

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2000

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:37 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 33rd 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. Teofisto T. Guingona Jr.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Guingona.**

God our Father in Heaven,  
Help us in this hour of crisis.  
Strengthen us, guide us, lead us,  
so that we may determine the truth and  
resolve with conviction the solutions  
that face the nation.

Amen.

**The President.** The Overseas Workers' Welfare Administration Choir will lead us in the singing of the national anthem and after which it will deliver a song, entitled *Dakilang Lahi*.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

**The President.** The Chamber expresses its appreciation to the OWWA Choir for that beautiful rendition of the national anthem and the song entitled *Dakilang Lahi*.

### ROLL CALL

The Secretary will please call the roll.

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta .....	Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers .....	Absent*
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon .....	Present

\* On account of illness

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. Flavie .....	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 .....	Present
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña .....	Present
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 21 senators present, there is a quorum.

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President.

**The President.** 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. 32 of Wednesday afternoon, 25th of October 2000, and consider it approved.

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

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I ask that Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile be recognized.

**The President.** Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile is recognized.

### MOTION OF SENATOR ENRILE (To Declare the Position of Senate President Vacant)

**Senator Enrile.** Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today to make a motion. But before I make that motion, allow me to explain why I am going to make that motion.

During the past few days, the country was visited by a political event of transcendent nature. The members of this Chamber were actually placed in a position of disarray because



The Secretary.

October 25, 2000

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 October 25, 2000 passed House Bill No. 12373, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATION FOR THE REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 545, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

to which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO  
Secretary General

The President. Referred to the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

The Secretary.

October 25, 2000

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 October 25, 2000

approved the Bicameral Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 7572, entitled

AN ACT MODERNIZING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE, ENTITLED "CREATING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBING ITS POWER AND FUNCTIONS" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

and Senate Bill No. 1271, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "CREATING THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBING ITS POWER AND FUNCTIONS" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO  
Secretary General

The President. To the Archives

The Secretary.

October 26, 2000

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 October 26, 2000 passed House Bill No. 2998, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PROVINCIAL, CITY OR MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR SHALL UNDERTAKE A GENERAL REVISION OF