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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:14 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson stated that instead of leading the distinguished members of the Senate in prayer, he decided to give each and everyone in the Session Hall their brief moment of silent prayer to allow those who committed sins of omission and commission to seek compassion and atone for past mistakes, to give the chance to those who want to seek the Lord's guidance on the loads of legislative work ahead, for those who wish to offer a prayer of thanks for all the divine blessings that everyone enjoy in life, and for those who want to silently express their personal intentions.

He then led the Body in silent prayer.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Ramon Magsaysay Technological University Chamber Singers led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song, entitled "*Mabuhay Ka, Pilipino.*"

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Lutgardo B. Barbo, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Legarda, L.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Pangilinan, F. N.
De Lima, L. M.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Drilon, F. M.	Poe, G.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Recto, R. G.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Sotto III, V. C.
Gatchalian, W.	Trillanes IV, A. F.
Gordon, R. J.	Villanueva, J.
Honasan, G. B.	Villar, C. A.
Hontiveros, R.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Lacson, P. M.	

With 23 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Cayetano arrived after the roll call.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 11 (August 17, 2016) and considered it approved.

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REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following Senate bills and resolutions which the Chair referred to the committee hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1036, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 1037, entitled

AN ACT RESETTling THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 1038, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 1039, entitled

AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE OUR PENAL LAWS AGAINST SMUGGLING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR SMUGGLING, DEFINE THE CRIME OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Leila M. de Lima

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1040, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FREE TERTIARY AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, AND OTHER RELATED COURSES TO ALL DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF REGISTERED INDIGENT FARMERS IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Leila M. de Lima

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

Senate Bill No. 1041, entitled

AN ACT RESETTling THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT

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NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10656, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva

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

Senate Bill No. 1042, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
RIGHTS OF DOMESTIC WORKERS
TO ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND
TRAINING, AND OTHER FORMS OF
ADVANCEMENT, BY GRANTING
EMPLOYERS TAX INCENTIVES,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy
S. Binay

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment
and Human Resources Development; and Ways
and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1043, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ECONOMIC
RELIEF TO DOMESTIC WORKERS
BY PROVIDING DISCOUNTS ON
AVAILMENT OF MEDICAL AND
DENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES
FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF
THE DOMESTIC WORKERS OR
THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy
S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1044, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING SALES OF
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
AND LEASE OF CONSTRUCTION
EQUIPMENT INTENDED FOR
SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECTS
AND HOUSING OR REHABILITA-

TION PROJECTS FOR VICTIMS OF
DISASTERS, FROM VALUE-ADDED
TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy
S. Binay

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1045, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTO-
MATIC TRANSFER OF TITLE TO
GOVERNMENT OF EXPROPRIATED
LANDS UPON FINALITY OF THE
JUDGMENT OF EXPROPRIATION

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy
S. Binay

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1046, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES
TO EMPLOYERS THAT HIRE ALTER-
NATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM
LEARNERS AND GRADUATES,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERE-
FOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy
S. Binay

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment
and Human Resources Development; and Ways
and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1047, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE POSTING
OF NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION
ON MENU ITEMS OF FOOD
SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy
S. Binay

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-
graphy**



Senate Bill No. 1048, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL OF EVERY YEAR AS "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1049, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS, POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 106, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICEMEN IN SERVICE (C.O.P.S.) OF 2016

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 108, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE 2016 METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING TEACHERS FOR THEIR PROFOUND COMMITMENT IN PROMOTING A

CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Rules

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 3:29 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

CHANGE IN COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMANSHIP

Acting on the request of Senator Legarda, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Senator Gordon was designated vice chairperson of the Committee on Energy to replace Senator Legarda.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved to change the primary referral of Senate Bill No. 191 (creating the Philippine Boxing Commission) to the Committee on Sports, consistent with Senate Resolution No. 3 that split the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports into two standing committees—the Committee on Games and Amusement and the Committee on Sports.

COAUTHOR

With the concurrence of Senator Legarda, the principal author, and as manifested by Senator Sotto, Senator Pacquiao was made coauthor of Senate Bill No. 404 (declaring July 27 of Every Year A Special Nonworking Holiday in Observance of the Founding Anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo).

CHANGES IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Senator Gatchalian was elected member of the Committee on Climate Change in lieu of Senator Honasan; Senator Honasan, on the other hand, was elected member of the Committee on Urban



Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement in lieu of Senator Gatchalian, and member of the Committee on Agrarian Reform in lieu of Senator Zubiri.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 4:32 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


ATTY. LUTGARDO B. BARBO
Secretary of the Senate
Quince 8/23 

Approved on August 23, 2016