

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, I ask that this bill be approved on second reading.

The PRESIDENT. Is there any objection to the bill? (*Silence.*) The Chair hears none. The bill is approved on second reading.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL NO. 454

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, I ask that we now consider Senate Bill No. 454.

The PRESIDENT. Consideration of Senate Bill No. 454 is now in order. The Secretary will please read the bill.

The SECRETARY:

AN ACT TO AMEND FURTHER ARTICLE THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE. (Re rape)

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Article Three hundred and thirty-five of the Revised Penal Code is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"ART. 335. *When and how rape is committed — Penalties.* — Rape is committed by having carnal knowledge of a woman under any of the following circumstances:

1. By using force or intimidation;
2. When the woman is deprived of reason or otherwise unconscious; and
3. When the woman is under twelve years of age, even though neither of the circumstances mentioned in the two next preceding paragraphs shall be present:

The crime of rape shall be punished by *reclusion temporal* TO RECLUSION PERPETUA.

Whenever the crime of rape is committed with the use of a deadly weapon or by two or more persons, the penalty shall be imposed in its maximum period.

When by reason or on the occasion of the rape, the victim has become insane the penalty shall be [like-wise] *reclusion perpetua*.

When the rape is ATTEMPTED or frustrated [attempted] and a homicide is committed by reason or on the occasion thereof, the penalty shall be LIKEWISE *reclusion perpetua*.

When by reason or on the occasion of the rape, a homicide is committed, the penalty shall be [reclusion *perpetua* to] death.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, I ask that this bill be approved on second reading.

The PRESIDENT. Is there any objection to the bill? (*Silence.*) The Chair hears none. The bill is approved on second reading.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL NO. 499

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, I ask that we now consider Senate Bill No. 499.

The PRESIDENT. Consideration of Senate Bill No. 499 is now in order. The Secretary will please read the bill.

The SECRETARY:

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION SIXTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACTS NUMBERED NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE TWO THOUSAND SIXTY-EIGHT AND THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE (re officials of the Office of the Solicitor General).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section Sixteen hundred fifty-nine of the Administrative Code, as amended by Republic Acts Numbered Nine hundred forty-five, Two thousand sixty-eight and Three thousand four hundred sixty-five, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1569 *Chief Officials of the Office of the Solicitor General.* — The Office of the Solicitor General shall have one chief to be known as the Solicitor General whose QUALIFICATIONS, RANK, SALARY AND PRIVILEGES shall be SIMILAR TO THOSE OF A JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS [sixteen thou-

sand pesos *per annum*]. He shall be assisted by an Assistant Solicitor General [whose salary shall be fifteen thousand pesos *per annum*] AND SIX ASSISTANT SOLICITORS GENERAL, EACH OF WHOM SHALL HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS, RANK, SALARY AND PRIVILEGES AS THOSE OF A JUDGE OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE. When the Solicitor General is unable to perform the duties or in case of vacancy in the Office, the Assistant Solicitor General shall temporarily perform the duties of said Officers, or in his absence, the Assistant Solicitor General who is senior in rank. There shall also be [five Assistant Solicitors General] of whom shall receive a salary of thirteen thousand pesos *per annum*, and thirty-eight] FIFTY-FOUR whose QUALIFICATIONS SHALL BE THE SAME AS THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR PROVINCIAL JUDGES AND WHOSE salaries shall be as follows:

"(a) Six Solicitors, THIRTEEN [eleven] thousand pesos *per annum* each;

"(b) Six Solicitors, TWELVE [ten] thousand pesos *per annum* each;

"(c) Six Solicitors, ELEVEN [nine] thousand pesos *per annum* each;

"(d) Six Solicitors, ELEVEN [nine] thousand pesos *per annum* each;

"(e) SIX [Five] Solicitors, TEN [eight] thousand pesos *per annum* each;

"(f) SIX [Three] Solicitors, TEN [eight] thousand pesos *per annum* each;

"(g) SIX [Three] Solicitors, NINE [seven] thousand four hundred pesos *per annum* each;

"(h) SIX [Three] Solicitors, EIGHT [six] thousand eight hundred pesos *per annum* each;

"(i) THREE SOLICITORS, EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED PESOS PER ANNUM

and

"(j) THREE SOLICITORS, SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED PESOS PER ANNUM

[The rank and qualifications for appointment to the position of Solicitor General shall be the same as those of a Justice of the Court of Appeals; the qualifications for appointment to the position of Assistant Solicitor General and the Assistant Solicitor General shall be the same as those prescribed for