

RECORD OF THE SENATE

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2001

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 4:05 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., called the session to order.

The President. The 55th session of the Senate in the Third Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

We shall be led in prayer by Sen. Renato L. *Compañero* Cayetano.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Cayetano. Let us rise and bow our heads to the Lord.

Dear God, our people are now divided between the poor and the not so poor due to events and circumstances triggered by many reasons and causes, without mentioning the divisive and bitter electoral exercise last May 14.

We seek, Lord, not to exacerbate the division in our already fragmented nation.

On the last two remaining days of the Eleventh Congress, may Your Senate be a steady bridge to forge a united and reconciled nation.

Grant us, therefore, Lord, Your servants in the Senate, the wisdom and perseverance to achieve this daunting task, trusting always that nothing is impossible if You are with us.

All these we ask in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL DISPENSED WITH

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the roll call.

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

BILL ON SECOND READING
S. No. 2282 — Plebiscite and Elections
for the ARMM

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we consider Senate Bill No. 2282.

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

Consideration of Senate Bill No. 2282 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. 2282, entitled

AN ACT FIXING THE DATE OF THE PLEBISCITE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734 AND SETTING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ON THE LAST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER 2001, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,' AS AMENDED," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The following is the whole text of the bill:

Senate Bill No. 2282

AN ACT FIXING THE DATE OF THE PLEBISCITE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734 AND SETTING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ON THE LAST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER 2001, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED

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

It was 4:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:41 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

The Chair is satisfied with the explanation of the sponsor. So, we will not pursue the question that we have asked.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Tatad. I do not believe there are any further questions on this bill. I move that the period of interpellations be closed.

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

Senator Tatad. There are no 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 Drilon. There are no individual amendments, Mr. President. 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 H. NO. 12228 ON SECOND READING

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 12228.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, we shall now vote on Second Reading on House Bill No. 12228.

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]*

House Bill No. 12228 is approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H. NO. 12228

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of House Bill No. 12228.

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

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 4:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:52 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

BILL ON THIRD READING
S. No. 2191 — Governance of Basic
Education Act of 2001

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2191. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on June 1, 2001.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2191 is now in order.

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

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 2191, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR BASIC EDUCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; INSTITUTING A FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNANCE, DEFINING THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BUILDING AND CONSTANTLY IMPROVING AN EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT ENABLES THE FILIPINO CHILDREN, OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH AND ADULT LEARNERS TO BECOME CARING, SELF-RELIANT, PRODUCTIVE AND PATRIOTIC CITIZENS, 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	Yes
Coseteng	
Defensor Santiago	
Drilon	Yes
Enrile	
Flavier	Yes
Honasan	
Jaworski	
Legarda-Leviste	
Magsaysay Jr.	Yes
Ople	
Osmeña (J.)	Yes
Osmeña III	Yes
Revilla	
Sotto III	Yes
Tatad	Yes
The President	Yes

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2191 ON THIRD READING

The President. With 10 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2191 is approved on Third Reading.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON S. NO. 2191/H. NO. 10732
(Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001)**

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, to constitute the Senate panel to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of this bill and its House counterpart, I hereby nominate Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta as chairperson, and as members, Sen. John H. Osmeña and Sen. Juan M. Flavier.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the senators mentioned are duly designated as members of the Senate panel for the conference committee concerned.

**BILL ON THIRD READING
S. No. 2270 — Bondoc Peninsula
Technological Institute**

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2270. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on June 1, 2001.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2270 is now in order.

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

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 2270, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN NARCISO VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NARCISO, PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO BONDOC PENINSULA TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2270 ON THIRD READING

The President. With 10 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2270 is approved on Third Reading.

**BILL ON THIRD READING
H. No. 10494 — Bonifacio Javier
National High School**

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 10494. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on June 1, 2001.