

RECORD OF THE SENATE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 11:11 a.m., the session was resumed with the Honorable Orlando S. Mercado, presiding.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, we have an Additional Reference of Business. May I ask the Secretary to read it.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Mercado]: The Secretary will please read the Fifth Additional Reference of Business.

FIFTH ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Secretary:

February 11, 1995

Honorable Edgardo J. Angara
Senate President
Senate, Manila

Dear Senate President Angara:

Pursuant to Section 26(2), Article VI of the Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 2046, entitled

**AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT 7202, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE SUGAR RESTITUTION LAW,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES,**

to meet the public emergency consisting of serious economic dislocation brought about by severe losses experienced by sugar planters/producers, and as a GATT safety net measure.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

cc: Honorable Jose de Venecia
Speaker
House of Representatives

The Presiding Officer [Senator Mercado]: To the Committee on Rules.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, yesterday we recalled the Senate panel in the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of the House and the Senate versions on House Bill No. 1248, An Act Providing for Repatriation of Filipinos.

Thereafter, Mr. President, we reconsidered our approval on Third and Second readings of said bill. Therefore, it is still pending on Second Reading.

BILL ON SECOND READING H. No. 1248 - Repatriation of Filipinos (Continuation)

Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of House Bill No. 1248 on Second Reading as reported out under Committee Report No. 563.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Mercado]: Resumption of consideration of House Bill No. 1248 is now in order.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, may I ask that the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, Senator Roco, be recognized.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Mercado]: The Chair recognizes Senator Roco.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 1248, AS AMENDED, ON SECOND READING

Senator Roco: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

In the interest of hastening the passage of the bill, Mr. President, because of its urgent nature and in view of the very limited time we have, the Committee is recommending that we now approve on Second Reading House Bill No. 1248, An Act Providing for the Repatriation of Filipinos, as approved by the House in its entirety as a substitute to the original Committee Report.

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

House Bill No. 1248, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.