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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:17 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. Joseph Victor Ejercito led the prayer, to wit:

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11

Heavenly Father,

We cling to this word knowing that You are good and sovereign over our nation. We thank You because You are a personal God who is never indifferent to our concerns and needs. Though we may not understand many things at the moment, Lord, please do not allow us to be shaken. Grant us strong faith and peace knowing that nothing can thwart Your providential plan for our lives and our people.

In our quest to bring change, I ask You,

Father, to realign our hearts as servant leaders. Shift our gaze and actions on the issues and legislative work that matter the most. Help us to obey Your word, and become the Senate this country needs that has compassion for those who have less, that loves truth and justice, and that is used as an instrument of healing, not division, to our people.

Father, make integrity, wisdom and passion to pursue what is right abound in this august Chamber. With Your guidance, enable us to fill in the gap and improve our education, health, housing, social services, infrastructure, transportation system, and economy. Commission us to look after our people, and to bless and alleviate the living conditions of poor Filipinos.

We invoke Your blessings to all senators, their families, and everyone working in the Senate. We express full confidence that Your goodness will always prevail in our nation.

We ask all of these in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.



## ROLL CALL

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

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

With 17 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Gordon and Zubiri arrived after the roll call.

Senator Binay was on official mission "as keynote speaker in the convention organized by the Association of Tourism Officers of the Philippines in Clarkfield, Pampanga" as indicated in her letter dated October 4, 2016.

Senator Cayetano was on official mission as indicated in the October 5, 2016 letter of the Senator's chief of staff.

Senator De Lima was on official mission "as keynote speaker in the forum of the CHR, entitled "*Buhay at Babae: A Forum in Women's Rights and Right to Life*" as indicated in her letter dated October 5, 2016.

Senator Escudero was on official mission as indicated in the October 5, 2016 letter of the Senator's chief political officer.

Senator Poe was on official mission "attending a meeting with commuter groups in connection with the emergency power bills," as indicated in the October 5, 2016 letter of the Senator's chief of special concerns.

## 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. 29 (October 4, 2016) and considered it approved.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

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

- Political science and public administration students from the University of Luzon and members of the UL Debate Society, headed by Professor Magdalena Valdez and Mr. Stephen Jon Santos;
- Mayor Danilo Tan of Tarangnan, Samar; Mayor Ellen Dieza of Hinabangan, Samar; Mayor Teodorico Mabag of Pinabacdao, Samar; Vice Mayor Lucia Astorga of Daram, Samar; and Mr. Zaldy Taba-an;
- Mayor Jefferson F. Khonghun, Vice Mayor Jose Benedicto Felarca and Sangguniang Bayan members of Subic, Zambales;
- Department heads and officials of Kolehiyo ng Subic;
- Victorious Philippine Pastoral Movement Inc. – Rev. Victor De Ocampo, Rev. Sherwin Serrano, Bro. Samuel Tarroza, Rev. Arce Mabanog, Rev. Willy Laza, Bro. Bert Luztique, and Ms. Pacita Velarde; and
- Katala Foundation, Inc., headed by Peter Widmann and Indira Lacerna Widmann of Palawan.

Senate President Pimentel 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:

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated 1 August 2016, informing the Senate that the following House Members are the members of the House panel in the Joint Congressional Power Commission:

1. Rep. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco
2. Rep. Reynaldo V. Umali



3. Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles
4. Rep. Jose Enrique S. Garcia
5. Rep. Arnulfo P. Fuentebella
6. Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe
7. Rep. Danilo E. Suarez

**To the Committee on Rules**

Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated 31 August 2016, constituting its members to the Oversight Committee on Public Expenditures pursuant to Section 101 of the General Provisions of the FY 2016 General Appropriations Act (R. A. No. 10717):

1. Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles – Chairman
2. Hon. Maria Carmen S. Zamora – Member
3. Hon. Scott Davies S. Lanete – Member
4. Hon. Alfred D. Vargas III – Member
5. Hon. Magnolia C. Antonio – Member
6. Hon. Mark Aeron H. Sambar – Member
7. Hon. Federico S. Sandoval – Member
8. Hon. Danilo E. Suarez – Member

**To the Committee on Rules**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1181, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 1182, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE VISION AND POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTOR, CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

**To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1183, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1185, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES CONSERVED AREAS, RECOGNIZING THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL ICCA REGISTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Cultural Communities; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1186, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING FOOD FOREST GARDENING, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1187, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS’ WELFARE



ACT OF 2010, PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS ON BASIC COMMODITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1188, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING THE CAP OF RECOVERABLE SYSTEM LOSS CHARGES PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMERS BY PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES AND EXEMPTING THE SYSTEM LOSS CHARGE COMPONENT FROM THE COVERAGE OF VALUE ADDED TAX

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

**To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Ways and Means**

#### RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No.186, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED RECENT INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, INTIMIDATION, AND REPRESSION AGAINST LABOR LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS

Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 187, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE

ELABORATE SCHEME INVOLVED IN FACILITATING PASSAGE TO MECCA TO FOREIGN NATIONALS USING PHILIPPINE DOCUMENTS PARTICULARLY THE CASE OF INDONESIAN NATIONALS WHO POSED AS FILIPINOS AND ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY TO ATTEND THE HAJJ PILGRIMAGE

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Foreign Relations**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 188, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING A CAPELLA GROUP ACAPELLAGO FOR EMERGING AS OVERALL CHAMPION IN THE 2016 ASIA-PACIFIC A CAPPELLA CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE (APACCL) HELD AT THE SINGAPORE CONFERENCE HALL IN SINGAPORE FROM 24 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2016

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 189, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE FENCING TEAM FOR BRINGING HOME A TOTAL OF 3 GOLD MEDALS, 2 SILVERS AND 5 BRONZE MEDALS IN THE 2016 SOUTH EAST ASIA FENCING FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN SINGAPORE ON 3 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2016

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 190, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES

AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS GIVEN THE ALARMING NUMBER OF VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING MEASURES TO PROVIDE FOR STRICTER REGULATIONS ON ROAD SAFETY IN THE PHILIPPINES, FOR INFORMATION DRIVES BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND FOR THE INCLUSION OF ROAD COURTESY AND DISCIPLINE IN THE PHILIPPINE BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III

**To the Committee on Public Services**

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 2, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation, on Senate Bill No. 1184, with Senators Pangilinan, Trillanes IV, Legarda and Recto as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SECURITY OF TENURE FOR ALL CASUAL AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES

OF THE GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE RENDERED THE PRESCRIBED YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 59, 283, 441, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 77.

Sponsor: Senator Trillanes IV


**To the Calendar for Ordinary Business**

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, October 10, 2016.

*It was 3:30 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
**ATTY. LUTGARDO B. BARBO**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved on October 10, 2016