

RECORD OF THE SENATE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1998

ROLLCALL

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:35 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Marcelo B. Fernan, called the session to order.

The President. The 30th session of the First Regular Session of the 11th Congress is hereby called to order.

We shall be led in prayer by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Enrile. Thank you, Mr. President. Let us bow our heads before our Maker.

Almighty God,
Thank You for the presence of Your love
which inspires us in our work
in the Senate.

May You instill in us peace.
May we learn to love You in others
without condition.
May we offer ourselves to Your people
without reservation.

Strengthen us to fulfill our obligations
And give us patience and strength to fight all frustrations
And grant us the grace not to falter but to go on.

As public servants,
remind us always to seek justice
even if we receive no praise for our efforts.
Make us see adversity
as a trial and as a blessing, and a test of our resolve.

Guide us to strive for peace
as we work to fulfill Your divine plan:
To bring Your love closer
to all men, women and children
Especially those who most need it.

Amen.

The President. Thank you, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading:

Senator Teresa S. Aquino-Oreta	Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers	Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon	**
Senator Renato L. <i>Compañero</i> Cayetano ...	Present
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng ...	Present
Senator Franklin M. Drilon	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavier	**
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	**
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña	Present*
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III	Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr.	Present
Senator Ramon B. Revilla	Absent
Senator Raul S. Roco	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago	Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III	Present
Senator Francisco S. Tatad	Present
The President	Present

The President. With 18 senators present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

JOURNAL

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the previous session and consider it approved.

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 OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

* Arrived after the roll call
** On official mission

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Aquino-Oreta

The President. Referred to the Committees on Public Works; Environment and Natural Resources; Ways and Means; and Finance

The Secretary. 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 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senators Drilon and Coseteng

The President. Referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1272, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INSURED DEPOSIT AMENDING SECTION 10, SUBSECTION (a-1) OF REPUBLIC ACT 3591 FOR THIS PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Flavio

The President. Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1273, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS TO DEPENDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AMENDING FOR THESE PURPOSES REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY (R.A. NO. 4670), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Aquino-Oreta

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

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1274, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF ABSENTEE
VOTING FOR QUALIFIED FILIPINOS ABROAD
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Aquino-Oreta

The President. Referred to the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1275, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS FROM GRADE 10 TO GRADE 18, GRANTING ADDITIONAL LONGEVITY PAY ADJUSTMENT EVERY FIVE YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Aquino-Oreta

The President. Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1276, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE FORTIFICATION OF PROCESSED FOODS WITH ESSENTIAL MICRO-NUTRIENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Aquino-Oreta

The President. Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SOLID WASTE BOARD AND THE NECESSARY MECHANISMS AND INCENTIVES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Aquino-Oreta

The President. Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1278, entitled

AN ACT TO INTEGRATE A COMPUTER EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Aquino-Oreta