

RECORD OF THE SENATE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 6:53 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

The President. The 40th session of the Second Regular Session of the Thirteenth Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for a minute of silent prayer.

Everybody rose for a minute of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

The President. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading:

Senator Edgardo J. Angara Present
Senator Joker P. Arroyo
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon Present
Senator Compañera Pia S Cayetano
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
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 Absent
Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid Present
Senator Alfredo S. Lim Present
Senator M.A. Madrigal Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. Absent
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 Present
The President Present

The President. With 17 senators present, there is a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, just for info. I ran across some of our colleagues who were in the elevator, well, up and down, and maybe they may have just missed the roll call.

The President. All right. We can have a second roll call.

Senator Pangilinan. Yes, just in fairness to them. Because I know Senator Revilla and Senator Arroyo...

The President. All right. Can we have a second roll call, please.

The Secretary will please again call the roll.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary, reading:

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Senator Ralph G. Recto Present
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Senator Mar Roxas Present
Senator Manny Villar Present
The President Present

The President. With 21 senators present, there is a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

THE JOURNAL

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the 39th session...

Senator Madrigal. Mr. President, I just want to have a correction on the *Journal*.

Senator Pangilinan. We dispense with the reading of the *Journal* first, Mr. President, and then we will have the correction

after. I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the 39th session.

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

Sen. Jamby Madrigal is recognized.

Senator Madrigal. Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. President, on page 469, I would just like to correct it. It said: "Remarks of Senator Madrigal," and said: "Senator Madrigal apologized to Senator Pangilinan, clarifying that she ended her letter on a metaphorical note."

I cannot apologize for something I do not perceive I did. I had no intention of hurting his feelings. Can we just reword it to say, "Senator Madrigal CLARIFIED that she ended her letter on a metaphorical note."

The President. All right. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, Senator Madrigal's correction is approved.

Senator Pangilinan. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that we approve the *Journal* of the 39th session, November 22, 2005, as corrected.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the *Journal*, as corrected, is hereby approved.

Senator Pangilinan. 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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Secretary.

November 7, 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 on even date the House of Representatives approved the Bicameral Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of 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.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) ROBERT O. NAZARENO
Secretary General

The President. To the Archives

The Secretary.

November 16, 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 November 15, 2005, concurred with the Senate amendments on House Bill No. 3524, entitled