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Allotment (IRA), Devolved National Government agencies and Republic Act No. 7305.

The President. Referred to the Committee on Local Government.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary. Committee Report No. 52, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Finance; and Ways and Means on Senate Bill No. 1595 with Senators Flavio, Serge Osmena, Santiago, Revilla, Honasan, Legarda-Leviste, Aquino-Oreta, Biazon, Jaworski, Osmena (J.) and Enrile as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING AN INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, CREATING THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL SOLID WASTE COUNCILS AND THE NECESSARY MECHANISMS AND INCENTIVES, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 41, 75, 184, 329, 514, 519, 523, 960, 991, 1042, 1269 and 1277, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 120, 129, 165, 179, 340, 343 and 349.

Sponsor: Senator Legarda-Leviste

The President. To the Calendar for Ordinary Business.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

BILL ON SECOND READING

S. No. 1404 - Solo Parents Welfare Act
(Continuation)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1404 as reported out under Committee Report No. 15.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, resumption of consideration of Senate Bill No. 15 is now in order.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, we are still in the period of interpellations. I ask that Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta, the principal sponsor, be recognized.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President.

The President. Senator Tatad is recognized.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, just a slight correction. I

think we are now in the period of amendments.

Senator Drilon. I am sorry. We are now in the period of amendments, Mr. President. May I ask the Chair to recognize Sen. Francisco S. Tatad.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Senator Tatad. I move that we suspend the session for one minute.

The President. The Chair declares a one-minute suspension of the session, if there is no objection. *[There was none.]*

It was 3:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

The President. The session is resumed.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President.

The President. Sen. Francisco S. Tatad is recognized.

Senator Tatad. Mr. President, before we suspended consideration of Senate Bill No. 1404, I was on the Floor trying to convince the distinguished sponsor to consider our proposed amendment on page 3, Section 4, that would grant to families with two parents, but whose combined income is below the poverty threshold, the same privileges as those being proposed for solo parents with incomes below the poverty threshold. The distinguished sponsor was unable to accept this proposed amendment. I think she spent the last so many weeks and months working on me trying to convince me of the merit of her position.

And at the end of the day, Mr. President, she has succeeded.

Therefore, I am withdrawing that proposed amendment making it possible for this bill to move forward.

Thank you very much.

Senator Oreta. Mr. President, I wish to thank the distinguished Senator from Bicol for acceding to our request that we will focus this bill solely on that sector that has not even been noticed yet--the solo parent. The Committee would like to express our gratitude. We would like to say thank you to the Senator for allowing us to just focus on the solo parent.

The President. Thank you. The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, there are no more amendments from any member of the Chamber. I therefore move that we close the period of amendments on Senate Bill No. 1404 under Committee Report No. 15.

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

APPROVAL OF S. NO. 1404 ON SECOND READING

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1404.

The President. Is there any objection? [Silence] There being none, we shall now vote on Second Reading on Senate Bill No. 1404.

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]

The ayes have it; Senate Bill No. 1404 is approved on Second Reading.

Senator Pimentel. Mr. President.

The President. Sen. Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. is recognized.

Senator Pimentel. May I register a vote of *no* against this bill, Mr. President.

Senator Drilon. Will the Secretary indicate the negative vote of Senator Pimentel?

Senator Roco. Mr. President.

The President. Sen. Raul S. Roco is recognized.

Senator Roco. Mr. President, may I register an *abstention*.

The President. Is there any other *abstention* or *no* vote?

[Silence]

The Majority Leader is recognized.

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, may we now move to the next Order of Business.

BILL ON SECOND READING
S. No. 1545--The Philippine Micronutrient
Fortification Act of 1999
(Continuation)

Senator Drilon. Mr. President, I move that we resume consideration of Senate Bill No. 1545 as reported out under Committee Report No. 37.

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