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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:23 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. "Companera" Pia S. Cayetano led the prayer, to wit:

Let us put ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

Our Father in heaven, we call upon You today to express our gratitude for the gifts that You have given us.

The Bible tells us that You are the source of all good gifts—our lives, our families, our homes, are Your gifts to us.

The many islands, seas, lakes, rivers and people of this land are Your gifts to us. The freedom that allows us to speak our mind without fear of arrest and detention is Your gift to us. You have given us so much, but sometimes we forget to say "thank You."

As senators of this 14th Congress, remind us that we would not be here if not for Your blessing. When we disagree on many issues, remind us that we should disagree out of faithfulness to our conscience and out of firm convictions about issues.

One day when we look back to the days of the 14th Congress, we pray that we will be able to say that by our being here, the people were blessed.

Finally, Lord, we thank You for the life of former President Corazon Cojuangco Aquino. She was Your gift to us and to the end of her term, she kept her word. Thank You for the lessons we derived from her life as a Filipino and as a leader.

In Jesus' Name we pray.

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:

Aquino III, B. S.	Honasan, G. B.
Arroyo, J. P.	Legarda, L.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Madrigal, M. A.
Defensor Santiago, M.	Pimentel Jr., A. Q.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Roxas, M.
Enrile, J. P.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

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

Senators Biazon, Escudero, Revilla and Villar arrived after the roll call.

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Senator Pangilinan, who was on official mission, also arrived after the roll call.

Senators Angara, Gordon and Lapid were on official mission abroad.

Senators Cayetano (A) and Lacson were on official business.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session as he was under detention.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

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

- Assemblymen Ani, Estimo, Adiong, Menor, Tomawis, Ibay, and Mangudadatu, and Mr. Aladdin Ambia Suharto Abbas, head of the Secretariat of the Regional Assembly of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao;
- Former Congressman Mario Aguja;
- Municipal and barangay officials of Limasawa, Southern Leyte, headed by Mayor Melchor Petracorta;
- Students from the Central Luzon State University; and
- Municipal Mayors Rodriguez, Apostol, Pamoleras, Moraña, Edora, Amog, Billman, Lonzanida, Abille, Lim, Marty and Khonghun and local officials of the Province of Zambales.

The Senate President 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:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 3371, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OR THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 3372, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY AND CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS, PROVIDING FOR ITS STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Roxas

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 3373, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE PRESERVATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 3374, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING CREMATORIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 3375, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1866, ENTITLED CODIFYING THE LAWS ON ILLEGAL/UNLAWFUL POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, DEALING IN, ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITIONS OR INSTRUMENTS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION,

AND IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 8294 AND 9516

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Senate Bill No. 3376, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS "ANTI-CORRUPTION MONTH" IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 3377, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND GRADUATE TRAINING IN ADVANCED ENERGY AND GREEN BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 3378, entitled

AN ACT DIRECTING THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS TO PREVENT THE USE OF FALSE CONFESSIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 3379, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE AQUARIUM AQUATIC LIFE COLLECTING INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 3380, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF PESTICIDES IN DAYCARE FACILITY PREMISES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 3381, entitled

AN ACT REDEFINING THE JUST SHARE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTIONS 284 AND 286 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 3382, 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 Gordon

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 3383, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE EXPANDED VALUE ADDED TAX THE SALE OF GOODS AND

SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED
SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2003

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

Senate Bill No. 3384, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AN ELECTIVE
OFFICIAL IPSO FACTO RESIGNED
FROM HIS ELECTIVE OFFICE UPON
THE FILING OF A CERTIFICATE
OF CANDIDACY

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

Senate Bill No. 3385, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFAC-
TURE, IMPORTATION, MARKETING/
PROMOTION, AND DISTRIBUTION
OF HERBAL MEDICINES, FOOD
SUPPLEMENTS AND SIMILAR
PREPARATIONS AND ESTABLISH-
ING STANDARDS WITH RESPECT
THERE TO FOR CONSUMER HEALTH
PROTECTION

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1274, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROSALIND
L. WEE, 2009 PEARL S. BUCK INTER-
NATIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR
FOR HER HUMANITARIAN
PURSUITS IN FAVOR OF WOMEN
AND CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1275, entitled

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND
COMMENDING THE HEROIC
SERVICES OF THE RESCUE UNITS
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES, THE PHILIPPINE
COAST GUARD, THE SUBIC BAY
METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM,
THE OLONGAPO CITY FIRE AND
RESCUE TEAM, AND THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED
CROSS ZAMBALES CHAPTER IN
THE WAKE OF THE DEVASTATION
CAUSED BY TYPHOON KIKO

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committee on Rules

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*,
furnishing the Senate a certified true copy of
BSP Circular No. 659, series of 2009, dated July
22, 2009, 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**

Letter from the Office of the President of the
Philippines, transmitting to the Senate two (2)
original copies of Republic Act No. 9682,
entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE PANAY
TELEPHONE CORPORATION
(PANTELCO III) A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH,
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN LOCAL
EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF CABATUAN,
JANIUAY, CALINOG, LAMBUNAO,
MINA AND BADIANGAN, ALL IN
THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO,

which lapsed into law on 1 August 2009.

To the Archives

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 548, submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance, on House Bill No. 4360, introduced by Representative Villafuerte *et al.*, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CENTRAL BICOL STATE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

recommending its approval with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 3192.

Sponsors: Senators Roxas, Escudero and Angara

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Letter from the Secretary General of the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 29 July 2009, the House of Representatives adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 29, entitled

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES,

in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

To the Committee on Rules

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 3386, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING COMPULSORY COVERAGE TO ACCREDITED

BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM AND THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 3387, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE SCHUTZENGER TELECOM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1276, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO CONDEMN THE IMPOSITION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA OF ANOTHER SENTENCE ON AUNG SAN SUU KYI, AND TO VEHEMENTLY JOIN WORLDWIDE CALLS FOR HER IMMEDIATE RELEASE FROM HOUSE ARREST

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Rules

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Senator AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL JR., submitting to the Senate a report regarding the Inter-Parliamentary Union on Human Rights Committee Meetings on June 23-July 02, 2009.

To the Archives

Letter from the Office of the President of the Philippines, transmitting to the Senate two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 9679, entitled

**AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING
THE HOME DEVELOPMENT
MUTUAL FUND, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES,**

which was approved and signed into law on 21 July 2009, by Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

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SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 407 on Senate Bill No. 3240 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 407
ON SENATE BILL NO. 3240**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 3240 (Committee Report No. 407), entitled

**AN ACT CREATING THE MILITARY
SERVICE BOARD AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR.**

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, 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 Biazon for the sponsorship.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF SENATOR BIAZON**

In sponsoring the bill, Senator Biazon delivered the following speech:

Your Committee on National Defense and Security, jointly with the Committee on Finance,

has the honor to sponsor Senate Bill No. 3240, entitled

**"AN ACT CREATING THE MILITARY
SERVICE BOARD AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR,"**

under Committee Report No. 407. This is in substitution and consideration of House Bill No. 4214 which has the same title and introduced by Representatives Roman, Diaz, Cua, Padilla, Gonzales, de Guzman, Agbayani, Velarde and Romulo.

On October 18, 1946, a Philippine Veterans Board was created by virtue of Republic Act No. 65, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY AND OF RECOGNIZED DESERVING GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS AND VETERANS OF THE PHILIPPINE REVOLUTION CREATING THEREFOR A PHILIPPINE VETERANS BOARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." Said law mandated the Board to, among others, pass upon the merits and qualifications of persons applying for the rights and/or privileges extended by this Act.

Apparently, the Philippine Veterans Board created under Republic Act No. 65 was not able to finish confirming or denying applications for wartime deserving guerilla status. This is obvious for on December 22, 1997, Republic Act No. 8440, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF WORLD WAR II MILITARY SERVICES," was enacted into law.

Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8440 created a Military Service Board to review applications for confirmation of military service filed by any person who claims to have performed military service in the Philippines during the period beginning December 8, 1941, and ending July 3, 1946, and to determine the validity of the claim for the purpose of confirming the military service rendered and qualifying the applicant for military veterans status.

According to the records of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), the Military Service Board created by Republic Act No. 8440 received a total of 130,000 applications. Of this number, 11,095 were approved, 11,940 disapproved, and 106,965 applications were pending when the Board's existence expired on January 26, 2001, or three years after its creation.

Due to the pending applications for confirmation of military service, President Arroyo

issued Executive Order No. 198 on April 21, 2003. This created a new Military Service Board that was tasked to process the existing claim applications on file and pending for confirmation of military services. After one year of existence, this new board, per PVAO records, was able to approve 197 claims and disapproved 106,128 claims.

If we are to add the claims approved by the first Military Service Board created under Republic Act No. 8440 and the claims approved by the second board created by E.O. No. 198, we will come up with a figure of 11,290. The implication of this is that there were only 11,290 brave Filipinos who fought to defend our beloved motherland during World War II.

Accepting this as gospel truth would be a great disservice to the thousands of gallant Filipinos who fought during that war. This would be tantamount to ignoring the many deprivations that our forebears endured in order that we can have the freedom that we enjoy today. To this Representation, this is unconscionable.

Clearly, there is therefore a need to further verify and validate the 106,128 applications for confirmation of military services that have been previously disapproved by the last Military Service Board. This is the primordial reason for the passage of this bill.

This proposed measure seeks to establish another military service board to review and reevaluate pending claim applications previously filed in the previous board by any person who claimed to have performed military service in the Philippines from December 8, 1941 to July 3, 1946, and to determine the validity of the claims.

The Board will be composed of a military officer preferably a World War II veteran as chairperson; two representatives from the PVAO; and two veterans of World War II from the recognized veterans organizations. This is Section 2.

Section 6 reposes on the Board the exclusive authority to pass judgment on a claim for confirmation of military services. The duty of administering any entitlement that a person receives as veterans' benefits under this Act is given to the PVAO.

World War II was the very first test of our determination as a freedom-loving people in defending our country against direct foreign invasion. Back then, our people put so much value on this freedom that not one, two or three

persons but thousands died fighting for it. These valiant souls, many of whom have already joined our Creator without being recognized and thus did not receive any benefits that rightfully belong to them, deserve to be honored.

Time and again, this Chamber has obliged our veterans and their survivors in this respect by passing meaningful pieces of legislation that promote their welfare space. Let us do so once again by approving Senate Bill No. 3240.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3240

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 3:46 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:51 p.m., the session was resumed with the Senate President Pro Tempore presiding.

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 358 on House Bill No. 5328 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 358 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5328

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 5328 (Committee Report No. 358), entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE LOS ANGELES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ANTICALA ANNEX IN BARANGAY ANTICALA, CITY OF BUTUAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE FROM THE LOS ANGELES NATIONAL HIGH

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SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ANTICALA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Roxas for the sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF SENATOR ROXAS

Senator Roxas presented for the Body's consideration House Bill No. 5328. He stated that the Committee, after undertaking all the necessary steps to ascertain the appropriateness of the measure, favorably recommends Senate action on the bill.

Thereafter, upon motion of Senator Roxas, there being no objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 5328 was adopted as part of the sponsorship speech on the bill.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 3:52 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:58 p.m., the session was resumed.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there

being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5328 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5328 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5328

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 359 on House Bill No. 5329 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 359 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5329

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 5329 (Committee Report No. 359), entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUNGAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – FLORIDA ANNEX IN BARANGAY FLORIDA, CITY OF BUTUAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE FROM THE TUNGAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 5329 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5329 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5329 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5329

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 360 on House Bill No. 4570 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 360 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4570

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 4570 (Committee Report No. 360), entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX III IN BARANGAY PUANGI, MUNICIPALITY OF DIPACULAO, PROVINCE OF AURORA FROM THE AURORA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PUANGI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 4570 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

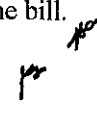
There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4570 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4570 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4570

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



SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 361 on House Bill No. 2222 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 361
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2222**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 2222 (Committee Report No. 361), entitled

AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF
SAN NARCISO VOCATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL IN SAN NARCISO,
PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO
GODOFREDO M. TAN MEMORIAL
SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 2222 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF INTERPELLATIONS**

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2222
ON SECOND READING**

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 2222 was approved on Second Reading.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2222**

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 362 on House Bill No. 5021 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 362
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5021**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 5021 (Committee Report No. 362), entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUPI
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL –
CEBUANO ANNEX IN BARANGAY
CEBUANO, MUNICIPALITY OF
TUPI, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTA-
BATO FROM THE TUPI NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT
INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS
CEBUANO NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, the explanatory note of House Bill

No. 5021 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5021 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5021 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5021

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 363 on House Bill No. 4028 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 363 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4028

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 4028 (Committee Report No. 363), entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
FORTUNA, MUNICIPALITY OF
SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL

MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS
FORTUNA NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 4028 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4028 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4028 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4028

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 364 on House Bill No. 4036

from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 364
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4036**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. (Committee Report No. 364), entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TORRIJOS, PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE TO BE KNOWN AS POCTOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 4036 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF INTERPELLATIONS**

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4036
ON SECOND READING**

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4036 was approved on Second Reading.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4036**

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 365 on House Bill No. 5125 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 365
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5125**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 5125 (Committee Report No. 365), entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE LAMON BAY SCHOOL OF FISHERIES — ALONEROS ANNEX IN BARANGAY ALONEROS, MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON FROM THE LAMON BAY SCHOOL OF FISHERIES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ALONEROS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 5125 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF INTERPELLATIONS**

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body

closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5125 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5125 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5125

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 366 on House Bill No. 4571 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 366 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4571

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 4571 (Committee Report No. 366), entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE TAGKAWAYAN MUNICIPAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TAGKAWAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, only the title of the bill was

read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 4571 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4571 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4571 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4571

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 367 on House Bill No. 218 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 367 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 218

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

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House Bill No. 218 (Committee Report No. 367),
entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONGRESS-
MAN PABLO MALASARTE MEMO-
RIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
CABAD, MUNICIPALITY OF
BALILIHAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL
INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
TO BE KNOWN AS CONGRESSMAN
PABLO MALASARTE NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIAT-
ING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of
Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the
explanatory note of House Bill No. 218 was adopted
as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of
Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body
closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to
the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amend-
ment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no
objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 218 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection,
House Bill No. 218 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 218

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no
objection, the Body approved the transfer of
Committee Report No. 368 on House Bill No. 5230
from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the
Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 368 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5230

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no
objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading,
House Bill No. 5230 (Committee Report No. 368),
entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE SIKATUNA
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL —
BANTOLINAO ANNEX IN BARA-
NGAY BANTOLINAO, MUNICI-
PALITY OF ANTEQUERA, PROVINCE
OF BOHOL FROM THE SIKATUNA
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CON-
VERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS BANTOLINAO
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no
objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 5230
was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of
Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body
closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to
the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amend-
ment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no
objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5230
ON SECOND READING**

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5230 was approved on Second Reading.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5230**

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 369 on House Bill No. 4033 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 369
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4033**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 4033 (Committee Report No. 369), entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN
SEBASTIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF
SAN VICENTE, PROVINCE OF
ILOCOS SUR TO BE KNOWN AS
SAN SEBASTIAN NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 4033 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF INTERPELLATIONS**

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body

closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4033
ON SECOND READING**

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 4033 was approved on Second Reading.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4033**

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 370 on House Bill No. 5295 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 370
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5295**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 5295 (Committee Report No. 370), entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SISIM,
MUNICIPALITY OF CABUGAO,
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR TO BE
KNOWN AS SISIM NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 5295 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon of motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5295 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5295 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5295

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 371 on House Bill No. 5172 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 371 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5172

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 5172 (Committee Report No. 371), entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE MALAMIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MALIGAYA ANNEX IN BARANGAY MALIGAYA, MUNICIPALITY OF

GLORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO FROM THE MALAMIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PRESIDENT DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the explanatory note of House Bill No. 5172 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon of motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR

Asked by the Chair whether there was a connection between the proposed renaming of the school after President Diosdado Macapagal and the name of the municipality which is "Gloria," Senator Zubiri replied that the renaming was merely incidental.

REMARK OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

Senator Pimentel informed the Body that it is against the law to name any public place after a living person. Senator Zubiri clarified that the school was being named after the late President Diosdado Macapagal.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

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APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5172 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5172 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5172

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 372 on House Bill No. 5018 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 372 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5018

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 5018 (Committee Report No. 372), entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE MALAMIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL — MALUBAY EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MALUBAY, MUNICIPALITY OF GLORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO FROM THE MALAMIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MANUEL ADRIANO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MAMNHS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH

On behalf of Senator Roxas, at the instance of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the

explanatory note of House Bill No. 5018 was adopted as the sponsorship speech on the bill.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5018 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5018 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5018

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 4:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:29 p.m., the session was resumed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR BIAZON

Senator Biazon asked on the parliamentary status of the creation of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence as the Senate prepares for another round of budget deliberations. He believed that the Chamber must be familiarized with the control of the use of intelligence funds as he pointed out that for 2009, the Executive Department allocated a total of P1.2

billion for intelligence fund, the biggest share of which went to the Office of the President in the amount of P650 million, followed by the Philippine National Police with P271 million, while the major national security agency, which is the Armed Forces of the Philippines, received the least share of only P118 million.

In reply, Senator Zubiri explained that he was in the process of finding out whether the House of Representatives has created its Intelligence Oversight Committee, and if it did, he said that he would request the Senate President to create a similar committee in the Senate because under the Rules, the Senate President can create a special committee such as an oversight committee on intelligence, with a select membership of senators. He hoped that the Chamber could elect the members of the special committee next week.

Senator Biazon suggested the need for the Committee on Rules to come out with a staffing pattern as well as the rules that would define the powers and functions of the oversight committee.

Asked whether the Senate has an existing committee rule that allows the creation of a special committee or of a joint oversight committee, Senator Zubiri cited Senate Resolution No. 904 creating an Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds.

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 535 on House Bill No. 5866 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 535 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5866

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Bill No. 5866, (Committee Report No. 535), entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE
COLLECTIVEMEDIA CORPORATION
A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT,
INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE
AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELE-

VISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS).

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

Thereupon, Senator Zubiri manifested that Senator Revilla would submit his sponsorship speech on the measure for insertion into the *Journal* and *Record of the Senate*.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ARROYO

Senator Arroyo questioned the practice of some members of the Body of not delivering their sponsorship speeches when they should do so because it is also tiresome for senators to read the explanatory notes that are adopted as the sponsorship speeches on the bills.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 4:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:36 p.m., the session was resumed.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF SENATOR REVILLA

Pursuant to the manifestation of Senator Zubiri, the following is the sponsorship speech of Senator Revilla on Senate Bill No. 5866 which was deemed read into the *Journal* and *Record of the Senate*:

The Committee on Public Services has the honor to present for approval of this honorable Body House Bill No. 5866, entitled: "AN ACT GRANTING THE PHILIPPINE COLLECTIVEMEDIA CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN REGION VIII (EASTERN VISAYAS)" under Committee Report No. 535.

First of all, I would like to state that the Philippine Constitution has recognized the vital role of communication and information in nation-building and therefore the establishment of a radio and television broadcasting is a mode from which the people of Region VIII can derive information.

While the Constitution recognizes the importance of communication in nation-building, it is not complacent in granting the privilege to operate the same for public use, for which it states clearly in Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution: "No franchise, certificate, or any other form of authorization for the operation of public utility shall be granted except to citizens of the Philippines...."

Your Committee on Public Service, through this Representation, has examined and evaluated all the documents submitted by the applicant and has come out with the following findings:

1. That the application for a grant of franchise conforms with the requirements laid down by the laws, including the provisions of the Local Government Code;
2. That the applicant, including its officers and directors, are all citizens of the Philippines;
3. That the incorporation of the entity of the applicant has been organized under the laws of the Philippines, complying with all the requirements set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the National Telecommunications Commissions (NTC);
4. That there are provisions on the proposed measures on the non-exclusivity clause of the franchise, that the period of the grant would not exceed fifty (50) years and pursuant to the provision that the grant of franchise would be for the common good, such grants could be the subject of amendments, alteration or repeal when the common good so requires.

The Committee is urging the immediate approval of this measure, for through this measure, the Philippine Collectivemedia Corporation, with its primordial objective of providing the residents of Region VIII in particular, and the Filipino people in general, wholesome entertainment and vital information as well as serving the interest of the people and the government with fervor and fidelity, will come into reality.

To give true meaning to freedom of expression which has been continuously

recognized and guaranteed by our Constitution, approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no interpellation, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no committee or individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5866 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 5866 was approved on Second Reading.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5866

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 513 on Senate Bill No. 3287 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 513 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3287

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 3287, (Committee Report No. 513), entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309, ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF CLAIMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR

VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES 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 Zubiri, only the title of the bill was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Escudero for the sponsorship.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF SENATOR ESCUDERO**

Upon motion of Senator Escudero, there being no objection, the explanatory notes on Senate Bill Nos. 925 (Senator Legarda), 1244 (Senator Pangilinan) and 3032 (Senator Ejercito Estrada) were adopted as the sponsorship speeches of the respective authors of the cited bills.

Senator Escudero stated that the bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 7309 by increasing the amounts to be given by the government as compensation to persons who have been unjustly imprisoned and/or convicted for them to be able to cope with inflation.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE BILL NO. 3287**

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 395 on Senate Bill No. 3223 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 395
ON SENATE BILL NO. 3223**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 3223, (Committee Report No. 395), entitled

**AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 39 OF
ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
REVISED PENAL CODE.**

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

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Escudero for the sponsorship.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF SENATOR ESCUDERO**

Upon motion of Senator Escudero, there being no objection, the explanatory notes of Senate Bill Nos. 685 (Senator Ejercito Estrada), 1032 (Senator Villar), 1777 (Senator Defensor Santiago) and 3031 (Senator Revilla), were adopted as the sponsorship speeches of the respective authors of the cited bills.

Senator Escudero explained that under the Revised Penal Code, a convict is mandated to serve his sentence if he failed to pay the fines imposed by a court in a final and executory judgment. He said that the Revised Penal Code of 1932, which was amended in 1952, mandated that the subsidiary imprisonment shall be at the rate of P8.00 per day, which is equivalent to the minimum wage rate in at the time 1952. He stated that the proposed measure is seeking to amend the provision, proposing instead a movable target that is equivalent to the highest minimum wage rate prevailing in the Philippines at the time the judgment of conviction becomes final so that a convicted person who would not be able to pay the fines would not be incarcerated for a longer period of time given the present value of money.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR BIAZON**

Recalling his days as a laborer involved in the construction of the EDSA which was then Highway 54, Senator Biazon pointed out that P8.00 was equivalent to a two-day minimum wage in 1952. In fact, he said, of the minimum wage of P4 per day, he was receiving only P3.75 a day as P0.25 went not to taxes but to the foreman. He hoped that the information would be considered in determining the amount of fines.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3223

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

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 394 on Senate Bill No. 3222 from the Calendar of Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 394 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3222

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 3222 (Committee Report No. 394), entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF VICTIMS' AND WITNESSES' ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS DURING A TRIAL OR HEARING RELATED TO A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, 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

At the instance of Senator Escudero, the explanatory note on Senate Bill No. 2650 introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago was adopted as the sponsorship speech for Senate Bill No. 3222.

Senator Escudero stated that the insertion of explanatory notes should not be construed as a prohibition towards other authors submitting or delivering their sponsorship speeches.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3222

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 4:47 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 248 ON SENATE BILL NO. 3086

(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 3086 (Committee Report No. 248), entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senator Zubiri stated that the parliamentary status was still the period of individual amendments.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Biazon, Sponsor of the measure, and Senator Cayetano (P) for her amendments.

CAYETANO (P) AMENDMENTS

Senator Cayetano (P) apologized for having the Body wait for her amendments as her office received a clean copy of the bill only that afternoon. She said that she had to make adjustments as some of her proposed amendments were already introduced by Senators Legarda and Defensor Santiago.

Senator Cayetano (P) explained that her amendments are related to and will focus on breastfeeding.

Thereupon, she requested the insertion into the Record of the rationale for her amendments based on the theme of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) during its 46th session in 2002, "Environmental Management and Mitigation of Environmental Disasters From a General Perspective", to wit:

"Disasters impact disproportionately on pregnant and nursing women and on young children. A family disrupted by an emergency is twice victimized if breastfeeding is abandoned. Women play a critical environmental role by their ability to provide a safe and secure food supply for their young children. Promoting breastfeeding prior to the environmental disaster and protecting breastfeeding during and after the disasters, especially flood and earthquake, is a fundamental part of disaster mitigation and management.

Humanitarian relief that offers infant formula in an emergency may spring from good intentions, but these efforts undermine a woman's confidence in her power to provide food and protection to her child. It is especially difficult to use formula safely in disaster conditions, and formula-feeding also risks the considerable increase in child morbidity and mortality that comes when children lose the unique anti-infective properties of breastmilk. It is the infants in communities where no one remembers how to breastfeed who are mostly at risk during disasters.

Senator Cayetano (P) explained that the proposed amendments appropriately coincided with the international theme for 2009, "Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency Response: Are You Ready?" She said that the objectives of the World Breastfeeding Week of 2009 include the following:

- to draw attention to the vital role that breastfeeding plays in emergencies worldwide;
- to stress the need for active protection and support of breastfeeding before and during emergencies;
- to inform mothers, breastfeeding advocates, communities, health professionals, government aid agencies, donors and the media on how they can actively support breastfeeding before and during an emergency; and
- to mobilize action and nurture networking and collaboration between those with breastfeeding skills and those involved in emergency response.

Thereafter, as proposed by Senator Cayetano (P) and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved, subject to style, the following amendments, one after the other:

1. On page 3, line 2, delete the word "AND";
2. On the same page, after line 29, insert two new subparagraphs to read as follows:
 - I. ENHANCE AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM WHERE HUMANITARIAN WORKERS, COMMUNITIES, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, GOVERNMENTS, AID AGENCIES, DONORS AND THE MEDIA ARE EDUCATED AND TRAINED ON HOW THEY CAN ACTIVELY SUPPORT BREASTFEEDING BEFORE AND DURING A DISASTER OF AN EMERGENCY; AND
 - J. MOBILIZE ACTION AND NURTURE NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN THOSE WITH BREASTFEEDING SKILLS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

On the assumption that breastfeeding would intensify during times of disaster, Senator Biazon asked if there are special measures to be adopted related to breastfeeding that are not adopted even if there is no disaster. Replying in the affirmative, Senator Cayetano (P) explained that disasters impact disproportionately on pregnant and nursing women and on young children who are the most vulnerable. She added that a family disrupted by an emergency is twice victimized if breastfeeding is abandoned.

Moreover, Senator Cayetano pointed out that in disaster situations, when the initial reaction is to secure the safety of the family from physical factors, it has been documented that families and professional health workers overlook the need to support a mother's breastfeeding efforts. This is why, she said, she would like to explicitly provide in the bill a training program for humanitarian aid workers, the communities and health professionals so that they could actively support breastfeeding in times of disaster. She said that her proposals were based on the themes adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women on its 46th session in 2002 and its 53rd session in 2009 that had as its adopted international theme, "Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency Response."

Asked whether the proposed amendments also took into consideration the reality that some mothers could not breastfeed, Senator Cayetano (P) clarified

that the proposal was worded in such a way that the people who would be trained to support breastfeeding efforts during disaster situations will not insist or threaten anyone to breastfeed as she acknowledged that breastfeeding is a choice.

She further explained that all she wanted was to provide a support system to encourage breastfeeding especially in times of disaster and was not proposing that formula milk be banned.

3. On page 14, line 19, after the acronym "(NDRMP)," insert the phrase SPECIFYING CLEARLY THE GENDER-EQUAL ENTITLEMENTS OF THE DISASTER-AFFECTED PEOPLE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PERSON INCLUDING BREASTFEEDING PROTECTION, PROMOTION, AND SUPPORT;
4. On the same page, line 19, delete the phrase "and ensure that", and convert to uppercase the first letter of the word "this";

Consistent with the Defensor Santiago's earlier amendment, as proposed by Senator Biazon, there being no objection, the Body approved the insertion on page 14, line 19, of the words AND RECOVERY between the words "Management" and "Plan."

5. On page 16, line 25, insert a new section E to read as follows:
 - E. CONDUCT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION PLANNING DURING POST-DISASTER RECOVERY PHASE, INSTITUTIONALIZING GENDER ANALYSIS AS PART OF IT;
6. Reletter the succeeding subsections accordingly;
7. On page 21, line 2, after the word "teams," insert the phrase ENSURING THAT HUMANITARIAN AID WORKERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH BASIC SKILLS TO ASSIST MOTHERS TO BREASTFEED;
8. On the same page, line 4, after the word "area," insert the phrase ENSURING THAT THERE IS AN EFFICIENT MECHANISM FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF FOOD, SHELTER AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ENDEAVOR TO CREATE A SPECIAL PLACE WHERE REFUGEE MOTHERS CAN FIND HELP WITH BREASTFEEDING, FEED AND CARE FOR THEIR BABIES AND GIVE SUPPORT TO EACH OTHER;

Senator Cayetano (P) explained that while the Commission on the Status of Women recommended the creation of a "special place" for women and children, she instead proposed that the disaster management office "endeavor to create a special place," cognizant of the fact that it would be difficult to find a special place in time of disaster, when there are so many needs and concerns but little resources to address them.

Senator Cayetano (P) expressed gratitude to Senator Biazon for always being gender-sensitive and for always having an open mind in supporting measures that would protect women and their children.

REVILLA AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Revilla, and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following amendments, one after the other:

1. On page 22, line 24, insert a new Section 19 as follows:

SEC. 19. MECHANISM FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

- A. THE IMPORTATION AND DONATION OF FOOD, CLOTHING, MEDICINE AND EQUIPMENT FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION AND OTHER DISASTER MANAGEMENT RELATED SUPPLIES IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 105 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND THE PREVAILING PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT COVERING NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES AND IMPORT DUTIES OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.
- B. IMPORTATIONS AND DONATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS IMPORTATION BY AND/OR DONATION TO THE NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT; and

2. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 3086

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

SENATE CONFEREES

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair designated the following senators as members of the Senate panel in the conference committees on the disagreeing provisions of the bills hereunder indicated:

1. Senate Bill No. 1698 and House Bill Nos. 4012, 879 and 6076 (Lactation Stations) – Senator Cayetano (P) as chairperson, and Senators Angara and Legarda as members; and
2. Senate Bill No. 3283 and House Bill No. 6400 (Eidul Adha bill) – Senator Escudero as chairman, and Senators Zubiri and Cayetano (A) as members.

COAUTHORS

Senator Zubiri manifested that Senators Legarda, Gordon, Biazon, Revilla, Ejercito Estrada and himself are coauthors of Senate Bill No. 3387.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNALS

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the


Journals of Session No. 5 (August 10, 2009) and Session No. 6 (August 11, 2009) and considered them approved.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, August 17, 2009.

It was 5:27 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on August 18, 2009