

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1996

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:11 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Ernesto M. Maceda, called the session to order.

The President. The 37th session of the Second Regular Session of the Tenth Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr.

After the prayer, the Philippine Normal University Chorale will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. It will also render another song entitled *Sa Mahal Kong Bayan*.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER

Senator Magsaysay.

Mighty God, today, help us go back to Your truth...
that You are pleased
not with the quantity of our accomplishments...
but with the quality of our motives.

May we weigh our every decision
with the exactness that You so carefully give in
judging our cause.
May we diminish ourselves before You...
So that we may know how it is to be elevated in the
truest sense.

In all that we shall say and stand for,
may we take the side of the oppressed,
believing that justice will come to us as we give it out.

And then, Mighty God, may we rest with the thought
that You are watching us,
so that we do not need to watch our backs in vain.
Mold us as we pray, and allow ourselves
to be humbled by Your Word.

We thank You incessantly, Mighty God,
as we pray all these in the Holy Name of our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Everybody remained standing for the singing of the national anthem.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The President. The session is suspended for one minute.

It was 3:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

ROLL CALL

The President. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading:

| | |
|---|----------|
| Senator Heherson T. Alvarez | Present |
| Senator Edgardo J. Angara | Present |
| Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng .. | Present* |
| Senator Franklin M. Drilon | Present |
| Senator Juan Ponce Enrile | Present |
| Senator Marcelo B. Fernan | Present |
| Senator Juan M. Flavier | Present |
| Senator Neptali A. Gonzales | Present |
| Senator Ernesto F. Herrera | Present |
| Senator Gregorio B. Honasan | ** |
| Senator Gloria M. Macapagal | Present |
| Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. | Present |
| Senator Orlando S. Mercado | Present |
| Senator Blas F. Ople | Present* |
| Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III | Present* |
| Senator Ramon B. Revilla | Present |
| Senator Raul S. Roco | Present* |
| Senator Alberto G. Romulo | Present |
| Senator Miriam D. Santiago | Present |
| Senator Leticia R. Shahani | ** |
| Senator Vicente C. Sotto III | Present |
| Senator Francisco S. Tatad | Present |
| Senator Freddie N. Webb | Present |
| The President | Present |

The President. With 18 senators present, there is a quorum.

THE JOURNAL

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, I move that we dispense

* Arrived after the roll call

** On official mission

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Mercado]. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the motion is approved.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON
S. NO. 950/H. NO. 6265
(Designation of Senators Coseteng,
Santiago and Roco to the Senate Panel)**

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, we are informed that the House of Representatives has just approved on Third Reading the Anti-Rape Bill. I move that we constitute the Senate panel to the Conference Committee on Senate Bill No. 950. For this purpose, I hereby nominate Senators Coseteng, Santiago and Roco to constitute the panel.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Mercado]. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the motion is approved.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, there being no further business, I move that we adjourn the session until three o'clock sharp, tomorrow afternoon.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Mercado]. The session is adjourned until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

It was 7:15 p.m.

