

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

**OPENING OF THE SESSION**

*At 3:00 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Vicente C. Sotto III, called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 28<sup>th</sup> session of the Senate in the First Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Ronald “Bato” M. dela Rosa.

*Everybody rose for a prayer.*

**PRAYER**

**Senator Dela Rosa.** *Let us pause for a moment in the silence of our hearts. Let us recognize the holy presence of the Lord in our midst and pray for His blessings.*

Almighty God, the source of life and creator of all things. We come to You today asking for Your guidance and wisdom. Send Your spirit of compassion to dwell in our midst and help us engage in meaningful discussions. Allow us to grow closer as a group and fill us with Your grace as we make decisions and arrive to a conclusion. Altogether, we also pray for those who suffered from physical abuse due to hazing or maltreatment, especially to those who lost their lives; may Your divine mercy grant them eternal peace in Your heavenly kingdom.

Likewise, we also entrust into Your divine care the grieving parents of all hazing victims; may they find comfort and strength in Your most loving heart. Above all, our most merciful God, we fervently pray that by Your divine will, may the bad practice of hazing would finally cease among all our academic and training institutions.

Lastly, please continue to remind us that all that we should do here today, all that we must accomplish, shall be for the pursuit of truth and absolute goodness. May our actions and attitudes please You that we shall merit Your grace as we continue to glorify You in the service of our dear country, in the service of Your people.

All these we ask in Your Most Mighty Name,

Amen.

**The President.** Amen.

The Senate Choir will lead us in the singing of the Philippine national anthem.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**The President.** The Secretary will please call the roll.

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Sonny Angara .....	Present
Senator Maria Lourdes	
Nancy S. Binay .....	Present
Senator Pia S. Cayetano .....	Present
Senator Leila M. De Lima .....	*
Senator Ronald “Bato”	
M. Dela Rosa .....	Present
Senator Franklin M. Dilon .....	Present
Senator Win Gatchalian .....	Present
Senator Christopher Lawrence	
T. Go .....	Present
Senator Richard J. Gordon .....	Present**
Senator Risa Hontiveros .....	Present
Senator Panfilo “Ping” M. Lacson ...	Present
Senator Manuel “Lito” M. Lapid .....	Present**
Senator Imee R. Marcos .....	Present
Senator Emmanuel “Manny”	
D. Pacquiao .....	Present
Senator Francis “Kiko”	
N. Pangilinan .....	Present**
Senator Aquilino “Koko” L.	
Pimentel III .....	Present
Senator Grace Poe .....	Present
Senator Ralph G. Recto .....	Present**
Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr. ....	Present
Senator Francis “Tol” N. Tolentino ...	Present
Senator Joel Villanueva .....	Present
Senator Cynthia A. Villar .....	Present
Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri .....	Present
The President .....	Present

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

**Senator Zubiri.** Thank you, Mr. President.

\* Unable to attend the session as she was under detention

\*\* Arrived after the roll call

Mr. President, we have here in the gallery some very important people, particularly the Deputy Speaker, Bro. Eddie Villanueva, the better version of Sen. Joel Villanueva, the original Villanueva [Laughter], together with the JIL Regional and Area Churches and Pastors.

We also have with us, Mr. President, Justice Georgina Hidalgo of the Sandiganbayan, together with Ms. Gemma Posadas, Chief Judicial Staff Officer of Budget and Finance Division of the Sandiganbayan.

**The President.** We welcome all our guests to the Senate.

Thank you for the visit.

**Senator Zubiri.** Mr. President, we have a bill for Third Reading. May I ask our colleagues to settle down so that we can vote.

**The President.** Yes, but what about the *Journal*?

#### THE JOURNAL

**Senator Zubiri.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the 27<sup>th</sup> session, Wednesday, September 25, 2019, and consider it approved.

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

**Senator Zubiri.** Do we need to act on the Reference of Business or we go on Third Reading? I recommend, Mr. President, that we go first on Third Reading.

**The President.** That is correct.

#### BILL ON THIRD READING S. No. 1043—Postponing the May 2020 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections

**Senator Zubiri.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1043. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on September 25, 2019.

**The President.** Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1043 is now in order.

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

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1043, entitled

AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020  
BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN

ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656,  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 10952, 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
Binay.....	Yes
Cayetano.....	Yes
De Lima .....	
Dela Rosa .....	Yes
Drilon.....	Yes
Gatchalian.....	Yes
Go .....	Yes
Gordon.....	
Hontiveros .....	Yes
Lacson .....	Yes
Lapid.....	
Marcos .....	Yes
Pacquiao .....	Yes
Pangilinan .....	Yes
Pimentel III .....	Yes
Poe .....	Yes
Recto .....	Yes
Revilla Jr. ....	Yes
Tolentino.....	Yes
Villanueva.....	Yes
Villar .....	Yes
Zubiri .....	Yes
The President .....	Yes

#### APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1043 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 21 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 1043 is approved on Third Reading.

**Senator Zubiri.** Thank you, Mr. President.

#### CONSIDERATION OF P. S. RES. NO. 147 (Recognizing and Congratulating Jesus is Lord Church for Celebrating Its 41<sup>st</sup> Founding Anniversary)

Mr. President, I move that we consider Proposed Senate Resolution No. 147, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 148, as reported out by the Committee on Rules.

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