

RECORD OF THE SENATE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2000

OPENING OF THE SESSION

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

The President. The 37th 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. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Magsaysay. Thank you, Mr. President. This is an ecumenical prayer.

Heavenly Father, we come before You and acknowledge that You are the God who remains constant and beyond reproach even in the midst of the crisis in our country.

As we look up to Your holiness, shower us with Your serenity and strength of spirit to make us sensitive to Your call every minute of the day.

As believers of Your unchanging word and eternal promise, help us to look at our surroundings and daily unfolding of events in the light of Your reasons and infinite perspective.

Sovereign Lord, let the impeachment trial which we are all part of, be a venue for the demonstration of Your kind of justice based on Your holy omniscience and truth.

Search our hearts, O God, and carve us into vessels of Your newness, pouring Your perfect will unto Your people at a time You have chosen.

This we pray in the name of Jesus our benchmark for being.

Amen.

The President. Thank you, Senator Magsaysay.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading:

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

The President. With 17 senators present, there is a quorum.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

JOURNAL

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of *Journal* No. 36 of Monday, 20th of November 2000 and consider it approved.

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

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

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

The Secretary will read the Reference of Business.

*Arrived after the roll call

**On account of illness

The following is the Written Question of Privilege Speech of Senator Guingona:

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF SENATOR GUINGONA

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I rise on a question of personal privilege.

Last week, several newspapers through news reports, editorials and commentaries falsely attributed to me statements that I never made. At least four newspapers claimed I accused the heads of the *El Shaddai* and the *Iglesia ni Cristo* of allowing the Estrada administration to manipulate their religious groups for partisan political purposes. I was also accused of asserting that the members of these groups were paid P300 each for their attendance during the prayer rally held at the Rizal Park last November 11, 2000.

The newspapers named no source for their report. The date, place and occasion during which I allegedly made my statement were not mentioned. Neither was it disclosed to whom and before whom I gave the statement.

I unequivocally deny having made any derogatory statement against the *El Shaddai* and the *Iglesia ni Cristo*. I have the highest respect for these two religious groups and their leaders. Immediately after reading the misleading reports, I wrote to Ka Erdi Manalo and Bro. Mike Velarde assuring them of my unreserved esteem for them and denying at the same time having made a charge that the attendance of their members at the November 11 prayer rally was bought and paid for by the Estrada administration. I also informed them that what I deplored was the compulsion made to government employees to attend the rally, oftentimes coupled with material incentives.

I trust those affected accept this clarification. But the country does not know, so I am constrained to place on record that I never maligned the *El Shaddai* and the *Iglesia ni Cristo*. I have my suspicions that the misleading reports were the work of the demolition squad of the Erap administration. To them I say: "Your misinformation campaign will not work. No matter what you do, the truth will overcome!"

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, we have no objection but I wonder if the Minority Leader would care to clarify just one point on this. These are statements supposed to have been made by the Minority Leader on the prayer rally held by the *El Shaddai* and the *Iglesia ni Cristo*.

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. One of the statements I read attributed to the Minority Leader, I believe, or to some officials of the opposition was to the effect that the November 11 rally had quantity, whereas the EDSA rally had quality. Was this a correct attribution?

Senator Guingona. In essence, it was mixed up by the fact that there were reported compulsions on the part of government personnel with certain incentives. That is what we stressed during the interviews. But nowhere in the interviews did we at any time assail the sincerity and dedication of the *El Shaddai* and the *Iglesia ni Cristo* members.

Senator Tatad. There was no attempt to picture the *hoi polloi* as people of low quality as against the people of Makati.

Senator Guingona. There was no such allusion, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. Thank you very much, Mr. President. That is all.

Senator Guingona. Thank you.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

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 3:54 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:04 p.m., the session was resumed with the Honorable Sen. Vicente C. Sotto presiding.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 1946—Philippine Quality Award Act
(Continuation)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1946.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1946 is now in order.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, this is the Act Establishing the Philippine Quality Awards. We are still in the period of interpellations. I ask that the sponsor, Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. be recognized.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. For the period of interpellations, Senator Magsaysay is recognized.

Senator Tatad. Those who have made reservations to interpellate have since withdrawn or have informed the Majority Leader that they will no longer interpellate. But may I be allowed to ask just probably one question of the sponsor.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. The Majority Leader may proceed.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, the avowed objective of this proposal is to establish awards for quality-performing products and services. Is this correct?

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. Does our distinguished colleague truly believe that just by establishing award the quality of our goods and services will improve?

Senator Magsaysay. Well, actually, it is the opposite, Mr. President. The awards are in recognition of those institutions, privileged or public,—in the case of public, even local government or practitioners—of certain high standards as a result of their excellence in their various disciplines. The awards will, of course, enhance the recognition of these institutions or individuals and will encourage others to also attain the same standards of excellence.

Senator Tatad. Does the sponsor know, of his own knowledge, of any program being undertaken right now to encourage the upgrading of quality of our products and services in the country?

Senator Magsaysay. There are the awards like the Shell Awards.

Senator Tatad. No, I am not referring to awards, but to actual efforts to make sure that the products improve in quality. Awards themselves do not improve quality.

Senator Magsaysay. That is true. The Department of Trade and Industry has agencies that try to set standards of quality.

Senator Tatad. And once the standards are met, they would qualify for these awards?

Senator Magsaysay. Not necessarily, Mr. President. There are the so-called standards that manufacturers or fabricators of certain goods or products have to attain before they can be

given certain acceptance within those standards set up by the agencies of the government.

Senator Tatad. Under this proposal, Mr. President, will there be any kind of bureaucracy to be created just to manage the granting of these awards?

Senator Magsaysay. Within the DTI, there is the existing award managers and award administrators, and there will be no incremental increase in their overhead or in the number of people.

Senator Tatad. No new bureaucracy?

Senator Magsaysay. No new bureaucracy.

Senator Tatad. No additional budgets?

Senator Magsaysay. There are no additional budgets except that there will be fees and charges that the Committee on Awards will impose and these are paid for by the entities that will be awarded.

Senator Tatad. Now, to qualify for the awards envisioned under this proposal, if I were a manufacturer, would I have to apply or could I just focus on producing what I produce at very high quality and then it would be for the award-giving organization to notice what I have done and to give recognition to what I have done?

Senator Magsaysay. The entity will have to apply and then the award committee will have to go through the application.

Senator Tatad. Subject to politics all over again. Should we not have a system where people who are in charge of giving recognition to outstanding performance go around without any need of anybody applying or without any need of any external nominations and then the awards are simply given according to merit?

Senator Magsaysay. That option may be undertaken, Mr. President. In fact, the Department of Trade and Industry also looks for those entities or manufacturers or even local government units that have shown excellence. These are identified.

Senator Tatad. We are proposing quality awards. Is there any proposal or is there an existing arrangement whereby the biggest producers or exporters are given some kind of award by the government?

Senator Magsaysay. Yes, in fact, there are.

Senator Tatad. Have they worked well?

Senator Magsaysay. There are quite a few quality-related awards, Mr. President. We have basically the Golden Shell

Award that has been implemented for so many years. This has shown the competitiveness and level of quality awards that certain Filipino exporters have attained to be globally relevant in this very increasingly competitive environment. There is also the Civil Service Commission's Gawad Kalinga Award. There is the AIM Management Award of the Asian Institute of Management. And lately, we have the ISO 9000 Awards.

Senator Tatad. I would like to thank the distinguished sponsor for his answers to my questions. We have no further questions, Mr. President.

There are no further interpellations. I move that the period of interpellations be closed.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we now consider the committee amendments.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

Senator Magsaysay may proceed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Senator Magsaysay. The following are the committee amendments. We go to our bill proper.

On page 2, line 17, we insert the phrase AND ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE between the word "services" and the semicolon (;).

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. On page 4, line 10, we insert the following paragraph after the heading "PQA SYSTEM".

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. After "PQA SYSTEM"?

Senator Magsaysay. After the "PQA SYSTEM-RECOGNITION FOR QUALITY PROFICIENCY", we insert the following paragraph: THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE DEMONSTRATED, THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN BUILDING SOUND AND NOTABLE PROCESSES. IT SHOULD HAVE A DOCUMENTED AND SOLID APPROACH TO SYSTEM-LEVEL QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT AND HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTING QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND PROCEDURES.

The reason is to have a clear-cut description of the award being conferred, which is the PQA System- Recognition for Quality Proficiency.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. In other words, is the gentleman inserting a paragraph before the additional paragraph in line 11?

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, may we now read the entire provision, as amended?

Senator Magsaysay. As amended, the entire paragraph will now read as follows: THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE DEMONSTRATED, THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLE, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN BUILDING SOUND AND NOTABLE PROCESSES. IT SHOULD HAVE A DOCUMENTED AND SOLID APPROACH TO SYSTEM-LEVEL QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY MANAGEMENT AND HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTING QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND PROCEDURES.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. Mr. President, the third committee amendment is again on page 4, line 11, to insert the phrase PQA SYSTEM—RECOGNITION FOR QUALITY COMMITMENT.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Just a moment, Senator Magsaysay. When the gentleman says line 11, is he starting with another paragraph in line 11 before the paragraph? This is not an insertion; or is he deleting this whole paragraph from lines 11 to 14?

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President. We are just inserting the title.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is the gentleman inserting a new title?

Senator Magsaysay. Prior to line 11.

The Presiding Officer. [Sen. Sotto]. Prior to line 11. So, this would be a separate number or is this included in No. 2, which is "PQA SYSTEM—RECOGNITION FOR QUALITY PROFICIENCY"?

Senator Magsaysay. This is actually No. 2.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is this the second paragraph for No. 2?

Senator Magsaysay. It is, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. The Chair would like to know why there is a new title if it is still included in the title "PQA SYSTEM—RECOGNITIONFORQUALITYPROFICIENCY".

Senator Magsaysay. It is because the first one is for "PQA SYSTEM—RECOGNITIONFORQUALITYMASTERY." The first paragraph.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. All right.

Senator Magsaysay. And the second is—PQA SYSTEM—RECOGNITIONFORQUALITYPROFICIENCY.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is this new amendment that the gentleman proposing in line 11?

Senator Magsaysay. This is the new amendment—PQA SYSTEM-RECOGNITIONFORQUALITYPROFICIENCY. This will now be line 10.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Yes, we have amended line 10.

Senator Magsaysay. Yes, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. So what is this new amendment that the gentleman is proposing in line 11?

Senator Magsaysay. In line 11, there is a new one for the PQA SYSTEM—RECOGNITIONFORQUALITYCOMMITMENT.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. So, is this a new number?

Senator Magsaysay. Yes, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. For PQA SYSTEM—RECOGNITIONFORQUALITYCOMMITMENT?

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. All right. So, this is a new number. This will now be No. 3.

Senator Magsaysay. Yes, No. 3.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. The gentleman may proceed.

Senator Magsaysay. On page 6...

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Just the title? The gentleman is retaining the wordings from line 11 to line 14?

Senator Magsaysay. Yes, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. Mr. President, on page 6, from lines 11 to 15, we are going to delete the whole sentence beginning with the article "The".

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. In other words, the gentleman is starting after the word "agency" on line 11?

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President. We are deleting the whole sentence that starts with the words "The Development Academy of the Philippines" up to the word "year."

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Up to the word "year" and period (.) in line 15.

Senator Magsaysay. Yes, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. Now, in lieu of this sentence, we will insert a new sentence with the quotation: "THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES SHALL APPOINT TWO (2)..."

Senator Tatad. Does the gentleman want a quotation before that?

Senator Magsaysay. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. I do not believe there is need for a quotation...

Senator Magsaysay. There is no need. The gentleman is correct, Mr. President.

So, the new sentence in lieu of lines 11 to 15 will be: THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES SHALL APPOINT TWO (2) ADMINISTRATORS REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS FROM THE LIST OF NOMINEES PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) AND THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON QUALITY MANAGEMENT. THEY SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is that it?

Senator Magsaysay. That is all, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. The fifth amendment of the committee is on page 6, Section 10, from lines 16 to 25 up to lines 1 to 4 of page 7. Meaning, the list of members of the committee. We will delete

the said provision. So there is a new Section 10 that will take the place of the whole line 16 up to line 4 of page 7.

SECTION 10. PQA COMMITTEE.—THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES SHALL CONSTITUTE A PQA COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THE HEADS OF THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, THE NATIONAL WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION, THE CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS, AND FIVE (5) REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHO ARE ALL TOP QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP PRACTITIONERS FOR THEIR ORGANIZATIONS KNOWN FOR ADVOCACIES GEARED TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY COMPETITIVENESS, QUALITY SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP.

So we have simplified this list, Mr. President. The reason is to allow the private sector to have as much voice as possible, and their knowledge and expertise should be considered as they select the annual winners.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. The committee has three more short amendments, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Please proceed, Senator Magsaysay.

Senator Magsaysay. On page 7, line 6, delete the word "while" and in lieu thereof, insert the word WITH.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Delete the word "while" and in lieu thereof, insert the word WITH.

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. On the same page, line 6, add the words AS VICE CHAIR.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. To add where?

Senator Magsaysay. Add the words AS VICE CHAIR after the proper name "Philippines".

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. After the word "Philippines" in line 6, add...

Senator Magsaysay. Add the words AS VICE CHAIR to read as follows: "...while the President of the Development Academy of the Philippines AS VICE CHAIR."

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. That is the proposed amendment. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. Finally, on page 7, line 7, delete the entire phrase "and the Philippine Quality and Awards Committee as Members."

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. So, the line ends AS VICE CHAIR.

Senator Magsaysay. That is correct.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Put a period (.) after the words AS VICE CHAIR.

Senator Magsaysay. Yes, and delete the phrase "and the Philippine Quality and Awards Committee as Members."

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. Those are the committee amendments. We have no further committee amendments.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, just one question of the sponsor.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Tatad. During the interpellation by one of our colleagues, Senator Defensor Santiago, a number of editorial issues were raised. I do not have an inventory of those issues right now, but can the sponsor tell us whether he has dealt with those issues?

Senator Magsaysay. Those issues have already been put together to satisfy the desires of the lady senator from Iloilo, and they are all incorporated in the committee amendments.

Senator Tatad. Thank you very much.

In that case, Mr. President, I move that we close the period of committee amendments.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1946

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, we will need time for the members to study the amended proposal before we can make our individual amendments. I therefore move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1946.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

Senator Magsaysay. Thank you, Mr. President.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

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

It was 4:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:29 p.m., the session was resumed.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. The session is resumed.

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 2048 – The AFP Tax Exemption for Pay and Allowances Act of 2000

(Continuation)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 2048 as reported out under Committee Report No. 360.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 2048 is now in order.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, we are still in the period of interpellations. I ask that the distinguished sponsor, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, be recognized.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. The sponsor, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, is recognized for the period of interpellations.

Senator Enrile. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. This refers to tax exemptions for the members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. For the period of

interpellations, I ask that Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago be recognized.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Sotto]. Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago is recognized.

Senator Defensor Santiago. Mr. President, could the distinguished chairman kindly yield the floor so I may raise certain questions?

Senator Enrile. Gladly, Mr. President, to the lady senator who delivered the most erudite treatise on impartiality of the Senate.

Senator Defensor Santiago. Thank you. That is it, Mr. Chairman, I am going home. [Laughter] *Naka-boundary na.*

Senator Enrile. That is only to suggest that we cut short the interpellation. [Laughter]

Senator Defensor Santiago. Please let me go through this by page and line number. I would like to begin with page 1, Section 2, lines 8 to 9.

Senator Enrile. Yes, let me just—page 1, Section 2.

Senator Defensor Santiago. Lines 8 to 9 which states that: "Tax exemption shall be granted on AFP personnel's longevity pay, mandatory pay and allowances." However, the bill does not define what is the meaning of "AFP personnel."

Executive Order No. 207, the Administrative Code, Section 34 provides that the AFP shall be composed of 1) the standing force made up of officers and enlisted personnel, reservists called to active duty, draftees, trainees and government-sponsored Filipino cadets enrolled in local or foreign military schools, and 2) the Citizen's Armed Force made up all reservists and officers and enlisted men on inactive status. My question is this: Within the context of our bill, does the term "AFP personnel" include members of the Citizen's Armed Force or does the term only refer to members of the standing force?

Senator Enrile. This will refer only to AFP personnel on active duty status.

Senator Defensor Santiago. So it would not even refer to the first, to the entire category that is listed as Category 1 under the Administrative Code?

Senator Enrile. That is correct, Mr. President. I suppose that we have to limit the phrase "AFP personnel" to those who are in the active service and receiving allowances as such, and this will include the draftees. Because the draftees, when they are called to active duty status are actually members of the Armed