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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:53 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

The Body observed a minute of silent prayer.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session.

It was 3:54 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:55 p.m., the session was resumed.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Emma Lirio-Reyes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, E. J.	Honasan, G. B.
Arroyo, J. P.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Legarda, L.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Enrile, J. P.	Sotto III, V. C.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 12 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Drilon arrived after the roll call.

Senators Osmeña, Pangilinan, Recto and Villar were considered present.*

Senators Cayetano (P) and Revilla* were on official mission abroad.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senators Guingona and Lacson were absent.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session as he was under detention.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 28 (September 28, 2010) and considered it approved.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

**MESSAGES FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Letters from Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr. of the House of Representatives, all dated 21 September 2010, designating the following Representatives as House members to the following Oversight Committees:

*Pursuant to Senator Sotto's manifestation on October 4, 2010

Representatives Barzaga Jr. (E.), Amante-Matba (A.), Colmenares (N.), Gatchalian (R.), Apacible (T.), Padilla (C.) and Lagman (E.) to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Automated Election System;

Representatives Ping-Ay (J.), Garcia (P.), Aglipay (E.), Arnaiz (G.) and Ungab (I.) to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Cooperatives;

Representatives Belmonte Jr. (V.), Castelo (W.), Quimbo (R. F.), Ferrer (J.) Collantes (N.), Bataoil (L.), and Magsaysay (M. M.) to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act;

Representatives Bichara (A. F.), Biazon (R.), Abaya (J. E.), Acharon Jr. (P.), Bondoc (A. Y.), Ortega (V.) and Magsaysay (M. M.) to the Legislative Oversight Committee on the Visiting Forces Agreement;

Representatives Barzaga Jr. (C.), Salvacion Jr. (A.), Arago (M. E.), Villar (M.), Bag-Ao (A.), Fua Sr. (O.), Ortega (V.) and Aumentado (E.) to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Overseas Absentee Voting Act; and

Representatives Casiño (T.), Garcia (A.), Apostol (S. A.), Abaya (J.E.), Arroyo (D.) and Romualdez (F. M.) to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Magna Carta for Small Enterprises.

To the Committee on Rules

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 2537, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING WHO ARE INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS AND PENALIZING THEIR MALTREATMENT

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 2538, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, BOOK 3, TITLE 5, ARTICLE 13, SECTION 483, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 2539, entitled

AN ACT CREATING FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND NINE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2540, entitled

AN ACT TO COMBAT ABUSE AND ENHANCE PENALTIES FOR CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 2541, entitled

AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ALL LAWS ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

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STANDARDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2542, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING STRICTER PENALTIES ON THE CRIME OF DELIVERING PRISONERS FROM JAIL AND INFIDELITY IN THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 156, 223 AND 224 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 2543, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 16 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2544, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 51 (a) (1), SECTION 51 (a) (2), SECTION 51 (b) (4) (i), AND SECTION 52 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Local Government; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Senate Bill No. 2545, entitled

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A RETINOBLASTOMA PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2546, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO REPORT CASES OF ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANT INFECTIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 2547, entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PLASTIC BAGS USED IN SUPERMARKETS AND CREATING THE PLASTIC BAG POLLUTION FUND

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 2548, entitled

AN ACT LEGALIZING *JUETENG*

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; and Finance

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RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 217, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE FOR THE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO GRANT AMNESTY TO ALL ACTIVE AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHARGES LEVELED AGAINST THEM FOR THEIR ALLEGED PARTICIPATION IN THE SO-CALLED "OAKWOOD MUTINY" IN JULY, 2003, "THE MARINE STAND-OFF" IN FEBRUARY, 2006, "THE MANILA PENINSULA HOTEL INCIDENT" IN NOVEMBER, 2007, AND RELATED OCCURENCES, UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS ARE CONDUCTIVE TOWARDS THE ATTAINMENT OF NATIONAL HARMONY AND RECONCILIATION

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from the Commission on Audit, dated 20 September 2010, submitting to the Senate the 2009 Annual Financial Report (Volume I-A and I-B) showing, among others, the financial condition of the National Government as of 31 December 2009, pursuant to Section 4, Article IX-D of the Constitution.

To the Committee on Finance

Memorandum from the Department of Budget and Management, dated 23 September 2010, forwarding to the Senate the Compiled DBM Memo for the President.

To the Committee on Finance

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of students from the Holy Angel University in Angeles City, Pampanga, headed by Prof. Rommel Combies.

Senate President Enrile welcomed the guests to the Senate.


At this juncture, Senate President Enrile relinquished the Chair to Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Senate President Pro Tempore declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, October 4, 2010.

It was 4:05 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on October 4, 2010