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Sponsors: Senators Barbers, Renato L. *Compañero* Cayetano and Pimentel Jr.

The President Pro Tempore. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

Senator Drilon: Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. The Majority Leader is recognized.

BILL ON THIRD READING  
S. No. 1404 - Solo Parents Welfare Act

Senator Drilon: Mr. President; I move that we vote on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1404. Copies of the bill were distributed to the members on May 27, 1999.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, voting on Third Reading on Senate Bill No. 1404 is now in order.

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

The Secretary. Senate Bill No. 1404, entitled:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The President Pro Tempore. We shall now vote on the bill and the Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary. Senators

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Aquino-Oreta    | Yes |
| Barbers         | Yes |
| Biazon          | Yes |
| Cayetano        | Yes |
| Coseteng        | Yes |
| Drilon          | Yes |
| Enrile          | Yes |
| Flavier         | Yes |
| Quingona        | Yes |
| Monahan         |     |
| Jaworski        | Yes |
| Legarda-Leviste |     |
| Magsaysay Jr.   | Yes |
| Ople            | Yes |
| Osmena (G)      | Yes |
| Osmena (S)      | Yes |
| Pimentel        | No  |

Senator Pimentel, Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. Senator Pimentel is recognized.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

Senator Pimentel. Mr. President, I register a vote of *no*, and I would like to have the privilege of submitting a written explanation of my vote later.

*The following is the written explanation of vote of Senator Pimentel:*

(Insert)

The Secretary. Senators

Revilla.....

Roco..... Abstention

Senator Roco, Mr. President.

The President Pro Tempore. Senator Roco is recognized.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE OF SENATOR ROCO

Senator Roco. As earlier manifested, Mr. President, I am abstaining, and I wish to submit also a written explanation of my vote.

*The following is the written explanation of vote of Senator Roco:*

(Insert)

The President Pro Tempore. The manifestations are noted.

The Secretary. Senators

Santiago. .... Yes  
Sotto. .... Yes  
Tatad. .... Yes  
The President. ....

#### APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1404 ON THIRD READING

The President Pro Tempore. With 17 affirmative votes, one negative vote, and one abstention, Senate Bill No. 1404 is approved on Third Reading.

#### MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DRILON (Special Session on July 12-16, 1999)

Senator Drilon. Just a brief manifestation before the Privilege Hour, Mr. President. For the advance information of our colleagues, for purposes of their calendar, we wish to inform them that this morning Pres. Joseph Ejercito Estrada announced that he is calling Congress to a special session from July 12 to July 16, 1999. The appropriate proclamation will be formally transmitted to this Chamber. I am advancing this information for the notation of all our colleagues.

The President Pro Tempore. The announcement is noted.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

The President Pro Tempore. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the session is suspended for a few minutes.

*It was 5:29 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:33 p.m., the session was resumed.*

The President Pro Tempore. The session is resumed.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, for the Privilege Hour, may I ask the Chair to recognize Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago.