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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:09 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada led the prayer, to wit:

Panginoon naming makapangyarihan, binubuksan po namin ang sesyon ng Mataas na Kapulungan na mabigat ang puso at isip dala ng mga nakaraang sakuna na yumanig sa aming bansa at mamamayan – ang lindol sa lalawigan ng Bohol at ang pinakamalakas na bagyo sa kasaysayan, ang Yolanda sa Leyte at mga karatig na pook.

Mas lalo pong mabigat ang nararam-daman ng aming mga kababayan sa Kabisayaan na ang sinapit na dusa at sakit ay walang kapantay sa kasaysayan ng mga sakuna sa aming bansa. Kaawaan po Ninyo sila at iangat sila sa pagkakalugmok. Bigyan Ninyo po sila ng lakas ng loob na sa kabila ng kanilang kawalan ay makabangon muli.

Panginoon, gamitin po Ninyo ang Kapulungang ito upang sa pamamagitan ng mga batas na aming maiiakda ay madaling makatugon ang pamahalaan sa mga ganitong kalaking sakuna na maaari pang dumating at harapin.

Lubha po ang aming kalungkutan nang tumambad sa amin ang kahinaan ng

pamahalaan sa pagtugon sa mga pangangailangan ng mga nasalanta. Nawa'y sa pamamagitan ng mga batas at resolusyong aming pag-uusapan, tatalakayin at ipapasa, hindi maulit sa hinarap ang litaw na kakulangan ng pamahalaan sa pagtugon sa mga kalamidad na ganito.

Subalit sa huli, ang aming hiling ay lagi Mo kaming ipag-adya sa lahat ng mga sakuna at kalamidad na kasing bangis ng Yolanda na kumitil sa maraming buhay, ari-arian at pag-asa ng bawat Pilipino.

Maraming salamat po. Ang lahat ng ito ay aming hiling mula kay Kristong aming Panginoon.

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, S.	Honasan, G. B.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Osmeña III, S. R.
Drilon, F. M.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Poe, G.
Enrile, J. P.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Estrada, J.	Sotto III, V. C.

With 16 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

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Senators Escudero and Recto arrived after the roll call.

Senator Guingona was on official mission.

Senators Cayetano (P), Legarda and Villar were on official mission abroad.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senator Trillanes was absent.

DEFERMENT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body deferred the consideration and approval of the Journal of Session No. 33 (November 26, 2013) to a later date.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- His Excellency, Ambassador Suprpto Martosetomo, head of the delegation from Indonesia and the Special Adviser for Inter-Organization Relations, Consul-General Eko Hartono based in Davao City, and Ms. Fitri Riyanti, Minister Counsellor for Political Affairs based in Manila;
- Members of the Indonesian House of Representatives Mochamad Ruslan, Sayad Mustafa Usab Al, Husnan Bey Fananie and Husni Nurin, and their adviser, Mr. Begi Hersutanto;
- Mr. Sudarsono Soedirlan, Deputy Director of Secretariat of Law and International Agreement of Jakarta, and Mr. Andy Aron, head of Section for Maritime Boundary from Jakarta; and
- Students and faculty of the De La Salle University-College of Law, the Manila Bible Seminary, and St. Mary's University of Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR

Senate President Drilon stated that the visit of the delegation from Indonesia was fitting because three days ago, November 24, the nation celebrated the 64th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and the Philippines.

BIRTHDAY GREETING

Senator Cayetano (A) greeted Senate President Drilon on the occasion of his birthday the next day.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 381, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), AND HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF) TO IMPLEMENT A 6-MONTH MORATORIUM ON REMITTANCES OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN REGIONS GREATLY AFFECTED BY YOLANDA

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 382, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXING CHAMPION AND CONGRESSMAN MANNY PACQUIAO FOR RECLAIMING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION (WBO) INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT TITLE AGAINST MEXICAN-AMERICAN BOXER BRANDON RIOS AT THE VENETIAN IN MACAU CHINA ON 24 NOVEMBER 2013

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committee on Rules

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 383, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO ALL PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC GROUPS, FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING FOREIGN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, FOR THE RESPONSIVE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO THE CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE CAUSED BY TYPHOON YOLANDA

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 386, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE 2013 OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN THE NATION'S SERVICE (TOWNS)

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Rules

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 387, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED LACK OF PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES IN IDENTIFYING DEAD BODIES LEFT IN THE WAKE OF TYPHOON YOLANDA

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 384, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING CONGRESSMAN EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING VICTORY AGAINST BRANDON RIOS AND FOR ONCE AGAIN SHOWING THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 388, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED NEED TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE GIVING OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO STUDENTS SEVERELY AFFECTED BY CALAMITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 385, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MANNY PACQUIO FOR WINNING THE WBO INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT LAST NOVEMBER 24, 2013 AND COMMENDING HIM FOR DEDICATING HIS VICTORY TO THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON YOLANDA

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 389, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT REPORT WARNING FILIPINOS AGAINST SLIMMING PRODUCTS AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS CONTAINING METHYLEPHERDINE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 390, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT FROM THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION THAT CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING CANCER-CAUSING DYES ARE BEING SOLD IN THE LOCAL MARKET

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 391, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN COMMENDING AND THANKING VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD FOR ASSISTING AND LENDING A HELPING HAND TO THE PHILIPPINES AFTER THE ONSLAUGHT OF TYPHOON YOLANDA

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 392, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING

AND COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING VICTORY AGAINST BRANDON "BAM-BAM" RIOS AND FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT TITLE LAST NOVEMBER 24, 2013 HELD AT COTAI ARENA, VENETIAN RESORT, MACAU, CHINA

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

To the Committee on Rules

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:18 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:20 p.m., the session was resumed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR ENRILE

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Enrile delivered the following speech:

On Thursday, November 7, 2013, the Blue Ribbon Committee held a hearing which the public had long been waiting for with great anticipation to uncover and bare out the naked truth and nothing but the truth about the alleged PDAF scandal.

However, the Blue Ribbon hearing was turned, surprisingly, into a time and an occasion to attack, malign and assassinate the character of persons, especially me, who refrained from attending that hearing so that the witnesses and the resource persons would be able to talk freely, without any kind of undue restraint. The hearing was dismally converted into a farcical and unjust hearing, instead of being the sober forum publicized boastfully as the arena to bring out the truth and nothing but the truth.

I have been advised by well-meaning friends to ignore what was said against me in that Blue Ribbon hearing. After all, according to them, the abusive words were from a "cuckoo" – an inane and bitterly hostile mind. I pondered over their

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unsolicited counsel and appreciated their concern for me. However, I decided to break my silence, lest those who heard the vicious and baseless accusations against me of that vile and malicious mind would believe them to be the truth and nothing but the truth.

Today, therefore, I rise on a matter of personal privilege to defend my personal honor, the honor of my family, the honor of my office, and the honor of those millions of my countrymen who trusted and voted me to this Senate.

I will soon retire from politics after two and a half more years of public service, and I owe it to the current generation to answer the barefaced lies said against me and my office, although deep in my heart I believe that history, in a calmer and kinder social climate, will absolve me.

I would have wanted to deliver this privilege speech earlier, but I deliberately postponed it until today out of respect and compassion to the hapless victims of super *Typhoon Yolanda* that wrought unexpected, unimaginable and widespread destruction, havoc, misery and deaths to our suffering countrymen in the Visayan provinces of our Republic, and also out of deference to the time-honored practice in this Chamber that we give utmost priority to the general appropriations bill when it is being deliberated upon in plenary.

In that Blue Ribbon hearing, in the press conference that followed it, and later on in the media, a member of this Senate, without any iota of concrete proof, brazenly accused me, among other things, of being murderous; of going to the restroom with bodyguard armed with a long firearm; and of being the “mastermind” or “brain” of the alleged PDAF scandal.

I know that I should not dignify with answers these obvious lies flowing as they did from the hallucinated imaginings of a spiteful and bitterly hostile mind. But, I must! I must debunk these unbridled lies from the records of this Senate for the sake of honest truth.

First, that I was murderous. I never murdered anyone during all of my almost 90 years on this planet. I was in the war during World War II as a freedom fighter. I fired bullets against the foreign invaders of our country as they fired bullets at me. I do not know if I hit any of those I shot at. But for someone to say with impunity that I killed someone deliberately – I do not know if there is any who did in this Senate – or that I am planning anyone’s murder, is the “Grandmama” of all falsehood fabricators.

Second, that I go to the restroom of this Senate with bodyguard armed with a long

firearm. I never realized until that Blue Ribbon hearing that we have a “peeping Tom” in this Senate. I never knew that someone was keeping an eye on me, even when I go to the most private of places here in this building. It was, after all, supposed to be a “private” area.

I am sure everyone in this Senate, including the fabricator of that falsehood, knows that what she said was a boldfaced lie. Since 1987, when I first joined this Senate, I never allowed my security men to carry any firearm in the Senate. Even the members of the Senate security force, I know that none of them was ever allowed to carry long firearms in the Senate area.

Perhaps my obsessive hater is the only one, in all these years, ever so blessed to see someone carrying a long one in the Senate restroom!

Modesty aside, early in my youth I was trained in the native martial art of *arnis*. Later on, I earned a black belt in the Korean martial art of taekwondo. Hence, I do not need a firearm, long or short, to defend myself in a face-to-face combat.

Besides, unlike some persons familiar to me, I do not think I suffer from any kind of schizophrenic or psychotic paranoia to be that paranoid to need someone with a firearm to visit a restroom, especially in this Senate. True, one of my men normally goes with me to the restroom. But he carries no weapon. He only goes with me to assist me because of my impaired vision.

Maybe what my obsessive hater mistook for a long firearm was a tiny gadget that I bring with me to scratch my back when it itches and to strike a mischievous fly – *langaw* – when I encounter one along the way.

I have travelled all these years, in daytime and in nighttime, everywhere without fear of being harmed. I know that I had not done any kind of oppressive act, by word or by deed, against anyone to earn that degree of enmity that would provoke a desire to harm me or to take my life. This is another thing that demonstrates the obvious falsity of the claim that even in the Senate I need a bodyguard with a long firearm. Only a distorted, degraded and deranged mind could imagine and invent such a blatant lie.

Third, that I was the “mastermind” or “brain” of the alleged PDAF scandal. Only an inane and bitterly hostile mind could fabricate such a canard. Again, all I can say is that this is an outright lie and this is just another of those baseless fabrications against me from a depraved mind.

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I will not belabor this unfounded canard. I am aware that the public has been waiting for me to speak up on this matter, but for now suffice it to say that there will be a time and a more auspicious appropriate forum to deal in detail with the alleged PDAF scam, and I will give my fullest cooperation to unearth the truth in that alleged scandal.

Perhaps, my obsessive hater should appear as a special prosecutor against me to demonstrate to her admirers her knowledge of the facts of the alleged PDAF scandal and her legal skill as a trial lawyer. I am sure she will experience something she never experienced before.

Whenever an occasion arises, my bitter and obsessive hater habitually flaunts her being a former judge. With a flare of self-praise, she would normally say, "as a former judge, *et cetera, et cetera.*"

Well, I am sorry to say that this former judge does not seem to understand the basic meaning of due process. Every law student, whatever the level of acumen he has, knows that due process simply means, "you hear first the evidence before you condemn." Now I know why she nearly flunked her bar examination. A parrot can memorize legal principles but it cannot apply them.

It seems that the inanities of my bitter and obsessive hater are boundless.

Ito ay sapagkat noong kasagsagan ng barilan sa Zamboanga City sa pagitan ng mga sundalo natin at ng mga armadong tauhan daw ni Nur Misuari, sinabi ng senadora na ako daw ang nag-udyok sa barilan sa Zamboanga City at nagbigay daw ako kay Nur Misuari ng P40 million upang guluhin niya ang Zamboanga City.

Naku po, sobra naman ang senadorang iyan! Kung hindi ba naman naninira sa kanyang kapwa! Nasa probinsiya po ako ng Cagayan noong nangyari ang gulo sa Zamboanga City. Wala akong kamalay-malay na may barilan pala sa Zamboanga City. Nalaman ko na lamang iyong pangyayari na barilan sa Zamboanga City noong bumalik na ako sa Maynila.

Paano ako mapapasama sa isang pangyayari na wala akong kaalam-alam? Maliwanag po ito at walang kaduda-duda na nagpapatunay na may pagka-sinungaling ang senadora na iyan.

Ang masaklap po, dinadaan niya sa pagpapatawa, sa kanyang mga popular pick-up

lines, ang kanyang panloloko sa mga inosenteng kababayan natin. At ang mas masaklap pa ay kung anuman ang mga salitang kanyang binitiwang ay kinakagat ng ilang mga peryodista nang ganon-ganon na lamang, sinasakyan ang kanyang mga paratang para lamang tuluyan akong idiin dito sa isyu ng PDAF.

But why is this senator so obsessive and bitter against me? Many, especially my friends and followers, have repeatedly asked me this question. I do not know for certain the answer to this nagging question. I, too, am puzzled. I know of no harm that I did to her to arouse her vile anger and hostility against me.

Sinabi ng senadora sa Blue Ribbon hearing na ako daw ay may asim pa. Nagpapasalamat ako sa kanya. Ngunit ikinalulungkot kong sabihin, at kahit masakit man banggitin, hindi po ako naasiman sa kanya!

But levity aside, what I know is that after her graduation from the UP College of Law and her bar examination, I hired her in 1969 to work for me in the Department of Justice where I was then the Secretary of Justice. When she got married, she asked me and my wife to be her wedding sponsors.

When President Marcos transferred me from the Department of Justice to the Department of National Defense on February 10, 1970, my association with her ended, until we became colleagues again here in the Senate for the first time in 1995, under the Tenth Congress.

I can only surmise that her deep-seated animosity against me arose from two events: One was when I opposed her confirmation as Secretary of Agrarian Reform during the administration of Pres. Corazon C. Aquino. Another was when I refused to include her in the majority bloc when I was elected Senate President in November 2008 and, again, in July 2010.

During the hearing of the Commission on Appointments on her confirmation as Secretary of Agrarian Reform, testing the suitability and qualifications of the nominee then, I asked her if she was ever under the care of a psychiatrist. *Tinanong ko po kung siya ay nagkonsulta sa tinatawag na mga medico na psychiatrist, iyong pong mga gumagamot sa sakit sa utak.* She admitted that she was. She said that she was treated by a psychiatrist at the Makati Medical Center.

In the same Commission on Appointments committee deliberation, I asked her also what grade she got in her bar examination. *Tinanong ko po sa kanya, "Kayo po ay tinatawag na cum*

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*laude sa Unibersidad ng Pilipinas. Ano po ba ang nakuha ninyong grado sa inyong bar examination?" She replied that she got 76%. *Sitenta'y sais porsiyento ang kaniyang grado sa bar examination.* That meant that she obtained low grades in all her bar subjects. And I remember, *natatandaan ko po*, that she got a grade of 56% in Ethics, the easiest bar examination subject. *Singkuwenta'y sais porsiyento po sa Ethics, kaya naintindihan ko na kung bakit hindi niya sinusunod ang mga Rules of Ethics sa aming propesyon.**

In that same Commission on Appointments committee deliberation, I asked her about a white Toyota Celica sports car that the nominee then was said to be driving as her personal car when she was a judge in Quezon City. Toots Trinidad, a former PNB vice president, owned that sports car. He shipped it back to the Philippines upon his return from the United States after his surgical operation for a brain tumor at the Stanford University. That sports car disappeared from the compound of the Bureau of Customs when it arrived in the Port of Manila.

Toots Trinidad learned that his sports car was with a judge of Quezon City. Toots Trinidad asked then Judge Miriam Defensor Santiago to give the car back to him. She refused. *Tinang-gihan po niya na ibalik iyong kotse ng pobreng isang naging bise presidente ng Bangko Nasyonal ng Pilipinas.* I was told that she claimed that her husband, Narciso Yap Santiago of the Province of Tarlac, who was at the time employed in the Bureau of Customs, gave her that sports car as a birthday gift. Later on, I found out that the car was registered in her name in the Bureau of Land Transportation in the Province of Tarlac. *Hindi ko po alam kung ibinalik niya iyong white Toyota Celica sports car. Ang ating dating Justice of the Supreme Court, naging dekanon ng College of Law ng University of the Philippines, naging Secretary of Justice, Vicente Abad Santos, pinayuhan siya na ibalik na iyong kotse, pero ayaw niyang ibalik sa pobreng tao na bumili noon sa kaniyang paninirahan sa Amerika.*

As a consequence of my opposition, and among other concerns taken into consideration, the Committee on Agrarian Reform of the Commission on Appointments voted to reject her appointment as Secretary of Agrarian Reform.

When I became Senate President in November 2008, she did not vote for me. I tried to reach her before I was voted as Senate President. She refused to answer my phone calls. She even denied my request for just five

minutes to see her at her residence. Initially, she was not part of the new majority then and, consequently, she was not assigned any committee to chair. Eventually, however, I relented and assigned to her two major committees upon the intervention of then Sen. Mar Roxas. *Mga buhay pa po ang mga taong ito at palagay ko ay papatunayan nila itong mga sinasabi ko.*

After the election in 2010, I was reelected Senate President. I did not make an effort to reach out to her to get her support, but it was then Sen. Manuel Villar who interceded for her. At that point, she was already allied with the Nacionalista Party of Senator Villar.

Sen. Manny Villar arranged a dinner in a Japanese restaurant at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. He pleaded with me to join him and the senator with her husband in that dinner. Sen. Tito Sotto, who is here, and Sen. Gregorio Honasan, who is also here, were also present in that dinner-meeting.

During the dinner, the *senadora* and her husband profusely made their amends to me. Because of Manny Villar, Tito Sotto and Greg Honasan, I accepted her and her husband's insincere apologies and took her in into the new majority.

As a consequence, I assigned to her the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, the only remaining unassigned committee at that time.

She wanted to retain her former committees: 1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, which has an oversight committee with a separate and large budget; and 2) the Committee on Energy, which also has an oversight committee with an equally separate and large budget. Obviously, she wanted a large pile of money at her disposal. But I could not satisfy her desire because the two committees had already been assigned to two other equally capable senators: the Committee on Foreign Relations went to Sen. Loren Legarda, and the Committee on Energy went to Sen. Serge Osmeña.

Finally, she asked for an oversight committee with a separate budget to be specially created for her to support her large staff. I accommodated her request without much ado.

Evidently, all those things that I did for her were not enough to assuage her deep-seated and bitter hostility against me for what happened in the past, especially in her confirmation hearing as Secretary of Agrarian Reform.

What I said in this speech is the naked truth

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and nothing but the truth. No fabrication and no invention in it. I wish to put these remarks in the official record of this Senate for posterity to read. Someday, perhaps, our people will eventually unmask who was lying and who was telling the truth.

Finally, then Sen. Panfilo Lacson called my bitter and obsessive hater "a crusading crook." Those are not my words. They are the words of Sen. Panfilo Lacson, and I think everyone here knows Sen. Panfilo Lacson. "A crusading crook." I have yet to hear from her a bristling rebuttal, a relevant answer, or a lucid explanation – not *ad hominem* as she is wont to do. Up to now, the words of Senator Lacson remained unanswered. They are met with deafening silence from her. I just wonder why!

Anyway, this is all. Thank you for your patience and forbearance, and for allowing this Representation to use a bit of the Senate's time to say my piece.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:51 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:33 p.m., the session was resumed.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ESTRADA

Preliminarily, Senator Estrada stated that he was quite bothered by the privilege speech regarding the "peeping Tom" in the Senate.

Asked why he called her a "peeping Tom" and whether he saw her following him to the restroom, Senator Enrile stated that he never realized there was a peeping Tom in the Senate, and that he never remembered anybody following him to the male restroom although he remembered having met her going out of the women's restroom while he was on his way to the men's room. He clarified that he was not carrying a long firearm because what he usually carries is a back-scratcher that sometimes can be used to swat flies.

As regards Senator Lacson's description of her as "a crusading crook," Senator Enrile read into the record a press release of Senator Lacson as published in the newspapers, to wit:

"Sen. Miriam Santiago is what we may call a 'crusading crook.' A hypocrite par excellence, she doesn't have a single shred of integrity in her veins and moral ascendancy over any mortal on earth. Ask the people who have fallen victims to her verbal threats and assaults and they will tell you how much they shelled out."

He said that he has yet to hear a bristling rebuttal, a relevant answer or a lucid explanation from Senator Defensor Santiago regarding the statement of former Senator Lacson. He said that he was wondering why Senator Defensor Santiago was quiet about the statement of former Senator Lacson, glossing over it which was so unlike her.

As to what prompted Senator Lacson to say such words against Senator Defensor Santiago, Senator Enrile cited the following:

- 1) Senator Lacson filed a case with the Ombudsman against Senator Defensor Santiago, accusing her of renting her own building as her own office without any public bidding.

He said that when informed about the case, he did not mind being part of the charge sheet since he really approved the contract but he told Senator Lacson that he did not know the building belonged to her.

- 2) Senator Defensor Santiago used her PDAF amounting to P200 million to construct a cockpit arena in Pasig City which was disguised as a sports complex and managed by her husband;
- 3) A palatial house in Tagaytay overlooking the lake, complete with an Olympic-size swimming pool and bowling alley that according to the people of Tagaytay, is frequented by a senator and they were wondering why the property was not in the senator's name. He was told that the edifice was built on two separate lots with separate owners – one under the name of a certain Augusto Pineda and the other, in the name of a corporation – but the titles bear no inscription of any long-term lease on the property and the supposed owner had never visited the site.

He clarified that when he said "senator," he was not pertaining to any member of the Senate.

Regarding the accusation that in the Zamboanga siege, he gave P40 million as financial aid to the group of Nur Misuari, and whether he knows Nur Misuari, Senator Enrile stated that when he was the Secretary

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of Defense, he knew Nur Misuari as a former UP college professor who later on became the leader of the MNLF. He narrated that after EDSA Revolution, along with Senator Honasan, he accompanied the late Pres. Corazon C. Aquino to Jolo to meet Mr. Misuari.

As to his relationship with Mr. Misuari, Senator Enrile stated that it was cursory – he was neither a friend nor an enemy. He said that he also saw Mr. Misuari during his term as governor of ARMM and during the last election campaign. He said that although he headed the Defense Department and Mr. Misuari was fighting the government, they were honorable combatants.

On whether Mr. Misuari was arrested when he was Secretary of National Defense, Senator Enrile replied in the negative. He stated that Mr. Misuari was living in Libya at the time when he was the recognized representative of the Moro people in the Organization of Islamic Conference.

Asked why the Senator accused him of funding the group of Mr. Misuari, Senator Enrile stated that such was the reason he called the fabricator of the story as the “grand mama” of falsehood fabricators because only an unclucid mind can imagine such things.

Adverting to the PDAF that was used to build a cockpit arena disguised as a sports center, Senator Enrile stated that it was written by the media based on a statement made by Senator Lacson.

As to why he and Senator Estrada were the only ones accused of misusing PDAF, Senator Enrile quoted a noted writer, “What seems is not always the reality.”

On the reasons why the senator was mad at him, Senator Enrile supposed that she was envious of him because he had a grade of almost 91% in the bar examination, placing him at No. 11 in the ranking. He said that in the examinations held that year that she and Senate President Drilon, who are both from Iloilo, took the bar examinations, the Senate President was a toprnotcher, while she almost flunked, making her the only *cum laude* from UP that almost flunked the bar.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto stated that he was inclined to refer the speech of Senator Enrile to the Committee on

Ethics, but since the Committee is yet to be formed, he suggested that the speech be referred instead to the Committee on Rules.

REFERRAL OF THE SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Thereupon, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Enrile and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 379

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 379, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PEOPLE'S CHAMP AND SARANGANI CONGRESSMAN MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST AMERICAN BOXER BRANDON LEE RIOS AT THE VENETIAN MACAO IN MACAO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION ON 24 NOVEMBER 2013,

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 380, 382, 384, 385 and 392.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of the full text into the Record of the Senate.

COAUTHORS

Saying that there is a lot of sympathy and love for Cong. Manny Pacquiao at this time, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, all the Members present were made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 379.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

At the outset, Senator Sotto manifested his desire to be made coauthor and cosponsor of

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 379. He said that the filing and consequent passage of the resolution was very timely in light of the recent catastrophe that has struck the country. He said that the victory of Congressman Manny Pacquiao brought smiles to every Filipino and has uplifted the spirit of those affected by the devastation of *Typhoon Yolanda*. He described as cruel the timing of certain government officials who could have deferred the actions against the People's Champ if only to let the people enjoy the moment of triumph a little longer.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR EJERCITO

Senator Ejercito manifested into the record that he had with him a copy of the warrant of garnishment that was signed by Commissioner Kim Henares of the Bureau of Internal Revenue which was served to Congressman Pacquiao on November 20, 2013, or four days before his fight.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Senator Cayetano (A) believed that Congressman Paquiao and the BIR have their own version of the story, but he expressed the view that the BIR could have just called the Internal Revenue Service of the United States to send the pertinent documents to determine the veracity of the tax payments. He hoped that the BIR and Congressman Pacquiao would eventually be able to settle the matter in accordance with law with due regard to their moral and legal positions. Thereafter, he appealed that the nation be spared from the discussion to avoid another divisive issue.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 379

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Senate Resolution No. 379, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 380,382, 384, 385 and 392, subject to style.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 383

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 383, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO ALL PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC GROUPS, FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING FOREIGN HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS, FOR THE RESPONSIVE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO THE CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE CAUSED BY TYPHOON YOLANDA,

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 391.

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

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Senator Cayetano (A) thanked the NGOs, local government units and foreign governments for the help they extended to the victims of *Typhoon Yolanda* and the other major disasters that happened this year. He said that the necessary resolutions with more specifics would be filed later on.


The Chair directed that the final copy of the resolution takes into consideration other groups that may have been inadvertently excluded.

COAUTHORS

Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that all senators present be made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 383.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 383

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Senate Resolution No. 383, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 391, subject to style.


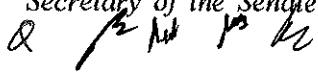


ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

It was 5:01 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


OSCAR C. YABES
Secretary of the Senate


Approved on December 3, 2013