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the interest of liberality, the remarks appearing in the Journal will be allowed to stay. But it bears pointing out that under Rule 34 of the *Rules of the Senate*, we have several sections on unparliamentary acts and language. This rule is here because it is part of the parliamentary norm that a parliament must have a certain level of civility and sensitivity to what is correct. It is the parliament or the Congress that is offended when this norm is breached.

So, we do not leave it to the future generation to simply judge what we have said here. We ought to be able to judge by ourselves whether our sense of what is right and what is civil has been violated.

So, Mr. President, in the next instance that a similar occurrence takes place, we will expect our members to call the attention of the Chair so that such matters can be dealt with.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President.

The President. The Assistant Minority Leader, Sen. Alberto G. Romulo, is recognized.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, as I understand from the Chair, first, the Secretariat will research on the matter and submit to us an evaluation or report on what is parliamentary or what is unparliamentary. Second, we would get this research material, whether or not, based on its study and report, the corresponding *Record of the Senate* will be corrected accordingly. Is that correct, Mr. President?

THE JOURNAL
(Consideration Deferred)

The President. That is correct. It is the suggestion of the Chair now that we defer approval of the *Journal* of the session of August 6, 1977.

Senator Romulo. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. I withdraw my motion then, Mr. President.

The President. It is so deferred.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR TATAD
(Creation of Select Oversight Committee on
Intelligence Funds, Programs and Activities)

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, during the last caucus of the Senate, it was decided to create a Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence Funds, Programs and Activities. The Senate President has just sent me the appropriate memorandum creating the committee. May I ask the Secretary to read it into the *Record*.

The Acting Secretary [Atty. Raval].

August 12, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO - Senator FRANCISCO S. TATAD
Majority Leader

S U B J E C T - CREATION OF SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE FUNDS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Pursuant to Section 14, Rule X of the Rules of the Senate, and taking into consideration the agreements reached during the caucus of senators held yesterday, I have created effective today the Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence Funds, Programs and Activities.

The creation of this Select Committee is made imperative by the need to establish controls over the use, disbursement and expenditure of intelligence funds granted to several government agencies.

The Select Committee shall exercise the powers granted to it under the Rules of the Senate, and shall have jurisdiction over the following: all matters relating to the intelligence funds granted to all government agencies, including the monitoring and overseeing of how such funds are used, disbursed or expended.

The members of the Select Committee shall be the following:

Chairman	:	Senator Blas F. Ople
Cochairman	:	Senator Orlando S. Mercado
Members	:	Senator Francisco S. Tatad
	:	Senator Ernesto F. Herrera
	:	Senator Neptali A. Gonzales

Please make the necessary manifestation during the plenary session of the Senate.

Thank you.

(Sgd.) ERNESTO M. MACEDA
Senate President

Senator Tatad. Mr. President.

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individual amendments just put together by the sponsor.

The President. With that understanding that the period of committee amendments is indeed closed but the period of individual amendments is still open, the consideration of Senate Bill No. 2033 is hereby suspended in the meantime.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR MERCADO
(On what to Observe as to Hearings and Plans of the
Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence Funds,
Programs and Activities)

Senator Mercado. Mr. President, may I just make a parliamentary inquiry as regards the newest committee of the Senate, and this is the Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence Funds, Programs and Activities.

Prior to the issues becoming what it is today, we have earlier scheduled in the Subcommittee III of the Committee on Finance a committee hearing for Thursday. We have already issued invitations for a budget performance review of the intelligence budget for 1997.

May I inquire from the Chair, for guidance: what are we going to do inasmuch as we have already formed a new committee. Will we continue with our hearings?

The President. Unless the Chairman objects, may the Chair suggest that it be considered a joint meeting of the Committee on National Defense and Security and the Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence Funds, Programs and Activities.

Senator Mercado. We will do so, Mr. President.

Thank you very much.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President.

The President. The Assistant Minority Leader is recognized.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, I do not know if it was mentioned, but may I know the membership of the Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence Funds, Programs and Activities?

The President. It is chaired by the Senate President Pro Tempore; with the Chairman of the Committee on National Defense and Security as cochairman; and with the Majority Leader, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and the Minority Leader representing the minority, as members.

Senator Romulo. Thank you, Mr. President.