

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 1999

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:34 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Blas F. Ople, called the session to order.

The President. The 12th session of the Second Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Robert S. Jaworski.

After the prayer, the Napocor Chorale Group will lead us in the singing of the national anthem. The group will also render another song, entitled Lupang Hinirang.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, Senator Jaworski is not around. He asked me to read the prayer for him.

Let us bow our heads and acknowledge the presence of the Creator.

We thank You, dear Lord, for letting us be the stewards of Your creation. Remembering thus, shower us with Your love and direct us with Your guidance so that in our humble undertakings we will be worthy sojourners in Your kingdom here on Earth.

Let us not stray from our godly vows as Your believers accomplishing this in our mandated tasks. Grant us strength to respond to Your jubilee call in Leviticus and the Gospel of Luke, to rest the Earth, recall unjust deaths, return the land, release slaves and prisoners and recover the feminine principle.

Help us sustain our efforts You have gracefully allowed us to start under Your heavenly direction. Help us break bread with other believers so that every sector of our society divided though it may be will glorify Your name, and feel the fulfillment of all these, Your promises.

In God's name,

Amen.

Everybody remained standing for the singing of the national anthem.

The President. The Chair would like to thank the Napocor Choir for its inspiring music.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading:

- Senator Teresa S. Aquino-Oreta Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon Present
Senator Renato L. Compañero Cayetano .. Present
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng .. Present*
Senator Franklin M. Drilon Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile Present
Senator Juan M. Flavier Present
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona Jr. Present
Senator Gregorio B. Honasan Present
Senator Robert S. Jaworski **
Senator Loren B. Legarda-Leviste Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. Present
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña Present
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. **
Senator Ramon B. Revilla Absent
Senator Raul S. Roco Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III **
Senator Francisco S. Tatad Present
The President Present

The President. With 17 senators present, there is a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

THE JOURNAL

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of the previous session and consider it approved.

* Arrived after the roll call
** On official mission

Republic Act No. 8750, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY MOTORISTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VEHICLES TO USE SEAT BELT DEVICES, AND REQUIRING VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO INSTALL SEAT BELT DEVICES IN ALL THEIR MANUFACTURED VEHICLES.

Republic Act No. 8751, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MECHANISMS FOR THE IMPOSITION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON IMPORTED SUBSIDIZED PRODUCTS, COMMODITIES OR ARTICLES OF COMMERCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES FROM UNFAIR TRADE COMPETITION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 302, PART 2, TITLE II, BOOK I OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES," AS AMENDED

and Republic Act No. 8752, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE RULES FOR THE IMPOSITION OF AN ANTI-DUMPING DUTY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 301, PART 2, TITLE II, BOOK I OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7843, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

which were approved and signed by His Excellency, President Joseph Ejercito Estrada on August 5, 7 and 12, 1999 respectively.

The President. To the Archives

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 66 submitted jointly by the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Local Government; and Finance on S. No. 468, introduced by Senators Ople and Legarda-Leviste, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL FACILITATION SERVICE NETWORK THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE IN

EVERY PROVINCE, KEY CITIES AND OTHER STRATEGIC AREAS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY,

recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsors: Senators Tatad, Pimentel Jr. and J. Osmeña

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Secretary.

August 16, 1999

The Honorable BLAS F. OPLE President of the Senate Financial Center Pasay City 1308 Metropolitan Manila

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on August 12, 1999, elected Congressmen Augusto Boboy Syjuico, Daisy A. Fuentes, Didagen P. Dilangalen, Nur G. Jaafar, Benasing O. Macarambon Jr., Hussin U. Amin, Luwalhati R. Antonino, Celso L. Lobregat, Simeon A. Datumanong and Eduardo R. Ermita as conferees should the Senate ask for a conference upon approval of its counterpart version of House Bill No. 7889, entitled

AN ACT RESETTING THE REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR THE ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO PROVIDED FOR UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8746 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

which was earlier approved on July 15, 1999.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO Secretary General

The President. Referred to the Committee on Rules