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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:03 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Paolo Benigno IV "Bam" Aquino led the prayer, to wit:

Dearest Lord,

We come before You with bowed heads and humble hearts as we thank You for bringing us together in the service of our beloved country. We seek Your infinite wisdom and guidance for the road ahead, for we know that the work is not easy and that lives are at stake.

Almighty God, we here are all servants, out to fulfill Your mission of improving the lives of our fellow Filipinos. Teach us to be hardworking, diligent and steadfast, for the road is rough and the solutions do not come easily. Teach us to be patient and respectful of each other's differences; keep us from pettiness and arrogance; and enable us to lead our people with dignity and grace.

Moreover, remind us, O Lord, that our true power comes from the people whom we serve. Give us the courage to always do what is right, even in the face of temptation and adversity. Remind us that power, fame,

influence and wealth are for naught if they do not serve the common good. Shine Your eternal light of truth upon us so that we may always serve with openness, honesty, integrity and the true will of the people.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Oscar G. Yabes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, J. E. S.	Guingona III, T. L.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Honasan, G. B.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Legarda, L.
Drilon, F. M.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Poe, G.
Enrile, J. P.	Recto, R. G.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Sotto III, V. C.
Estrada, J.	Trillanes IV, A. F.

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

Senators Osmeña, Pimentel, Revilla and Villar arrived after the roll call.

Senator Cayetano (P) was on official mission.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

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APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 1 (July 22, 2013) and considered it approved.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto asked if it would be proper to insert in the Journal of Session No. 1 the manifestation designating Senator Enrile as Minority Leader as practiced during the previous Congress.

Senator Cayetano (A) explained that, by tradition, the Minority Leader is not elected, and that the Senator nominated for Senate President and who obtained the second highest vote would automatically be the Minority Leader. To set the record straight, he said that the Journal of the previous day's session would be approved as is, and that he would make the appropriate manifestation at a later time.

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. 1, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL COURT TO BE KNOWN AS THE "DANGEROUS DRUGS COURT" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

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

Senate Bill No. 2, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Senate Bill No. 3, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AFFORDABLE DRUG REHABILITATION TREATMENT FOR PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC) BENEFICIARIES, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 7875, AS AMENDED BY RA 9241

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 4, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM ALLOWING CHILDREN 12 YEARS OLD AND BELOW TO RIDE AT THE BACK OF A MOTORCYCLE WHEN TRAVELLING ALONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ROADS

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Public Services; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 5, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 150 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 6, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO COME FROM HOUSEHOLD BENEFICIARIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S

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PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO
PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 7, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL
LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING
THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 8, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SECURITY
OF TENURE AND ADDITIONAL
BENEFITS TO TEACHERS, AMEND-
ING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 4670, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Civil Service and Government
Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 9, entitled

AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTEGRATED
RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT
APPROACH AS A COMPREHEN-
SIVE FRAMEWORK IN DEVELOP-
ING AND MANAGING THE
COUNTRY'S RIVER BASIN SYSTEMS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; and Climate Change**

Senate Bill No. 10, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Science and Tech-
nology; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 11, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10175 OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS AN ACT
DEFINING CYBERCRIME, PROVID-
ING FOR THE PREVENTION,
INVESTIGATION AND IMPOSITION
OF PENALTIES THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

**To the Committees on Science and Tech-
nology; and Constitutional Amendments, Revi-
sion of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 12, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING BARANGAY
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARA-
NGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE
LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA,
BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS
AND BARANGAY DAY CARE
WORKERS A RETIREMENT BENEFIT

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 13, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING A THREE-YEAR
MORATORIUM ON THE CREATION
OF NEW STATE UNIVERSITIES
AND COLLEGES AND CONVER-

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SION OR UPGRADING OF EXISTING STATE COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVERSITIES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 14, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA) TO ACCELERATE NATIONAL IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committees on Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 15, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 16, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN PERMISSION OR WAIVER IN FAVOR OF THE OMBUDSMAN TO LOOK INTO ALL DEPOSITS OF WHATEVER NATURE WITH BANKS OR BANKING INSTITUTIONS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING INVESTMENT BONDS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 17, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AS UNLAWFUL ANY GOVERNMENT PROJECTS TO BE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED AFTER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NAME OR IDENTITY MAY IN ANY MANNER BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Public Works

Senate Bill No. 18, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 19, entitled

PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 20, entitled

AN ACT REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE OF BASIC AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE 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. 21, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 22, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 121 AND 122 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED BY R.A. 6727

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 23, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING WORKERS' RIGHT TO SELF-ORGANIZATION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 234, 235,

236 AND 237 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 24, entitled

AN ACT TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 25, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 26, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AND ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER MOBILITY OPTIONS TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY, INCREASE EFFICIENCY, REDUCE CONGESTION AND CONTRIBUTE TO POSITIVE HEALTH IMPACTS IN OUR SOCIETY

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Public Services; and Environment and Natural Resources

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Senate Bill No. 27, entitled

AN ACT TO EFFECTIVELY INSTILL HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH PICTURE-BASED WARNINGS ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 28, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE MIDWIFE FOR EACH BARANGAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 29, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCRIMINATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL ON THE BASIS MERELY OF AGE

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 30, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 31, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (DOFW), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND

FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 32, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN DISTRESS, BOTH DOCUMENTED AND UNDOCUMENTED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 33, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A "NO PERMIT, NO EXAM" POLICY OR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION FROM TAKING THEIR MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS DUE TO UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 34, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL DEVELOPMENT BY PROVIDING FOR A SIX-YEAR ACCELERATED IRRIGATION PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committees on Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 35, entitled

**THE INVESTMENTS AND INCENTIVES
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 36, entitled

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT
OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION
ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC
CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER
SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE
OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND
THE STATE POLICY OF FULL
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS
TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC
INTEREST UNDER SECTION
TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF
THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; and Civil Service and Govern-
ment Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 37, entitled

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA
CARTA OF THE POOR**

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 38, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Electoral Reforms
and People's Participation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 39, entitled

**AN ACT TO DEFINE THE MARITIME
ZONES OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES**

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Senate Bill No. 40, entitled

**AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY, DEFINING ITS POWERS,
FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILI-
TIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; Civil Service and Govern-
ment Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 41, entitled

**AN ACT CREATING THE FAIR TRADE
COMMISSION, PRESCRIBING ITS
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS IN
REGULATING TRADE COMPETI-
TION AND MONOPOLIES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Osmeña III

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

Senate Bill No. 42, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING TELECOM-
MUNICATIONS SERVICE STAND-
ARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Osmeña III

To the Committee on Public Services

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Senate Bill No. 43, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE RATIONAL EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, AND TO ENSURE THE EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS FOR THE STATE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Osmeña III

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Cultural Communities; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 44, entitled

AN ACT GIVING MEANING TO THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Osmeña III

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 45, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT, CONSERVE, UTILIZE, DEVELOP AND SUSTAINABLY MANAGE FOREST RESOURCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Osmeña III

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 46, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF TANODBATA AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 47, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE RIDING OR TRANSPORTING OF CHILDREN SEVEN YEARS OLD AND BELOW ON MOTORCYCLES ALONG HIGHWAYS

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Public Services; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 48, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING AND MAXIMIZING THE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963, ENTITLED AN ACT GRANTING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE FAMILY OR BENEFICIARY OF ANY POLICE OR MILITARY PERSONNEL OR FIREMAN KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS OFFICE OR POSITION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; National Defense and Security; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 49, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS

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THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 50, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ROAD
SAFETY MEASURES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session
was suspended.

It was 3:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:29 p.m., the session was resumed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Pursuant to Section 13, Rule X of the Rules of
the Senate, upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A),
there being no objection, on the part of the Majority,
the following senators were elected to the committees
hereunder indicated:

Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Chairman: Escudero

Members:

Poe	Pimentel
Legarda	Cayetano (P)
Angara	Lapid
Aquino	Guingona
Villar	Revilla

Senator Cayetano (A) said that the designation
of the vice chair would be left to the committee
chair.

Moreover, he explained that the committee will
have 15 members, 11 from the Majority and four
from the Minority following the Majority to Minority
ratio of 75%:25%..

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto requested that the Minority be
given a day or two to discuss among themselves their
membership to the different committees.

**CLARIFICATION
OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)**

Senator Cayetano (A) stated that the Senate
President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader and
the Minority leader are *ex-officio* members of all
the committees. He explained that if the Committee
on Education, Arts and Culture, for instance, is
allowed to have 15 members including the chair, that
number would not include the *ex-officio* members;
thus, following the Majority to Minority ratio of
75%:25% for the said committee, the Majority would
have 11 members and the Minority would have four
members. He added that the ratio allows for a little
liberality because it is not possible to have a half or
one-third or 75/100 of a human being.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the session
was suspended.

It was 3:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:33 p.m., the session was resumed.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS
(Continuation)**

Committee on Tourism

Chairman: Lapid

Members:

Trillanes	Legarda
Angara	Pimentel

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Committee on Agriculture and Food**Chairperson:** Villar**Members:**

Cayetano (A)	Marcos
Poe	Angara
Trillanes	Aquino
Legarda	

At this juncture, the session was suspended and was resumed shortly thereafter.

Committee on National Defense and Security**Chairman:** Trillanes**Members:**

Legarda	Pimentel
Cayetano (P)	Revilla
Escudero	Angara
Guingona	Poe
Lapid	Santiago
Marcos	Aquino
Osmeña	

At this juncture, the session was suspended and was resumed shortly thereafter.

Committee on Trade and Commerce**Chairman:** Aquino**Members:**

Angara	Osmeña
Legarda	Villar
Guingona	Pimentel

The session was suspended and was resumed shortly thereafter.

Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs**Chairperson:** Poe**Members:**

Escudero	Revilla
Trillanes	Marcos
Pimentel	Villar

Committee on Public Information and Mass Media**Chairperson:** Poe**Members:**

Escudero	Lapid
Angara	Aquino
Revilla	Legarda

Committee on Public Services**Chairperson:** Revilla**Members (Partial List):**

Recto	Poe
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Committee on Justice and Human Rights**Chairperson:** Pimentel**Members (Partial List):**

Legarda	Angara
Guingona	Trillanes

JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL

Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that Senator Pimentel is the representative of the Senate to the Judicial and Bar Council.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session was suspended.

It was 3:50 p.m..

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:52 p.m., the session was resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Upon resumption, Senator Cayetano (A) stated that the Body would continue with the election of chairmen and members of the different committees the following day as the Members were still consulting each other.

SENATOR ENRILE AS THE MINORITY LEADER

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) manifested

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for the record that Senator Enrile is the acknowledged Minority Leader.

**SENATOR SOTTO AS THE ASSISTANT
MINORITY LEADER**

Thereupon, Senator Enrile designated Senator Sotto as the Assistant Minority Leader.

For the record, the Chair noted that the other members constituting the Minority are Senators Binay, Ejercito, Estrada, and Honasan.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)**

Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that by virtue of his designation as Assistant Minority Leader Senator Sotto is a member of the Committee on Rules.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Gov. Mario

Gene Mendiola of Occidental Mindoro, Mayor Rolando Distura of Dumangas, Iloilo, and Mayor Carlos Cabanga of Banate, Iloilo.

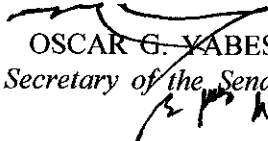
Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 3:55 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on July 24, 2013