

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2000

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:32 p.m., the Presiding Officer, Hon. Vicente C. Sotto III, called the session to order.*

**The Presiding Officer** [Sen. Sotto]. The 30th session of the Senate in 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 Senate President Franklin M. Drilon.

After the prayer, the Stella Maris Choir will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. The Choir will also render another song, entitled "Medley of Patriotic Songs."

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Drilon.**

In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty Father,

As we begin another session of the Senate in these challenging times, we humbly appeal for Your divine assistance.

We implore Thee for Thy grace, that You may lead our people and resolve conflicts and issues for the betterment of our country. Make us realize that the national interest cries out for a halt to our overextended political bickering, backstabbing and buck-passing.

Above all, bestow on us, Your people, the grace to come together, once and for all, as one people, one nation and one community. It is only in harmony that we can find lasting strength; it is only in unity that we can move forward; it is only in our efforts toward mutual understanding that we can gain a semblance of Your divine wisdom.

Thank You, dear Lord. In Your name, we pray all these.

Amen.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Everybody remained standing for the singing of the national anthem.*

*At this juncture, Senator Sotto relinquished the Chair to the Hon. Senate President Franklin M. Drilon.*

**The President.** The Chair wishes to thank the members of Stella Maris Choir for their rendition of the national anthem and a medley of patriotic songs.

The Secretary will please call the roll.

### ROLL CALL

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta .....	Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers .....	Absent ***
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon .....	**
Senator Renato L. Compañero Cayetano ...	Present
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng ...	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago .....	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 .....	**
Senator Loren B. Legarda-Leviste .....	Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. ....	Present
Senator Blas F. Ople .....	Present
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña .....	Absent ***
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III .....	Present *
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 17 senators present, there is a quorum. The Majority Leader is recognized.

### THE JOURNAL

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of Session No. 29, Wednesday afternoon, October 18, 2000, and consider it approved.

\* Arrived after the roll call

\*\* On official mission

\*\*\* On account of illness

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF  
61 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS  
FROM 13 REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, before we proceed with the Order of Business, may we welcome to the Chamber the presence of 61 elementary school principals from 13 regions of the country for attending a SEAMEO-Innotech Course on The Principal as the Chief Executive Officer and Technology Leader. The regions represented are: Regions II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, Caraga and DECS ARMM. They belong to Batch No. 4 of TAO, which means, Teachers Advancement for Optimum Well-being or Teresa Aquino-Oreta [Laughter]... Leadership in the Effective Administration of Schools, sponsored by the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture. This is in response to Project TAO survey which says that only 25 percent of our public school principals have had training in principalship.

**The President.** The Senate welcomes the visitors to the Chamber.

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1595.

**The President.** Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1595 is now in order.

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

**Senator Roco.** Mr. President, the Reference of Business has not been complied with.

**The President.** All right.

**Senator Tatad.** I am sorry. It is all because of the exchanges on the floor. May I move that we defer the reading of the Reference of Business to a later hour so that we can proceed to the Third Reading.

**Senator Roco.** Mr. President, I will have a tendency to object only because, in one Reference of Business on the Snap Elections, the referral to the Committee on Electoral Reforms, Suffrage and People's Participation is secondary. It should be made the primary committee.

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, may we come to that after this one item, one Third Reading item.

**Senator Roco.** No, only because, Mr. President, the Reference of Business is next in line. So if we are postponing, I mean, I am willing to have it postponed but the Rules

Committee has recommended against the rule that it be secondarily referred to the Committee on Electoral Reforms, Suffrage and People's Participation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

**Senator Tatad.** 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 4:13 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:14 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

MOTION OF SENATOR TATAD  
(Deferment of the Reading of Reference of Business)

**Senator Tatad.** I reiterate my motion to defer for a minute the reading of the Reference of Business so that we can approve Senate Bill No. 1595 on Third Reading.

**The President.** The Reference of Business is deferred to a later hour, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

BILL ON THIRD READING  
S. No. 1595—Integrated Solid Waste  
Management Act of 2000

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1595. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on October 18, 2000.

**The President.** Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1595 is now in order.

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

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1595, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING AN INTEGRATED SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM,  
CREATING THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL  
SOLID WASTE COUNCILS AND THE  
NECESSARY MECHANISMS AND  
INCENTIVES, DECLARING CERTAIN  
ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING

PENALTIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

**The Secretary.** Senators

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

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1595 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 16 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1595 is approved on Third Reading.

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I now ask for the reading of the Reference of Business taking into account the statement made by Senator Roco on the Ponce Enrile Resolution.

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

The Secretary will read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2188, entitled

AN ACT NAMING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD  
CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF

VILLABA, TABANGO, SAN ISIDRO, CALUBIAN  
AND LEYTE-LEYTE AS MARCELINO R.  
VELOSO HIGHWAY

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña III

**The President.** Referred to the Committee on Public Works

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2189, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ARTERIAL  
ROADS IN NORTHWEST LEYTE, DECLARING  
AND CONVERTING THEM INTO NATIONAL  
ROADS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña III

**The President.** Referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTIONS

**The Secretary.** Proposed Senate Resolution No. 884, entitled

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE LIQUIDATION OF  
CERTAIN ASSETS IN THE COCONUT  
INDUSTRY INVESTMENT FUND TO BE  
UTILIZED FOR THE STABILIZATION OF THE  
PRICE OF COPRA TO ENSURE A DECENT  
INCOME FOR COCONUT FARMERS  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Enrile

**The President.** Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Ways and Means; and Finance

**The Secretary.** Proposed Senate Resolution No. 885, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF  
THE SENATE THAT THE PHILIPPINE  
AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION  
(PAGCOR) TERMINATE IMMEDIATELY  
ALL ITS CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS  
PRIVATE CORPORATIONS WITH REGARD  
TO THE OPERATION AND/OR MANAGE-  
MENT OF GAMBLING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE  
ITS CASINOS, SUCH AS, ON-LINE BINGO