

## RECORD OF THE SENATE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1997**

### OPENING OF THE SESSION

*At 3:14 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Ernesto M. Maceda, called the session to order.*

**The President.** The 69th session of the Senate in the Second Regular Session of the Tenth Congress is hereby called to order.

Let us all stand for the prayer to be led by Sen. Alberto G. Romulo.

*Everybody rose for the prayer.*

**Senator Romulo.** Last Sunday, the Church in the Philippines celebrated National Migrant Sunday with the following prayer:

### PRAYER

Dear Lord, our source of hope and our way to salvation, guide our overseas contract workers as they travel. Lead them on the right path, and never let them depart from You.

Grant them a safe journey from the home they leave behind to their respective destinations. May they find true and honest friends and encounter caring and gracious employers. May they have decent rewarding jobs and a peaceful stay. May their sacrifices bear good and lasting fruits.

Watch over them always and lead them safely back home. Keep them away from any harm and danger. Spare them from sickness and accident. Protect them from embarrassment and humiliation, and deliver them from scandal and shame.

Stay by their side and always remind them of their true home: as pilgrims, we are just passing in this world; as Your creatures, we must return to You; as Your servants, we must lead others to heaven.

O Lord, watch over those they left behind. Let their homes be always safe, their children always secure and responsible, their loved ones always faithful, and their earnings spent for a good end.

Watch over us as we are away from one another. With Your grace and blessing, may we see each other again, to enjoy once more each other's company, to

hear and listen to our life's stories, and to accompany one another on the road that leads to You.

Lord, please lead them safely back home.

Amen.

### ROLL CALL

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

**The Secretary, reading:**

Senator Heherson T. Alvarez .....	Present*
Senator Edgardo J. Angara .....	Present*
Senator Anna Dominique M.L. Coseteng ..	Present*
Senator Franklin M. Drilon .....	Present
Senator Juan Ponce Enrile .....	Present
Senator Marcelo B. Fernan .....	Present
Senator Juan M. Flavier .....	Present
Senator Neptali A. Gonzales .....	Present
Senator Ernesto F. Herrera .....	Present
Senator Gregorio B. Honasan .....	Present
Senator Gloria M. Macapagal .....	Present*
Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay Jr. ....	Present
Senator Orlando S. Mercado .....	Present
Senator Blas F. Ople .....	Present
Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III .....	Present
Senator Ramon B. Revilla .....	Present
Senator Raul S. Roco .....	Present
Senator Alberto G. Romulo .....	Present
Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago .....	Present
Senator Leticia Ramos Shahani .....	Present*
Senator Vicente C. Sotto III .....	Present
Senator Francisco S. Tatad .....	Present
Senator Freddie N. Webb .....	Present
The President .....	Present

**The President.** With 19 senators present, there is a quorum.

### THE JOURNAL

**Senator Tatad.** 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.

**Senator Tatad.** Mr. President, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

\*Arrived after the roll call

**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 FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**The Secretary.**

February 13, 1997

The Honorable  
ERNESTO M. MACEDA  
President of the Senate  
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Mr. President:

I have been directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives, on February 13, 1997, designated Hon. Ronaldo B. Zamora as an additional member of the Conference Committee on the part of the House on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6265, entitled

AN ACT REDEFINING THE LAW ON RAPE, RECLASSIFYING THE SAME AS A CRIME AGAINST PERSONS TO INCLUDE OTHER FORMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON ANY PERSON, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING IN THIS CONNECTION ARTICLE 335 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, ACT NUMBER 3815, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

and Senate Bill No. 950, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIME OF RAPE, RECLASSIFYING THE SAME AS A CRIME AGAINST PERSONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO  
Secretary General

**The President.** Referred to the Committee on Rules

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1914, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Romulo

**The President.** Referred to the Committees on Finance; and National Defense and Security

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1915, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OR TITLING OF ALL LANDS USED AS SITES OF STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING THEIR CAMPUSES AND EXTENSION SERVICES IN THE COUNTRY UNDER THE NAME OF THE RESPECTIVE STATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE SAID PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Shahani

**The President.** Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1916, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL DULY-APPOINTED MEMBERS OF BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

**The President.** Referred to the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

**The Secretary.** Senate Bill No. 1917, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A RESPONSIVE, EFFECTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.