would want to request that we defer this amendment so that the inputs of Senator Enrile can also be considered.

The President. What does the proponent say? There is a suggestion that consideration of this amendment be deferred until the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means can be consulted.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. I will agree to its deferment but I would like to ask the sponsor that the spirit of this amendment, at least, be reflected when we go back to this particular provision.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. That will be considered, Mr. President.

The President. The consideration of that amendment is therefore deferred.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. On page 21, lines 14 and 15, delete the words "carry over losses" and replace it with the words LOSS CARRY OVER DEDUCTION.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, for the same reason stated, we will have to defer consideration of this amendment pending the inputs of the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The President. If that is acceptable to the proponent, the consideration of the proposed amendment is deferred.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. We will agree again as long as the spirit of our amendment will reflect in this line.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 6:11 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:13 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President, on page 22, line 3, after the last word "appropriated", add the phrase FROM THE ORGANIZATIONAL ADJUSTMENT FUND OF THE YEAR THIS ACT IS APPROVED.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

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

Senator Aquino-Oreta. And last, Mr. President, on page 22, line 9, insert a new Section 29 with subsequent sections to be renumbered as Sections 30, 31 and 32, accordingly. The new Section 29 will read as follows:

SEC. 29. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.
- WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARIES OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, CHAIRMAN OF MMDA AND PRESIDENTS OF THE LEAGUES OF GOVERNORS, MAYORS AND ASSOCIATION OF BARANGAY COUNCILS MENTIONED IN SECTION 5 THEREOF SHALL PROMULGATE AND PUBLICIZE THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION. Senator Legarda-Leviste: Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President: Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION. Senator Aquino-Oreta: We will agree. We will agree in this line.

At 6:15 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President: The session is resumed. Senator Legarda-Leviste is recognized.

The President: Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is resumed.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. 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 6:16 p.m. The session is resumed.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION. Senator Aquino-Oreta: After the last word "appropriated," add the phrase FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF BANGKOK AND THE HEAR THIS ACT IS APPROVED.

The President: The session is resumed. Senator Aquino-Oreta is recognized.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President, on page 22, line 9, after conferring with the sponsor, the committee will come up with a new provision that will spell out the amendments that we were trying to introduce. This representation will defer introduction of these amendments and wait for the committee amendments.

The President: The proposal is deferred.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Yes, Mr. President. We have noted that and we will include the substance of that amendment in the final provision. In consultation with the chairmen of the other departments, Senator Aquino-Oreta, that is all, Mr. President. Thank you very much. Association of BANGKOK AND THE HEAR MENTIONED IN SECTION 2 THEREOF SHALL PROMULGATE. Senator Legarda-Leviste: We thank the distinguished senator for her valuable contribution to the crafting of this bill.

Senator Soto. Finally for tonight, Mr. President, may I ask that Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan be recognized for his individual amendments.

The President: Senator Honasan is recognized.

HONASAN AMENDMENTS

Senator Honasan. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, will the lady senator from Antique, Batangas, Malabon and the Philippines consider some amendments?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Thank you very much, Mr. President. May I add, also from San Pablo City, Laguna.

Senator Honasan. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, on page 5, line 50, this is actually a preparatory amendment to a subsequent amendment. In Section 4, under the heading "Monitoring Agency", we propose that we delete the entire Section 4, because we strongly feel that the DENR, particularly the Environmental Management Bureau, has already too many responsibilities and even as a monitoring agency, it may be overextended. We will propose that we consolidate all of these powers and functions of the said monitoring agency under one body which we later propose should be a commission instead of a council. At the proper time, as we craft the implementing rules and regulations, we can establish the standards and criteria and guidelines as an addition to the proposed commission's powers and functions.

Lastly, we can probably make the implementation simpler and more effective by streamlining the organization and pinpointing accountability and responsibility.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is accepted, Mr. President.

Senator Honasan. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Senator Honasan. Subsequently, Mr. President, on page 6, line 13, subject to the judgment, discretion and style of the distinguished sponsor.

The President: The consideration is deferred.

In line 13, Section 5, under the heading "National Solid Waste Management Council", instead of the word "Council", may we suggest that we change this to "COMMISSION". And we propose that this section read as follows:

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Senator Honasan. Thank you, Mr. President.

On page 12, we propose to add another section after Section 11, which should include a National Packaging and Research Institute. I read:

THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL PACKAGING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

A. TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND DATA GATHERING ON WASTE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF WASTES SUCH AS SOLID WASTES, HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC WASTES AND RECOVERABLE OR RECYCLABLE WASTES;

B. TO FORMULATE A STRATEGY, EITHER IN TERMS OF TECHNOLOGY OR PRACTICE, IN DEALING WITH ALL TYPES OF WASTES FOR PURPOSES OF REUSING AND RECYCLING WASTE RESOURCE INTO OTHER USES SUCH AS HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

C. TO DESIGN, RECOMMEND AND INTEGRATE IN THE MANUFACTURING AND PACKAGING SECTOR A RESOURCE RECOVERY PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE SUBSTITUTION OF NON-RECOVERABLE MATERIALS.

D. TO RECOMMEND A VOLUME AND TOXIC REDUCTION STRATEGY IN THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A PHASEOUT OF NON-RECOVERABLE PRODUCTS, TO NAME A FEW: DISPOSABLE DIAPERS, RAZORS AND FASTFOOD CONTAINERS.

E. TO PROMOTE CLOSED LOOP SYSTEMS IN RECYCLING, SUCH AS GLASS BOTTLES REMANUFACTURED INTO NEW GLASS BOTTLES AND OLD NEWSPAPERS CONVERTED INTO RECYCLED NEWSPRINTS.

F. TO LIST DOWN PRODUCTS WHICH ARE NON-RECYCLABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE AND DISCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND CONSUMERS FROM BUYING OR USING THEM.

G. TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PACKAGING MATERIALS WHICH ARE RECYCLABLE OR RENEWABLE.

FINALLY, TO FORMULATE A CONTINUING INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, MEDIA, INDUSTRY AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES THE BENEFITS OF WASTE MANAGEMENT, RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY.

THE INSTITUTE SHALL HAVE A BOARD TO BE HEADED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL COME FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, RELATED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE ACADEME INVOLVED WITH PACKAGING-RELATED SERVICES AND PROJECTS AS WELL AS SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT. THE INSTITUTE SHALL COMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL PACKAGING RESEARCH CENTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Mr. President, the rationale for this is that the Department of Science and Technology is presently putting up the Packaging Center of the Philippines as one of its flagship projects. The building is ready. Included in its master plan for the Packaging Center of the Philippines is research and development on environmental protection covering the abovementioned functions.

This proposal will not, in any way, conflict with the existing Packaging Center of the Philippines considering that the proposed board will have a clear function and objective and that is environmental protection.

More interestingly, we have also in the past missed opportunities where the European Union and other supporting agencies have already offered counterpart funds in millions of dollars to finance our need for a laboratory equipment in the research and development of packaging materials. This laboratory equipment will help us change existing usage of packaging materials such as styrofoam to more renewable materials.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 6:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:33 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed. Senator Legarda-Leviste is recognized.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. We appreciate the amendment,

Mr. President, and we realize the need for a National Packaging and Research Institute. However, we are also concerned that if we indeed phase out all these materials, which are nonrecoverable, or nonrecyclable, we realize that there are many consumer products in the market which have no substitutes yet for the use of these materials.

Therefore, we fear, first, that if we ban or prohibit the sale of these products, many basic consumer products will be off our shelves; and second, perhaps the cost to the consumers could also rise. Therefore, we accept the whole addition to Section 10 except letter (D), subject to style—TO RECOMMEND A VOLUME AND TOXIC REDUCTION STRATEGY IN THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A PHASEOUT... We are looking for a better word than "phaseout." Maybe we should include: THERE SHOULD BE A CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE CONCERNED INDUSTRIES whether it is a manufacturing industry or the consumers sector to ensure that this list which will eventually be phased out shall be based on technological and economic viability. So subject to style, but we wanted to input that, with the permission of Senator Honasan.

Senator Honasan. I defer to the better judgment of the sponsor and the Body, Mr. President.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Basically the section in essence is accepted only that letter (d), the phaseout, must be restyled as to include consultations with the sectors concerned.

The President. So may the Chair know how the amendment will finally read before we put the same to a vote.

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, the sponsor accepts the amendment. But short of saying an amendment to the amendment, letter (d) should be rephrased, and that is the suggestion of the sponsor.

The President. For the record, how will the amendment read before we...

Senator Sotto. Be rephrased.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Let me reread, Mr. President.

The President. For purposes of record, please state the page and the line.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. This is a new section, Mr. President.

The President. On what page?

Senator Honasan. Beginning on page 12, Mr. President.

The President. Beginning on page 12. All right. Will it be a new section or a new paragraph?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. It is a new paragraph; a new section introduced as Section 10 or 11.

The President. Is this at the end of page 12?

Senator Honasan. At the beginning, Mr. President.

The President. At the beginning of page 12.

Senator Honasan. This would then be the new Section 12, before Chapter II, Mr. President.

The President. All right. The new Section 12.

For the record, may the Chair hear the amendment.

Senator Honasan. Mr. President, with the permission of the Chair, the only contentious section, as we have read the proposed amendment into the *Record*, is paragraph (d) under the new Section 12 which deals with the phaseout of nonrecoverable products.

If I may suggest, Mr. President, that we just reconsider the word "phaseout" to include ADEQUATE CONSULTATION.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. May we therefore rephrase it subject to revision and style, with the permission of Senator Honasan:

TO RECOMMEND A VOLUME AND TOXIC REDUCTION STRATEGY IN THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF INDUSTRY PROVIDED THAT PROPER CONSULTATIONS BE CONDUCTED WITH ALL CONCERNED INDUSTRIES TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS BASED ON TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC VIABILITY.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Honasan. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 6:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed. Senator Honasan is recognized.

Senator Honasan. Mr. President, paragraph (d), as rephrased and subject to style, would reread as follows:

TO RECOMMEND A VOLUME AND TOXIC REDUCTION STRATEGY IN THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A CALIBRATED PHASEOUT OF NONRECOVERABLE PRODUCTS AFTER ADEQUATE CONSULTATION WITH SECTORS IN THE INDUSTRY THAT WOULD INCORPORATE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL VIABILITY.

The President. What does the sponsor say?

Senator Legarda-Leviste. The amendment is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. The amendment having been accepted, the Honasan amendment on page 12 inserting a new Section 12 is hereby approved.

Senator Honasan. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator Legarda-Leviste. Mr. President, I thank the distinguished senator for his very valuable contributions.

The President. There should be an appropriate renumber-

ing of the subsequent sections in view of the new Section 12.

Senator Sotto. I so move, Mr. President.

Senator Honasan. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President. The Secretariat will prepare a new version of this bill for purposes of the continuation of the period of amendments.

Senator Sotto. Yes, Mr. President. May we suggest that it be ready by tomorrow.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF S. NO. 1595

With that, Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595 is hereby suspended.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

Senator Sotto. Mr. President, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of July 26, 2000.

It was 6:42 p.m.