

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2000

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:17 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

The President. The 27th 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. Renato L. *Compañero* Cayetano of Lakas II.

After the prayer, the *Kawan Ng Diyos* Choir will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. The choir will also render another song, entitled *Sa Iyo Lamang*.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Cayetano. This prayer is a rephrase of a part of Germaine Coopland's "Prayer That Avail Much."

Father, in Jesus' name, we give thanks for our beloved Philippines. We hold up in prayer before You, the men and women who are in positions of authority.

Father, we ask that You cause the men and women in our government to make their hearts and ears attentive to godly counsel and to what is right in Your sight.

We pray that the upright shall dwell in our government; that men and women blameless and complete in Your sight, Father, shall remain in these positions of authority; that the wicked and corrupt shall be cut off from our government, and that those who betray the public trust shall be rooted out from it.

Father, You are our refuge, our stronghold in these times of trouble, uncertainty and desperation.

These we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Everybody remained standing for the singing of the national anthem.

The President. The Chair wishes to thank the *Kawan ng Diyos* Choir for that beautiful rendition of our national anthem and the song entitled *Sa Iyo Lamang*.

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	**
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	**
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña	Present
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III	*
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr.	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 18 senators present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

THE JOURNAL

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of Session No. 26 of October 10-12, 2000 and consider it approved.

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

MOTION OF SENATOR TATAD (To Defer the Reading of the Reference of Business)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we defer the

* Arrived after the roll call

** On official mission

Sponsor: Senator Revilla

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

The Secretary. Proposed Senate Resolution No. 883, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IDENTITIES OF ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS, NATIONAL AND LOCAL, WHO HAVE RECEIVED CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM, OR ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH, ILLEGAL *JUETENG* OPERATORS NAMED BY GOVERNOR LUIS SINGSON

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

The President. Referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Justice and Human Rights

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 1595 — Integrated Solid Waste Management Act of 2000
(Continuation)

Senator Tatad. 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 Tatad. Mr. President, we are still in the period of amendments. But those who have made their reservations to propose some amendments have withdrawn their reservations. I therefore move that we close the period of amendments.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the period of amendments is hereby closed.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF S. NO. 1595

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move to suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1595.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 17, 2000.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the session is adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 17, 2000.

It was 5:38 p.m.