

RECORD OF THE SENATE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1987

OPENING OF THE SESSION

At 2:51 p.m., the Honorable Jovito R. Salonga, President of the Senate, called the session to order.

The President. The session of the Senate is called to order.

Senator Tañada will lead us in the opening prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the prayer.

PRAYER

Senator Tañada.

Sa aming bansang Iyong pinapatnubayan ay nagtitipon ang mga ministro't pinuno ng ASEAN,

Hangad nila at hangad natin ang isang rehiyon ng kapayapaan, kalayaan at walang kinikilingan, maliban sa mga makataong mithiin sa katarungan.

Dahil dito, Panginoon, kaming mga kinatawan ng sambayanan ay turuan po Ninyong magkaugnayan sa diwa ng ispiritwal, makatao at makabayan.

Ang pambansang budget ay tinatalakay namin at ang kapakanang Pilipino ang dapat unahin bago ang sa iba.

Gabayan Mo kami sa aming dalangin na bawat salapi at pondong gugugulin ay para sa ikabubuti ng lipunan namin.

Ganoon din mahal na Panginoon, kami ay gabayan, ang kampanya sa eleksiyon ay naririto na naman,

Ang mga balotang sagisag ng kapangyarihan sana ay huwag mabahiran ng dugo ng karahasan.

Sasapit mamayang hatinggabi ang sa Pasko'y

timbang gabi.

Sana ay isapuso namin ang lahat Mong magagandang sabi.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

The President. The Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary.

Senator Heherson T. Alvarez	Present*
Senator Edgardo J. Angara	Present
Senator Agapito A. Aquino	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile	Present
Senator Joseph Ejercito Estrada . . .	Present*
Senator Neptali A. Gonzales	Present*
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona, Jr. . .	Present
Senator Ernesto F. Herrera	**
Senator Sotero H. Laurel	Present
Senator Jose D. Lina, Jr.	Absent
Senator Ernesto M. Maceda	Present
Senator Orlando S. Mercado	Present
Senator John H. Osmena	Present
Senator Vicente T. Paterno	Present
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. . .	Present
Senator Santanina T. Rasul	Present
Senator Alberto G. Romulo	Present
Senator Rene A.V. Saguisag	Present
Senator Leticia Ramos Shahani	Present
Senator Mamintal Abdul J. Tamano .	Present*
Senator Wigberto E. Tañada	Present
Senator Victor S. Ziga	**
The President	Present

The President. With 16 Senators present, there is a quorum.

Senator Mercado. Mr. President, at the request of the Minority Floor Leader, I move that we take up the approval of the *Journal* at a later time during our session.

The President. The Secretary will now proceed with the reading of the Order of Business.

*Arrived after the roll call

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tion; and Finance.

Senator Mercado. Mr. President, as regards this bill, I move that Senator Maceda be also included as coauthor.

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 234 entitled AN ACT TO DECLARE A NATIONAL POLICY AND PROGRAM ON URBAN LAND REFORM AND HOUSING, ESTABLISH THE INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Senator Lina, Jr.

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

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 235 entitled AN ACT CREATING THE BARANGAY WATER PROGRAM OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Senators Romulo and Maceda.

The President. To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 93, submitted by the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, on the Privilege Speech of Senator Gonzales delivered on October 7, 1987 recommending that it be laid on the table.

The President. To the Archives.

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 94, submitted by the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, on Senate Bill No. 45, introduced by Senator Laurel, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES TO DISCLOSE THE IDENTITIES OF THEIR RELATIVES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PENALIZING VIOLATIONS THEREOF,

recommending that it be laid on the table.

The President. To the Archives.

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 95, submitted by the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, on Senate Bill No. 129, introduced by Senators Romulo and Pimentel, Jr., entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO SUBMIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending that it be laid on the table.

The President. To the Archives.

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 96, submitted by the Committee on National Defense and Security, on the Privilege Speech of Senator Laurel, entitled

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recommending for approval the various recommendations contained in this Committee Report.

Sponsor: Senator Maceda.

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 1 of the Permanent Congress Site Committee (Senate Counterpart) on Development Updates on Proposed Permanent Congress Site, recommending for approval the various recommendations contained in this Committee Report.

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

Senator Mercado. Mr. President, for the Privilege Hour, I move that we recognize Senator Leticia Ramos-Shahani.

The President. Senator Shahani is recognized.