

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

reading of the Reference of Business so that we could proceed to the Third Reading of certain bills.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the reading of the Reference of Business is deferred to a later hour.

BILL ON THIRD READING
S. No. 1742—Fair Election Practices Act

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1742. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on October 10, 2000.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1742 is now in order.

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

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1742, entitled

**AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE HOLDING OF FREE,
ORDERLY, HONEST, PEACEFUL, AND
CREDIBLE ELECTIONS THROUGH FAIR
ELECTION PRACTICES**

The President. We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary. *Senators*

Aquino-Oreta	Yes
Barbers	Yes
Biazon	
Cayetano	Yes
Coseteng	Yes
Defensor Santiago	
Enrile	Yes
Flavier	Yes
Guingona Jr.	Yes
Honasan	Yes
Jaworski	Yes
Legarda-Leviste	Yes
Magsaysay Jr.	Yes
Ople	
Osmeña (J.)	Yes
Osmeña III	
Pimentel Jr.	Yes
Revilla	Yes
Roco	Yes
Sotto III	Yes

Tatad	Yes
The President	Yes

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1742 ON THIRD READING

The President. With 18 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1742 is approved on Third Reading.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT
OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DOLE AND
THE U. S. LABOR ATTACHÉ**

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, before we proceed, may I just acknowledge the presence in the Chamber of Assistant Secretary of Labor, Danila Cruz, and the Labor Attache of the United States Embassy, Mr. Richard Nelsen.

RESOLUTION ON THIRD READING
**P. S. Res. No. 871 — Ratification of ILO Convention
Eliminating Worst Forms of Child Labor**

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 871. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on October 12, 2000.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 871 is now in order.

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

The Secretary. Proposed Senate Resolution No. 871, entitled

**RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFI-
CATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOR ORGANIZATION CONVENTION
CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION
AND IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS
OF CHILD LABOR (ILO 182)**

The President. We shall now vote on the resolution and the Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary. *Senators*

Aquino-Oreta	Yes
Barbers	Yes
Biazon	
Cayetano	Yes