

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2001**

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 4:08 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 51st session of the Senate in the Third Regular Session of the Eleventh Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the opening prayer to be led by Sen. Teofisto T. Guingona Jr.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

### PRAYER

**Senator Guingona.** Let us bow our heads in prayer.

Dear God in Heaven,

The nation has emerged from a storm  
It is now time to build, a time to heal  
A time to renew faith, to restore moral values  
like honesty and honor,  
A time to address with vigor the challenges we all face:  
poverty, social and economic inequity, free  
trade in an unequal world, justice, especially to  
the underprivileged.

As we emerge from the storm of the recent past,  
It is time we take stock and ask: Where do we go from  
here? What other problems and priorities?  
How do we bind the nation's wounds and build  
the Filipino anew? What legacy do we wish to  
leave to our children?

Dear God in Heaven,

Help us as You did thru the storm  
Guide us, strengthen us, teach us.  
Infuse into us the spirit to fight for truth  
To bind the past into lessons for the future, to build the  
nation resolutely for Your own eternal glory.

Amen.

### ROLL CALL

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

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta .....	Present*
Senator Robert Z. Barbers .....	Absent **
Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon .....	Present
Senator Renato L. Compañero Cayetano .....	Present
Senator Anna Dominique M. L. Coseteng ..	Present*
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago .....	Present
Senator Franklin M. Drilon .....	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile .....	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavio .....	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 Ramon B. Revilla .....	Present
Senator Raul S. Roco .....	Present*
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III .....	Present
Senator Francisco S. Tatad .....	Present
The President .....	Present

**The President.** With 14 senators present, there is a quorum.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF LOCAL OFFICIALS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAJAYJAY, AKLAN LED BY TELO AND RACHEL TONGLD

May the Chair kindly acknowledge the presence of some local officials from the municipality of Majayjay, Aklan, led by Mrs. Rachel Tonglod and her husband, Telo. Will you please all kindly rise to be acknowledged.

Thank you very much.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

### THE JOURNAL (Consideration Deferred)

**Senator Drilon.** Mr. President, I move that we defer consideration of the 50th *Journal* as it is still being finalized.

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

\* Arrived after the roll call

\*\* Absent on account of illness

Coseteng ..... Yes  
 Defensor Santiago .....  
 Drilon ..... Yes  
 Enrile ..... Yes  
 Flavio ..... Yes  
 Guingona Jr. .... Yes  
 Honasan .....  
 Jaworski ..... Yes  
 Legarda-Leviste ..... Yes  
 Magsaysay Jr. .... Yes  
 Ople ..... Yes  
 Osmeña (J.) ..... Yes  
 Osmeña III ..... Yes  
 Revilla ..... Yes  
 Roco ..... Yes  
 Sotto III ..... Yes  
 Tatad ..... Yes  
 The President ..... Yes

## APPROVAL OF S. NO. 2196 ON THIRD READING

**The President.** With 19 affirmative votes, no negative vote, and no abstention, Senate Bill No. 2196 is approved on Third Reading.

**BILL ON SECOND READING**  
**S. No. 1989 — Protecting the Layout**  
**Design of Integrated Circuits**  
*(Continuation)*

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1989 as reported out under Committee Report No. 218.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1989 is now in order.

**Senator Tatad.** We are still in the period of interpellations but those who have made a reservation to interpellate have since withdrawn their reservation. I move that we now close the period of interpellations.

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

**Senator Tatad.** I ask that Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. be recognized.

**The President.** Sen. Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. is recognized.

**Senator Tatad.** May we know if there are proposed committee amendments?

**Senator Magsaysay.** There are no committee amendments.

**Senator Tatad.** Since there are no proposed committee amendments, I move that the period of committee amendments be closed.

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

**Senator Tatad.** This is a WTO-compliance measure, Mr. President. I do not believe there are any individual amendments. I move that the period of individual amendments be closed.

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

## APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1989 ON SECOND READING

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1989.

**The President.** Is there any objection? *[Silence]* There being none, we shall now vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1989.

As many as are in favor of the bill, say *aye*.

Several Members. *Aye*.

**The President.** As many as are against the bill, say *nay*. *[Silence]*

Senate Bill No. 1989 is approved on Second Reading.

**Senator Magsaysay.** This is a certified measure, Mr. President.

**Senator Tatad.** This is a certified measure. I ask that the Secretary read the certification.

**The President.** The Secretary will please read the certification.

Mr. Majority Leader, there seems to be some problem. Maybe we should have a one-minute suspension of the session.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

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

*It was 4:53 p.m.*

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:55 p.m., the session was resumed.

**The President.** The session is resumed.

The Secretary will now read the certification.

**The Secretary.**

March 4, 1999

HON. MARCELO B. FERNAN

Senate President

Senate of the Philippines

Pasay City

Dear Senate President Fernan:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 (2), Article VI of the Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 1430, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PROTECTION OF LAYOUT-DESIGNS (TOPOGRAPHIES) OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS,

to meet a public emergency consisting of the proximity of the effectivity of WTO (GATT)-TRIPS Agreement by the year 2000, after which, protection of the same is already violative of said agreement.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA

cc: Hon. Manuel B. Villar Jr.

Speaker

House of Representatives

Quezon City

**The President.** There is too much noise in the gallery. The gallery will please maintain some silence.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

**Senator Drilon.** Mr. President, I move for a one-minute suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:57 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF S. NO. 1989

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, it appears that this certification was issued in connection with the original bill. Since what we have just approved is a substitute measure, it will need a new certification. I believe this can be secured as soon as possible. So I move that we suspend consideration of Senate Bill No. 1989.

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

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 2261 — Science and Technology Resources

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we consider Senate Bill No. 2261 as reported out under Committee Report No. 623.

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

Consideration of Senate Bill No. 2261 is now in order. With the permission of the Body, the Secretary will read only the title of the bill without prejudice to inserting in the *Record* the whole text thereof.

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 2261, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING AND PRESERVING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HERITAGE CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*The following is the whole text of the bill:*

Senate Bill No. 2261

AN ACT PROMOTING AND PRESERVING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE