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**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
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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**

Sen. Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino led the prayer, to wit:

*Makapangyarihang Panginoon, papuri at pasasalamat ang alay namin sa Inyo para sa biyaya ng buhay, kalakasan at talinong Iyong patuloy na ipinagkakaloob upang kami'y makapaglingkod sa Iyo, sa aming kapwa at sa bansang Pilipinas.*

*Itinataas namin, Panginoon, ang Senado, sampu ng mga taong naglilingkod dito, na kami po ay Iyong patnubayan, biyayaan ng karunungan, pagkalooban ng busilak na kalooban, upang kami ay manatiling tumatalima sa Iyong kalooban.*

*Basbasan Mo po, dakilang Ama, ang bulwagang ito upang mapuspos ng Iyong Banal na Espiritu sa bawat sulok nito. Loobin Mong maging saksi ang lahat ng naririto sa paggalaw ng Iyong maka-*

*pangyarihang kamay, sa Iyong paggabay sa aming lahat patungo sa aming minimithing pagkakaisa, kapayapaan at kaunlaran ng aming bayan.*

*Sa aming nagkakaisang pagdulog sa Iyo bilang isang lupon na naghahangad ng kabutihan ng bayang Pilipinas, dalangin namin, Panginoon, ang Iyong kaliwanagan, ang Iyong banal na patnubay sa anumang aming gagawin sa pagtupad ng aming tungkulin bilang mga mambabatas. Maging kasangkapan nawa ang bawat isa sa amin sa pagtupad ng Iyong dakilang layunin para sa Iyong sambayanan.*

*Manahan nawa sa aming puso, Panginoon, ang kababaang loob nang sa gayon ay maging bukas kami sa kaisipan at layunin ng bawat isa. Buklurin Mo ang aming mga isip, Dakilang Panginoon, upang makamit namin yaong layunin na mapabuti at mapaglaanan ang mga taong Iyong itinagubilin na aming paglingkuran.*

*Ang lahat ng ito, Panginoon, ay aming samo at dalangin sa dakilang Pangalan ng Iyong Anak na si Hesus.*

*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.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Marcos, I. R.
Cayetano, P. S.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Dela Rosa, R. B. M.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Drilon, F. M.	Sotto III, V. C.
Gatchalian, W.	Tolentino, F. T. N.
Go, C. L. T.	Villanueva, J.
Gordon, R. J.	Villar, C. A.
Hontiveros, R.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Lacson, P. M.	

With 19 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Pacquiao, Pangilinan, and Recto arrived after the roll call.

Senator Poe was absent.

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. 20 (September 10, 2019) and considered it approved.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

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

- Mayor Marlon Garcia and the municipal councilors of Barili, Cebu;
- Mayor Edgar Flores of Minalin, Pampanga, president of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) of Pampanga province;
- Mayor Gina Nenil of San Benito, Surigao del Norte;
- Miss Tourism Worldwide 2019 candidate for the Philippines, Ms. Camille Joy Ang;

- Pangasinan Vice Governor Mark Lambino;
- Teachers and 20 students of the Humanities and Social Sciences and General Academics Strands of Lourdes School of Quezon City headed by Ms. Charity Reyes; and
- Sixth Grade students from Keys School Manila.

Senate President Sotto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

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

*It was 3:06 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:10 p.m., the session was resumed.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 9 September 2019, the House of Representatives passed the following House bills, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

House Bill No. 300, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN THE COUNTRY BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7042, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ACT OF 1991";

**To the Committee on Economic Affairs**

and House Bill No. 304, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 51,



52, 54, 56, 57, 73, 108, 121, 122, 123, 174, 176, 179, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 195, 198, AND 199; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 127, 175, 177, 178, 180, 188, 192, AND 193; ALL UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1026, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BARANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1027, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING TALA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1028, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 15 AND 16 OF REPUBLIC ACT 10071, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE ACT OF 2010," APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1029, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL BY RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING POSITIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 130, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO COORDINATE WITH THE IRANIAN AUTHORITIES TO INQUIRE ON THE CONDITION OF THE TWELVE (12) FILIPINO SEAMEN ARRESTED BY THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN IN THE STRAIT OF HORMUZ AND TO SECURE THEIR RELEASE

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 131, entitled

A RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS, AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE RECENT RESCUES OF SEXUAL TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND PROBE INTO THE PROSTITUTION RINGS IN THE

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COUNTRY AND TO EXAMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PUSH WOMEN TO WORK UNDER EXPLOITATIVE CONDITIONS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING LEGISLATION AND POLICIES THAT WILL ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSE THAT DROVE THESE WOMEN INTO EMPLOYMENT THAT DOES NOT RESPECT AND FULLY UTILIZE THEIR POTENTIAL

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

**To the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality**

#### 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-2019-063 and 064 dated 27 and 30 August 2019; and

Circular Nos. 1045, 1046, and 1047 dated 29 August 2019.

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies**

#### ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

##### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1030, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER PROMOTING RENEWABLE ENERGY, AMENDING THEREFOR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9513, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2008" AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committees on Energy; Local Government; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1031, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING SALARIES AND OTHER BENEFITS TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

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

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUEST

At this juncture, Senator Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Mayor Joganie Rarang of Anda, Pangasinan.

Senate President Sotto welcomed the guest to the Senate

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

*It was 3:16 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:36 p.m., the session was resumed.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Pursuant to Rule X, Section 13 of the Rules of the Senate, as amended, which resulted in the merging of some standing committees and in the corresponding increase of their respective memberships, Senator Zubiri placed on record the composition of the following committees:

*Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform*

Chairperson: Villar





*Members :*

Marcos	Lapid
Binay	Gatchalian
Poe	Tolentino
Dela Rosa	Angara
Lacson	Pangilinan
Go	Hontiveros
Pacquiao	De Lima

***Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change***

*Chairperson:* Villar

*Vice Chairpersons:*

Tolentino	Cayetano
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*Members :*

Binay	Gordon
Dela Rosa	Go
Marcos	Gatchalian
Pacquiao	Pangilinan
Villanueva	Hontiveros
Lapid	De Lima

***Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation***

*Chairperson:* Lacson

*Vice Chairpersons:*

Tolentino	Go
Poe	Gordon
Dela Rosa	Pacquiao

*Members:*

Lapid	Gatchalian
Villanueva	Villar
Marcos	Pimentel
Binay	Pangilinan
Angara	Hontiveros
Revilla	De Lima

**CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERRAL**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 29 (inquiry on the status of Marawi City’s reconstruction and rehabilitation) from the Committee on Rules to the Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

*It was 4:39 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

**CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERRAL**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of Senate Bill No. 410 (Creation of the Bangon Marawi Council) from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation as the primary committee, and the Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation as the secondary committee.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators were elected members of the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking, with Senator Cayetano as the chairperson:

*For the Majority:*

Go	Tolentino
Villanueva	Binay
Angara	Poe
Villar	Dela Rosa
Pacquiao	Revilla
Lapid	

*For the Minority:*

Hontiveros	Pangilinan
De Lima	

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL**

Acting on the request of Senator Gatchalian, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the referral of Senate Bill No. 1011 (Enhancing the Power of Local Governments in Waste Management) to the Committee on Energy as tertiary committee pursuant to Rule X, Section 15 of the *Rules of the Senate*. He said that the bill was earlier referred to the Committee on Local

Government as the primary committee, and to the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change as the secondary committee.

#### 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 16, 2019.

*It was 4:42 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.



**ATTY. MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA**

*Secretary of the Senate*



Approved on September 17, 2019