



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Senate
Pasay City

Journal

SESSION NO. 38
Wednesday, November 10, 2010

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SESSION NO. 38
Wednesday, November 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

At 3:29 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. led the prayer, to wit:

Heavenly Father,

As our country today is faced with challenges and controversies, help us always to be mindful of Your goodness and that we may always be mindful of Your favor and be glad to do Your will.

Save us from pride, arrogance and from every evil way;

We also pray that there may be justice and peace in every Filipino home;

Save us from violence, discord and confusion;

Give wisdom to all leaders of the land,

Bring them Your comforting peace and that, through obedience to Your law, we may show You forth praise among the nations of the earth.

Amen.

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:

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

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

Senators Osmeña and Recto arrived after the roll call.

Senators Marcos and Pangilinan were on official mission.

Senators Lapid and Villar were on official mission abroad.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senators Angara, 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. 37 (November 8, 2010) and considered it approved.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Mayor Ronald Golez of Dumangas, Iloilo;
- Mayor Alfredo Matugas Corro II of Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte;
- Mayor Venus Bautista and former Mayor Arnold Bautista, together with the vice mayor and municipal councilors of Tumauni, Isabela; and
- Municipal councilors and employees of Tuba, Benguet and Barangay Camp 3 officials and employees.

Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada welcomed the guests to the Senate.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILL ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 2581, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE CENTER FOR LEADING-EDGE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES, PROVIDING FOR ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

COMMUNICATION

Letter from the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, dated 28 October 2010, submitting to the Senate a soft copy in CD of the Report to Congress on Assistance to Nationals for the period of January to June 2010, pursuant to Section 33 of Republic Act No. 8042 (The Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995), as amended by Republic Act No. 10022.

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 9, submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, on Senate Bill No. 455, introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada, entitled

AN ACT QUALIFYING THE KILLING OF MEMBERS OF BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS AS SUCH, AS A CRIME OF MURDER PUNISHABLE UNDER ART. 248 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE,

recommending its approval with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 1426.

Sponsor: Senator Escudero

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 261, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,

ON THE MECHANISMS AND INTERVENTION PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO AID STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA AND TO FOSTER AWARENESS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 262, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE AND IMPACTS CAUSED BY THE FUEL SPILLAGE PARTICULARLY OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (FPIC) PIPELINE IN BARANGAY BANGKAL IN MAKATI, DETERMINE THE CAPABILITY OF THE VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANS INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL GUARANTEE FUNDS TO RESPOND TO FUEL SPILLAGE AND TO CRAFT COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE TO FUEL SPILLAGE AND SIMILAR ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE IN ORDER TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Health and Demography.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 3:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:37 p.m., the session was resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO


Senator Sotto manifested that a number of committee reports were ready to be discussed on the floor but some of the sponsors wanted the interpellations to start next week. Moreover, he said that the Members will be attending a consultative meeting with former U.S. President Bill Clinton that afternoon at the Manila Hotel.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

In view thereof, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Senate President Pro Tempore adjourned the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, November 15, 2010.

It was 3:39 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on November 15, 2010