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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. Joel Villanueva led the prayer, to wit:

In Psalms 127:1, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the laborers build in vain."

We thank and praise You, Father God in heaven, and we come unto You, humbling ourselves knowing that without You, we can do nothing.

Today, we offer to You our session and we also pray for our dear Sen. Rene Espina and his family. May You comfort and embrace them with Your love and be with them, and bless their family and loved ones.

We pray for a meaningful and fruitful day today and we give You praise, glory and honor. In Jesus' Mighty Name, we pray.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Senate Choir led the singing of the national anthem.

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

With 22 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Gordon arrived after the roll call.



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

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

Senator Zubiri stated that by tradition, whenever a former member of the Senate dies, the Senate devotes one session day as a day of remembrance and as a sign of respect to honor the legacy of the departed former Member. He then informed the Body that former Senator Rene Espina, author of the first Anti-Drug law, the Dangerous Drugs Act of 1972, and many other measures, died last Friday, September 13, 2019, at the age of 89 years old. He stated that a necrological service would be held in the Senate on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at ten o'clock in the morning.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Following tradition and in deference to the passing of former Senator Rene Espina, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of the following day.


It was 3:04 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