

RECORD OF THE SENATE

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:52 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

The President. The 80th session of the Senate in the First Regular Session of the Thirteenth Congress is hereby called to order.

Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson will lead the Chamber in prayer.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Lacson.

Dear Lord,

As leaders of this nation, we rely on You since we recognize You as our source of strength. We will always seek what is best for our people in building our nation. But oftentimes our own selfish endeavors overshadow what we genuinely seek for our fellowmen. Calm our minds and open our hearts so we may be able to truly listen to You. And that we may heed Your desire in order to bring a true purpose to our deeds.

We seek You, O Lord, to fight corruption and greed. Give us the strength to continuously toil and never seek rest as we labor in building our nation.

This we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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 3:54 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.

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, we may proceed with the roll call.

ROLL CALL

The President. 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	Absent**
Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada	Present
Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavio	Present
Senator Richard J. Gordon	Present
Senator Panfilo M. Lacson	Present
Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid	Present***
Senator Alfredo S. Lim	Present*
Senator M.A. Madrigal	Present*
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr.	Present
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III	Present*
Senator Francis N. Pangilinan	Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr.	Present
Senator Ralph G. Recto	Present*
Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr.	Present*
Senator Mar Roxas	Present
Senator Manuel B. Villar Jr.	Present*
The President	Present

The President. With 12 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 79th Session, April 26, 2005, and consider it approved.

The President. Is there any objection?

Senator J. Ejercito Estrada. Mr. President.

The President. Sen. Jinggoy Estrada is recognized.

* Arrived after the roll call

** On account of illness

*** Inside the session hall before the roll call was made

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, since there are no other interpellations, I move that we refer the privilege speech of Senator Gordon, as well as the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

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

CONSIDERATION OF P. S. RES. NO. 249
(Posthumously Commending Former Phivolcs Director
Punongbayan and Members of the Resettlement Investigation
Team for Exemplary Service to Humanity)

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, with the permission of the Body, I move that we consider Proposed Senate Resolution No. 249.

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

Consideration of Senate Resolution No. 249 is now in order.

Senator Pangilinan. Thank you, Mr. President. Earlier, Senator Gordon already read the entire resolution. May we request the Senate Secretary to read the title of the resolution.

The President Pro Tempore. Please proceed.

The Secretary. Senate Resolution No. 249, entitled

RESOLUTION POSTHUMOUSLY COMMENDING
FORMER PHIVOLCS DIRECTOR RAYMUNDO
S. PUNONGBAYAN AND THE MEMBERS OF
THE RESETTLEMENT INVESTIGATION TEAM
FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HUMANITY

The President Pro Tempore. The Majority Leader is recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN
(Senators Angara, Lim, Osmeña, Biazon and
Pimentel as Coauthors of P. S. Res. No. 249)

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, Senators Angara, Lim, Osmeña, and Biazon, as well as Senator Pimentel, have requested that they be made coauthors of this resolution.

The President Pro Tempore. It is so noted.

ADOPTION OF P. S. RES. NO. 249

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, I move that we adopt Proposed Senate Resolution No. 249.

The President Pro Tempore. Remembering that there is an amendment suggested by both Senators Gordon and Angara, subject to style, is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being no objection, the motion is approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Pangilinan. I move that we suspend the session for one minute, Mr. President?

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the session is suspended for one minute.

It was 5:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:39 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President Pro Tempore. The session is resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN
(All Senators Present Be Considered
Coauthors of P. S. Res. No. 249)

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, unless there are any objections, I would also like to manifest that all senators present be considered as coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 249.

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

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, there being no other matters for today's session, I move that we adjourn today's session until tomorrow...

The President Pro Tempore. There is a motion to adjourn...

Senator Pangilinan. Mr. President, before we act on that motion, I would like to withdraw that motion for now.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Mr. President, I move that we transfer from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders Committee Report No. 17 on Senate Bill No. 1956, entitled

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

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

today's session until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Senator Pangilinan. Thank you, Mr. President. Having done that, I reiterate the previous motion. There being no other matters for us to address in today's session, I move that we adjourn

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the session is adjourned until three o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

It was 5:40 p.m.

