

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 4:17 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Manny Villar, called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 62nd session of the Third Regular Session of the Thirteenth Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all rise for a minute of silent prayer.

*Everybody rose for a minute of silent prayer.*

**The President.** Miss Alegria Ferrer and Mr. Nelson Caruncho will lead us in the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and they will also render a song entitled *Minamahal Kita*.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Everybody remained standing for the singing of the national anthem.*

**The President.** We would like to thank Ms. Alegria Ferrer and Mr. Nelson Caruncho. *[Applause]*

### ROLL CALL

The Secretary will please call the roll.

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Edgardo J. Angara .....	Present*
Senator Joker P. Arroyo .....	Present
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon .....	Present
Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano .....	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago .....	Present
Senator Franklin M. Drilon .....	Present
Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada .....	Present
Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada .....	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile .....	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavio .....	Present
Senator Richard J. Gordon .....	Present*
Senator Panfilo M. Lacson .....	Present
Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid .....	Present
Senator Alfredo S. Lim .....	Present
Senator M. A. Madrigal .....	Present
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. ....	Present
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III .....	Present*
Senator Kiko Pangilinan .....	Present*
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. ....	Present
Senator Ralph G. Recto .....	Present
Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr. ....	Present
Senator Mar Roxas .....	Present
The President .....	Present

\* Arrived after the roll call

**The President.** With 19 senators present, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

### THE JOURNAL

**Senator Cayetano.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the 60th session, January 30, 2007, and consider it approved.

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

### THE JOURNAL (Consideration Deferred)

**Senator Cayetano.** Mr. President, I move that we defer the consideration and approval of the *Journal* of the 61st session, January 31, 2007 as it is still being finalized.

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

**Senator Cayetano.** 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 please read the Reference of Business.

### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**The Secretary.**

February 1, 2007

The Honorable  
MANNY VILLAR  
President of the Senate  
Financial Center  
Pasay City 1308

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on January 31, 2007 passed House Bill No. 6041, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
NAGA IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A



Magsaysay Jr. .... Yes  
 Osmeña III ..... Yes  
 Pangilinan .....  
 Pimentel Jr. .... Yes  
 Recto .....  
 Revilla Jr. ....  
 Roxas .....  
 The President ..... Yes

## APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2171 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 14 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2171 is approved on Third Reading.

## BILL ON THIRD READING

## S. No. 2580 – Magna Carta for Disabled Persons

**Senator Cayetano.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2580 under Committee Report No. 230. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the members on February 1, 2007.

**The President.** Is there any objection [*Silence*] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 2580 is now in order.

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

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2580, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING OTHER PRIVILEGES AND INCENTIVES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND GRANTING THEM THE RIGHT TO LIVE FREE FROM VERBAL AND NON-VERBAL RIDICULE AND VILIFICATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNACARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**The President.** We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

**The Secretary.** Senators

Angara ..... Yes  
 Arroyo ..... Yes  
 Biazon .....  
 Cayetano ..... Yes  
 Defensor Santiago ..... Yes  
 Drilon ..... Yes

Ejercito Estrada (J.) ..... Yes  
 Ejercito Estrada (L.) .....  
 Enrile ..... Yes  
 Flavio ..... Yes  
 Gordon ..... Yes  
 Lacson .....  
 Lapid .....  
 Lim ..... Yes  
 Madrigal .....  
 Magsaysay Jr. .... Yes  
 Osmeña III ..... Yes  
 Pangilinan .....  
 Pimentel Jr. .... Yes  
 Recto .....  
 Revilla Jr. ....  
 Roxas .....  
 The President ..... Yes

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**The President.** With 14 affirmative votes, no negative votes, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2580 is approved on Third Reading.

## BILL ON THIRD READING

## H. No. 4065 – Volunteer Act of 2005

**Senator Cayetano.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4065 under Committee Report No. 231. Copies of the bill were distributed to all the members on February 1, 2007.

**The President.** Is there any objection? [*Silence*] There being none, voting on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4065 is now in order.

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

**The Secretary.** House Bill No. 4065, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A STRATEGY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, STRENGTHENING VOLUNTEERISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**The President.** We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

**The Secretary.** Senators

Angara ..... Yes  
 Arroyo ..... Yes  
 Biazon .....  
 Cayetano ..... Yes  
 Defensor Santiago ..... Yes  
 Drilon ..... Yes