

RECORD OF THE SENATE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1990

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:13 p.m., the Honorable Sotero H. Laurel, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, called the session to order.

The President Pro Tempore. Binubuksan ang pulong ng Senado.

Pangungunahan tayo sa panalangin ni Senador Alberto G. Romulo.

Everybody remained standing for the opening prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Romulo.

Dear Lord,

We come to You today, meek and humble, knowing that we can do nothing without You.

We acknowledge Your might and mercy and we pray for wisdom that we may fulfill the delicate task You have indulged us with.

We pray for courage and strength that despite the trials and tribulations, we may do our duty to our country and our people.

Dear Lord, we know that if we remain faithful to You, nothing is impossible; that through You we shall prevail and overcome.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

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	Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.	Present
Senator Santanina T. Rasul	Present
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 Pro Tempore. With 21 Senators present, we have a quorum.

The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Secretary.

25 May 1990

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to forward herewith one (1) certified true copy and sixteen (16) additional copies of the Convention on Social Security Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the French Republic signed at Manila on 07 February 1990 by then Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs Manuel T. Yan and the Ambassador of France to the Philippines, H. E. Jacques Le Blanc. On the same day, an Administrative Arrangement Relative to the Implementation of the Convention was signed by Social Security System Administrator Jose L. Cuisia, Jr., Ms.

*Arrived after the roll call

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the period of interpellations is concluded.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF
SENATE BILL NO. 155

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, considering that this is a very voluminous bill and to give time to everyone to prepare for the amendments, I move that we suspend consideration of this measure.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

The President Pro Tempore. Let us have a suspension of the session, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 4:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President Pro Tempore. The session is resumed. The Majority Floor Leader is recognized.

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

Senator Guingona. I move that we consider Committee Report No. 548 on Senate Bill No. 88. We are in the period of Committee amendments. I ask that this Representation be recognized.

The President Pro Tempore. The Majority Floor Leader, the Sponsor of the bill, is recognized.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, we have distributed anew the proposed amendments of the Committee. We are now on page 9, "ARTICLE VII - CITIZEN MILITARY TRAINING", Section 35:

SEC. 35. BASIC CITIZEN MILITARY TRAINING. - REGISTRANTS FINALLY SELECTED FOR MILITARY TRAINING PURSUANT TO SECTION 30 SHALL UNDERGO A BASIC MILITARY TRAINING FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. THE SECRETARY OF

NATIONAL DEFENSE SHALL PRESCRIBE THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 36. CITIZEN MILITARY TRAINING CENTERS. - THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN EVERY PROVINCE AT LEAST ONE TRAINING CENTER FOR THE CONDUCT OF CITIZEN MILITARY AND RESERVIST TRAINING WITH A MINIMUM TRAINING CAPACITY FOR ONE INFANTRY RIFLE COMPANY AT A TIME. THESE TRAINING CENTERS SHALL FORM PART OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT ORGANIZATION OF THE MAJOR SERVICES AND SHALL BE REFERRED TO AS CITIZEN MILITARY TRAINING CENTER.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. Senator Saguisag is recognized.

Senator Saguisag. Ito po bang "AHLL", is that "ALL" or "SHALL"?

Senator Guingona. "SHALL".

Senator Saguisag. Nais ko lamang pong linawin.

The President Pro Tempore. So that should read "SHALL". Is there any objection as clarified? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 37. INCORPORATION INTO TRAINING. - UPON REPORTING TO THEIR ASSIGNED TRAINING CENTERS, THE SELECTED REGISTRANTS SHALL BE PHYSICALLY EXAMINED AND IF FOUND FIT FOR THE SERVICE SHALL BE INDUCTED INTO SERVICE. WHERE A CHANGE OF TRAINING CENTER IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE REQUISITE TRAINING, THE COMMANDER OFFICER OF THE TRAINING CENTER SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THE NECESSARY ORDERS COVERING HIS TRANSPORTATION AND PROVIDE THE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE: PROVIDED, THAT NO REGISTRANTS SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO A TRAINING CENTER OUTSIDE HIS PROVINCE OR DESIGNATED TRAINING CENTER EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF PHILIPPINE NAVY AND PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE REGISTRANTS IF THERE ARE NO AIR OR NAVAL TRAINING CENTERS THEREAT.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, instead of "COMMANDER OFFICER" it should read "COMMANDING OFFICER".

The President Pro Tempore. As corrected.

Senator Guingona. Yes, as corrected.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 38. *RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.* - MILITARY TRAINING FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING IS MANDATORY PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT AND THE 1987 CONSTITUTION.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 39. *ESTABLISHMENT OF ROTC UNITS IN SCHOOLS.* - AT SUCH COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING THAT REQUEST FOR THE CONDUCT OF MILITARY TRAINING IN THEIR INSTITUTIONS, THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS UNITS AS THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE MAY APPROVE, WHICH SHALL CONDUCT MILITARY TRAINING FOR THE STUDENTS OF SUCH INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING ENLISTED AND OFFICER RESERVISTS. THE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND MAY INCLUDE INSTRUCTION TO PREPARE FEMALE STUDENTS FOR MILITARY SERVICE: *PROVIDED*, THAT SUCH COURSE OF INSTRUCTION SHALL NOT EXCEED TWO ACADEMIC YEARS IN THE CASE OF ENLISTED RESERVISTS, AND FOUR ACADEMIC YEARS IN THE CASE OF OFFICER RESERVISTS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE AS NECESSARY SUMMER OR PROBATIONARY TRAINING OF NOT MORE THAN SIXTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS. THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF ROTC TRAINING, WHICH IS MANDATORY, IS REFERRED TO AS BASIC ROTC WHILE THE SECOND TWO YEARS AFTER SAID BASIC ROTC, WHICH IS VOLUNTARY, IS REFERRED TO AS THE ADVANCE ROTC. THE ALLOCATION OF ROTC UNITS TO THE VARIOUS MAJOR SERVICES OF THE AFP

SHALL CONFORM TO THE PROJECTED MANPOWER NEEDS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RESERVE COMPONENTS.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? Any question to Section 39 as read? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. Section 40.

SECTION 40. *ACCEPTANCE FOR ADVANCE ROTC.* - STUDENTS WHO VOLUNTEER FOR ADVANCE ROTC SHALL BE SCREENED BY AN ROTC ACCEPTANCE BOARD WHICH IS HEREBY CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE, COMPOSED OF THE COMMANDANT OF THE ROTC UNIT, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SCHOOL NOMINATED BY THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND A MILITARY PHYSICIAN. THE STUDENT VOLUNTEER SHALL BE PHYSICALLY EXAMINED FOR FITNESS FOR TRAINING AND SHALL FURTHER BE MADE TO EXECUTE IN WRITING A STATEMENT THAT HE VOLUNTEERED FOR TRAINING ON HIS OWN VOLITION. WHERE THE STUDENT IS BELOW EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, HE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN HIS PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S CONSENT. IN THE CASE OF STUDENTS VOLUNTEERING FOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING, THEY SHALL BE FURTHER SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION IN ORDER TO SELECT THE BEST MATERIAL. THE STUDENTS UNDERGOING ROTC WILL BE REFERRED TO AS ROTC CADETS.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any question, objection to Section 4 as read? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 41. *ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING OF ROTC UNITS.* - THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SHALL PRESCRIBE THE ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING OF ROTC UNITS. RESERVE OFFICERS IN ACTIVE SERVICE AS WELL AS QUALIFIED ENLISTED AND OFFICER RESERVISTS ON INACTIVE STATUS SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY TO HANDLE TRAINING INSTRUCTION AND TO ASSIST IN ADMINISTRATION AND SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE HONORARIA AND OTHER ALLOWANCES AS THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SHALL PRESCRIBE.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? Any question? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 42. *FUND FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SCHOOL ROTC UNITS.* - THE FUNDS

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ROTC UNITS SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE REGULAR ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES. SUCH APPROPRIATIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE FULL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE ADVANCE ROTC ONLY. THE SCHOOL OF THE STUDENT MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO SPEND ANY AMOUNT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROTC TRAINING: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE SCHOOL REQUESTING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE TRAINING GROUND AND OFFICE FACILITIES FREE OF CHARGE. THE ADVANCE ROTC CADET SHALL EACH BE PROVIDED FREE TWO SUITS OF FATIGUE UNIFORM WITH HEADGEAR, BELT AND ONE PAIR OF COMBAT BOOTS FOR THE DURATION OF THE TRAINING. HOWEVER, THOSE TAKING THE BASIC ROTC ARE REQUIRED TO PAY A REASONABLE ROTC FEE, THE AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE IN COORDINATION WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICIALS CONCERNED.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? Any question? [*Silence*] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 43. *SCHOLARSHIP INCENTIVE FOR ADVANCE ROTC TRAINING*. - STUDENTS UNDERGOING ADVANCE ROTC WHO BELONG TO THE UPPER FIVE PERCENT OF THEIR ACADEMIC CLASS SHALL BE PROVIDED A TUITION SUBSIDY OF FIFTY PERCENT OF THEIR ANNUAL TUITION FOR THE PERIOD OF THEIR ADVANCE ROTC. THE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE SHALL BE CARRIED IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE AFP. THE CHIEF OF STAFF, AFP SHALL PROMULGATE THE GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROVISION.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any question or objection? [*Silence*] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, on Article VIII.

"ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATION INTO THE RESERVE FORCE"

"SEC. 44. *ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES*." - ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES MAY BE COMMISSIONED IN THE RESERVE FORCE SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING AFP RULES AND REGULATIONS."

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection or question? [*Silence*] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 45. *AWARD OF RANKS AND ASSIGNMENTS TO RESERVE UNITS OF GRADUATES OF ROTC*. - GRADUATES OF BASIC ROTC SHALL BE GIVEN A RESERVE ENLISTED RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER AND ASSIGNED TO RESERVE UNITS AND MOBILIZATION CENTERS IN THEIR PROVINCES. THE RANKS TO BE AWARDED SHALL BE FROM PRIVATE TO SERGEANT OR ITS EQUIVALENT: *PROVIDED*, THAT THE QUOTA FOR NON-COMMISSION OFFICERS SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT OF THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF THE UNIT TO WHICH THE RESERVISTS SHALL BE ASSIGNED AFTER GRADUATION AND: *PROVIDED, FURTHER*, THAT THOSE TO BE AWARDED RANK ABOVE PRIVATE SHALL BE CHOSEN BASED ON MERIT. THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO THE ADVANCE ROTC COURSE SHALL CONTINUE TO CARRY THEIR ENLISTED RANK UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ADVANCE ROTC.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? Any question? [*Silence*] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, SEC. 46. *DISPOSITION OF GRADUATES OF ADVANCE ROTC*. - THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ADVANCE ROTC COURSE SHALL BE RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION IN THE RESERVE AS SECOND LIEUTENANTS AND ASSIGNED TO THE RESERVE UNITS AND MOBILIZATION CENTERS IN THEIR PROVINCES. THOSE WITH MANIFEST POTENTIAL MAY BE COMMISSIONED IN THE REGULAR FORCE AS SECOND LIEUTENANT SUBJECT TO THE CRITERIA FOR REGULAR OFFICERS OF THIS RANK FOR THAT PARTICULAR SERVICE. THOSE WHO FAIL TO COMPLETE THE COURSE SHALL BE CONFERRED THE ENLISTED RANK OF SERGEANT OR ITS EQUIVALENT AND SIMILARLY ASSIGNED TO RESERVE UNITS AND MOBILIZATION CENTERS. PROBATIONARY TRAINING AS A REQUISITE BEFORE COMMISSIONSHIP SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE AFP RESERVE COMMAND ON TECHNICAL SKILLS, EXPERIENCES OR QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPLICANTS.

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

Senator Guingona. SECTION 47. *NOTIFICATION OF RESERVE ASSIGNMENT*. - THE RESERVIST SHALL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO A RESERVE UNIT AND A MOBILIZATION CENTER. HE SHALL BE MADE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT IN WRITING OF SUCH NOTIFICATION.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SECTION 48. *RESERVISTS REGISTRY.*
- THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVE COMMAND SHALL PROVIDE ALL CITY/MUNICIPAL TREASURERS OF CHARTERED CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED MILITARY TRAINING, INDICATING THEREIN AMONG OTHERS THEIR RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, RESERVE UNIT ASSIGNMENT AND MOBILIZATION CENTER. IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR TO MAINTAIN AND UPDATE THE RESERVISTS REGISTRY UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE AFP RESERVE COMMAND.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, on the same page, that is page 5 of the original Senate Bill No. 88 line 27 renumber "Article III" to "Article IX". And, in line 28 after the word "training" insert the words "OF RESERVE FORCE".

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, line 29, renumber "SECTION 5" to "SECTION 49".

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. In line 11, page 6 of the original Senate Bill No. 88, delete the phrase starting with the word "the" up to the word "command".

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. Delete also the period (.) in line 12.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 7, delete the whole paragraph starting with the word "to" in line 8 up to the word "act".

The President Pro Tempore. Up to line 18. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page renumber "SECTION 6" to "SECTION 50", Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 9, line 25 delete the words "Citizen Military Training (CMT)" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase "RESERVED OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS".

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?
[Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 10, before line 1 insert the following Sections to read as follows:

SECTION 52. CLASSIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF READINESS OF RESERVED UNITS. - UNITS WHICH ARE COMPOSED OF RESERVISTS OF THE READY RESERVISTS SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS TO DEGREE OF READINESS TO RESPOND TO THE CALL FOR SERVICE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **READY RESERVE I.** - UNITS CLASSIFIED AS READY RESERVE I SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A HIGH DEGREE OF READINESS AS TO BE READY FOR OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT IN NOT MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS AFTER ACTIVATION. THE INDIVIDUAL AND CREW SERVED WEAPONS AND INDIVIDUAL CLOTHING SHALL BE READY FOR DISTRIBUTION UPON THEIR ACTIVATION. THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR RESERVISTS SHALL BE CONSTANTLY ASCERTAINED. AS NECESSARY, THESE UNITS WILL CARRY AN EXCESS OF TWENTY PERCENT OF THEIR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL STRENGTH TO COMPENSATE FOR THOSE WHO MAY FAIL TO REPORT OR BE LATE IN REPORTING FOR DUTY.

The President Pro Tempore. Let us first consider that. Ready Reserve No. 1. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. ...READY RESERVE II. UNITS CLASSIFIED AS READY RESERVE II SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A DEGREE OF READINESS AS TO BE READY FOR OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT IN NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN DAYS.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF, AFP SHALL SELECT AND RECOMMEND TO THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE THE RESERVE UNITS UNDER READY RESERVE

I AND READY RESERVE II: *PROVIDED*, THAT IN AREAS THREATENED BY INSURGENCY, THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST ONE UNIT OF INFANTRY BATTALION STRENGTH UNDER READINESS STATUS OF READY RESERVE I.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 53. *MOBILIZATION STOCK*. - THE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL INDIVIDUAL AND ORGANIZATION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES SHALL BE PROCURED, STORED AND MAINTAINED FOR SELECTED READY RESERVE UNITS TO ENHANCE RAPID TRANSITION TO READINESS REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page 10 of the original Senate Bill, line 1, renumber "Article IV" to ARTICLE X.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, line 3, renumber "Sec. 8" to SEC. 54.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. And on the same page, line 21, renumber "Sec. 9" to SEC. 55.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 11, line 25, renumber "Article V" to ARTICLE XI and in line 26, renumber "Sec. 10" to SEC. 56.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On Page 12, between lines 14 and 15, insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

WHEN FULL MOBILIZATION IS ORDERED, ALL UNITS OF THE READY AND STANDBY RESERVES WILL BE ACTIVATED, THE RESERVISTS CONSTITUTING THEM ARE CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY, AND THE UNITS

ACTIVATED ARE PLACED ON OPERATIONAL READINESS. ALL OTHER RESERVISTS NOT ASSIGNED TO ANY UNIT OR THOSE ASSIGNED TO RESERVE POOLS SHALL BE ORGANIZED INTO REPLACEMENT UNITS.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, after line 31, insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

WHEN PARTIAL MOBILIZATION IS ORDERED, ONLY THE UNITS OF THE READY RESERVE AS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE THREAT WILL BE ACTIVATED, THE RESERVISTS ASSIGNED TO THESE UNITS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY AND THE ACTIVATED UNITS PLACED ON OPERATIONAL READINESS. THE PRESIDENT WILL SPECIFY THE UNITS TO BE ACTIVATED.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 13, line 9, delete the word "political" and in lieu thereof, insert the words NATIONAL OR PARTIAL.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following sections to read as follows:

SEC. 57. *MOBILIZATION CENTERS*. - THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN EACH PROVINCE AS MANY MOBILIZATION CENTERS AS NEEDED CORRESPONDING TO THE NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVISTS IN THE PROVINCE TO WHICH RESERVISTS WILL REPORT WHEN MOBILIZATION IS ORDERED. THE CITIZEN MILITARY TRAINING CENTERS IN THE PROVINCES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ACT MAY ALSO BE USED AS MOBILIZATION CENTERS. THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF, AFP AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL EXECUTIVES, SHALL PRESCRIBE THE LOCATION OF THE MOBILIZATION CENTERS. THE LOCATION OF THESE CENTERS SHALL BE GIVEN THE WIDEST PUBLIC INFORMATION BY THE LOCAL EXECUTIVES.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 58. *DEMOBILIZATION*. - WHEN THE THREAT OR EMERGENCY FOR WHICH MOBILIZATION HAS BEEN ORDERED HAS PASSED, THE PRESIDENT WILL ORDER THE DEMOBILIZATION OF THE RESERVE UNITS ACTIVATED AND THE RESERVISTS OF SUCH DEACTIVATED UNITS SHALL BE REVERTED INTO INACTIVE STATUS.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 59. *AUXILIARY SERVICE*. - FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN RESCUE AND RELIEF OPERATIONS DURING DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES, HEALTH WELFARE ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, THE PRESIDENT MAY CALL UPON THE RESERVISTS IN THE AFFECTED OR CONCERNED LOCALITIES TO VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. SEC. 60. *WOMEN RESERVISTS*. - WOMEN SHALL NOT BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE TO SERVE WITH THE AFP. HOWEVER, THEY SHALL BE ACCORDED SPECIAL PRIVILEGES/ PROHIBITIONS RELATIVE TO THEIR PHYSICAL/ MEDICAL PECULIARITIES AND SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM COMBAT DUTIES OR FIELD SERVICE INVOLVING HARD PHYSICAL EXERTIONS. THEY SHALL BE PROVIDED SEPARATE BILLETING FROM THE MEN AND SUCH OTHER AMENITIES AS ARE PECULIARLY NECESSARY.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection?

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. Senator Saguisag is recognized.

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President, I believe, we should recast this provision.

To begin with, I assumed all along that we were talking of men, and this suddenly comes up. Should we be using terms such as "MEDICAL PECULIARITIES" of women or "PECULIARLY NECESSARY" or "SERVICE INVOLVING HARD PHYSICAL EXERTIONS"? In the first place, I do not see how these fall into place. In the definitions, in the beginning, we say "male...", et

cetera. Is this really a duty or a right or a privilege? There are a lot of questions about this Section. I do not know how to begin to try to improve it since the concept and phraseology may need a further examination. I mean, I do not believe we should say, "Long live the peculiarity"; maybe, "Long live the difference."

Senator Guingona. We are open to any suggestions as far as the language is concerned.

Senator Saguisag. Mr. President, I would like to have some time to do so.

The President Pro Tempore. Shall we then defer consideration of this particular Committee amendment and move on to the next amendment?

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, line 13, renumber "Article VI" to ARTICLE XII and in line 14, renumber "Sec. 11" to SEC. 61.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, between lines 28 and 29, insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

THE PRESIDENT SHALL UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUND AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE TO AUGMENT THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FORCE.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, line 29, renumber "Article VII" to ARTICLE XIII and in line 30, renumber "Sec. 12" to SEC. 62.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 14, line 7, renumber "Sec. 13" to SEC. 63, and in line 24, renumber "Article VIII" to ARTICLE XIV.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, delete "Sections 14 and 15" starting in line 25 up to line 11 of the next page.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 15, line 12, renumber "Sec. 16" to SEC. 64.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On page 16, before line 1, insert a new section to read as follows:

SEC. 65. *RETENTION OF ROTC UNITS IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.* - ROTC UNITS IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SHALL CONTINUE WITH ROTC TRAINING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, line 1, renumber "Sec. 17" to SEC. 66 and delete the provision of the same and in lieu thereof, insert the following:

THE PROVISIONS OF EO NO. 264, EO NO. 292, CA NO. 1 AND OTHER LAWS, DECREES AND ISSUANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, between lines 5 and 6, insert a new section to read as follows:

SEC. 67. *SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.* - IF FOR ANY CAUSE, ANY PART OF THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL, THE REST OF THE PROVISIONS SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE AND EFFECT.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. On the same page, renumber "Sec. 18" to SEC. 68 and delete the whole provision of the same and in lieu thereof, insert the following:

THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT 15 DAYS AFTER ITS PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OR IN A NATIONAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. Finally, amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION, ORGANIZATION, TRAINING, MAINTENANCE AND UTILIZATION OF CITIZENS SOLDIERS OR RESERVISTS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, with the reservations of the portions already alluded to by Senator Saguisag and the expenses for the maintenance of the activation board which we will furnish him and put into the *Record*, the period of Committee amendments is terminated.

And I would like to manifest that Senator Pimentel is a co-author of this measure.

The President Pro Tempore. So noted.

Senator Herrera. Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. Senator Herrera is recognized.

Senator Herrera. I would just like to inquire whether there is a provision in the bill which would protect the employment of those who will be called for active duty because that is very important. I do not notice any provision here that will protect their employment.

Senator Guingona. Yes, there are provisions not only expressed, but also giving preference to unemployed and unmarried persons. In our estimates, they will be the first to be affected and not the employed and already working.

Senator Herrera. It might be possible that at the time when the classification is made, he is still employed but at the same time he is activated, he is already employed. Therefore, his employment will be prejudiced. So, I think, there should be clear provisions that will afford protection to his employment, that once he will go back to private life, he can go back to his employment.

Senator Guingona. I will refer the distinguished Senator to Section 33 — Security in Government or Private Employment While on Military Training. In the instance cited, he may ask for deferment.

Senator Herrera. But if the distinguished Sponsor will recall — I think it was the other day that I raised this issue — that under Section 33 which the Sponsor mentioned, the deferment may be only for three years.

Senator Guingona. Yes. Assuming he is 18, after three years, he will be 21, and if he is still employed....

Senator Herrera. He can ask for deferment.

Senator Guingona. Yes.

Senator Herrera. I would like to make it very clear that there should be a protection for those who will be called to active duty because of certain emergency.

The President Pro Tempore. At any rate, this is in the nature of possibly an individual amendment.

Senator Herrera. Yes, I will do that, Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. With the motion of the Sponsor in his capacity also as Majority Floor Leader, we are terminating the period of Committee amendments, without prejudice to certain Sections alluded to by the Senator from Pasig.

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. Then, the Chair would expect, of course, the Senator from Pasig to submit his amendments to the Committee amendments at the proper time.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 88

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President.

I, therefore, move that we suspend consideration of this measure.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

Shall we have a little break?

Senator Guingona. Yes, Mr. President. I just would like to ask the Bills and Index Division to come up with clean copies of the amendments already acted upon.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

The President Pro Tempore. The Bills and Index Division is so instructed.

The session is suspended, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 4:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 5:00 p.m., the session was resumed with the Senate President Jovito R. Salonga presiding.

The President. The session is resumed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that Public Services Committee Report No. 1024 on House Bill No. 26977, extending the term of the franchise of Francisco Cervantes Incorporated, be transferred to the Calendar for Special Orders.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

BILL ON SECOND READING Senate Bill No. 1500 — Crime of Coup D'Etat (Continuation)

Senator Guingona. Mr. President, I move that we consider Committee Report No. 1046 on Senate Bill No. 1500.

We are in the period of interpellations, I ask that we recognize Senator Lina.

The President. Senator Lina and Senator Alvarez are recognized.

Senator Alvarez. With the permission of the Chair, if the Gentleman will allow me, I would like to raise a few inquiries, Mr. President.

Senator Lina. Willingly, Mr. President.

Senator Alvarez. May I ask to be enlightened on some points relative to Section 2, lines 6 and 7, of the bill, defining the crime of coup d'etat as a sudden surprise attack directed at the very center of power. Here a surprise attack is a sudden attack. Would it be possible to delete one or the other?

Senator Lina. During the period of amendments, Mr. President, this Sponsor is willing to accept an amendment to that effect.

Senator Alvarez. Thank you, Mr. President. Furthermore, the surprise attack is supposed to be directed at the very center of