

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1995

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 2:27 p.m., the Honorable Edgardo J. Angara, President of the Senate, called the session to order.

The President: The session is resumed.

BILL ON SECOND READING **Senate Bill No. 2066—Amending Sec. 8 of** **RA 7227 BCDA of 1992** *(Continuation)*

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 2066 as reported out under Committee Report No. 951.

The President: Resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 2066 is now in order.

Senator Romulo: May I ask that the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Senator Gonzales, be recognized.

The President: Senator Gonzales is recognized.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, will the distinguished Gentleman yield for a few questions?

Senator Gonzales: Gladly, Mr. President, to the Majority Leader.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, what are the major amendments being proposed to the BCDA?

Senator Gonzales: Mr. President, there will be, in effect, a redistribution of the proceeds from the sales of the military lands as authorized under Republic Act No. 7227. Under this bill, the redistribution of the said proceeds will be for the following purposes:

1. Thirty-five percent of the proceeds shall be used to finance the transfer of the Armed Forces of the Philippines military camps;
2. Ten percent to finance the conversion and commercial use of Clark and Subic military reservations;
3. Seven-and-a-half percent to finance the National Shelter Program;

4. Five percent to finance the National Health Insurance Program;
5. Five percent to finance critical infrastructure programs not covered by the BOT scheme;
6. Five percent to finance the benefits and claims of military war veterans and their dependents;
7. Five percent to finance the multiyear programs of the Commission on Higher Education;
8. Five percent to finance the Science and Technology Scholarship and training of young Filipino scientists and students;
9. Five percent to finance the multiyear program of the Prosecution Service;
10. Two percent but not exceeding P2 billion to finance the modernization of the PNP;
11. One percent but in no case exceeding P1 billion for the improvement of the prison facilities;
12. One percent but in no case exceeding P1 billion to finance the Judicial Reform Program and the balance will be remitted to the National Treasury.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, what would be the total amount projected to be raised within the next five years?

Senator Gonzales: Mr. President, within the original projection made by the Bases Conversion Council, it remains roughly at P97.9239 billion or to round it off, P98 billion.

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we close the period of interpellations.

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

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we consider the amendments, first, the Committee amendments.

The President: Are there any Committee amendments?

Senator Gonzales: First, Mr. President, the Committee would want to amend ...

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

May I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session.

is finishing his third term as Senator, can, just by looking at the Committee Report as framed, see that the Conference Committee Report is defective. There is no indication here of any other Senate version that he is talking about. Even the first line says: "The Conference Committee on the disagreeing provision of House Bill No. 13375..." That is even in the singular; it is not even in the plural.

I think this Conference Committee Report has to be revised to properly reflect the situation on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 13375 and the Senate version of House Bill No. 13375 that is not in this Conference Committee Report.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, may I ask for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 5:29 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 5:32 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 13375

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, in the meantime, I move that we suspend consideration of the Bicameral Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 13375.

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

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, we have several bills for Third Reading. They are in the Calendar For Bills Pending Third Reading.

BILL ON THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 1766 — Regulating the Practice of Electrical Engineers and Electricians

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1766. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the Members of the Senate on February 15, 1995.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1766 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

The Secretary: Senate Bill No. 1766, entitled

AN ACT SUPERVISING, REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE LICENSURE AND PRACTICE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS AND ELECTRICIANS

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: The Senate will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll and the result of the voting was as follows:

YES - 15

Senator Aquino	Senator Revilla
Senator Biazon	Senator Roco
Senator Herrera	Senator Romulo
Senator Maceda	Senator Shahani
Senator Mercado	Senator Tolentino
Senator Ople	Senator Webb
Senator Osmeña	The President
Senator Rasul	

NO - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

RESULT OF VOTING

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: With 15 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1766 is approved on Third Reading.

BILL ON THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 1998 — Regulating the Practice of Optometry

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1998. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the Members of the Senate on February 15, 1995.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1998 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill, if there is no objection. [*There was none.*]

The Secretary: Senate Bill No. 1998, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, UPGRADING OPTOMETRIC EDUCATION AND INTEGRATING OPTOMETRISTS

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: The Senate will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll and the result of the voting was as follows:

YES - 14

Senator Aquino	Senator Revilla
Senator Biazon	Senator Roco
Senator Herrera	Senator Romulo
Senator Maceda	Senator Shahani
Senator Mercado	Senator Tolentino
Senator Ople	Senator Webb
Senator Rasul	The President

NO - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

RESULT OF VOTING

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: With 14 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1998 is approved on Third Reading.

BILL ON THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 1828 — Extending the Effectivity of the Moratorium on Eviction and Demolition Under Sec. 44 of RA 7279

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1828. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the Members of the Senate on February 15, 1995.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1828 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read the title of the bill only, if there is no objection. [*There was none.*]

The Secretary: Senate Bill No. 1828, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE MORATORIUM ON EVICTION AND DEMOLITION UNDER SECTION 44 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OR THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992, FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS FROM ITS EXPIRATION DATE

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: The Senate will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll and the result of the voting was as follows:

YES - 15

Senator Aquino	Senator Rasul
Senator Biazon	Senator Roco
Senator Herrera	Senator Romulo
Senator Maceda	Senator Shahani
Senator Mercado	Senator Tolentino
Senator Ople	Senator Webb
Senator Osmeña	The President

NO - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

RESULT OF VOTING

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: With 15 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1828 is approved on Third Reading.

BILL ON THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 1977 — National Youth Commission

Senator Romulo: Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1977. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the Members of the Senate on February 15, 1995.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]: Voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1977 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read the title of the bill only, if there is no objection. [*There was none.*]