

Senator PADILLA. I am glad, that Your Honor and I do not agree with many of these demonstrations where they advocate a total abrogation of the military bases agreement, or the total abandonment of all U.S. naval or air or military bases, because what we need is the revision of the treaty . . .

Senator GANZON. I think so.

Senator PADILLA. . . . to update its provisions so as to maintain and uphold the criminal jurisdiction of the Republic over these bases, because as far as sovereignty and ownership, there is no question that they are ours; for the only issue is to extend the present limits of the criminal jurisdiction of our courts on those bases; and while some obsolete military areas can be given up, as some of them have already been given up and surrendered to the Republic, yet in some other areas, like the South, we may provide for a U.S. military or naval base.

Senator GANZON. Precisely, my stand is to improve the view and find ways and means to strengthen our defenses without in the least abrogating this military bases assistance pact.

Senator PADILLA. Thank you, very much.

Senator GANZON. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senator TOLENTINO. Mr. President, the House of Representatives has accepted amendments introduced by the Senate on House Bill Nos. 4712 and 364 and has requested the appointment of conference committees. I move that we accede to the request of the House and appoint Senators Roy, Diokno, and Osias as conferees on the part of the Senate for both bills.

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

Senator TOLENTINO. Mr. President, the Senate has approved Senate Bill No. 508, which is a counterpart-measure of House Bill No. 5130 approved also by the House of Representatives in order to determine which bills should be given course, and to reconcile any varying provisions. I move that we appoint a Conference Committee on the part of the Senate, the House having appointed their Conference Committee, our Conference Committee to be composed of Senators Almendras, Tañada, and Padilla.

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

SPECIAL ORDERS

Senator TOLENTINO. Mr. President, I move that we include in the calendar for Special Orders for Tuesday, Senate Bill Nos. 395, 627, 800, 801, 802, 803, and 840.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SESSION

Senator TOLENTINO. Mr. President, I move that we adjourn until Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no objection, the session is adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

(*It was 12:46 p.m.*)