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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:43 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Manny Villar, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III led the prayer, to wit:

Almighty Father, today the truth is replaced with propaganda spin. Public service is operationalized as transactional politics. Our problems have become almost impossible to bear. Our trials have put our faith to the test. We are filled with cynicism and anxiety in our struggle to cope. Many ask: how much more do we need to endure? We are tempted to despair.

We do not, for we find comfort in accepting Your offer for us to cast our burdens upon You.

Everything happens in God's time, and this time of suffering and pain too shall pass.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

Angara, E. J.	Enrile, J. P.
Aquino III, B. S. C.	Escudero, F. J. G.
Arroyo, J. P.	Gordon, R. J.
Biazon, R. G.	Honasan, G. B.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Lacson, P. M.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Defensor Santiago, M.	Legarda, L.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Madrigal, M. A.

Pangilinan, F. N.	Roxas, M.
Pimentel Jr., A. Q.	Villar, M.
Revilla Jr., R. B.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 22 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 3:45 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:08 p.m., the session was resumed.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 24 and considered it approved.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Pangilinan acknowledged the presence in the gallery of a delegation composed of AB Political Science students of the University of Batangas headed by Dr. Anabelle Tenorio.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1633, entitled

**AN ACT DEFINING AND PUNISHING
POLITICAL TURNCOATISM**Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago**To the Committee on Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1634, entitled

**AN ACT REQUIRING CERTIFICATION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT
TO DECLARE A "CHILD LEGALLY
AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION" AS
A PREREQUISITE FOR ADOPTION
PROCEEDINGS, AMENDING FOR
THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVI-
SIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552,
ALSO KNOWN AS THE DOMESTIC
ADOPTION LAW, REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 8043, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION ACT,
AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO.
603, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CHILD
AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE**Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago**To the Committee on Youth, Women and
Family Relations****RESOLUTION**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 145, entitled

**RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
TO CONDUCT AN OMNIBUS
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE STATE OF PHILIPPINE
MARINE LIFE AND BIODIVERSITY,
IN THE LIGHT OF THE REPORTED
SERIOUS STATE, ITS BAD SHAPE
STATUS AND NEAR DEATH OF
THE COUNTRY'S CORAL REEFS**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; and Agriculture and Food****COMMUNICATION**Letters from Assistant Governor and General
Counsel Juan De Zuñiga Jr. of the *Bangko
Sentral ng Pilipinas*, furnishing the Senate with
certified copies of BSP Circular Nos. 577 and
578, series of 2007, both dated 17 August 2007;
579, series of 2007, dated 23 August 2007; and
580, series of 2007, dated 4 September 2007, 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 REFERENCE OF BUSINESS****BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1635, entitled

**AN ACT PRESCRIBING REQUIRED
MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE AND
COMPETENCIES (RMKC) FOR
EVERY GRADE AND YEAR LEVEL
IN BASIC EDUCATION IN ALL
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1636, entitled

**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
BUREAU OF ALTERNATIVE
LEARNING SYSTEM (BALS)**

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1637, entitled

**AN ACT ENCOURAGING THE PRO-
DUCTION OF OUTSTANDING,
WORLD-CLASS AND WELL-ACTED
FILIPINO MOTION PICTURES, PROV-**

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ING INCENTIVES TO FILMMAKERS
AND ACTORS CLAIMING HONORS
IN INTERNATIONAL FILM COMPETI-
TIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1638, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING MECHANISMS
THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE
DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS
ADVOCATING CHILD PORNO-
GRAPHY IN THE INTERNET

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1639, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
OPEN HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1640, entitled

AN ACT ORDAINING A CONSOLID-
ATED INVESTMENTS AND INCEN-
TIVES CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Manny Villar

**To the Committees on Economic Affairs;
Trade and Commerce; and Ways and Means**

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 146, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COM-
MITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES; AND

CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO
INQUIRE, LOOK INTO AND
INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, THE ALLEGED LARGE-
SCALE ILLEGAL MINING OPERA-
TIONS IN LA FRATERNIDAD,
TUBAY, AGUSAN DEL NORTE BY
A CERTAIN SR METALS, INC.
WITHOUT FIRST SECURING THE
REQUIRED CONSENT FROM THE
AFFECTED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
(IP) WITHIN THE COVERED
ANCESTRAL DOMAIN LAND
BEING EXPLOITED AS EMBODIED
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF R.A.
NO. 8371 OR THE INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES REFORM ACT (IPRA),
WITH THE END IN VIEW OF
DETERMINING IF THERE WERE
EXPLICIT VIOLATIONS OF THE
LAW AND DEPRIVATION OF THE
RIGHTFUL SHARE OF CONCERNED
INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COM-
MUNITY (ICC) TO THE MINERAL
RESOURCES EXTRACTED FROM
THE TRIBE'S ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

Introduced by Senator Honasan

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; and Cultural Communities**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 147, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COM-
MITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COM-
MITTEES TO INQUIRE AND LOOK
INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
THE NON-CREATION OF THE SEAT
FOR SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES
FOR WOMEN, AGRICULTURAL OR
INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AND
OTHER SECTORS SUCH AS THE
URBAN POOR, INDIGENOUS
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES OR
DISABLED PERSONS IN THE CITY
AND MUNICIPAL SANGGUNIAN
AS MANDATED BY THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,
THUS DEPRIVING THEIR RIGHTS
TO BE HEARD AND FURTHER ITS
INTERESTS IN THE SOCIETY

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Introduced by Senator Honasan

**To the Committees on Local Government;
and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Develop-
ment**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 148, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
AND EXALTING RAFAEL "PAENG"
NEPOMUCENO FOR LANDING
FIRST PLACE AT THE RECENTLY
CONCLUDED COLUMBIA 300-
SOUTH PACIFIC CLASSIC (SPC)
BOWLING TOURNAMENT HELD
AT THE AMF MOORABIN IN
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA LAST
SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2007 FOR HIS
SIXTH WORLD CUP TITLE

Introduced by Senator Honasan

To the Committee on Rules

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session
was suspended.

It was 4:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:14 p.m., the session was resumed.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 148

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being
no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate
Resolution No. 148, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
AND EXALTING RAFAEL "PAENG"
NEPOMUCENO FOR LANDING
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CONCLUDED COLUMBIA 300-
SOUTH PACIFIC CLASSIC (SPC)

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SIXTH WORLD CUP TITLE.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of
the resolution was read without prejudice to the
insertion of its full text in the Record of the Senate.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 148**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being
no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 148
was adopted by the Body.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session
was suspended.

It was 4:15 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION


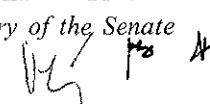
At 4:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there
being no objection, the Chair declared the session
adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of
the following day.

It was 4:19 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the
foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate


Approved on September 26, 2007