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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:07 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Manny Villar, called the session to order.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 3:08 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:09 p.m., the session was resumed.

PRAYER

The Body observed a minute of silent prayer.

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.	Lacson, P. M.
Aquino III, B. S. C.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Arroyo, J. P.	Legarda, L.
Biazon, R. G.	Madrigal, M. A.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Pimentel Jr., A. Q.
Defensor Santiago, M.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Roxas, M.
Enrile, J. P.	Villar, M.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 20 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Gordon and Honasan arrived after the roll call.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 3:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 9:31 p.m., the session was resumed.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR PIMENTEL**

Senator Pimentel urged the Body to pass a resolution to ask the United Nations Security Council to step into the trouble that is now occurring in Burma where the ruling junta is rounding up a lot of people and even killing some of them.

Senator Pimentel requested that the resolution, subject to style, 1) ask the United Nations Security Council to pass a binding resolution to stop the violence in Burma; 2) request the European Union to take action along the same line to help restore democracy and freedom in Burma; and 3) ask the ASEAN member-countries to do likewise.

Senator Pangilinan recalled that in the past the Senate had adopted, subject to style, resolutions that were subject of manifestations made on the floor.

**ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the resolution, subject to style, was adopted by the Body.

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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. 25 and considered it approved.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 149, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED POSSIBLE DELISTING OF THE IFUGAO RICE TERRACES AS A UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 150, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE MIGRATION OF FILIPINO HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 151, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7305, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committee on Health and Demography

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 2, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs, on Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, with Senators Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Manny Villar, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero and Gregorio B. Honasan II as authors thereof, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TASKED TO ENFORCE PEACE AND ORDER TO ISSUE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PRESENTATION OF SUSPECTS UNDER THEIR CUSTODY TO THE MEDIA,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 336, 607, 738 and 1589.

Sponsors: Senators Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Manny Villar, and Gregorio B. Honasan II

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 9:35 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 9:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 2 on Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2
ON SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 (Committee Report No. 2), entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TASKED TO ENFORCE PEACE AND ORDER TO ISSUE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PRESENTATION OF SUSPECTS UNDER THEIR CUSTODY TO THE MEDIA.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Escudero for the sponsorship.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF SENATOR ESCUDERO**

Senator Escudero presented for consideration and approval of the Body Senate Joint Resolution

No. 4 as reported out by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights, and Public Order and Illegal Drugs in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 336, 607, 738 and 1589.

Senator Escudero requested that the explanatory notes to the aforementioned bills be inserted into the Record of the Senate and be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

Senator Escudero stated that Senator Enrile would be introducing amendments to the resolution.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 9:40 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 9:41 p.m., the session was resumed.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF INTERPELLATIONS**

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the resolution.

ADDITIONAL 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. 1641, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA
CARTA OF STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and
Culture

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Senate Bill No. 1642, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING RESPECT FOR AND FOSTERING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SYSTEM OF FORMAL AND INFORMAL EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1643, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLISHERS OF ALL BOOKS TO FURNISH CERTAIN GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES AND STATE UNIVERSITIES PRINTED BOOKS FREE OF CHARGE AND PROVIDING CERTAIN PRIVILEGES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1644, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1645, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN THE REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT PRACTICES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Ways and Means; Local Government; and Finance

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 152, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; AND SOCIAL JUSTICE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLIGHT OF FILIPINO VETERANS WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF CHARTING IMMEDIATE POLICY MEASURES AND/OR REPORT SUBSTANTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THEIR WELFARE

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 153, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9369, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE AUTOMATED ELECTION LAW, BY THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 3, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Economic Affairs; Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Finance, on Senate Bill No. 1646, with Senators Mar Roxas, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, Loren Legarda, and Manny Villar as authors thereof, entitled *16*

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AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY STRENGTHENING DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 108, 169, 703, 1380 and 1577.

Sponsor: Senator Loren Legarda

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 4, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, on Senate Bill No. 1647, with Senators Pimentel Jr. and Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCES (GCTA) TO DETENTION PRISONERS AND THOSE SERVING SENTENCE BY VIRTUE OF FINAL JUDGEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 115 and 271.

Sponsors: Senators Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero and Pimentel Jr.

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 4 on Senate Bill No. 1647 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 4
ON SENATE BILL NO. 1647**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading,

Senate Bill No. 1647 (Committee Report No. 4), entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCES (GCTA) TO DETENTION PRISONERS AND THOSE SERVING SENTENCE BY VIRTUE OF FINAL JUDGMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, only the title of the bill was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Escudero for the sponsorship.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF SENATOR ESCUDERO**

Senator Escudero submitted for the consideration and approval of the Body Senate Bill No. 1647 as reported out by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 271 and 115.

Senator Escudero requested that the explanatory notes to the aforementioned bills be inserted into the Record of the Senate and be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE BILL NO. 1647**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 154, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING VINA MORALES AND KJWAN BAND FOR

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WINNING IN THE ASEAN IKON INTERNATIONAL SONG COMPETITION HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, THEIR VICTORIES REFLECTING FILIPINOS' WORLD CLASS TALENTS AND MUSICALITY

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

To the Committee on Rules

**THIRD ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ALL QUALIFIED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS, AND THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNALS OF THE SENATE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

**To the Committees on Accounts; and
Finance**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 155, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG SENSE OF THE SENATE TO URGE THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO EXHAUST ALL EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO, AS AN ACT OF GOODWILL AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THESE TWO NATIONS, IMMEDIATELY RETURN THE BELLS OF BALANGIGA TO THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 5, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food, on Senate Bill No. 1648, with Senators Biazon, Gordon, Manny Villar and Angara as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE UTILIZATION PERIOD OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178, ENTITLED "AN ACT REPLACING QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT RICE, WITH TARIFFS, CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 38, 1538 and 1617.

Sponsor: Senator Angara


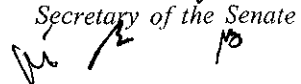
To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

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 Monday, October 1, 2007.

It was 9:47 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate


Approved on October 1, 2007