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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Vicente C. Sotto III, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Senate President Sotto led the prayer, to wit:

Heavenly Father, thank You that Your mercies are new every morning. Thank You for Your faithfulness and Your love that You continually bestow upon us without limit.

Lord, lift our eyes to seek You in everything we do. Give us wisdom and discernment. Open our hearts and minds that we be receptive to Your Divine agenda.

Align our will with Yours and give us an obedient spirit. Take what we have prepared and multiply our efforts for the advancement of Your kingdom.

Make the bills and laws we pass in this Chamber yield truth to a hundredfold to benefit our countrymen for generations to come. Let Your sovereignty reign in this land.

In Jesus' Name, we pray.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Senate President, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Myra Marie D. Villarica, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Cayetano, P. S.	Poe, G.
Drilon, F. M.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Gatchalian, W.	Sotto III, V. C.
Lacson, P. M.	Tolentino, F. T. N.
Lapid, M. L. M.	Villanueva, J.
Marcos, I. R.	Villar, C. A.
Pacquiao, E. M. D.	Zubiri, J. M. F.


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

Senators Dela Rosa, Go, Gordon, Hontiveros and Recto arrived after the roll call.

Senator De Lima was unable to attend the session as she was under detention.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

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



Journal of Session No. 17 (September 3, 2019) and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

Senator Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following:

- Gov. Edgardo “Egay” Tallado of Camarines Norte and Gov. Roger Espina of Biliran – guests of Senator Go;
- Justice Edgardo Lloren of the Court of Appeals in Cagayan de Oro, together with Mayor Mohammad Ali S. Guri of Matanog, Maguindanao, and Mayor Nasser Pangandaman of Masiu, Lanao del Sur – guests of Senator Zubiri;
- Mr. Alonzo Saclag, awardee of the National Living Treasures Award for Performing Arts; and
- Gov. Bonz Dolor of Oriental Mindoro.

Senate President Sotto 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:

BILL ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1005, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 185 OF THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE, AS AMENDED, BY ABOLISHING THE PRINTING OF THE VOTERS INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION SHEET

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People’s Participation

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters from the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, transmitting to the Senate copies of the following

certified and authenticated BSP issuances, in compliance with Section 15(a) of Republic Act No. 7653 (The New Central Bank Act):

Circular Letter Nos. CL-2019-056, 057, 058, 059, 060 and 061, dated 9, 13, 14, 19 and 20 August 2019.

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1006, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1007, entitled

AN ACT TO RECONSTRUCT AND REHABILITATE THE EXISTING 479-KILOMETER PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS LINE FROM SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION TO LEGAZPI CITY, ALBAY, PROVIDING FUNDS FROM THE ANNUAL VALUE-ADDED TAX COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1008, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4566 TO PROMOTE COMPETITION AND INVESTMENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT-

ING SERVICES INDUSTRY, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

**To the Committee on Trade, Commerce
and Entrepreneurship**

Senate Bill No. 1009, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING INVESTMENT
RESTRICTIONS IN COMMON-
WEALTH ACT NO. 541, AS AMENDED
BY LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS
NO. 630, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

**To the Committees on Economic Affairs;
and Public Works**

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 3:05 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

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

- Vice Governor Christopher Yap of Southern Leyte;
- PCSO Director Sandra Cam; and
- Mrs. Fernandita "Fenny" Tatad, wife of former Sen. Francisco "Kit" Tatad.

Senate President Sotto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN

Senator Zubiri manifested for the record the designation of Senator Gatchalian as vice chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators were elected as members of the Committee on Science and Technology: Senators Villar, Pimentel, Tolentino, Villanueva and De Lima.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body elected Senator Cayetano as chairperson of the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation, and Futures Thinking; and Senator Dela Rosa as chairman of the Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri requested all senators to attend a caucus at the Senators' Lounge after the adjournment of the session to continue the discussion on the possible amendments to the Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) Law.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

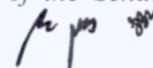
Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 9, 2019.

It was 3:44 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.



ATTY. MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate



Approved on September 9, 2019