

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1995

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 4:45 p.m., the Honorable Edgardo J. Angara, President of the Senate, called the session to order.

The President: The 62nd session of the Senate is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Let us all stand for the singing of the National Anthem and another song, entitled *Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas* to be rendered by the Senate Choir.

Later on, Senator Francisco S. Tatad will lead us in prayer.

Everybody rose for the singing of the National Anthem.

After the singing, everybody remained standing for the opening prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Tatad: Let us place ourselves in the presence of God.

Almighty Father:

For the past three years You have filled us with Your grace, suffered our countless faults and failings as we toiled in this Chamber.

You alone know what the real score is.

You alone know how each one of us has tried to be worthy of our hire, to be worthy of Your love and trust.

As some of us leave this Chamber to seek a new mandate, judge us not solely by what we have accomplished or by what we say we have accomplished, but by the rectitude of our intentions and the love with which we did our work for the good of all our people.

Bless us ever more with Your wisdom and kindness, so that if by Your will we come back to this vineyard, we may give more of ourselves, living good lives that inspire others and enacting wise laws that fulfill the hopes of our people, and proclaim the splendor of the truth, the goodness and the glory of God.

All this we ask in the name of Your Son, our Lord,

* Arrived after the roll call

Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

The President: The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary:

Senator Heherson T. Alvarez.....Present
Senator Agapito A. Aquino.....Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon.....Present*
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng..Present
Senator Neptali A. Gonzales.....Present
Senator Ernesto F. Herrera.....Present
Senator Jose D. Lina, Jr.Present
Senator Gloria Macapagal.....Present*
Senator Ernesto M. Maceda.....Present
Senator Orlando S. Mercado.....Present
Senator Blas F. Ople.....Present
Senator John H. Osmeña.....Present*
Senator Santanina T. Rasul.....Present*
Senator Ramon B. Revilla.....Present*
Senator Raul S. Roco.....Present
Senator Alberto G. Romulo.....Present
Senator Leticia R. Shahani.....Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III.....Present
Senator Wigberto E. Tañada.....Present*
Senator Francisco S. Tatad.....Present
Senator Arturo M. Tolentino.....Present
Senator Freddie N. Webb.....Present
The President.....Present

The President: With 17 Senators present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we defer consideration of the *Journal* until later in the session.

The President: Is there any objection? [*Silence*] Hearing none, the reading of the *Journal* is deferred.

The Secretary will now proceed with the reading of the Order of Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Secretary: Committee Report No. 924 submitted by

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: What does the Sponsor say?

Senator Tolentino: I accept the amendment, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the amendment is approved.

Are there any other individual amendments? [Silence]

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, there are no other individual amendments. I move that we close the period of individual amendments.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 11398 ON SECOND READING

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 11398, as amended, on Second Reading.

The Presiding Officer: We shall now vote on the bill, as amended, on Second Reading. As many as are in favor of the bill, as amended, please say *Aye*. [Several Senator: *Aye*] As many as are against, please say *Nay*. [Silence]

House Bill No. 11398, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

MOTION OF SENATOR ROMULO (Recall of Senate Panel in Bicameral Conference Committee on House Bill No. 1248)

Senator Romulo: We have a Senate Panel on the disagreeing provision of House Bill No. 1248. I move that we recall the Senate Panel in the Bicameral Conference Committee.

The Presiding Officer: Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

MOTION OF SENATOR ROMULO (Reconsideration of Approval of House Bill No. 1248 on Third Reading)

Senator Romulo: I move, Mr. President, that we reconsider the approval on Third Reading by the Senate of House Bill No. 1248.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1248

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of said House Bill No. 1248.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Is there any objection? [Silence] Hearing none, the motion is approved.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, are there any additional Reference of Business?

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Are there any additional Reference of Business?

The Secretary: No more, Mr. President.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Senator Romulo: May I ask for a suspension of the session?

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: The session is suspended for a minute, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 9:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 9:47 p.m., the session was resumed.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: The session is resumed.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, before we suspend the session, may I just remind our Colleagues that tomorrow, we shall start at ten o'clock and pick up on the bills that we have suspended consideration: the Granting of Permanent Status to Aliens, the Mining Act, the Optometry bill, the Land Bank Charter, the Licensure and Practice of Electrical Engineers and Electricians, the Legal Framework and Mechanisms for the Creation of Economic Zones, the Strengthening of the Implementation of CARP, and the other bills that are in the agenda.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Mr. President, I move that we suspend this evening's session until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: The session is suspended until ten o'clock tomorrow morning, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 9:48 p.m.