

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1998

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:03 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Marcelo B. Fernan, called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 15th session of the Senate in the First Regular Session of the 11th Congress is hereby called to order.

We shall be led in prayer by Senate President Pro Tempore Blas F. Ople.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Ople.**

### PANALANGIN

Mahal naming Panginoon:

Sa amin pong kapaligiran ay naghahari pa rin ang lagim ng mga patayan, gutom at matinding pagdarahap at laganap na kawalan ng pag-asa;

Sa kabila nito'y buo ang aming pananampalataya sa Iyo at sa Iyong banal na pananalita. Sapagkat alam naming sa pamamagitan ng kalinga at pagpapala Mo ay maaari naming tawirin at pagtagumpayan ang lahat ng pagsubok na ito kung kami ay magiging tapat sa Iyo at sa aming sinumpaang tungkulin.

Pagpalain Mo po, Panginoon, ang Senado ng Pilipinas at ang lahat ng bumubuo sa Kapulungang ito.

Maraming salamat po.

**The President.** Thank you, Senate President Pro Tempore, Blas F. Ople.

### ROLL CALL

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

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta ..... Present  
Senator Robert Z. Barbers ..... Present  
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon ..... \*\*  
Senator Renato L. Compañero Cayetano .... Present  
Senator Anna Dominique M. L. Coseteng . Present  
Senator Franklin M. Drilon ..... Present  
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile ..... Present\*

Senator Juan M. Flavies ..... Present  
Senator Teofisto T. Guingona Jr. .... Present  
Senator Gregorio B. Honasan ..... Present  
Senator Robert S. Jaworski ..... Present  
Senator Loren B. Legarda-Leviste ..... Present  
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. .... Present  
Senator Blas F. Ople ..... Present  
Senator John Henry R. Osmeña ..... Present\*  
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III ..... Present  
Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. .... Present  
Senator Ramon B. Revilla ..... Present\*  
Senator Raul S. Roco ..... Present  
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago ..... Present  
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III ..... Present  
Senator Francisco S. Tatad ..... Present  
The President ..... Present

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

### THE JOURNAL

**Senator Drilon.** Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the *Journal* of the previous session and consider it approved.

**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

### MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**The Secretary.**

Malacañang  
Manila

Aug. 20, 1998

Hon. MARCELO B. FERNAN  
Senate President  
Senate of the Philippines  
Pasay City

Dear Senate President Fernan:

I hereby endorse Senate Bill No. 586, entitled

\* Arrived after roll call

\*\* On official mission

AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED THREAT OF TERRORISM IN THE PHILIPPINES AS MAY BE CONFIRMED BY THE ALLEGED LINKS OF TERRORIST LEADER AND FINANCIER OSMAN BIN LADEN IN MINDANAO, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADOPTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES THAT WILL ADDRESS THE VERY NATURE OF TERRORISM, ITS ACTS, NATURE AND EFFECT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY

Introduced by Senator Barbers

**The President.** Referred to the Committee on National Defense and Security

**The Secretary.** Proposed Senate Resolution No. 149, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CLAMOR FOR JUSTICE AND EQUITY OF THE POOR AND MARGINALIZED SECTOR, WHO FALL VICTIM TO THE ALLEGED FIENDISH PLOT OF UNSCRUPULOUS LAND GRABBERS AND SOME CORRUPT LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY PERSONNEL AND COURT OFFICIALS, PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE AND COURT AUTHENTICATION OF FAKE LAND TITLES THAT SERVE TO JUSTIFY THE WANTON DEMOLITION OF THEIR HOMES

Introduced by Senator Jaworski

**The President.** Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**The Secretary.** Committee Report No. 2, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs, on Senate Bill No. 1136, with Senator Sergio Osmeña III and the members of the Committee on Economic Affairs as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT EXPEDITING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECOZONES, AMENDING CERTAIN

SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1986," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 155.

Sponsors: Senator Sergio Osmeña III and the members of the Committee on Economic Affairs

**The President.** To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

**The Secretary.** Committee Report No. 3, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Public Services, on Senate Bill No. 1137, with Senators Flavier, Coseteng, Sotto III, Osmeña III and Santiago as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY MOTORISTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VEHICLES TO USE SEAT BELT DEVICES, AND REQUIRING VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO INSTALL SEAT BELT DEVICES IN ALL THEIR MANUFACTURED VEHICLES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 69, 248 and 695.

Sponsors: Senators Sotto III, Flavier, Coseteng, Osmeña III and Santiago

**The President.** To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

The Majority Leader is recognized.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DRILON  
(Senator Coseteng as Coauthor of S. No. 829)

**Senator Drilon.** Mr. President, upon the request of Senator Coseteng, I would like to manifest that she is made a coauthor of Senate Bill No. 829.

**The President.** It is noted. Senator Coseteng is made a coauthor of Senate Bill No. 829.

#### MOTION OF SENATOR DRILON (Change of Referral)

**Senator Drilon.** Mr. President, may we amend the referral on Senate Bill Nos. 152 and 1118. These two bills were previously referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce.