

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1990

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 2:20 p.m., the Honorable Sotero H. Laurel, President Pro Tempore, called the session to order.

The President Pro Tempore. The session of the Senate is called to order.

The Philippine National Anthem and *Lingapin Mo ang Aming Bayan* will be rendered by the Baptist Hour Choir after which, our Senate President, Honorable Jovito R. Salonga will lead us in the opening prayer.

Everybody rose for the singing of the National Anthem and for the opening prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Salonga. Let us bow our heads in prayer.

God Almighty, Lord of all history:

Now that our session is about to end, we pray for genuine national renewal.

In many places, there seems to be a sense of drift, of growing despair, of disappearing hope.

Forbid it, Lord, that we should lose our faith in Your power to change the course of this nation, our structures and our institutions, and above all, ourselves.

Ironically, all of us want change except in ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, for our sinful pride and presumption.

Help us to understand that faith without work is dead and that work without faith can never endure.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

The President Pro Tempore. The Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary.

Senator Heherson T. Alvarez	Present
Senator Edgardo J. Angara	Present*

*Arrived after the roll call

Senator Agapito A. Aquino	Present*
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile	Present
Senator Joseph Ejercito Estrada	Present
Senator Neptali A. Gonzales	Present
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona, Jr.	Present
Senator Ernesto F. Herrera	Present
Senator Sotero H. Laurel	Present
Senator Jose D. Lina, Jr.	Present
Senator Ernesto M. Maceda	Present
Senator Orlando S. Mercado	Present
Senator John H. Osmeña	Present*
Senator Vicente T. Paterno	**
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.	Present
Senator Santanina T. Rasul	***
Senator Alberto G. Romulo	Present
Senator Rene A. V. Saguisag	Present
Senator Leticia Ramos Shahani	Present
Senator Mamintal Abdul J. Tamano	***
Senator Wigberto E. Tañada	Present
Senator Victor S. Ziga	Present*
The President	Present

The President Pro Tempore. With 16 Senators present, there is a quorum.

THE JOURNAL

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of last Thursday's session and consider the same as approved.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] The Chair hears none; the *Journal* is approved.

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Secretary.

May 23, 1990

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on May 23, 1990 passed House Bill No. 3487, entitled

**On official mission

***On official mission but arrived after the roll call

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1500 is now in order.

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, we are still in the period of interpellations. I ask that we recognize Senator Lina.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Senator Lina is recognized.

Senator Lina. Mr. President, we are still in the period of interpellations. That is the parliamentary situation.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Are there any further interpellations? [Silence]

Senator Guingona. If there are no further interpellations, Mr. President, I move that we close the period of interpellations.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1500

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of this measure.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

BILL ON SECOND READING Senate Bill No. 88 — Citizens' Soldiers (Continuation)

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 88 as reported out under Committee Report No. 548.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 88 is now in order.

Senator Guingona. We are still in the period of individual amendments, Mr. President. I ask that this Representation be recognized.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I ask that clean copies of the measure containing all the Committee amendments be distributed.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. So, the working copy that we will be using will be as of May 30, 1990.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President. May I, at this stage, make some corrections? On page 3, line 22, may I just ask for the correction of the spelling of "UNITINTERRUPTED" to UNINTERRUPTED.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 9, line 1, insert the word "OF" between "DURATION" and "TIME". In other words, it will read: AFFILIATED UNITS FOR THE DURATION OF TIME.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 12, line 12, insert the words "OR POLICE" between "MILITARY" and "SERVICE". So, it will read: ALL OTHER MILITARY OR POLICE SERVICE ACADEMIES.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 13, line 6, insert the phrase "OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE" between "Defense" and "shall". So, it will read: SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE FINAL.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. We are now ready for individual amendments, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Are there any individual amendments?

Senator Maceda. Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Senator Maceda is recognized.

MACEDA AMENDMENTS

Senator Maceda. It is an omnibus amendment, Mr. President, on two Sections.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Yes.

Senator Maceda. Can we change the "EIGHTEEN (18) and thirty-five (35)" to "EIGHTEEN (18) and TWENTY-FIVE (25)" and adjust accordingly?

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Maceda. In the place of "annual registrations" — this is also an omnibus amendment — can we make that "BIENNIAL"? There is really no necessity for "annual registrations" once the list has been established, because it is so expensive to have this activity every year.

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Are there any other individual amendments? [Silence]

Let us suspend the session for a while, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 4:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:30 p.m., the session was resumed with Senator Ernesto M. Maceda as the Presiding Officer.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The session is resumed.

Senator Tañada. Mr. President.

TAÑADA AMENDMENT

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The Gentleman from Quezon is recognized.

Senator Tañada. Mr. President, my proposed amendment is on page 2. So, if there are no amendments on page 1, I will...

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The Gentleman may proceed. We will not strictly adhere to the paging yet at this point in time.

Senator Tañada. Thank you, Mr. President.

I propose to delete the words "to assist government forces in the maintenance of local security law and order,"... Mr. President, appearing on page 2, lines 12-13.

Senator Guingona. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Herrera. Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The Gentleman from Cebu and Bohol.

HERRERA AMENDMENT

Senator Herrera. This is under Section 27. "DEFERMENT FROM TRAINING". I would like to propose an amendment as an additional paragraph as number "(7)".

"CONTRACT WORKERS DURING THE TIME OF THEIR WORKING CONTRACT."

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. What does the Sponsor say?

Senator Guingona. So that if the contract is for three years then the deferment is for three years?

Senator Herrera. And, if the contract is for four years then the deferment is for four years.

Senator Guingona. Yes, it is accepted, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The Chair would like to clarify if the "contract workers" refer to both domestic, foreign, and overseas contract workers.

Senator Herrera. It refers to "contract workers" in general. Because the difficulty here, Mr. President, is that a particular worker might be hired for a specific contract, let us say, for a specific period. And, if we will require him to undergo training, he will lose his employment at least for that particular period.

Senator Guingona. And the contract here refers to the time, Mr. President.

Senator Herrera. Yes, it refers to the time.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Are there any other individual amendments?

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The Gentleman from Pasig, Mauban, Pangasinan, and elsewhere is recognized.

Senator Saguisag. Thank you. Kung wala pong anterior amendments, page 29.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. Page 20.

SAGUISAG AMENDMENT

Senator Saguisag. On page 29, lines 15 to 22, ito pong "WOMEN RESERVISTS". Ang nakalagay po rito, "(CONSIDERATION DEFERRED)". Subject to style, which I would like to propose, will be a recasting of the contents of Section 60, after the title "WOMEN RESERVISTS". So, subject to style, ito po ang nais kong imungkahi: QUALIFIED WOMEN SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO SERVE IN THE AFP. THE RELEVANT STANDARD AND COMMISSIONING OF WOMEN SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE REQUIRED FOR MEN, EXCEPT FOR THOSE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS IN SUCH STANDARDS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF PHYSIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN. Subject to style.

Senator Guingona. Accepted, Mr. President.

Senator Saguisag. Thank you, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Rasul. Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. The Senator from Sulu and Tawi-Tawi is recognized.

RASUL AMENDMENT

Senator Rasul. Mr. President, can we go back to page 4, line 17?

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. Page 4, line 17.

Senator Rasul. I propose to delete the word "procured" and after "under" add the following phrase: THE AFFILIATED RESERVE CATEGORY AND GRADUATES OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES, so that that Section will now read as follows: "Commissioned and non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel under THE AFFILIATED RESERVE CATEGORY AND GRADUATES OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES".

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. And "under Project 36-70;"?

Senator Rasul. Delete "Project 36-70;", Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. But are not there people under Project 36-70 who are not graduates of the National Defense College of the Philippines, like some doctors that I know?

Senator Guingona. Yes, there are, Mr. President.

Senator Rasul. Anyway, Mr. President, this is the proposal.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. All right. So, we will just add the proposal under "THE AFFILIATED RESERVE CATEGORY AND GRADUATES OF THE NDCP AND OF PROJECT 36-70".

Senator Rasul. "Project 36-70" should already be deleted.

Senator Guingona. I understand that "Project 36-70" and "Affiliated Reserves" are the same.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. All right. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Shall we ask for a new copy of the bill before we finalize it?

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Maceda]. All right. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 88

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of this bill.