

INFORME DE CONFERENCIA

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, the conference committees on Senate Bill No. 486 jointly with House Bill No. 5738 regarding the Tondo foreshore land, have arrived at an agreement and submit this report.

I ask that the report be read by the Secretary.

The PRESIDENT. The Secretary will please read the report.

The SECRETARY:

CONFERENCE REPORT

A Conference Committee of both Houses having been appointed to work out an agreement regarding House Bill No. 5738, introduced by Congressman Castaño, entitled:

An Act providing for the subdivision of the Tondo foreshore land into lots and the sale of said lots to their lessees or to bona fide occupants of said land, and for other purposes,

and Senate Bill No. 486, introduced by Senators Paredes, Alonto, López and Sumulong, entitled:

An Act providing for the subdivision of the Tondo foreshore land into lots and the sale of said lots to their lessees or to bona fide occupants of said land, and for other purposes,

the Committee, after having met and fully discussed the subject matter in a conference, has come to the agreement that House Bill No. 5738 be approved as passed by the House, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 486 which is of similar nature.

The Conferees hereby recommend this action to their respective Houses.

Respectfully submitted,

Conferees on the part of the Senate Conferees on the part of the House

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(Sgd.) FERNANDO LÓPEZ	(Sgd.) ISMAEL L. VELOSO
(Sgd.) EDMUNDO B. CEA	(Sgd.) PEDRO LÓPEZ

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, I ask that this report be approved.

The PRESIDENT. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) The Chair hears none. The Report is approved.

COMITÉS DE CONFERENCIA

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, the House of Representatives dissented from the amendments of the Senate on House Bill No. 2896 regarding the life pension to the Auditor General and solicits a conference with a conference committee of the Senate. I ask that Senators Zulueta, Púyat, and Paredes be appointed to compose the conference committee of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) The Chair hears none. Motion approved.

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, the House of Representatives sent a communication to the Senate informing that it has dissented from our amendments to House Bill No. 3528 which makes the adjusters of insurance claims subject to the Insurance Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Act, and asked for a conference. I propose therefore that a conference committee be appointed composed of Senators Sabido, López, and Rodrigo.

The PRESIDENT. Is there any objection? (*Silence.*) The Chair hears none. The motion is approved.

MOCIÓN PRIMICIAS

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, the House informed the Senate that it has approved House Bill No. 5561 regarding the *Noli* and the *Fili*, and asks the concurrence of the Senate, but that if the Senate would insist on its bill No. 438, it asks for a conference.

As these two bills are exactly the same, the House bill being an exact copy of the Senate bill, in order to avoid the appointment of a conference committee, I ask that the Senate accept the House bill and that both bills to be known as House Bill No. 5561 and Senate Bill No. 438, be readied for the signature of the President.

Senator PELÁEZ. Mr. President, will the gentleman yield?

The PRESIDENT. The Gentleman from Pangasinán may yield, if he so desires.

Senator PRIMICIAS. Gladly.

Senator PELÁEZ. May I know if the House bill has some kind of an appropriation?

Senator PRIMICIAS. Exactly as the Senate bill.

Senator PELÁEZ. If they have asked for a conference committee, would there be time for such committee to report so that the authority may be converted into a direct appropriation?

Senator PRIMICIAS. These two bills are exact copies of each other, to the last comma; there is no need of a conference committee; let us just accept the House bill.

Senator PELÁEZ. Would they ask for a conference committee?

Senator PRIMICIAS. If we insist on our bill.

Senator PELÁEZ. My view is, if we have time, let us change the authority into direct appropriation. If there is no time for that, I would abide by the decision of the Floor Leader.

Senator PRIMICIAS. The fact is that there is no thing to confer about. There is no dissent.

Senator PELÁEZ. I will abide by whatever motion the Floor Leader will make.

Senator PRIMICIAS. It is only a question of what bill to adopt, either the House bill or the Senate bill. So, I ask that the Senate accept the House bill in toto, and that this bill be considered ready for enrollment and signature of the President, but registered as Senate Bill No. 438 and House Bill No. 5551.

The PRESIDENT. Is there any objection in accepting the House version of the Rizal bill? (*Silence.*) There being none, the motion is approved.

SEGUNDA LECTURA Y CONSIDERACIÓN DEL
C. R. NO. 4598

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, I now ask that we consider House Bill No. 4598.

The PRESIDENT. Consideration of House Bill No. 4598 is now in order. The Secretary will please read the bill.

The SECRETARY:

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EFFECTIVITY OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EMERGENCY GOLD MINING ASSISTANCE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES" BY AMENDING SECTION SEVEN THEREOF AND TO AMEND SECTION TWO, PARAGRAPH (A) AND SECTION FOUR OF SAID LAW.

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

SECTION 1. Section two, paragraph (a) of Republic Act Numbered Eleven hundred sixty-four, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. (a). "Gold producer" or "GOLD MINE" means any person, corporation, partnership, or association which [produced gold in nineteen hundred and fifty-three whether] IS PRODUCING GOLD EITHER BY ITSELF OR THROUGH AN OPERATING AGREEMENT ON THE DATE OF THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT OR WHICH ENGAGES IN THE PRODUCTION OF GOLD DURING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, EITHER as principal product or as by-product;"

SEC. 2. Section four of Republic Act Numbered Eleven hundred and sixty-four is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. *Mines with gold as principal product OR AS BY-PRODUCT.*—Newly mined gold produced as principal product OR AS BY-PRODUCT may be sold either to the Government through the Central Bank in the form of refined gold at the current official price per ounce plus the assistance provided in section six hereof or in the domestic free market without benefit of the assistance, at the choice of the gold producer: PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT AT LEAST FIFTY PER CENTUM OF ALL NEWLY-MINED GOLD PRODUCED BY EACH MINE EITHER AS PRINCIPAL PRODUCT OR AS BY-PRODUCT SHALL BE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT MINES PRODUCING GOLD AS BY-PRODUCT SHALL ONLY BE ENTITLED TO THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO MINES OVER THE MARGINAL CLASSIFICATION."

SEC. 3. The Board may, at its discretion, exclude from the benefits of this Act any mine which may be found, upon due hearing, to be discriminating against Filipino technical men, employees and/or laborers.

SEC. 4. Section seven of Republic Act Numbered Eleven hundred sixty-four, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. *Term.*—This direct short term assistance shall be effective for a period of FOUR [two] years from the date of approval of this Act."

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Senator PRIMICIAS. Mr. President, the sponsor of the measure is the distinguished gentleman from Misamis Oriental, Senator Peláez.

The PRESIDENT. The sponsor has the floor.

PONENCIA DEL SEN. PELÁEZ

Senator PELÁEZ. Mr. President, two years ago we approved Republic Act No. 1164 known as the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act of the Philippines. This Act is due to expire on June 19, 1956. At the present moment, the gold industry is still in need of assistance. Therefore, this bill, House Bill No. 4598, has been filed extending the life of the law for two years aside from extending the period of the law. This bill seeks to include within the purview of this Act the gold which is produced as by-products of mines which are not gold mines, such as the copper mines, and other mining enterprises. There is no question as to the necessity of this Act. About twenty thousand laborers are involved and it is necessary that we must continue this assistance.

El Sen. LOCSIN. Señor Presidente, para algunas preguntas al orador.

El PRESIDENTE. El caballero de Misamis Oriental puede contestar, si le place.

El Sen. PELÁEZ. Con mucho gusto.

El Sen. LOCSIN. Quisiera saber qué capital hay invertido en las minas de oro.

El Sen. PELÁEZ. La producción obtenida desde el año 1946 vale P107,647,000, más o menos.

El Sen. LOCSIN. No pregunto por el valor, lo que deseo saber es el capital invertido en la industria minera.

El Sen. PELÁEZ. En este momento no tengo los datos exactos. Tengo entendido que hay seis empresas mineras.

El Sen. LOCSIN. Yo quisiera saber el capital total invertido y, al mismo tiempo, qué porcentaje corresponde al capital filipino, al capital norteamericano, y al de los otros extranjeros.

El Sen. PELÁEZ. No tengo ahora esos datos en mi poder. Pero se dieron a conocer cuando se aprobó el proyecto de ley originalmente. Si Vuestra Señoría