

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Yes, it shall be bracketed again.

Senator ANTONINO. No, there is no changing, Mr. President. We are putting a close bracket after "WHEEL" and before "with" in order to eliminate or delete all the words "with four or more wheels" and "THAN THREE WHEELS". The original amendment, Mr. President, was to remove "four or" and "wheels". The original provision, Mr. President, was "Every motor vehicle with more THAN THREE WHEELS shall be provided with" etc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair is only calling the attention of the sponsor to the legislative technique of bracketing.

Senator TOLENTINO. Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Majority Floor Leader.

Senator TOLENTINO. With the permission of the sponsor — the intention is very clear but maybe it is misunderstood because of the brackets already on the bill. So, with the permission of the sponsor, the Committee amendment will be on line 4, delete the word "with" and on line 5, delete the word "more" and the words "THAN THREE WHEELS".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Any objection to the amendment? (*Silence.*) There being none, the amendment is approved.

RODRIGO AMENDMENT

Senator RODRIGO. Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Gentleman from Bulacan.

Senator RODRIGO. May I propose the following amendment: On line 20, delete the words "BRAKES AND EMERGENCY", so that this section will read: "Every motor vehicle shall be pro-

vided with ADEQUATE BRAKE SYSTEM WHICH SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND KEPT EFFICIENT AT ALL TIMES."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) There being none, the amendment is approved.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF S. B. 768

Senator ANTONINO. Mr. President, if there are no further amendments, I move for the approval of the bill as amended on second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chamber will now vote on the bill as amended. As many as are in favor of the bill may please say *aye*. (*Several senators: aye*) As many as are against may please say *nay*. (*Silence.*) The bill is approved on second reading.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 627

Senator TOLENTINO. Mr. President, I move that we consider Senate Bill No. 627, to be sponsored by the distinguished lady from Batangas, Senator Katigbak.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Secretary will read the title of the bill.

The SECRETARY: (*Reading*) Senate Bill No. 627, AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK AND THE OPERATION OF SOCIAL WORK AGENCIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The gentle lady from Batangas has the floor.

Senator KATIGBAK. Your Honors, Senate Bill No. 627 seeks to regulate the new profession of social work and the operation of social work agencies. Before I go to the period of amendments, I would like to explain that in view of the several manifestations and questions here the last

time we took this up on the floor, the sponsor has decided to delimit the term "social work" in this bill to those practitioners who are connected with organized and recognized social work agencies which are supported partially or wholly from government and community solicited funds. So that the doubt about the punishment clause affecting other people who are just charitable by nature will be eliminated in this bill.

If there are no more question, Mr. President, may we go to the period of amendments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. We are now in the period of amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Senator KATIGBAK. Committee amendments. On page 1, line 2, after the word "Act", replace the comma with a colon and eliminate the following words up to line 3. "The following terms shall mean" will be eliminated. We shall only have: "As used in this Act:"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Any objection to the amendment? (*Silence.*) There being none,

Senator KATIGBAK. On line 4, the term "Social Work" should be enclosed in quotation marks".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Any objection? (*Silence.*) There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator KATIGBAK. On line 10, the words "social worker" should also be enclosed in quotation marks and after the word "worker", insert the following words: "AS USED IN THIS BILL".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) The Chair hears none. The amendment is approved.

Senator KATIGBAK. On line 19 at the end of

the line, after "conditions", eliminate the period and add the following: AND IS CONNECTED WITH AN ORGANIZED AND RECOGNIZED SOCIAL WORK AGENCY WHICH IS SUPPORTED PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY FROM GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY SOLICITED FUNDS."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator KATIGBAK. On line 20, same page, the phrase "social work agency" should be enclosed in quotation marks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the amendment is approved. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. On page 4, between lines 4 and 5, add this paragraph: "NO MEMBER SHALL SUCCEED HIMSELF IN THE BOARD."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the amendment is approved. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. On page 4, line 14, change the words "Bureau of Civil Service" to "CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is approved if there is no objection. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. At the end of the page after line 32, add the following paragraph:

"SUCH STANDARDS, RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL TAKE EFFECT THIRTY DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE."

This has been suggested by Senator Diokno.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the amendment is approved. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. On page 5, line 3, after the word "Philippines", add the words "AND CONGRESS."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is approved if there is no objection. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. On line 29, same page, after the word "Act", change the period to a semicolon and add the following proviso:

"PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT ALL WHO, WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS ENUMERATED IN SECTION TWELVE AND WHO HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE FOR FIVE YEARS IN A SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMUNITY CHEST COUNCIL OF WELFARE AGENCIES, PHILIPPINE YOUTH WELFARE COORDINATION COUNCIL, OR SOCIAL WELFARE COMMISSION, BEFORE THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM TAKING THE EXAMINATIONS AND MAY BE REGISTERED AS SOCIAL WORKERS UPON APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION WITHIN THE ABOVE-STATED PERIOD|"

This is also an amendment of Senator Diokno.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the amendment is approved. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. On page 7, line 10, between the word "of" and the word "seventy", insert the word "AT LEAST."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is approved if there is no objection. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. On page 9 — this is also from Senator Diokno — between lines 14 and 15, add another paragraph to read as follows:

"CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION SHALL BE REVOKED ONLY AFTER DUE NOTICE AND HEARING."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the amendment of Senator Diokno is approved. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. On page 8, line 25, instead of the words "Bureau of Civil Service", place the words "CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is approved if there is no objection. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. Mr. President, if there are no further floor amendments . . .

Senator RODRIGO. Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Gentleman from Bulacan.

Senator RODRIGO. May I propose the following amendment?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The gentleman may proceed.

Senator RODRIGO. On page 7, line 11, change the word "sixty" to "FIFTY".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. What does the sponsor say?

Senator KATIGBAK. No objection, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. The amendment is approved if there is no objection. (*There was none.*)

Senator KATIGBAK. Mr. President, if there are no further amendments from the floor, I ask that the bill be approved on second reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 627
ON SECOND READING

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will

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.*) The bill is approved on second reading unanimously.

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF
S. B. No. 627

Senator SUMULONG. Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Gentleman from Rizal.

Senator SUMULONG. May I request for a reconsideration of the approval of the measure just to submit for the consideration of the distinguished sponsor certain amendments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) There being none, approval of the measure is reconsidered.

The gentleman from Rizal may now proceed.

Senator SUMULONG, On page 8, Your Honor, Section 18 of the bill deals with privileged communication. This is a matter of evidence and I think this should not be included in this bill which is for regulating a profession. I was thinking, Your Honor, that if we allow this provision in this bill many lawyers will not know about this provision and this will become a vital rule of evidence. At present, the only ones who are not qualified to testify are priests, doctors; but this would be adding another exception to the rule regarding testimony of witnesses. Now, if Your Honor has no objection, I would propose that this matter be deleted without prejudice to having this inserted in our rules of evidence.

Senator KATIGBAK. Your Honor, the Code — the Social Workers Code — forbids any social worker to reveal what her client tells her. I think, Your Honor, there are some phases of social work which include case work, meaning to say the solution of personal difference, mar-

riage counselling, etc. And under these privileges enjoyed by newspapermen, they are not allowed to reveal their sources.

Senator SUMULONG. But Your Honor please, this is a bill providing for regulation of a profession, that is, social work, and ordinarily we do not include in a bill of this nature provisions regarding rules of evidence and . . .

Senator KATIGBAK. I can see your point, Your Honor.

Senator SUMULONG. . . . I think that the legal profession should be given to be heard on this matter before it becomes a rule of evidence.

Senator KATIGBAK. I can see Your Honor's point.

Senator SUMULONG. Thank you. Now, I would like to submit for Your Honor's consideration amendments which I am submitting jointly with the gentleman from Tarlac who is now presiding. (*After a pause.*) I think that since the sponsor has agreed, I will now formally propose that on page 8, lines 6 to 10, we delete everything.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. What does the sponsor say?

Senator KATIGBAK. No objection, amendment accepted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment is approved if there is no objection. (*There was none.*)

Senator SUMULONG. Now, my next amendment is on page 2, lines 21 to 23. Change subparagraph (c) of Section 2 so as to read as follows: "(c) POSSESS EITHER A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK OR MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK CONFERRED BY A REPUTABLE SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DULY RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT."

Senator KATIGBAK. Well, there are other degrees, Your Honor, in social work: Master of science in social work, master of science in social welfare, master of arts in social welfare. Maybe we could have "OR ITS EQUIVALENT." I think the point, Your Honor, is that the amendment would not wish to require a master's degree only but something less, which is a bachelor's degree.

Senator SUMULONG. Yes. As it is now subparagraph (c) only requires possession of a master's degree in social work, and the amendment would like to include also possession of either a bachelor's degree or a master's degree in social work. Is that acceptable to Your Honor?

Senator KATIGBAK. I would like to pose this question, Your Honor. In the WAPCO classification there are positions that require master's degree before they are filled. I have here the WAPCO classification because, Your Honor, this subject was taken up by our colleague, the Honorable Senator from Tarlac, last time and I did look it up and I found that some of the requirement of the WAPCO for four specific jobs require master's degree in social work and these requirements, Your Honor, only refer to the members of the board of examiners, not to the registered social worker, and I thought, Your Honor, that if the job qualification requires a master's degree the board of examiners should have that at least, if not a doctorate, because the course in social work anywhere else except in the Philippines is it is a 5-year course and it does not postulate a bachelor's degree.

Senator SUMULONG. May I inform Your Honor that in addition to this amendment we have also another amendment to propose to subparagraph (d), so that while subparagraph (d) now requires at least five years of practice after receiving at least five years practice in the case of one holding a bachelor's degree and at least two years practice in case he is a holder of master's degree.

Senator KATIGBAK. I can see the point, Your Honor. I can accept the idea on the theory that this is the first time we are regulating this profession and maybe we can afford to relax. I will accept Your Honor's amendment.

Senator SUMULONG. Thank you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. What does the committee say? (*Silence.*) First amendment.

Senator SUMULONG. So that the first amendment will be on lines 21 to 23, page 2 of the bill, changing subparagraph (c) of Section 2 so that it will read as follows:

"(c) POSSESS EITHER A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (B.S.S.W., B.S.S.), . . .

Senator KATIGBAK. Or its equivalent.

Senator SUMULONG. . . . OR ITS EQUIVALENT, OR MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (M.S.S.W., M.S.S., M.A.S.W.), . . .

Senator KATIGBAK. Or its equivalent.

Senator SUMULONG. . . . OR ITS EQUIVALENT, CONFERRED BY A REPUTABLE SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY DULY RECOGNIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. What does the committee say?

Senator KATIGBAK. Accepted, Your Honor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator SUMULONG. Then the next amendment will be on lines 24 to 27, page 2 of the bill. Change subparagraph (d) of Section 2 of the bill so that it will read as follows:

"(d) HAVE HAD AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF PRACTICE IN A SOCIAL WORK AGENCY IN THE CASE OF A HOLDER OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK OR ITS EQUIVALENT, OR AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF SOCIAL PRACTICE IN THE CASE OF A HOLDER OF MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AFTER RECEIVING THE RESPECTIVE DEGREES."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. What does the committee say?

Senator KATIGBAK. Accepted, Your Honor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) The Chair hears none. The amendment is approved.

Senator SUMULONG. That is all, Your Honor. Thank you.

Senator KATIGBAK. Can we now have it approved on second reading, as amended, Your Honor?

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF SENATE BILL NO. 627

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chamber will now vote on the bill, as amended. 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 *no*. (*Silence.*) The bill is approved unanimously on second reading, as amended.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senator TOLENTINO. Mr. President, I move that we include in the Calendar of Special Orders the following measures: Senate Bills Nos. 382, 857 and 860; and House Bills Nos. 2522 and 5642.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) There being none the motion is approved.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

Senator TOLENTINO. Mr. President, I move that we adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) There being none the session is adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

It was 8:27 p.m.