

RECORD OF THE SENATE

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1990

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 2:28 p.m., the Honorable Jovito R. Salonga, President of the Senate, called the session to order.

The President. Binubuksan ang pulong ng Senado.

Pangungunahan tayo sa panalangin ni Senador Wigberto E. Tañada.

Everybody remained standing for the opening prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Tañada.

Mahal na Panginoon:

Sa pagtatapos ngayong araw ng Ikatlong Regular na Sesyon ng Kongreso,

Tulungan Mo pong maipagpatuloy namin ang pagiging konsensiya ng bayan, bilang boses ng nakararaming mahihirap at bilang tagapagtanggol ng pambansang interes.

Dahilan sa marami pong totoo ang aming mga suliraning pambansa, gabayan po Ninyo kami upang ang mga kalutasan ay manggaling sa maraming Pilipinong nagtutulungan.

Ang aming mga adhikain sa pambansang kaligtasan, samahan po Ninyo ng matatag naming kalooban, ang aming mga simulain sa pambansang kapakanan ay kasihan po Ninyo ng makataong katwiran.

Ang aming pagtitiwala sa katarungan, Inyo pong pagtibayin sa kapayapaan.

Sa ganito, Panginoon, aming demokrasya'y tatanghaling pagkakaisa ng gobyerno't taumbayan,

Siya nawa.

ROLL CALL

The President. Babasahin ng Kalihim ang talaan ng mga Senador.

The Secretary.

Senator Heherson T. Alvarez	Present*
Senator Edgardo J. Angara	Present
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	Present
Senator Wigberto E. Tañada	Present
Senator Victor S. Ziga	Present
The President	Present

The President. Labing-anim na Senador ang dumalo sa ating pagpupulong; mayroon tayong korum.

THE JOURNAL

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

The President. Is there any objection? [*Silence*] There being none, the *Journal* is approved.

The Secretary will please read the Order of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1564, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF DIVESTMENTS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Senator Saguisag.

The President. Referred to the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance.

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1565, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN
ENGAGING IN SMALL BUSINESS ENTER-
PRISES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Arrived after the roll call

**On official mission

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Senator Alvarez. May I ask for a few-minute suspension, Mr. President.

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

It was 9:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 9:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Senator Alvarez. Mr. President, may I now make the final Committee amendment.

On page 2, line 4, Section 2, change the period to comma (,) after the word "tourism" and add the following phrase: "AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF RIZAL".

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

Are there individual amendments?

Senator Guingona. If there are no individual amendments, Mr. President, I move that the period of amendments be closed.

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

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 15277
ON SECOND READING, AS AMENDED

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we vote on House Bill No. 15277, as amended, on Second Reading.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. We shall now vote on the bill, as amended, on Second Reading. As many as are in favor of the bill, as amended, will please say *Aye*. *[Several Senators: Aye]* As many as are against, will please say *Nay*. *[Silence]* House Bill No. 15277 is approved, as amended, on Second Reading.

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

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

I ask that this Representation be recognized only for two or three amendments.

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

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, on page 12, line 28, subparagraph 7, change the word "LAST" to "LIFE" and add the word "EXISTING" before "WORKING CONTRACT" in line 29.

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

Senator Guingona. On page 10, line 1, Section 21, "ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTRANTS VOLUNTEERING MILITARY TRAINING."

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

Senator Guingona. On page 13, line 7, Section 29, "STATE EXPENSES OF THE ACCEPTANCE BOARD."

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

Senator Guingona. In line 17, page 29, Section 60, add a letter "S" to the word "STANDARD". Instead of "STANDARD", it should be "STANDARDS", and also the words "FOR ADMISSION, TRAINING" before the word "AND".

In line 19, interchange the words "required standards" to "STANDARDS REQUIRED" so that the whole provision would read:

"SECTION 60. WOMEN RESERVISTS. - QUALIFIED WOMEN SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO SERVE THE AFP. THE RELEVANT STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, TRAINING AND COMMISSIONS OF WOMEN SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE REQUIRED FOR MEN, EXCEPT FOR THOSE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS IN SUCH STANDARDS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN."

Senator Maceda. Mr. President.

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

Senator Maceda. Mr. President, I do not know if this was the same in the PMA bill which was just approved but, on second thought, I was wondering whether it is absolutely necessary to put the word "MINIMUM".

Senator Guingona. That is the proposal of Senator Saguisag, Mr. President.

MACEDA AMENDMENT

Senator Maceda. I move to delete the word "MINIMUM", Mr. President. It sounds a little patronizing.

Senator Guingona. Accepted, Mr. Chairman.

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

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President.

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

SAGUISAG AMENDMENT

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President, on another point, the word "PSYCHOLOGICAL". It should be "PHYSIOLOGICAL".

Senator Guingona. Yes. I am sorry, I read it wrong, Mr. President. It should be "PHYSIOLOGICAL", instead of "PSYCHOLOGICAL".

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Where is that? In what line is that?

Senator Guingona. In the last line of the amendment, Mr. President, page 29, line 15, Section 60.

Senator Saguisag. May we have it read again, Mr. President?

Senator Guingona. "QUALIFIED WOMEN SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO SERVE THE AFP. THE RELEVANT STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, TRAINING AND COMMISSION OF WOMEN SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE REQUIRED FOR MEN, EXCEPT FOR THOSE ESSENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS IN SUCH STANDARDS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF PHYSIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN."

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

Senator Maceda. Mr. President.

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

Senator Maceda. Mr. President, along the same line, as in the earlier trend, it seems to me there might be some questions whether we need to insert the qualification "qualified" right in the beginning. We do not say in the other paragraphs, "Qualified men..." The qualification of men is subject to stated qualifications, exemptions, and deferments. In the case of women, why do we immediately say "Qualified women ..."?

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President.

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

Senator Saguisag. I suppose it can be justified by the fact that the martial discipline is really associated historically with men. I suppose, my intent is really to indicate a bias for, maybe, a 9 to 10 ratio or such. But, again, if there is a strong feeling that it should be deleted, I do not believe that anything of substance is really given up.

Senator Maceda. I just wanted a uniform treatment, because that seems to be the real intent. I am sure the Senator from Pangasinan is already listening. If in the basic provision, the Gentleman started with "qualified men shall be called to reserved duty," then when we talk of women we will also say, "qualified women," but if there is no "qualified men" phrase, then, I think, there should also be no "qualified women" to start with.

Senator Saguisag. Were we to have it withdrawn, no problem.

Senator Shahani. Mr. President.

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

Senator Shahani. I agree with Senator Maceda, Mr. President. Women are not really the weaker sex. They are really the stronger sex. They outlive the men, and that has to be a major consideration.

Senator Maceda. In short therefore, Mr. President, we move to delete the word "qualified".

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

Senator Guingona. To the champion of the equality of sexes, I yield, Mr. President.

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

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 88
ON SECOND READING

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Senate Bill No. 88 on Second Reading.

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President.

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

Senator Saguisag. I do not really object, but since this is a long measure just handed to us, it will be without prejudice to its being reopened in July. May kahabaan po, and this is the first time we are seeing this in its present form.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. With that observation, is there any objection to the approval of this bill? [Silence] There being none, we now vote on the bill on Second Reading.

As many as are in favor of the bill, will please say Aye. [Several Senators: Aye] As many as are against, will please say Nay. [Silence] Senate Bill No. 88 is approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move for a brief suspension of the session.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. The session is suspended, if there is no objection? [There was none.]

It was 9:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 9:32 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

BILL ON SECOND READING
Senate Bill No. 1294 — Public Service Announcements
(Continuation)

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration on Senate Bill No. 1294. We are still in the period of interpellations. I ask that we recognize Senator Ziga.

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. Before we recognize Senator Ziga, Senator Saguisag has the Floor.

Senator Saguisag. Because I just leafed very quickly through my copy of Senate Bill No. 88, I saw on page 10, Section 21, there is something here which says: "Consideration deferred." So, if we are going to print this, it will just be a waste of money. Something has not really been acted on yet. I do not know whether I might want to move for a reconsideration so we will not have to print this only to have this decided later on. Otherwise, this will be printed, even including that... This is the copy I have.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

May we have a short recess, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. The session is suspended, if there is no objection? [There was none.]

It was 9:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 9:36 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I reiterate my request to recognize Senator Ziga to sponsor the measure.

The Presiding Officer [Senator Tañada]. So, has Senator Saguisag withdrawn his manifestation?

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President.

Senator Saguisag. I am withdrawing, Mr. President.

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

Senator Ziga. Thank you, Mr. President. We have finished the sponsorship of this Senate bill.

Senator Maceda. Mr. President.

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

Senator Maceda. Mr. President, if the Sponsor does not mind, may I direct my questions to Senator Aquino, Chairman of