

RECORD OF THE SENATE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2003

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 4:12 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

The President. The 30th session of the Third Regular Session of the Twelfth Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Robert S. Jaworski, whose prayer will be read by Sen. Juan M. Flavier.

Everybody rose for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Flavier. I am delivering the opening prayer for the Senate session prepared by Sen. Robert S. Jaworski.

Almighty God, we come before Your omnipotent glory.

We are in awe of Your amazing power, Lord. You have given life to all creatures big and small.

We praise You, God, in Your awesome power, and we acknowledge our diminutive existence before Your presence.

You have no need for us, Lord, yet by Your grace You have allowed us to share in Your creation.

We acknowledge, Lord, that life is both a test and a trust from You. Every little incident and detail of our lives tests us in our response to You.

And yet, Lord, You do not test us without providing for us the shield through which we can endure. You test us, Lord, to build our character. Let each test then be for Your greater glory.

Our life on earth is but a mere assignment from You. How can we boast of anything that we possess when everything comes from You, Lord?

Nurture our hearts, Lord God, so that we may properly take charge of all that You have blest us with. Teach us to be kind stewards of this earth You've lent to us. Gather Your people in Your bosom so we may worship You in communion not out of duty or fear but in genuine love and gratitude of You.

Do not forsake us, Lord, in our hour of need for Your light. Direct us in everything that we do so that we may honor Your name, as You rightfully deserve.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

The President. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary, reading:

Senator Edgardo J. Angara	Present
Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta	Present
Senator Joker P. Arroyo	Present
Senator Robert Z. Barbers	Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon	Present
Senator Noli "Kabayan" De Castro	Present
Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavier	Present
Senator Gregorio B. Honasan	Present
Senator Robert S. "JAWO" Jaworski	**
Senator Panfilo M. Lacson	Present
Senator Loren B. Legarda	Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr.	Present*
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña	Present*
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III	Present
Senator Francis N. Pangilinan	Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr.	Present
Senator Ralph G. Recto	Present*
Senator Ramon B. Revilla	Present
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III	Present
Senator Manuel B. Villar Jr.	Present*
The President	Present

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

THE JOURNAL

Senator Legarda. Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the 29th session, October 21, 2003, and consider it approved.

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

* Arrived after the roll call

** On official mission

Printed copies of the resolution were distributed to the members on October 22, 2003.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 612 is now in order.

The Secretary will please read only the title of the resolution.

The Secretary. Proposed Senate Resolution No. 612, entitled

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The President. Before we proceed with the voting, the session is suspended for one minute, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

It was 4:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:14 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed. We shall now vote on the resolution and the Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary. Senators

- Angara Yes
Aquino-Oreta Yes
Arroyo Yes
Barbers Yes
Biazon Yes
De Castro Yes
Ejercito Estrada Yes
Flavier Yes
Honasan Yes
Jaworski
Lacson Yes
Legarda Yes
Magsaysay Jr. Yes
Osmeña (J.) Yes
Osmeña III Yes
Pangilinan Yes
Pimentel Jr. Yes
Recto
Revilla Yes
Sotto III Yes

- Villar
The President Yes

APPROVAL OF P. S. RES. NO. 612 ON THIRD READING

The President. With 18 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 612 is approved on Third Reading.

Senator Legarda. 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 read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Secretary.

October 14, 2003

The Honorable FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate
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Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on October 13, 2003 approved the Bicameral Conference Committee Report on the consolidated version of House Bill No. 4235 and Senate Bill No. 2155, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR AND AFFORDING STRONGER PROTECTION FOR THE WORKING CHILD, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT."

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) ARTEMIO A. ADASA JR.
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Secretary General