

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MUNICIPAL BOARD ORMOGON H
CITY, IN ITS SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON JUNE 19, 1948

PRESENT:

Hon. Isaki Larragabal.....Presiding Officer
" Rafael D. Omega.....City Councilor
" Victoriano C. Teleron....." "
" Guillermo T. Parrilla....." "
" Flaviano Montesclaros....." "
" Pablo Pajaron....." "
" Margarito Tugonon....." "

ABSENT:

Hon. Cleto Evangelista.....City Councilor
" Esteban Conejos....." "
Was appointed Chief of Police, Ormoc City
April 7, 1948 by Hon. Secretary of Interior.

RESOLUTION NO. 193

REQUESTING NATIONAL AID UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
EDUCATIONAL ACT OF 1948-49 FOR THE OPERATIONAL
EXPENSES OF THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CLASSES OF
ORMOC CITY

Hon. Councilor Victoriano C. Teleron moved, seconded
by Hon. Councilor Tugonon, to pass and approve the following
resolution, to wit;

WHEREAS, upon the conversion of the then municipality
of Ormoc into a chartered city by virtue of Republic Act No.
179, the great responsibility of financing the operational
expenses of its intermediate school classes has suddenly
fallen solely upon its shoulder, where before it used to
be borne jointly by the province of Leyte and the National
government;

WHEREAS, the pre-war average fiscal income of the
then municipality of Ormoc at the peak of its prosperity
amounted to a little more than P180,000.00 and this amount
without even taking therefrom- as it now is the case under the
provisions of Republic Act No. 179, - the operational expenses
of its intermediate school classes, was barely enough to meet
the operational expenses incident to its municipal governmental
administration;

WHEREAS, on account of the ravages and destruction
wrought upon the City of Ormoc in the wake of the last
World War II, where the historic battle of the Philippines
was definitely won, its people are pitifully impoverished
their houses razed to the ground, and their principal means
of livelihood-agriculture, which is the principal source of
the fiscal income- are practically unrehabilitated because
of the shortage of working animals;

WHEREAS, because of these misfortunes of war that
have been visited upon its people and its means of liveli-
hood, the City of Ormoc can only hope to realize an estima-
ted income of barely P164,000.00 this coming fiscal year
1948-49, and this amount must perforce be stretched to meet
the additional financial burdens consequent to being a
chartered city, such as the operational expense of inter-
mediate school classes, not to mention the increased opera-
tional expenses of its city governmental administration;

WHEREAS, the City intermediate schools of Ormoc City
have registered an increased enrollment of more than 1,000
pupils this coming academic year 1948-49 which would

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necessitate an operational outlay from the City coffers of not less than P50,000.00

WHEREAS, the City of Ormoc being admittedly not financially in a position to meet the increased operational expenses to say that it would be a pity and a tragedy, indeed, for the City of Ormoc to turn away- as under the circumstances, it must - these more than 1,000 school pupils, potential Quezons, Osmeñas, Roxases, Quirinos, Pedrosas, Callegas, etc., etc. as they all are, who are hungering for education to become better citizens of their country, through no fault of their own but merely by the accident of the municipality of Ormoc being suddenly converted into a chartered city;

WHEREAS, to turn away these more than 1,000 school pupils would not only constitute a sad commentary on our national policy of education but would be to condemn them, because half-baked and unlettered, potential fanatic demagogues;

WHEREAS, although the Educational Act of 1948-49 recently passed by the Congress of the Philippines authorizes the city to impose a tuition fee of not more than P20.00 upon every pupil and / or a chapel tax of not more than P2.00 upon every male and female inhabitant between the ages of 18 to 59, inclusive, to meet the operational expenses of its intermediate school classes, yet, despite its being a civic duty to do so to help rehabilitate the education of our children, these laudable aims are practically impossible of realization among the people of Ormoc City who are indeed pitifully impoverished as aforesaid and who have hardly taken hold of themselves yet from the major burnt of the devastating effects of the last World War II;

WHEREAS, said Educational Act of 1948-49 has with wisdom and foresight, appropriated enormous sums as national aid to these municipalities and cities which, because laid waste by the devastating effects of the last global war, are not financially in a position to shoulder the operational expenses of its intermediate school classes;

WHEREAS, Ormoc City is one among few that has the greatest and imperative need of this national aid during its hour of trial and re-orientation as a newly-born chartered city faced, as it were, with additional financial problems heretofore practically unknown to it;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to earnestly and respectfully request the Secretary of Education, Hon. Manuel Callego and Hon. Miguel Cuaderno, Secretary of Finance, to allot a national aid to the City of Ormoc in the amount of not less than P50,000.00 under the provisions of the Educational Act of 1948-49 to enable this City to carry on the rehabilitation of the educational needs of its intermediate school children;

FURTHER, be it hereby resolved, to furnish copies of this resolution to His Excellency, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Republic of the Philippines, Hon. Jose Avelino Senate President, Hon. Eugenio Perez, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Carlos S. Tan, Senator-at-Large, Hon. Jose Martinez, Representative 1st District of Leyte, Hon. Pio Pedrosa, Commissioner of Budget, and Hon. Languanman, Director of the Bureau of Education.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.

(SGD) MAXIMO MALINAO
Secretary

ATTESTED:

(SGD) INAKI LARRAZABAL
City Mayor

COPIES FURNISHED:

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Hon. Pio Pedroza, Budget Commissioner, Manila
Hon. Jose Martinez, Representative 1st Dist. of Leyte
Honorable of the Philippines, Manila
Hon. Langaanon, Director of Bureau of Education, Manila
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ATTESTED:

(SGD) RAMON BANTASAN
Secretary, City Mayor

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CERTIFIED TRUE COPY: *[Signature]*
ROBERTO RAMAS
Clerk, Municipal Board

COPY FURNISHED:

Judge Civilo Macaren, Judge of the Court of First Instance,
Cebu City