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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:24 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano quoted the following passage from the Bible:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,

a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,

a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Lord, Father God, we just gave You praise and honor for Your words in the *Book of Ecclesiastes*;

Lord, we lift up to You our President, our Vice President, our Senate President, and all of the leaders of our country, and ask that this be a time for peace, a time for building, a time for healing, a time for great development for our nation;

Please give us a humble spirit here in the Senate as we ask You for your forgiveness and for Your understanding for individual weaknesses and sins;

We ask You, Lord, God, to give us good health and strength that we will learn, not only to take care, Lord, of the Senate and of our staff, and of the employees, but we will always put first and foremost, Your Word, Your will, and Your people.

We lift this all up to You as we lift up our Senate President, and ask again, Lord, for Your blessings for each and every senator, and the constituents they represent.

We thank You, Lord, Father God, in the name of the Father, the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.	Honasan, G. B.
Arroyo, J. P.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Legarda, L.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Drilon, F. M.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Recto, R. G.
Enrile, J. P.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Sotto III, V. C.
Guingona III, T. D.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 18 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Osmeña and Villar arrived after the roll call.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senator Lacson was 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. 2 and considered it approved.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Emma Lirio Reyes/Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 51, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 52, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING CYBERCRIME, PROVIDING FOR PREVENTION, INVESTIGATION AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Science and Technology; Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Laws and Codes; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 53, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 612, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 1141, 1280, 1455, 1460, 1814, AND 1981, AND BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 874, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

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

Senate Bill No. 54, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY-SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE ENTITLED "THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

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Senate Bill No. 55, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING MECHANISMS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 56, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED NON-STOCK SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 57, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND INNOVATION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 58, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT EVERY FILIPINO IS GRANTED WITH BASIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE A

MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 59, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINES, THEREBY AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 192, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 60, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, RESETTING THE SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 61, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committees on Accounts; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 62, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE USE AND PROTECTION OF THE RED CROSS,

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RED CRESCENT AND RED
CRYSTAL EMBLEMS

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; and National Defense and Security**

Senate Bill No. 63, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE BOTTLED
WATER BUSINESS

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 64, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ROLE
OF SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISOR
AS HEAD OF THE SCHOOLS
DISTRICT, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9155,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
GOVERNANCE OF BASIC
EDUCATION ACT OF 2001

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 65, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIP-
PINE ATMOSPHERIC, GEOPHYSICAL
AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION (PAGASA) TO
ISSUE AN HOURLY WEATHER
BULLETIN DURING TYPHOONS
AND OTHER WEATHER DISTURB-
ANCES AND THE BROADCAST
MEDIA TO REPORT THE SAME,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Science and Tech-
nology; and Public Information and Mass
Media**

Senate Bill No. 66, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPART-
MENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT, RATIONALIZ-
ING THE ORGANIZATION AND
FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES AND CORPORATIONS
RELATED TO HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Urban Planning,
Housing and Resettlement; and Finance**

Senate No. 67, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA
CARTA FOR WORKERS IN THE
INFORMAL SECTOR, INSTITUTION-
ALIZING MECHANISMS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Social Justice,
Welfare and Rural Development; Labor, Employ-
ment and Human Resources Development; and
Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 68, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL
STUDENT LOAN BOARD TO
FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A
NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN
PROGRAM FOR THE POOR, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 69, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL
HEALTH BY PROVIDING FOR AN
ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A

POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM
IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE
COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 70, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SYSTEM OF ASSISTANCE AND INCENTIVES TO FAMILIES OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO IN TIMES OF NEED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 71, entitled

AN ACT SETTING HIGHER STANDARDS OF PROTECTION OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042 OTHERWISE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT AND ESTABLISH A HIGHER STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF MIGRANT WORKERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS IN DISTRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 72, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ALL QUALIFIED FARMERS AND FISHERMEN DISCOUNT ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 73, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC, GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 74, entitled

AN ACT TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT THE PUBLIC FORESTS, MANGROVES AND WILDLIFE THEREIN THROUGH A PROGRAM OF RENEWAL, REFORESTATION AND REPLANTING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 75, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING THE FULL REALIZATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF ALL CITIZENS TO QUALITY EDUCATION ORDAINING FOR THE PURPOSE A NO FILIPINO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 76, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT OF REPLY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 77, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS, INFIRMARIES, PUERICULTURE CENTERS TO EXTEND FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 78, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PROTECTION TO THE HOUSEHELPERS THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 141, 142, 143, 148, AND 151 OF CHAPTER III OF P.D. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 79, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 393(d) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 80, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING AN ANNUAL PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVE TO ALL WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ESTABLISHING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 81, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE (1) HEALTH WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY, INCREASING THEIR SALARIES AND BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 82, entitled

AN ACT REVIVING THE PHILIPPINE MOVIE INDUSTRY BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO THE PROPRIETORS, LESSEES, OPERATORS OF THEATERS AND CINEMAS

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 83, entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT IN LIBEL CASES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 355 AND 360 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 84, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND AUTHORIZING ITS AUTOMATIC RETENTION, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 284 AND 286, OF R.A. NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 85, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF AND PROVIDING PROTECTION TO JOURNALISTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Estrada

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 86, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

Introduced by Senator Estrada

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Finance

Senate No. 87, entitled

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) PER ANNUM FOR EVERY BARA-

NGAY FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO CONSTITUTE A FUND KNOWN AS THE RURAL LIVELIHOOD AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Introduced by Senator Estrada

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 88, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN LIEU OF RETRENCHMENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 89, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, PROCESSING OR DISTRIBUTION IN COMMERCE OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 90, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PART-TIME AND INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 91, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS' PHONE RECORDS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Services; and
Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 92, entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE POVERTY AND
PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE
CREATION OF A NATIONAL
CONDITIONAL FUND TRANSFER
PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Social Justice,
Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 93, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE
ACCESS IN FIRE EMERGENCIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce;
and Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 94, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COM-
MERCIALIZATION OF HUMAN
ORGANS, TISSUES OR PARTS OF
LIVING PERSONS, PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS,
AND ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE
BOARD OF ORGAN DONATION
AND TRANSPLANTATION AND A
NATIONAL TRANSPLANT AND
ETHICS COMMITTEE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 95, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PLACE-
MENT OF BILLBOARDS INCLUD-
ING THEIR SUPPORT STRUCTURES
ALONGSIDE NATIONAL ROADS
AND ROWS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Works; and
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 96, entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE A SEPARATE
COURSE ON ETHICS COMPUL-
SORY AT ALL LEVELS OF GRADE
SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND
EVERY DEGREE COURSE IN ANY
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 97, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE GOVERNMENT
OFFICES, BUREAUS, AGENCIES,
INTRUMENTALITIES AND AFFI-
LIATES, INCLUDING GOVERN-
MENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED
CORPORATIONS, TO DISCLOSE
CONTACT INFORMATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Civil Service and
Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 98, entitled

“PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF
2010”

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganiz-
ation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 99, entitled

AN ACT REVERTING TO THE
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE
DISCHARGE OF BASIC AGRI-
CULTURAL FUNCTIONS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES DEVOLVED TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Local Government;
Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 100, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING
THE CRIME OF ENFORCED OR
INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto stated that the session would be suspended to enable the Members to go into caucus.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 3:41 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto manifested that Senator Trillanes, through his chief of staff, has requested to put into the record his intention to join the Majority bloc in the Senate.

Thereupon, the Chair directed the Secretariat to enter into the record Senator Sotto's manifestation.

INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR


Asked by the Chair to which bloc Senator Defensor Santiago belongs, Senator Sotto stated that the Committee on Rules will inform the Chair at the soonest possible time of any development regarding the matter as well as submit a report on the questions that were raised in the previous session.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, August 2, 2010.

It was 5:44 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate *ll*

Approved on August 2, 2010