

RECORD OF THE SENATE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1992

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 3:57 p.m., the session was resumed, with the Honorable Neptali A. Gonzales, President of the Senate, presiding.

The President. The session is hereby resumed.

The Secretary will please read the fifth additional Reference of Business.

FIFTH ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Secretary.

September 3, 1992

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on September 2, 1992 passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, entitled

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN PROCLAMATION NO. 10 OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DATED JULY 27, 1992 GRANTING AMNESTY IN FAVOR OF PERSONS WHO HAVE FILED OR WILL FILE APPLICATIONS FOR AMNESTY UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 350, SERIES OF 1989, AS AMENDED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 10-A ISSUED ON JULY 28, 1992,

in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

In case of disagreement, the House of Representatives requests for a conference on the disagreeing votes on said House Concurrent Resolution, and accordingly, has designated Congressmen Eduardo R. Ermita, Bernardo M. Vergara, Rodolfo B. Albano, Jr., Charito B. Plaza and Joker P. Arroyo, as its conferees.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) CAMILO L. SABIO
Secretary General

The Honorable
NEPTALI A. GONZALES
President of the Senate
Manila

The President. Referred to the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation.

The Secretary.

September 17, 1992

Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives on September 3, 1992 passed House Bill No. 1503, entitled

AN ACT TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX EVERY MONTH AND TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SHARE IN VAT REVENUE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE,

to which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Very respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) CAMILO L. SABIO
Secretary General

The Honorable
NEPTALI A. GONZALES
President of the Senate
Manila

The President. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 745, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6957, ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Senator Macapagal-Arroyo.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 746, entitled

The Secretary. Executive Order No. 18 dated September 1, 1992, entitled

TRANSFERRING THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION COUNCIL OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO BOOK III, TITLE III, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 31, OF THE 1987 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws.

The Secretary. Executive Order No. 19 dated September 1, 1992, entitled

CONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL UNIFICATION COMMISSION, PRESCRIBING ITS AUTHORITY AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation.

The Secretary. Memorandum Order No. 22-A dated July 29, 1992, entitled

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT STAFF TO DEPOSIT PAGCOR REMITTANCES TO THE PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL FUND (PSF) AT ANY GOVERNMENT BANK.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary. Memorandum Order No. 31 dated August 31, 1992, entitled

TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY AND RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PEACE COMMISSIONER TO CERTAIN UNITS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary. Memorandum Order No. 32 dated August 29, 1992, entitled

DESIGNATING THE SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY (SBMA) AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE TURNOVER OF SUBIC NAVAL BASE AND ITS FACILITIES.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises.

The Secretary. Administrative Order No. 5 dated September 1, 1992, entitled

IMPLEMENTING SECTION 48, GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1992, FOR THE SCALING DOWN OF INSPECTION ACTIVITIES IN THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS COMMISSION.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary. Memorandum Circular No. 5 dated August 27, 1992, entitled

CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE AND ADOPTING THE PLAN FOR THE CLEANING AND GREENING OF METRO MANILA.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Local Government.

The Secretary. Memorandum Circular No. 6 dated September 1, 1992, entitled

REQUIRING ALL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO SUBMIT COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE COMPENSATION BENEFITS OF MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES.

The President. Referred to the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 18 submitted by the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws on Senate Bill No. 176, introduced by Senator Lina, Jr., entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE CRIME OF HAZING AND AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION ONE, CHAPTER ONE, TITLE EIGHT OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE,

and Senate Bill No. 667, introduced by Senator Coseteng, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING HAZING A CRIME,

recommending that Senate Bill No. 176, in consolidation with Senate Bill No. 667, be approved without amendment, with Senators Lina, Jr. and Coseteng as authors thereof.

Sponsors: Senators Lina, Jr. and Coseteng

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President.

The President. The Majority Leader is recognized.

BILL ON THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 760 — Mt. Pinatubo Assistance, Resettlement and Development Authority of 1992

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 760. Copies of the bill were distributed to all Members of the Senate on September 19, 1992.

The President. Voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 760 is now in order. The Secretary will please read only the title of the bill, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 760, entitled

AN ACT APPROPRIATING TEN BILLION PESOS FOR THE RELIEF, RESETTLEMENT, REHABILITATION, AND LIVELIHOOD SERVICES FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE ERUPTION OF MT. PINATUBO, AND CREATING THE MT. PINATUBO ASSISTANCE, RESETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER SUCH FUNDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The President. The Senate will now proceed to vote on the bill.

The Secretary will please call the roll.

Senator Alvarez. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Alvarez is recognized.

Senator Alvarez. There was a gentlemen's understanding during the last session that we would reconsider the approval of Senate Bill No. 760 on Second Reading, so that whatever alterations or further insights that we can develop over the weekend

can be reintroduced today after due reconsideration in order to amend the bill.

Before we go into voting, Mr. President, since I have here what I feel is a critical amendment, may I ask the leadership to now consider the reconsideration of this measure.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, may I ask that we suspend the session for one minute.

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

It was 4:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF THE SESSION

At 4:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, the distinguished Senator from Isabela wishes to say something.

Senator Alvarez. With the gentlemanly assurances from the Chairman of the Committee, my seatmate, my favorite Senator from the Tagalog Region, who is the spokesman of both Aurora and all of the Tagalog region, eventually of Central Visayas and Mindanao as well, and, perhaps, at some point, of the Ilocos as well, I now withdraw my proposal.

The President. The motion is withdrawn. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Romulo. Mr. President, I reiterate my motion that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 760.

The President. The Senate will now proceed to vote on the bill. The Secretary will please call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll and the result of the voting was as follows:

YES - 17

Senator Alvarez
Senator Angara
Senator Aquino *
Senator Coseteng *

Senator Maceda *
Senator Mercado *
Senator Ople *
Senator Roco *

*With explanation of vote