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BILL ON SECOND READING
S. No. 1545 - The Philippine Micronutrient
Fortification Act
(Continuation)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1545 as reported out under Committee Report No. 37. This is the Philippine Micronutrient Fortification Act.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 1545 is now in order.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, we are still in the period of amendments. May I ask the Chair to recognize the principal sponsor, Sen. Juan M. Flavio.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Sen. Juan M. Flavio is recognized even if I can hardly see him.

Senator Drilon. We are in the period of committee amendments, Mr. President.

Senator Flavio. Yes, Mr. President. I want to manifest that there are no committee amendments because this is a product of a consolidation of the varying drafts and the amendments were already incorporated.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we close the period of committee amendments.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. The period of committee amendments is closed, if there is no objection. [There was none.]

Senator Drilon. In that case, we are now in the period of individual amendments, and may I ask the Chair to recognize Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago for her individual amendments.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago is recognized.

SANTIAGO AMENDMENTS

Senator Santiago. Mr. President, I move that we amend the bill as follows:

On page 4, line 17, delete the word "and". If the principal sponsor would respond to me, then I shall proceed with the next amendment.

Senator Flavio. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any

objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Santiago. On line 18, replace the period (.) with a semicolon (;) and add the word AND.

Senator Flavio. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Santiago. Still on page 4, add subsection 5 to read as follows:

(5) OTHER STAPLE FOODS AND NUTRIENTS AS MAY LATER BE DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

Senator Flavio. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Santiago. Still on page 4, line 19, insert the following paragraph:

THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL MAY RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THE FORTIFICATION OF STAPLE FOODS WITH NUTRIENTS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THIS ACT. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, THE LOCAL FOOD INDUSTRIES AND OTHER AGENCIES SHALL INCLUDE THE FOODS AND THE REQUIRED NUTRIENTS IN THE MANDATORY FOOD FORTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Senator Flavio. It is accepted, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved, subject to style, I suppose, that being a lengthy amendment.

Senator Santiago. I have no objection, Mr. President.

With the indulgence of the Chair, I would now like to proceed to page 5, line 17. I move that we insert a new section as follows:

SECTION 8. OTHER MONITORING AGENCIES. - THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS SHALL AID IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT:

(a) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE HEALTH OFFICERS AND NUTRITIONISTS/DIETICIANS OR IN THEIR ABSENCE THROUGH THEIR SANITARY INSPECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO

CHECK AND MONITOR THE QUALITY OF FOOD PRODUCTS BEING SOLD IN THEIR MARKET IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THAT SUCH PRODUCTS ARE PROPERLY FORTIFIED;

(b) THE NATIONAL NUTRITION COUNCIL, THE POLICY-MAKING AND COORDINATING BODY ON NUTRITION, IS AUTHORIZED TO SERVE AS THE ADVISORY BOARD ON FOOD FORTIFICATION;

(c) THE LOCAL FOOD INDUSTRY SHALL REPORT ON THE PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FORTIFIED FOODS. THEY SHALL SUBMIT BI-ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ALSO INDICATING THEIR INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Senator Flavier. It is accepted with appreciation. Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. The amendment is accepted with appreciation. Therefore, who can object? [Laughter]

Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the amendment is approved.

Senator Santiago. Thank you, Mr. President. I extend my deep thanks to the distinguished sponsor, Senator Flavier.

Senator Flavier. May I suggest that we now renumber the sections accordingly because of the amendments of Senator Santiago.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. With the amendments introduced by Senator Santiago, the Secretariat is directed to renumber the sections of the bill under consideration accordingly.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I now move to close the period of individual amendments.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the period of individual amendments is closed.

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1545 ON SECOND READING

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1545, as amended.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, we shall now vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1545, as amended.

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

Several Members. *Aye.*

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. As many as are against the bill, say *ay*. [Silence]

Senate Bill No. 1545, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

SPECIAL ORDER

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we transfer from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders Senate Bill No. 1586, under Committee Report No. 44, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 1586--Establishing the Philippine Sports
Hall of Fame

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we consider Senate Bill No. 1586 as reported out under Committee Report No. 44.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, the motion is approved.

Consideration of Senate Bill No. 1586 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. 1586, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

The following is the whole text of the bill:

S. No. 1586

[Insert]

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, to sponsor the measure, may I ask the Chair to recognize Sen. Robert S. Jaworski.

The Presiding Officer [Sen. Pimentel]. Sen. Robert S.