

RECORD OF THE SENATE

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:35 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Blas F. Ople, called the session to order.

The President. The 69th session of the Second Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Franklin M. Drilon.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Drilon. Let us put ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

Almighty and Eternal Father, we, Your servants, once again come before Thee to give You thanks for another day of service.

Amidst all the adversities that come our way, we are thankful for Your gift of faith which gives us the strength to carry on each day.

Through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You taught us the virtue of humility.

Guide us that we may always continue to follow Your ways.

Give us the strength of spirit so that we may rise above petty squabbles and focus on how best we can serve Your people.

Teach us to accept both triumph and defeat with grace and humility.

Allow us to heed Your voice and bow gently to Your most holy will.

Look kindly on our work, and strengthen our resolve so that we may render more faithful service to You who live and reign forever.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

The President. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading :

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta	Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers	Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon	Present
Senator Renato L. Compañero, Cayetano ..	Present
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng ..	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	Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr.	Present
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	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago	Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III	Present
Senator Francisco S. Tatad	*
The President	Present

The President. With 20 senators present, there is a quorum.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

THE JOURNAL

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the previous session and consider it approved.

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

Senator Drilon. 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.

*On official mission

Senator Cayetano. So the licensing power of the DECS is not removed. Am I correct?

Senator Aquino-Oreta. No. It is still the same, Mr. President. It is the DECS that will give the go-signal.

Senator Cayetano. I thank the lady senator for that, Mr. President.

Finally, let me echo the point of my good friend from Zambales and Alabang, Senator Magsaysay, that this bill would not touch or interfere with the private early learning centers.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Not at all, Mr. President. In fact, if we can encourage a lot of private early learning centers to open their doors, let us say, to those children whose parents cannot afford to pay their tuition fees, we would be very happy. Between the children entering Grade I and those that have gone to a pre-learning center, the difference is very minimal. Only 39 percent of all children in Grade I have undergone this kind of a training.

We were saying that if we have this program, then we will equitably distribute opportunities for other children to have this program. Because right now, it is only these children whose parents can afford to send them to a private learning nursery school, who can avail themselves of such a training.

Senator Cayetano. Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to commend the author and sponsor of this bill. I am sure that my wife will be very pleased if I show her a copy of this bill.

Thank you very much.

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

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I would have wanted to already move for the approval of the committee amendments, but Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile wishes to take the floor. However, he is not ready as of this point.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1438

With the indulgence of the sponsor, may I once more move for the suspension of the consideration of Senate Bill No. 1438. We will call this bill again tomorrow so that we can terminate the period of committee amendments.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF MEMBERS OF SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY SECRETARIES AND ASSOCIATION OF BARANGAY CAPTAINS OF CARMEN, DAVAO DEL NORTE

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, before we proceed to the next item in the agenda, may I first be privileged to acknowledge the presence of the Sangguniang Barangay Secretaries and Association of Barangay Captains of Carmen, Davao del Norte, headed by Mr. Percy Evangelista. They are at the left side of the hall.

The President. The Senate extends a warm fraternal welcome to the delegation from Carmen, Davao del Norte.

BILL ON SECOND READING S. No. 1902—E-Commerce Law *(Continuation)*

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1902 as reported out under Committee Report No. 179.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1902 is now in order.

Senator Drilon. We are still in the period of interpellations. May I ask the Chair to recognize the principal sponsor, Sen. Ramon Banzon Magsaysay Jr.

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

Senator Drilon. And to interpellate, I ask that the Minority Leader, Sen. Teofisto T. Guingona Jr., be recognized.

The President. Sen. Teofisto T. Guingona Jr. is recognized.

Senator Guingona. Thank you, Mr. President.

Will the distinguished sponsor yield for some questions?

Senator Magsaysay. Willingly, to the erudite and very profound but gentlemanly Minority Leader, the gentleman from Cagayan de Oro.

Senator Guingona. Thank you.

Under this proposed measure, what law will govern? Is it the international UNCITRAL?

Senator Magsaysay. The basis of the bill, Mr. President, is the UNCITRAL model, but the law will be the Philippine law, of which almost 80 percent of its provisions are based on the model UNCITRAL law.

Senator Guingona. Yes. In the earlier interpellations, I think the distinguished sponsor said and admitted that there would have to be amendments to the laws on evidence, civil procedures, et cetera, in order to adjust these to the UNCITRAL model. However, that would take time and it may not be practical to amend without real experimentation.

So I was wondering whether the distinguished sponsor would agree to pilot projects before the full implementation of the law is effected. In other words, that we pilot project this e-commerce in the government transactions, for example, and purchases abroad, and after some time then we can determine whether there would be need to amend the laws or not.

Senator Magsaysay. The gentleman has a good point. However, there are existing practices already being done, Mr. President. Actually, the Bureau of Customs, during the time of the previous administration, had been given a P30-million grant by the World Bank to put together a computer system that would enable our business enterprises and the government to practice e-commerce in doing commercial transactions. These are ongoing. And even existing commercial entities, like, as I mentioned yesterday, Shoe Mart, are already practicing this transaction even without the law.

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President, that may be true, but in the case of government, we have the Commission on Audit. Its own rules and regulations may be inconsistent or incompatible with the UNCITRAL model.

Furthermore, those practices, as mentioned by the distinguished sponsor, may not have had any disputes. The challenge will be when there are actual disputes as to who is right and who is wrong, and it will be very hard to apply Philippine laws disregarding the UNCITRAL model. So my suggestion, if the distinguished sponsor will agree, is to have a specific field-to-field pilot projects.

Senator Magsaysay. I have no objection to having pilot projects, if the gentleman so desires. However, the bill is important that it becomes a law, so that we will not...

Senator Guingona. No, it becomes a law but the effectivity thereof would perhaps depend on the pilot projects being implemented, and certain government agencies could be the testing ground as well as private entities.

Senator Magsaysay. As a matter of fact, Mr. President, the

gentleman is correct in the sense that there are provisions here that will mandate the government agencies to make use of e-commerce as one of the effective, convenient and quick tools to service the needs of their constituencies.

In other words, these government agencies will be mandated within a short period of time, let us say, 18 months or 24 months, or even earlier than that to do their pilot projects.

Senator Guingona. But what happens in the meantime is that the Commission on Audit officials, for example, would have to revise their rules. There may be some problems that would arise if they apply their rules, because it could make the wrong party right or the right party wrong.

Senator Magsaysay. During the extensive public hearings last year which lasted until June 1999, for about three months, we heard from the government entities, particularly the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the COA and even the BIR. Not one of them showed any hesitation to embrace e-commerce because, actually, e-commerce is already being used in the ATMs. The ATM is part of e-commerce, Mr. President.

In effect, even when banks do wire transfers, that is part of e-commerce. The agencies that supported strongly the passage of this bill into a law included the BIR and the Bureau of Customs. These are the two most important agencies as far as the revenue-generating sources of the national government are concerned. The Citibank, the Bankers' Association of the Philippines, including the Equitable Bank, PCI, RCBC, BPI and even the COA were also invited.

The issue of implementation may be staggered based on (1) time frame; and (2) if e-commerce is allowed unlimited opportunities that it cannot be confined to just the government sector or the private sector.

In effect, the President certified this bill because there were very, very strong and continuous pressure from our international partners in trading and government-to-government that we have to have the e-commerce law so that the electronic documents will be made admissible in court to protect both the two parties—the supplier and the buyer, business-to-business or business-to-consumer.

This is a requirement of the international and local businesses so that they do not have to wait. Before things happen, they will have the law to protect them in case there is a need to use the electronic documents.

Senator Guingona. We understand that. But the COA, in certain instances, may have to disallow payments, and based on

existing rules, adjustments would therefore have to be made. Some confusion may result if no pilot projects would be allowed before the full implementation of the law.

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President. We have a provision in this bill which might help the gentleman support his concern to...

Senator Guingona. What section?

Senator Magsaysay. This is on page 13, line 13. It says:

Provided, that this act shall by itself mandate any department of ministry of the government, organ of state or statutory corporation to accept or issue any document in the form of data messages upon the adoption, promulgation and publication of the appropriate rules, regulations, or guidelines.

So in the case of COA this would mandate that entity...

Senator Guingona. On what page, Mr. President?

Senator Magsaysay. This is on page 13, line 13, Mr. President.

Senator Guingona. Yes. But this is a gunshot provision. Who would decide which department or ministry of government to authorize as pilot project? Would it be the Executive?

Senator Magsaysay. It will be the Department of Trade and Industry in coordination with the NITC.

Senator Guingona. In coordination with whom?

Senator Magsaysay. In coordination with the National Information Technology Council. This is the Council that was put together under EO No. 197.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 5:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:13 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

Senator Magsaysay. Mr. President, concerning the transactions among government agencies covering page 12 of Section 21, I can see the point of the distinguished senator. We will have the time to adjust once the implementing rules and regulations are put together. All of these, based on the new law, will allow entities like COA to write their own rules to allow the use of e-documents as a basis in place of hard copies or written copies of transactions.

Senator Guingona. I see. Will there be a time frame for the rules and regulations to be issued?

Senator Magsaysay. We are looking at the implementing rules and regulations to be completed within 60 days. This is on page 14, line 4.

Senator Guingona. At any rate, we will try to craft proposed amendments at the proper time.

Senator Magsaysay. We certainly welcome the amendments of the distinguished gentleman, Mr. President.

Senator Guingona. We thank the distinguished sponsor, Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, with the manifestation of the Minority Leader, I now move that we close the period of interpellations and period of debates on Senate Bill No. 1902.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1902

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1902.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Drilon. 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 5:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:15 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

BILL ON SECOND READING
S. No. 1902—E-Commerce Law
(Continuation)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1902 as reported out under Committee Report No. 179.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1902 is now in order.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, we are in the period of committee amendments.

May I ask the Chair to recognize Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. for the period of committee amendments.

The President. Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. is recognized for the period of committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Senator Magsaysay. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, the committee amendments are mostly typographical errors.

We start on page 1, line 4, we capitalize the letter "a" on the word "act", "This Act..."

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

Senator Magsaysay. In line 6, we capitalize the letters "t" and "a" on the words "this act" after the hyphen.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

MOTION OF SENATOR DRILON
(Introduction of All Committee Amendments in
One Motion Before Their Approval)

Senator Drilon. Since the committee amendments are

mostly to correct obvious typographical errors, with the permission of the Chamber, may I move that the sponsor be allowed to read into the *Record* all the committee amendments which, I repeat, are in the nature of correcting typographical errors. So that in just one motion and approval, these committee amendments can be reintroduced into the *Record* and approved by the Chamber, and thereafter, if necessary, we prepare a new version for purposes of the period of individual amendments.

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

Senator Magsaysay may continue.

Senator Magsaysay. Thank you, Mr. President.

So we will not tarry.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

On page 2, line 6, capitalize the letters "t" and "a" in the words "this act" after the hyphen;

Line 15, write in small letters the letters "C" and "T" in the word "ACT";

Line 31, capitalize the letter "m" in the word "message" after the word "Data";

On page 3, line 3, capitalize the first letters--letters "d" and "i" in the words "data interchange";

Line 11, capitalize the letter "s" in the word "system" after the word "information";

Line 24, write in small letters the letters "C" and "T" of the word "ACT";

On page 10, line 15, write in Roman numeral the word "THREE";

On page 12, line 4, write in Roman numeral the word "FOUR";

Line 15, write in small letter the letter (A) inside the parentheses and the letters (B), (C), (D) thereafter;

On page 13, line 13, capitalize the letter "a" in the word "act";

Line 20, capitalize the letters "t" in the word "this" and "n" in "national";

Line 21, capitalize the initial letters of the words "information technology council" and "national computer center";

Line 23, capitalize the letter "f" in the word "further";

On page 14, line 4, capitalize the letter "a" in the word "act";

In line 9, write in Roman numeral the word "FIVE"; capitalize all the letters in the words "Final Provisions";

In line 12, capitalize the initial letters of the words "hacking", "part two", "chapter i", and "section";

In line 13 to 14, capitalize the initial letters of the words "act" and "one hundred thousand pesos"; capitalize the letter "p" inside the parentheses which stands for the peso sign;

In line 17, capitalize the initial letters of the words "violations" and "consumer act";

In line 20, capitalize the initial letters of the words "other" and "act";

In line 21, capitalize the initial letters on the words "one million pesos";

In line 22, capitalize the peso sign inside the parentheses;

In line 23, capitalize the letter "t" on the word "the" after the hyphen;

In line 26, capitalize the letter "a" in the word "all" after the hyphen;

On page 15, line 1, capitalize the initial letters of the words "this" and "act";

In line 2, capitalize the initial letters of the words "official gazette"; and

Lastly, please remove all the letters NU enclosed in parentheses in all NON-UNCITRAL provisions as these were just to guide us during the period of interpellations. Those are all the typographical changes, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection to the committee amendments as read by the sponsor? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendments are approved.

Senator Drilon. May I now, Mr. President, ask the Secretary to prepare a revised version of Senate Bill No. 1902 now containing the committee amendments.

The President. The Secretary will please do so.

Senator Magsaysay. Mr. President, we have further committee amendments. Would the Majority Leader like to

suspend this or go through it? This will not take more than five minutes.

Senator Drilon. If these are substantial amendments.

Senator Magsaysay. These are substantial amendments, Mr. President.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Drilon. 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 5:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:24 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

MOTION OF SENATOR DRILON (To Reconsider Approval of Committee Amendments for Further Amendments)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I am informed by the sponsor that there are a number of committee amendments which he wishes to introduce other than the amendments which touched on the typographical errors. For an orderly presentation of these amendments, and in order to give our colleagues the benefit of reviewing the whole bill once more, may I move that we reconsider the previous approval of the committee amendments and then allow these other amendments to be introduced and approve the whole amendments in tomorrow's session after our colleagues would have examined these committee amendments.

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

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, the other committee amendments are now in order. May I ask the Chair to recognize the committee chairman.

The President. The sponsor is recognized.

Senator Magsaysay. Thank you, Mr. President.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Senator Magsaysay. The first amendment is on page 1,

line 6, to change Section 2 regarding the *Declaration of Policy*. So, the new statement is: SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy*. - THE STATE RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO BROADEN THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MARKETS FOR PHILIPPINE PRODUCTS AND THE VALUE OF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AS A SUPPLEMENT TO TRADITIONAL MEANS OF TRADE, AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING THE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE LEGAL, FINANCIAL, DIPLOMATIC AND TECHNICAL FRAMEWORK, SYSTEM AND FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, does that mean that we are deleting the entire Section 2, from line 6 to line 23 of page 1, and substituting the same with the Section 2 as now proposed by the chairman of the committee?

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President. This is a shorter and concise statement as a declaration of policy.

The President. Is there any objection?

Senator Drilon. Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. So, the Secretariat is so instructed to please bracket lines 6 to 23 on page 1 and substitute the same with the provision read by the committee chairman for purposes of preparing a new version.

The President. The Secretariat is so directed.

Senator Magsaysay. The next one would be on page 2, line 21, for Item 2.

In Section 5, the new definition of terms would be as follows: "For purposes of this Act, the following terms are defined, as follows:

(B) "COMPUTER" REFERS TO ANY DEVICE OR APPARATUS WHICH, BY ELECTRONIC, ELECTRO-MECHANICAL, OPTICAL AND/OR MAGNETIC IMPULSE, OR BY OTHER MEANS, IS CAPABLE OF RECEIVING, RECORDING, TRANSMITTING, STORING, PROCESSING, CORRELATING, ANALYZING, PROJECTING, RETRIEVING AND/OR PRODUCING INFORMATION, DATA, TEXT, GRAPHICS, FIGURES, VOICE, VIDEO, SYMBOLS OR OTHER MODES OF EXPRESSION OR OF PERFORMING ANY ONE OR MORE OF THOSE FUNCTIONS, OR SIMILAR FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING TWO OR MORE COMPUTERS CARRYING ONE OR MORE OF THOSE FUNCTIONS IN

COMBINATION OR IN SUCCESSION OR OTHERWISE HOWSOEVER CONJOINTLY WHICH SHALL BE TREATED AS A SINGLE COMPUTER."

This is to substitute for the definition of the term "Computer", Mr. President.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, may we direct the Secretary to bracket on page 2, before "Computer" up to line 30, up to the close parenthesis and substitute the same with the provision read by the sponsor.

The President. The Secretariat is so directed.

Senator Roco. Mr. President, just an inquiry.

The President. Senator Roco is recognized.

Senator Roco. I have with me, Mr. President, a matrix prepared by the sponsor—in fact, it even says, "The Roco amendments" *yata*.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, we are not approving it.

Senator Roco. No, no. Yes, just to make sure that we are all in the same level of information.

Senator Drilon. I just asked him to read into the *Record*.

Senator Roco. I see.

Senator Drilon. *Mahaba, e.*

Senator Roco. Yes, but what happens to these bracketed portions? Which one is supposed to be... That is why I am trying to follow and I am not sure I can follow. The left side says Senate Bill No. 1902 with amendments and Senate Bill No. 1902 as amended on the right side. So I am not sure what we are now putting into the *Record*.

Senator Magsaysay. If I may answer, we are using the right side as amended by these present amendments.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, the left and the right documents are not reflected in the *Record of the Senate*. We are just following the amendments being proposed by the committee chairman and the understanding is that we are not yet approving these amendments until the entire Chamber can see these amendments tomorrow.

Senator Roco. May we suggest then, Mr. President, to just have an omnibus motion replicating all these or reproducing all these.

Senator Drilon. We have to read into the *Record* the proposed committee amendments. That is why, we have to go through the process of the chairman reading the proposed amendments into the *Record* so that we can rightfully direct the Secretary to now prepare a new version containing the proposed committee amendments before their approval so that the entire Chamber can see how the new bill will look like if the committee amendments are approved.

Senator Roco. Yes. May I ask again, Mr. President. Does it mean that what the committee chairman is doing now is reading into the *Record* for whatever purpose the typewritten words on the right side of this matrix? Is that all?

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President.

Senator Roco. So maybe, Mr. President, I think if we just have a unanimous consent, we seek unanimous consent to reproduce all of them as read, and then we see them tomorrow, if the Minority...

Senator Drilon. That is okay.

Senator Roco. No, without even going to the physical act because we have done it before, so long as nobody objects. If the Minority Leader will...

Senator Guingona. Just for clarification, Mr. President, with the indulgence of the two gentlemen.

The President. The Minority Leader is recognized.

Senator Guingona. May we just know whether these are proposed committee amendments? Because in the original report, there were no proposed committee amendments.

Senator Drilon. These are proposed committee amendments, Mr. President.

Senator Guingona. Yes, but in the original report... I am only asking so that other members of the committee may not be suddenly taken by surprise if this is not the total committee amendments. Because in the original report there is no...

Senator Roco. That is correct. I am suggesting this only in the interest of time, because it can be lengthy and it can be confusing later on when it is reproduced.

I think what happened, Mr. President, from the original report, on motion, we allowed the committee to revert as much as possible to the UNCITRAL model with the modifications of the committee, and that is now the draft that we are looking at.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, what happened was that there was a new report submitted to the Chamber containing now what were proposed to be included by virtue of the UNCITRAL.

Senator Roco. Yes. So, that new report is the one with us?

Senator Drilon. That is correct.

Senator Roco. And if we ask the committee now to just engross all these proposed amendments and then resubmit to us, then we may be saving a little time if the Minority Leader will accept. So that everybody has a complete picture when he reads it. Because as we read it, Mr. President, while it is a correct procedure, it does not add to enlightenment.

Senator Drilon. The reason, Mr. President, we had it read is just for the record because we have to introduce this into the *Record of the Senate*. Now, if there is no objection, then we will just ask the committee chairman to submit to the Secretariat the proposed amendments, and then we will have a new copy containing these proposed amendments which we will distribute to the Chamber for purposes of debates and approval.

Senator Roco. And dated today. It becomes then the version of today.

Senator Drilon. That is correct. We have been doing that, Mr. President. But just for purposes of the record, we are having it read. But if there is no objection, we can just have it considered read into the *Record* and incorporate it in the new version.

Senator Roco. Duly engrossed.

Senator Drilon. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Roco. The Minority Leader is nodding his head, Mr. President.

Senator Guingona. That will simplify; we have no objection, Mr. President.

Senator Roco. Thank you, Mr. President.

**MOTION OF SENATOR DRILON
(To Allow the Chairman of Trade and Commerce
Committee to Spread into the *Record* the Committee
Amendments on S. No. 1902)**

Senator Drilon. I so move that the chairman of the Committee on Trade and Commerce be allowed to read, to spread into the *Record* the proposed amendments, and we will

now direct the Secretary to prepare a new version dated today which will indicate, in bold letters, what the proposed amendments are for purposes of debate and approval.

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

Senator Magsaysay. Thank you, Mr. President.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1902

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1902.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I now move that we adjourn our session until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The President. The session is adjourned until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

It was 5:36 p.m.