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TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2000

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:18 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

The President. The 96th session of the Senate in 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. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr.

PRAYER

Senator Magsaysay.

We know, O FATHER, that regardless of the bad events that have been shaking our country, certainly YOU are still the unwavering, loving and all-knowing GOD that YOU are. And these are the times in our lives as Your people, that we become more focused and fervent to demystify and unravel Your greater plan for us -- individually, as Your church, and as a nation called after Your name.

We thank YOU, FATHER, in all circumstances. We thank YOU that trying times bring us together to prayer, and embolden us to reach out, and share Your will through words and deeds.

Thus, FATHER, enrich our faith, to overcome the mountain of confusion and perplexities; hope to break the cycle of disillusionment and despair; and love to override our hurt and enable us to see beyond the horizon.

In the name of Christ Jesus, our Gentle Teacher and Peacemaker Who calls for our unity.

Amen.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:31 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 1595-Integrated Solid Waste Management Act of 1999
(Continuation)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595.

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

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, when we last suspended consideration of this measure, we were in the period of amendments. I am informed by the distinguished chairman and sponsor of the measure that the senators who have earlier made the reservation to interpellate have withdrawn their reservations. So I move that we close the period of interpellations.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence]
There being none, the period of interpellations on Senate Bill No. 1595 is hereby terminated.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I ask that Sen. Serge R. Osmena III be recognized.

The President. Sen. Serge R. Osmena III is recognized.

Senator Osmena (S). May I state that I made a reservation to continue my interpellation on the Solid Waste Management bill. Unfortunately, the priority bills of the Senate got in the way. Although we were not sponsors, we had to spend our time working on those bills.

However, the Solid Waste Management bill is important to this representation particularly because it can deal with the toxic waste issue which this representation has been focusing some of his attention on.

So with the permission of the Chamber, may we continue to reserve the right to interpellate on the Solid Waste Management bill at a future date.

MOTION OF SENATOR TATAD

(To Reconsider the Closing of the Period of
Interpellations on S. No. 1595)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, in view of that manifestation, I move for the reconsideration of the motion just approved.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence]
There being none, the previous termination of the period of interpellations is hereby reconsidered and we revert to the period of interpellations as far as Senate Bill No. 1595 is concerned.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1595

Senator Tatad. I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595.

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

MOTION OF SENATOR TATAD

(Transfer of Referral of S. No. 1861
to the Local Government Committee)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move to transfer Senate Bill No. 1861, previously referred to the Committee on Rules, to the Committee on Local Government.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence]
There being none, it is so transferred.