

# RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

## OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:42 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 32nd session of the Second Regular Session of the Thirteenth Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile which will be read by Sen. Juan M. Flavie.

After the prayer, the Coro dela Reina will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. The Choir will also render another song, entitled *Tagumpay Nating Lahat*.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

**Senator Flavie.** This is the prayer of Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile taken from the *Book of Common Prayer*, series of 1979.

## PRAYER

Show us Your mercy, O Lord;  
And grant us Your salvation.  
Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;  
Let Your people sing with joy.  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
For only in You can we live in safety.  
Lord, keep this nation under Your care;  
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
Let Your way be known upon earth;  
Your saving health among all nations.  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
And sustain us by Your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

**The President.** The Chamber expresses its appreciation to the Coro dela Reina Choir for its rendition of the national anthem and the song, entitled *Tagumpay Nating Lahat*.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, with the permission of the Body, 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 3:48 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:55 p.m., the session was resumed.*

**The President.** The session is resumed.

## ROLL CALL

The Secretary will please call the roll.

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Edgardo J. Angara ..... Present  
Senator Joker P. Arroyo ..... Present  
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon ..... Present\*\*\*  
Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano ..... Present\*  
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago ..... Present\*  
Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada ..... Present  
Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada ..... Present  
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile ..... Present  
Senator Juan M. Flavie ..... Present  
Senator Richard J. Gordon ..... Present\*  
Senator Panfilo M. Lacson ..... Present  
Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid ..... \*\*  
Senator Alfredo S. Lim ..... Present  
Senator M. A. Madrigal ..... Present\*  
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. ..... Present  
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III ..... Present\*  
Senator Kiko Pangilinan ..... Present  
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. ..... Present\*  
Senator Ralph G. Recto ..... Present  
Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr. ..... \*\*  
Senator Mar Roxas ..... Present  
Senator Manny Villar ..... \*\*  
The President ..... Present

**The President.** With 13 senators present, there is a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

\* Arrived after the roll call

\*\* On official mission

\*\*\* On official mission but arrived after the roll call

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

**Senator Pangilinan.** 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 3:56 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 3:56 p.m., the session was resumed.*

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

THE JOURNAL

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the 31st session dated October 12, 2005, and consider it approved.

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

**Senator Pangilinan.** 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.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**The Secretary.**

October 12, 2005

The Honorable  
FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
President of the Senate  
Financial Center  
Pasay City 1308

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on even date passed House Bill No. 3356, entitled

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE RENTAL REFORM ACT OF 2002, PRESCRIBING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTHORIZED INCREASE AND THE DISPOSITION OF RENTAL AND DEPOSIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9161, ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING REFORMS IN THE REGULATION OF RENTALS OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL UNITS, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

and Senate Bill No. 1956, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING REFORMS IN THE REGULATION OF RENT OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL UNITS, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

and has designated Representatives Eduardo C. Zialcita, Rodolfo C. Bacani, Rodolfo G. Valencia, Robert "Dodot" B. Jaworski Jr., Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Rodante D. Marcoleta and Crispin B. Beltran as its conferees.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) ROBERT O. NAZARENO  
Secretary General

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2139, entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE THE LAWS ON PATENTS, TRADE NAMES AND TRADEMARKS MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE BY ALLOWING THE IMPORTATION, EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF PATENTED MEDICINES AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE APPLICATION OF STANDARD COMPULSORY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUGS OR MEDICINES TO LOWER DRUG OR MEDICINE PRICES BY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8293, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Roxas