

RECORD OF THE SENATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1996

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 10:31 a.m., the session was resumed with the President of the Senate, Hon. Neptali A. Gonzales, presiding.

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

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, there is an Additional Reference of Business. May I ask the Secretary to read it.

The President. The Secretary will please read the Additional Reference of Business.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Acting Secretary [Atty. Raval].

March 19, 1996

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives, on March 18, 1996, elected Congressmen Felicito C. Payumo, Margarito B. Teves, Alberto J. Lopez, Manuel A. Roxas, Junie E. Cua, Manuel B. Villar, Jr., Rogelio M. Sarmiento, Ramon S. Bagatsing, Jr., and Congressman Elias B. Lopez as conferees should the Senate ask for a conference upon approval of its counterpart version of the House Bill No. 5029, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER LIBERALIZE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7042, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

which was earlier approved on February 13, 1996.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) CAMILO L. SABIO
Secretary General

The Honorable
NEPTALI A. GONZALES
President of the Senate
Manila

The President. To the Archives.

The Acting Secretary [Atty. Raval].

March 21, 1996

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on March 21, 1996, passed House Bill No. 149, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ALEGRIA, MUNICIPALITY OF MURCIA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY ALEGRIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

to which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) CAMILO L. SABIO
Secretary General

The Honorable
NEPTALI A. GONZALES
President of the Senate
Manila

The President. Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance.

The Acting Secretary [Atty. Raval].

March 21, 1996

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on March 21, 1996, passed House Bill No. 228, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MARGOSATUBIG DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN MARGOSATUBIG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, INTO A REGIONAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARGOSATUBIG REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND TO INCREASE THE BED CAPACITY TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, AND

Senator Osmeña. Again, the Committee has come up with omnibus amendments to come out with a bill that will look pretty much like the next bill as far as mobile and wireless telecommunication systems are concerned. In order to save time, may the Committee be allowed to submit omnibus amendments as contained in Committee Report No. 77.

**MOTION OF SENATOR ROMULO
(Adoption of Amendments as Contained in
Committee Report No. 77)**

Senator Romulo. I move that we adopt the Committee amendments in bold letters on House Bill No. 2078 as contained in Committee Report No. 77.

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

Senator Romulo. Since there are no individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

**APPROVAL OF H. NO. 2078 ON SECOND READING,
AS AMENDED**

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, I move that we approve House Bill No. 2078, as amended, on Second Reading.

The President. We shall now vote on the bill, as amended, on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of the bill, as amended, will please say *Aye*. [*Several Senators: Aye.*] As many as are against will please say *Nay*. [*Silence*]

House Bill No. 2078, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

**MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ROMULO
(Senator Shahani as Coauthor of S. No. 950)**

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, may I manifest that Senator Shahani, our Senate President Pro Tempore, is a coauthor of Senate Bill No. 950, An Act Prescribing a Special Law on Rape, Amending Article 335 of RA 3815, the Revised Penal Code.

The President. Let that be made of record.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, may I ask for a short suspension of the session.

The President. Before we suspend the session, the Members of the Senate are hereby informed that there will be signing ceremonies at the Cememorial Hall of the Malacañang Palace at 12:45 this afternoon.

The session is suspended for one minute, if there is no objection. [*There was none.*]

It was 12:01 noon.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 12:02 noon, the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

BILL ON SECOND READING

**H. No. 2518—Camarines Sur Engineering Districts
(Continuation)**

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of House Bill No. 2518 as reported out under Committee Report No. 58.

The President. Resumption of consideration of House Bill No. 2518 is now in order.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, we are in the period of interpellations. I ask that the Sponsor of the bill, Senator Magsaysay Jr., be recognized.

The President. Senator Magsaysay Jr. is recognized.

Senator Magsaysay. Thank you, Mr. President. This is a simple act of trying to make more effective the present two engineering districts in the province of Camarines Sur. The only amendment that we have right now is the one submitted by the Gentleman from Camarines Sur, Senator Roco, embodied in the Committee amendments.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, if there are no interpellations, I move that we close the period of interpellations.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, I move that we now