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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:43 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Manny Villar led the prayer, to wit:

Mahal na Panginoon naming Diyos, sa ngalan ng lahat ng mga nagtitipon sa kapulungang ito, nais naming magpasalamat sa mga biyayang Inyong ipinagkaloob sa amin. Salamat Po sa buhay na Iyong ibinigay sa amin at sa kalusugan na Iyong iginawad upang matugunan namin ang aming mga tungkulin.

Maraming salamat, Panginoon, sa pagkakataon na mapaglingkuran ang aming bayan. Tinatanggap namin ang responsibilidad na ito sa kaalamang ang tapat na paglilingkod sa bayan ay katumbas ng malugod na paglilingkod sa Iyo Panginoon.

Nawa'y gabayan Po Ninyo ang bawat kasapi ng Senado – mula sa pinuno ng kapulungang ito hanggang sa mga magiging kawani – upang maitaguyod ang mga hangarin, interes at ninanais lalo na ng mga kababayan nating nangangailangan ng ating pagtulong at kalinga.

Nawa'y magampanan Po namin ang aming sinumpaang responsibilidad upang mapabuti ang buhay ng aming kapwa, mabigyang katarungan ang mga naaapi sa lipunan, magkaroon ng tunay na kapayapaan sa aming bayan at mabigyan ng masaganang kinabukasan ang bawat pamilyang Pilipino.

Ang lahat ng ito ay aming hinihiling sa Ngalan ng dakilang Pangalan ni Jesus.

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:

Angara, E. J.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Arroyo, J. P.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Cayetano, P. S.	Recto, R. G.
Defensor Santiago, M.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Sotto III, V. C.
Enrile, J. P.	Trillanes IV, A. F.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Villar, M.
Honasan, G. B.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 16 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Drilon, Osmeña and Pangilinan arrived after the roll call.

Senators Cayetano (A) and Legarda were on official mission.

Senator Guingona was likewise on official mission abroad.

Senator Lacson was absent.

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. 60 (February 8, 2011) and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Mayor Jefferson Khonghun of Subic;
- Mayor Philip Tan of Tangub City;
- Grade VI students from Kolisko Waldorf School; and
- Delegates from the Doing Scholarship Health Education Program, D-SHEP Foundation Academy of Occidental Mindoro.

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.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 2678, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "ARAW NG PAGBASA," A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 2679, entitled

AN ACT DESIGNATING BALLET PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION, INC. AS THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BALLET COMPANY, DEFINING ITS ROLE AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 2680, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CONSUMER GROUP REPRESENTATION IN THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF GOVERNMENT REGULATORY BODIES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THEIR RESPECTIVE CHARTERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 2681, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 2682, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FREE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND PUBLIC TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 373, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLICATION OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S (ADB) "MIGRATION CRISIS REPORT" AND ITS IMPACT ON THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CREATING CLEARER, WELL-COORDINATED AND CONCERTED POLICIES AND MECHANISMS TO ADDRESS THE PROJECTED POLICIES AND MECHANISMS TO ADDRESS THE PROJECTED POPULATION SHIFTS DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Climate Change; and Health and Demography

COMMUNICATION

Letter from the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, dated 31 January 2011, furnishing the Senate with a certified true copy of BSP Circular No. 710, series of 2011, dated 19 January 2011, in compliance with Section 15(a) of Republic Act No. 7653 (The New Central Bank Act).

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

ADDITIONAL REFERRAL

At the instance of Senator Zubiri, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senate Bill No. 2638 (Disaster Warning and Risk Reduction Devices Anti-Theft Act of 2011) to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources as secondary committee.

Senator Zubiri manifested that Senator Escudero, chair of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, the lead committee, has given his consent to the additional referral.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 3:51 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:30 p.m., the session was resumed.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

At the instance of Senator Villar, with the consent of Senator Revilla, upon the motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved the interchange of the referral of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 330 (economic implications of the increase in toll rates and train fares) with the Committee on Economic Affairs as the primary committee, and the Committee on Public Services as the secondary committee.

COAUTHORS

Senator Sotto manifested that the following senators are coauthors of the bills hereunder indicated:

Senator Lapid

- Senate Bill No. 2671 -- Career Executive System Act of 2011;

Senator Escudero

- Senate Bill No. 714 -- Local Holidays Act of 2010;
- Senate Bill No. 720 -- Barangay Tanod Brigades;
- Senate Bill No. 758 -- Tax Reform Act (Sec. 181, R.A. No. 8424);
- Senate Bill No. 601 -- Victims' Family Assistance Act of 2010;
- Senate Bill No. 618 -- Death Benefits for Seafarers Act of 2010; and
- Senate Bill No. 649 -- Magna Carta for Day Care Workers.


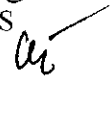
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ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the President Pro Tempore declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, February 14, 2011.

It was 4:34 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate 

Approved on February 14, 2011