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OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 3:23 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Marcelo B. Fernan, called the session to order.

The President. The 61st session of the First Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

As our prayer leader is still out of the Chamber, we will request everyone to please rise for a one-minute silent prayer.

Everybody rose for the silent prayer.

Thank you everyone.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading:

- Senator Teresa 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 Present
- Senator Loren B. Legarda-Leviste Present
- Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr Present
- Senator Blas F. Ople Present*
- Senator John Henry R. Osmeña Present*
- Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III Present
- Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr Present
- Senator Ramon B. Revilla Present
- Senator Raul S. Roco Present
- Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago Present
- Senator Vicente C. Sotto III Present
- Senator Francisco S. Tatad Present
- The President Present

The President. With 21 senators present, there is a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

*Arrived after the roll call

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 60 and consider it approved.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

The Secretary will now read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The Acting Secretary [Mr. Pineda]. Senate Bill No. 1457, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND OR THE PAG-IBIG FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1752, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND LAW OF 1980," INSTITUTING REFORMS THEREIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Honasan

The President. Referred to the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Ways and Means

The Acting Secretary [Mr. Pineda]. Senate Bill No. 1458, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF ABUSE OF WOMEN IN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR VICTIMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Roco

The President. Referred to the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

of that bureau, then maybe we do not need this provision.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Well, maybe this is to emphasize and to stress the need of the solo parent *vis-a-vis* the regular parent.

Senator Roco. The Majority Leader is making *kalabit*, Mr. President. So I will restrict myself to the last question. I know, *nadadala ako sa isang tingin lamang*. So, one final question, Mr. President.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Mr. President, on page 6...

Senator Roco. No, no, I am not yet on page 6. I will not get to page 6 *kinakalabit na ako ng* Majority Leader.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. No, I was going to refer to that.

Senator Roco. Yes, please.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. That in the drafting of the implementing rules and regulations, we can give the power to the DSWD to really categorize the parents who can avail of these benefits.

Senator Roco. Yes. But it is not the DSWD that the lady senator is giving the powers to. It is just the Bureau of Family and Community Welfare.

Senator Aquino-Oreta. Yes.

Senator Roco. Now, my final question would be: Would that not be really a rider? We are amending the Administrative Law. We are creating a bureau not even under, not even authorizing the department. We are isolating the bureau and giving it extra powers, and yet the bill is entitled "A Solo Parent Welfare Act." We are creating a new bureaucracy. Would that not be therefore a rider and unconstitutional in character?

Senator Aquino-Oreta. No, Mr. President, because it will still be under the DSWD. The DSWD will just put up a special program for the solo parent.

Senator Roco. We would like to congratulate the sponsor for the resolve, the fortitude and the patience, Mr. President. We will exert every effort to see why it is not discriminatory. But I will ask the lady senator and her staff to please prepare more persuasive demonstrations so that the bill will not end in discriminatory treatment.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The President. Thank you, Senator Roco. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, there are a number of our colleagues who have also expressed their desire to ask some questions in the period of interpellations. May I therefore move that we suspend in the meantime deliberations on Senate Bill No. 1404 to give way to other bills which are also on the floor.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Tatad is recognized.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, before the motion. Are we terminating or suspending the interpellation?

Senator Drilon. We are suspending the interpellation.

Senator Tatad. I will defer my interpellation.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1404

Senator Drilon. I therefore move that we suspend deliberation on Senate Bill No. 1404 as reported out under Committee Report No. 15.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the motion is approved.

BILL ON SECOND READING S. No. 1255 - Philippine Clean Air Act of 1998 (Continuation)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1255 as reported out under Committee Report No. 8.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1255 is now in order.

Senator Drilon. We are still in the period of individual amendments. May I ask the Chair to recognize Sen. Gregorio Honasan, the principal sponsor, and Sen. Ramon Revilla who will propose amendments.

The President. Sen. Gregorio Honasan will continue his sponsorship and Sen. Ramon Revilla will propose amendments.

Senator Honasan. Mr. President, with the permission of the Chair, before we attend to the individual amendments of Senator Revilla, may we manifest on the floor that the reference would be the amended copy as of February 2, 1999, pending resolution of the omnibus amendments proposed by Senator Roco yesterday.

The President. The reference is the amended copy as of February 2, 1999 of Senate Bill No. 1255, which is now being distributed to the senators who have not received their copies yet.

Senator Roco. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Roco is recognized.

Senator Roco. Mr. President, maybe for systematic order, we should ask for the engrossed copy of February 8. I think there is an engrossed copy. Because yesterday, we ended by saying that it can be engrossed.

There are modifications there where we do not have to repeat. In fact, yesterday, we just had to await the presence of Senator Legarda-Leviste as regards the definition of the terms "lead" and "benzene," as she was the proponent.

There was an omnibus motion carried saying that, at least, the mention of elements must carry the scientific components. If lead is Pb, we shall say "lead" is known in science or in chemistry as Pb which is composed of whatever, and then the definitions. So that it is clear to everybody.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. We have not been able to prepare the version as of yesterday, with the indulgence of Senator Roco. We can just proceed with the February 2 draft.

Senator Roco. Yes. I just mention it.

Senator Honasan. Mr. President, this proposal is motivated by our desire for a systematic completion of individual amendments of our colleagues who want to manifest it themselves on the floor.

Senator Roco. All right, Mr. President.

The President. So we will then proceed.

REVILLA AMENDMENTS

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, I am basing my amendments on the amended copy as of February 2, 1999.

Ginoong Pangulo, mayroon po akong mga susog para sa panukalang-batas na ito, ang Philippine Clean Air Act of 1998.

Mr. President, on page 8, line 4, between the words "of" and

"pollution", insert the word AIR. So that the phrase would read as follows: "extent of AIR pollution in the country".

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 8, line 5, between the words "on" and "reports", insert the word THE. So that the phrase would read as follows: "based on THE reports of the Department's monitoring stations;"

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. On page 8, line 22 between the words "depository" and "of", insert the word UNIT, so that the sentence would read as follows: "The Department shall serve as the central depository UNIT of all data and information related to air quality."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection?

Senator Roco. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Roco is recognized.

Senator Roco. Mr. President, if it is page 8, I have no problems because this is in reference to the department, not in Section 3.

Senator Honasan. This is on page 8, Mr. President.

The President. Yes, in line 22 of page 8.

Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 11, line 2, between the word "action" and the semicolon (;), insert the word PLAN, so that the phrase would read as follows: "preparation of a common action PLAN."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. On the same page 11, line 9, after the word

"of", insert the word THE, so that the phrase would read as follows: "revise the designation of THE AQCZ."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. On page 12, line 3, between the words "ambient" and "standards", insert the words AIR QUALITY, so that the sentence would read as follows: "The Department shall designate areas where specific pollutants have already exceeded ambient AIR QUALITY standards as nonattainment areas."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. On page 12, line 13 between the words "agencies" and "shall", insert a comma (,), so that the sentence would read as follows: "The LGUs, in coordination with other appropriate government agencies, shall likewise prepare and implement a program."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. On the same page 12, line 19, between the words "authorities" and "may", insert the phrase NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), PEOPLES' ORGANIZATIONS (POs) AND CONCERNED SECTORS, so that the phrase would read as follows: "After consultation with local government authorities, NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs), PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS (POs) AND CONCERNED SECTORS, may revise the designation of such areas and expand its coverage."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, not to object, but would the distinguished proponent be amenable to an amendment that will also include QUANGOs, not just NGOs.

The President. What is the meaning of QUANGOs?

Senator Tatad. Quasi nongovernment organizations. Not

just NGOs but also quasi-nongovernment organizations. This is a prevalent usage in Europe and it is now coming in.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. With the kind indulgence of the gentlemen on the floor, may we know the meaning of quasi-NGOs?

Senator Tatad. It is not exactly the same as the nongovernmental organization. There seems to be some governmental participation. It is a *mestizo* type and if we read the British literature on this, we find this organization all over the place. I was wondering if our distinguished sponsor would be amenable to this amendment.

Senator Flavier. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Flavier is recognized.

Senator Flavier. Before we act, Mr. President, with the indulgence of the gentlemen on the floor, there is a Philippine usage for that and the acronym is GRINGO. It is Government Run and Initiated Nongovernment Organization. *[Laughter]*

Senator Honasan. Mr. President, without prejudice to the comments from the distinguished Sen. Ramon Revilla.

Senator Revilla. Of course, not, Mr. President.

Senator Honasan. Mr. President, may we request clarification as to whether we will accept "QUANGOs" or "GRINGOs." *[Laughter]*

Senator Revilla. Yes, if it is so desired by the proponent. *[Laughter]*

Senator Tatad. Thank you, Mr. President.

The President. All right. The same is hereby approved. Please proceed.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 12, line 31, after the word "prevention", insert the word MANAGEMENT; so that the phrase would read as follows: "best available technology and alternative methods of prevention, MANAGEMENT and control of air pollution."

Senator Honasan. We accept the amendment, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There

being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 13, line 12, between the words "values" and "standards", delete the slash (/) and replace it with a comma (,), so that the phrase would read: "The issuance of air quality guideline values, standards and information on air quality control".

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on the same page 13, line 23, before the word "agencies", insert the word GOVERNMENT, so that the phrase would read "in coordination with other concerned GOVERNMENT agencies".

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 13, line 23, between the words "and" and "or", insert a slash (/); so that the phrase would read "shall review and/or revise and publish."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 14, line 20, between the words "other" and "agencies", insert the word GOVERNMENT, so that the phrase would read "The Department, in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), other GOVERNMENT agencies, the private sector, the academe".

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on the same page 14, line 31, between the words "socio-cultural" and "political," insert the word DEMOGRAPHIC, so that the sentence would read: "It shall also consider the socio-cultural, DEMOGRAPHIC, political and economic implications of air quality management and pollution control."

Senator Tatad. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Tatad is recognized.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, before the sponsor acts on the proposal, may we ask the proponent of the amendment to kindly explain the meaning of this word "demographic" in relation to the implications of air quality management.

Senator Revilla. By including the word "demographic," we make the coverage of implication more comprehensive and holistic in its approach, Mr. President.

Senator Tatad. That does not tell us much. May we have a more understandable explanation why "demographic" comes at all into play?

Senator Revilla. It talks about the population and the clean air that people breathe. In other words, it means something about environment.

Senator Tatad. The sentence says, "It shall consider the socio-cultural, political and economic implications of air quality management and pollution control." When we add the word "demographic", we talk of the demographic implications over air quality management and pollution control. What exactly does this mean with respect to demography? Is it the existing demography or the development of demographics?

This is not an innocuous proposal, Mr. President. I believe there is some deep meaning in this which we are entitled to know.

Senator Revilla. Pertaining to line 13 of page 14, I am not including the word "demographic" any more. I am withdrawing my amendment.

Senator Tatad. The amendment is withdrawn. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The President. The same has been withdrawn. Please proceed.

Senator Revilla. On page 15, line 25, between the words "control" and "management", insert the word AND, so that the phrase would read: "in order to implement the air pollution control AND management program."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 20, line 8, between the words "regular" and "emission", insert the words AND

REASONABLE, so that the sentence would read as follows: "The Department shall, based on environmental valuation techniques design, impose and collect regular AND REASONABLE emission fees on industrial dischargers as part of the emission-permitting system."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. On page 22, line 1, before the word "Open", insert the phrase EXCEPT FOR THE CASE OF CREMATION, THE. So that the phrase would read as follows: "EXCEPT FOR THE CASE OF CREMATION, the open burning and dumping by any person and institution are hereby declared illegal activities."

Senator Honasan. Subject to style, it is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Subject to style. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. On page 25, line 27, after the word "shall", insert the phrase INCOORDINATION WITH THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, so that the paragraph would read as follows: "The Department shall, INCOORDINATION WITH THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, establish acceptable levels of noise, vibration and odor based on scientific criteria from all sources to protect public health and welfare."

Senator Honasan. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. On page 30, line 2, after the word "shall", insert a comma (.). In line 3, after the word "Act", insert a comma (,) and delete the word "shall".

Also in line 3, after the word "of", insert the word ALL.

In line 4, between the words "sources" and "POPS", delete the word "and" and replace it with the word OF, so that the sentence will read as follows:

"The Department shall, within a period of two (2) years after the enactment of this Act, establish an inventory list of ALL sources of POPS in the country."

Senator Honasan. The amendment is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 32, line 5, after the word "shall", insert a comma (,) and add the phrase IN COORDINATION WITH THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION AND CONCERNED PRIVATE SECTORS.

The sentence would read as follows: "For actual or imminent exceedance of any pollution or air quality standards under this Act or its rules and regulations, the Pollution Adjudication Board (PAB) shall, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION AND CONCERNED PRIVATE SECTORS, impose THE FOLLOWING FINES:"

Senator Tatad. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Tatad is recognized.

Senator Tatad. Before the sponsor acts on the proposed amendment, may we ask from the proponent whether the intent of this proposed amendment is to dilute the power of the Pollution Adjudication Board? What is being amended is a proposed power to impose fines. If the fine cannot be imposed unless it is in coordination with so many of these agencies, is the power not in fact being diluted?

HONASAN-REVILLA AMENDMENT

Senator Honasan. Mr. President, with the permission of Senator Tatad and the sponsor. In fact, to this effect, we propose an amendment to the amendment in the sense that we propose to change the word "COORDINATION" with IN CONSULTATION.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, I believe it is essential that the concerned sectors be consulted first before any penalty or sanction is imposed upon the industry player as a result of a particular offense.

Senator Tatad. It is very democratic, but I do not know what result that will have on this proposed bill. If we are going to consult the one to be fined, how much fine should be imposed before we may proceed? I am just throwing the problem to the sponsor of this bill. I have no fixed position on this particular issue at this point.

Senator Honasan. Thank you, Mr. President. From the perspective of the committee, the end result will be a realistic

imposition of fines resulting from meaningful consultation with the intended beneficiaries and the involved sectors. That would be, to the mind of the committee, the primary reason.

The President. So, is the phrase IN CONSULTATION accepted?

Senator Revilla. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The President. So it is an amendment subject to an amendment.

Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

REVILLA AMENDMENTS

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, on page 33A, lines 25 and 26, delete the words and figure "Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000)" and replace it with the words and figure TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000);

On page 33A, lines 27 and 28, delete the words and figure "Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000)" and replace it with the words and figure TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000);

In line 28, delete the words and figure "Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000)" and replace it with the words and figure FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000).

Mr. President, on page 34, line 1, delete the words and figure "Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000)" and replace it with the words and figure FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000).

On page 34, line 2, delete the words and figure "Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000) and replace it with the words and figure SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000).

The whole amendment, therefore, would read as follows:

"For violations under this provision, the following penalties shall apply:

a) First offense - a fine not to exceed TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000);

b) Second offense - a fine not less than TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000) and not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000); and

c) Third offense - one (1) year suspension of the Motor Vehicle Registration Receipt (MVRR) and a fine of not less than

FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000) and not more than SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P6,000)."

Senator Tatad. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Tatad is recognized.

Senator Tatad. May we ask the distinguished proponent the reason for the proposed scaling down of these fines.

Senator Revilla. Ginoong Pangulo, sa palagay ko ay masyado pong mahal ang multa sa probisyong ito. Halimbawa po, ang magiting na ginoo ay isang jeepney o taxi driver and he is caught by the MMDA traffic enforcer for smoke-belching, then he will pay a fine of P10,000. For me, this is anti-poor and excessive. Baka puwede nating babaan ang multa para hindi naman masyadong masakit ito sa bulsa ng mga jeepney operators and taxi drivers.

Senator Tatad. May kaugnayan ito sa smoke-belching, hindi po ba? Nangyayari lamang po iyong smoke-belching kung ang ginagamit na makina ay talagang nagbubuga ng masamang usok. Hindi po desisyon ng isang nagmamaneho ng awto na dito ay hindi siya magbubuga ng masamang usok at sa banda roon lamang siya magbubuga.

It is a requirement na bago po umandar iyong sasakyan ay may mga standards tayong sinusunod upang itong mga sasakyan ay maging roadworthy. Kaya wala na po sa diskresyon ng nagmamaneho iyan. Ang ibig pong sabihin, kung ilalagay natin sa batas na bawal magbuga ng masamang usok, dapat ay ipatupad natin iyan. Kung tayo ay nagdadalawang-isip, huwag na tayong gumawa ng batas at payagan na lamang natin iyon. Iyong gustong magbuga ng masamang usok ay pakikiusapan, "Puwede po ba, mama, sa susunod huwag ka nang magbubuga." At iyong gusto ng malinis na hangin, sila lamang ang susunod.

Ang ibig ko lamang pong sabihin, Ginoong Pangulo, mukhang salungat ang hinihiling ng ating kaibigan sa ibig ipatupad nitong ating panukalang-batas.

Senator Revilla. Ito po naman, Ginoong Pangulo, ay kung sakaling papayag ang sponsor ng bill na ito. Kung hindi po siya papayag, I am willing to withdraw my amendments.

Ang dahilan po kung bakit gusto nating babaan ito ay upang huwag maging basehan ng panunuhol. Kapag malaki nga ang multa, halimbawa P20,000, sasabihin noong pulis o ng humuhuli: "Bigyan mo na lamang ako ng kung magkano riyan." Wika nga malaki ang pagbabasehan ng paghingi ng lagay.

Ginoong Pangulo, kung sakaling bababaan ito ng ating kaibigang si Senator Tatad, siya na po ang magmungkahi kung magkano ang gusto niya.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The President. The Chair, on its own, would like to suggest that we declare a one-minute suspension of the session.

Senator Tatad. I think the Majority Leader is moving for a suspension.

Senator Drilon. I so move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

The President. The session is suspended for one minute, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

It was 5:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:47 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

Senator Honasan. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Honasan is recognized.

Senator Honasan. With the permission of Senator Tatad and Senator Revilla, we would like to inform the Body that the committee has attempted to consolidate amendments related to this particular provision, and we have found the proposals of Senator Revilla to be the most realistic. Yet, at the same time, we have to incorporate, first, provisions on emission control, including existing laws like the Anti-Smoke Belching Law, and a provision in the same proposed bill, particularly Section 29, that bans the importation and distribution of secondhand engines.

So, Mr. President, prospectively, we have to live with existing secondhand engines, but we can prevent further pollution by preventing importation and distribution.

So, as it stands, the committee can live with the existing provision, but at the same time, we would like to manifest on the floor that we found the proposals of Senator Revilla to be the most realistic.

The President. What is the pleasure of the sponsor?

Senator Honasan. We accept the individual amendments of Senator Revilla, Mr. President.

The President. The individual amendments of Senator Revilla are accepted. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the amendments are approved.

Senator Revilla. Mr. President.

The President. Please proceed.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR REVILLA
(That He Be Made Coauthor of S. No. 1255)

Senator Revilla. Mr. President, I would like to manifest my earnest desire to be made as a coauthor of this noble legislative measure.

Maraming salamat po.

The President. May we hear from the sponsor?

Senator Honasan. We accept with honor, Mr. President.

The President. It is accepted with honor.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1255

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1255.

The President. Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, the motion is hereby approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. The session is suspended for one minute, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

It was 5:51 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:52 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed. The Majority Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF P. S. RES. NO. 360
(Expression of Condolence on the Death of King Hussein
of the Royal Kingdom of Jordan and Congratulating
King Abdullah as the New King of Jordan)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we consider