

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1995**

### RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

*At 6:55 p.m., the session was resumed with the Honorable Agapito A. Aquino, presiding.*

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

**Senator Romulo:** Mr. President, I ask that the Additional Reference of Business be read by the Secretary.

**The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]:** The Secretary will read the Additional Reference of Business.

### TENTH ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

#### MESSAGES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**The Secretary:**

February 16, 1995

Honorable EDGARDO J. ANGARA  
Senate President  
Senate of the Philippines  
Senate, Manila

Dear Senate President Angara,

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 (2), Article VI of the Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 1266, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. ANA, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,**

to meet a public emergency of the need to promote and develop strategic locations into industrial, commercial, financial and investment centers as a necessary means to effectively attract legitimate and productive foreign investments essential for a sustained economic development.

Best regards.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS

cc: Jose De Venecia, Jr.  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Batasang Pambansa Complex  
Quezon City

**The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]:** Referred to the Committee on Rules.

**The Secretary:**

Feb. 16, 1995

Honorable EDGARDO J. ANGARA  
Senate President  
Senate of the Philippines  
Senate, Manila

Dear Senate President Angara:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 (2), Article VI of the Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 1433, entitled

**AN ACT CREATING THE ZAMBOANGA CITY ZONE AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,**

to meet a public emergency consisting of the need to promote and develop strategic locations into industrial, commercial, financial and investment centers as a necessary means to effectively attract legitimate and productive foreign investments essential for a sustained economic development.

Best regards.

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cc: Jose De Venecia, Jr.  
Speaker  
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**The Presiding Officer [Senator Aquino]:** Referred to the Committee on Rules.

**The Secretary:**

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Senate President  
Senate, Manila

sions which would prolong the discussion and which would raise the issue of due process, and the like. So, again, in the interest of simplifying this bill, we remove that portion from this bill.

**Senator Tañada:** But is there still a plan to push through with the passage of the Anti-Pilferage Act, Mr. President?

**Senator Osmeña:** Mr. President, given the fact that we are running out of time, I doubt it. Perhaps, the author could reintroduce it in the later Congress. Senator Shahani is the author of that bill and it could be taken up separately or it could be the subject of the report of the commission.

**Senator Tañada:** Thank you very much. I wish that we had more time to work on this measure, but I know the circumstances under which we are now deliberating on this measure. So I will close my interpellation.

Thank you very much.

**Senator Osmeña:** Thank you very much, Mr. President.

**The Presiding Officer [Senator Lina]:** The Majority Leader is recognized.

**Senator Romulo:** I ask that we recognize Senator Maceda.

**The Presiding Officer [Senator Lina]:** Senator Maceda is recognized.

**Senator Maceda:** Mr. President, it is five minutes to eight o'clock and we were not really prepared to go this late. We were under the impression that we would be convening at four or five o'clock this afternoon just to approve some Conference Committee Reports.

What I am trying to suggest is, maybe, we should take a few minutes off for dinner and come back.

#### SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

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

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

*It was 7:55 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

*At 7:56 p.m., the session was resumed.*

**The Presiding Officer [Senator Lina]:** The session is resumed.

#### BILL ON THIRD READING

##### H. No. 1248 - Repatriation of Filipino Women

**Senator Aquino:** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1248. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the Members of the Senate last February 14, 1995.

**The Presiding Officer [Senator Lina]:** Voting on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1248 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:** House Bill No. 1248, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPATRIATION OF FILIPINO WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE TO ALIENS AND OF NATURAL-BORN FILIPINOS.

**Senator Webb:** Mr. President.

**The Presiding Officer [Senator Lina]:** Before we conduct a roll-call vote, the Chair recognizes Senator Webb.

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR WEBB (On the Status of S. No. 2061)

**Senator Webb:** This is just a parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President. What happened to the bill of Senator Osmeña? It was under consideration. I would like to find out whether we have approved it on Second Reading or whether we are suspending its consideration. What is the status?

**The Presiding Officer [Senator Lina]:** The Majority Leader is recognized.

#### SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

**Senator Aquino:** Mr. President, may we have a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

*It was 7:57 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

*At 7:58 p.m., the session was resumed.*

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Lina]: The session is resumed.

**Senator Aquino:** Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 2061, the Water bill.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Lina]: Is there any objection?

**Senator Maceda:** Objection, Mr. President. The Majority Leader has already called for a Third-Reading vote on the Repatriation bill. That must be withdrawn first before we can go and suspend the other bill. Let us follow procedures here if we want to act as Floor Leader.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Lina]: The Majority Leader is recognized.

**Senator Aquino:** Mr. President, I therefore withdraw the motion to call for a Third Reading on this House Bill No. 1248. Precisely, I was trying to follow procedures by first suspending the deliberations on the Water bill so that I can proceed with the Third Reading on this House Bill No. 1248.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Lina]: Is there any objection to the withdrawal of the motion to call for a roll-call vote?

**Senator Aquino:** No, Mr. President. First, on the suspension of the Water bill, so that we can now proceed with House Bill No. 1248.

So I now move for the suspension of the consideration of the Water bill, Mr. President.

**Senator Maceda:** Mr. President, precisely, we cannot at the moment present another motion to suspend the Water bill, for the simple reason that a motion has already been presented, and the Secretary has already read the title of the bill for Third Reading. We first have to withdraw that motion before we can present a motion to suspend the Water bill.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Lina]: The Chair will make a ruling, that the motion for a roll-call vote must first be withdrawn.

**Senator Aquino:** Mr. President, I therefore withdraw the motion to call for a roll-call vote.

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

## SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 2061

**Senator Aquino:** Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 2061, the Water bill, in the meantime.

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

## BILL ON THIRD READING

## (H. NO. 1248 - Repatriation of Filipino Women)

**Senator Aquino:** Now, Mr. President, may I go back to House Bill No. 1248, and vote on this bill. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the Members of the Senate last February 14, 1995.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Lina]: Voting on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1248 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:** House Bill No. 1248, entitled

## AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPATRIATION OF FILIPINO WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE TO ALIENS AND OF NATURAL-BORN FILIPINOS.

**The Presiding Officer** [Senator Lina]: 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 Biazon  
Senator Gonzales  
Senator Herrera  
Senator Lina  
Senator Macapagal  
Senator Maceda  
Senator Mercado

Senator Ople  
Senator Osmeña  
Senator Roco  
Senator Romulo  
Senator Tañada  
Senator Webb  
The President

NO - 0

ABSTENTION - 0