

# RECORD OF THE SENATE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

## OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 12:36 a.m., the Senate President, Hon. Manny Villar, called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 65th session of the Third Regular Session of the Thirteenth Congress is hereby called to order.

**Senator Pangilinan.** May we have the roll call, Mr. President.

**The President.** *Baka gusto ninyo, para magising, magdasal muna tayo.*

Let us all rise for a minute of silent prayer.

## 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 .....	Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon .....	Present
Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano . . .	Present
Senator Miriam Derensor Santiago .....	Absent
Senator Franklin M. Drilon .....	Present
Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada .....	Present
Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada .....	Present*
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile .....	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavies .....	Present
Senator Richard J. Gordon .....	Present
Senator Panfilo M. Lacson .....	Present
Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid .....	Absent
Senator Alfredo S. Lim .....	Present*
Senator M. A. Madrigal .....	Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. ....	Present
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. ....	Present*
Senator Mar Roxas .....	Present
The President .....	Present

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

\* Arrived after the roll call

## THE JOURNAL (Consideration Deferred)

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, I move that we defer the reading and approval of the *Journals* of the 61st session, January 31, 2007; 62nd session, February 5, 2007; 63rd session, February 6, 2007; and the 64th session, February 7 and 8, 2007 as they are still being finalized.

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

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, 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 please read the Reference of Business.

## REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

### COMMITTEE REPORT

**The Secretary.** Committee Report No. 270, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Economic Affairs; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance; on Senate Bill No. 2598 with Senators Mar Roxas, Lim and Drilon as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE EASTERN SAMAR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5308.

Sponsor: Senator Roxas

**The President.** To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, before we proceed, I move that we defer the reading of the Reference of Business to a later hour to give way to some of the pending measures that we need to act on Third Reading.

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

## 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 12:39 a.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 12:40 a.m., the session was resumed.*

**The President.** The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, we have four bills on Third Reading.

#### BILL ON THIRD READING

##### S. No. 2591 — Granting Additional Benefits to Members of the Judiciary

Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2591. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on February 5, 2007.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2591 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill.

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2591, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 910, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**The President.** We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

**The Secretary.** Senators

Angara .....	Yes
Arroyo .....	Yes
Biazon .....	Yes
Cayetano .....	Yes
Defensor Santiago .....	
Drilon .....	Yes
Ejercito Estrada (J.) .....	
Ejercito Estrada (L.) .....	
Enrile .....	Yes
Flavier .....	Yes

Gordon .....	Yes
Lacson .....	Yes
Lapid .....	
Lim .....	
Madrigal .....	Yes
Magsaysay Jr. ....	Yes
Osmeña III .....	Yes
Pangilinan .....	Yes
Pimentel Jr. ....	
Recto .....	Yes
Revilla Jr. ....	
Roxas .....	Yes
The President .....	Yes

#### APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2591 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 16 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2591 is approved on Third Reading.

#### BILL ON THIRD READING

##### S. No. 2589 — Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2589. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on February 5, 2007.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2589 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill.

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2589, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC BY REDUCING BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE, PREVENTING GRAFT AND CORRUPTION, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

**The President.** We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

**The Secretary.** Senators

Angara .....	Yes
Arroyo .....	Yes
Biazon .....	Yes
Cayetano .....	Yes
Defensor Santiago .....	
Drilon .....	Yes



Ejercito Estrada (J.) ..... Yes  
 Ejercito Estrada (L.) .....  
 Enrile ..... Yes  
 Flavier ..... Yes  
 Gordon ..... Yes  
 Lacson ..... Yes  
 Lapid .....  
 Lim .....  
 Madrigal ..... Yes  
 Magsaysay Jr. .... Yes  
 Osmeña III ..... Yes  
 Pangilinan ..... Yes  
 Pimentel Jr. ....  
 Recto ..... Yes  
 Revilla Jr. ....  
 Roxas ..... Yes  
 The President ..... Yes

## APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2589 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 17 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2589 is approved on Third Reading.

**BILL ON THIRD READING**  
**H. No. 5934—Creating Four Additional**  
**Metropolitan Trial Court Branches in**  
**Marikina City**

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5934. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on February 5, 2007.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on House Bill No. 5934 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill.

**The Secretary.** House Bill No. 5934, entitled

AN ACT CREATING FOUR ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA, NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

**The President.** We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

**The Secretary. Senators**

Angara ..... Yes  
 Arroyo ..... Yes  
 Biazon ..... Yes  
 Cayetano ..... Yes  
 Defensor Santiago .....  
 Drilon ..... Yes  
 Ejercito Estrada (J.) ..... Yes  
 Ejercito Estrada (L.) .....  
 Enrile ..... Yes  
 Flavier ..... Yes  
 Gordon ..... Yes  
 Lacson ..... Yes  
 Lapid .....  
 Lim .....  
 Madrigal ..... Yes  
 Magsaysay Jr. .... Yes  
 Osmeña III ..... Yes  
 Pangilinan ..... Yes  
 Pimentel Jr. .... Yes  
 Recto ..... Yes  
 Revilla Jr. ....  
 Roxas ..... Yes  
 The President ..... Yes

## APPROVAL OF H. NO. 5934 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 18 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstention, House Bill No. 5934 is approved on Third Reading.

**BILL ON THIRD READING**  
**S. No. 2581 — The Philippine Dental**  
**Act of 2007**

**Senator Pangilinan.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2581. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on February 5, 2007.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2581 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill.

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2581, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY, DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4419,