

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE THIRD
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT ITS SESSION
ON JULY 22, 1987

PRESENT:

Hon. Benjamin B. Lladoc, OIC, Office of the Vice-Mayor & President,
Kagawad, Flood Control

Hon. Gregorio A. Yrastorza, Jr.,

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I,

Hon. Celso P. Adolfo,

Hon. Antero T. Fiel,

Hon. Sixto T. Pongos,

✓ Hon. Rodolfo L. Rivilla, Jr.,

Hon. Arnulfo C. Salazar,

Hon. Avelina D. Subingsubing,

Hon. Romeo M. Hermosilla, ABC President,

ABSENT:

Hon. Ma. Emily C. Codilla, FKB President, (on leave) Kagawad

RESOLUTION NO. 246

A RESOLUTION MOST RESPECTFULLY, EARNESTLY AND URGENTLY SUPPLICATING HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO TO INTERCEDE FOR THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BAN ON LOGGING AND GATHERING OF FOREST PRODUCTS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION (PNOC) RESERVATION AREA AND WATERSHED IN LEYTE AND TO RELIEVE ALL AGENCY AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CHARGED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BAN BUT HAS FAILED MISERABLY TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES AND TO ORDER THE NATIONAL AGENCIES CHARGED WITH THE CONSERVATION OF FOREST AND WATERSHEDS TO REFRAIN FROM ISSUING PERMITS TO LOG OR GATHER FOREST PRODUCTS FROM THE PNOC RESERVATION IN LEYTE.

"WHEREAS, the Philippine National Oil Corporation (PNOC) is operating the Leyte Geothermal Power Project at Tunongan, Ormoc City and is supplying electrical energy to the whole Region VIII comprised of Southern Leyte, Leyte, Sub-province of Biliran and all the provinces of Samar, aside from the projected extension of power lines to the Luzon and Mindanao grid to avail of the tremendous power potential of the Leyte Geothermal Power Project;

"WHEREAS, to conserve the steady supply of steam to the turbines that power the Leyte Geothermal Power Project the former administration has instituted a complete ban on logging and gathering of forest products within the PNOC reservation;

"WHEREAS, in spite of the ban there is still a proliferation of illegal logging and gathering of forest products within the reservation and some parties are issued permits to do so;

"WHEREAS, no less than the Resident Manager of the Leyte Geothermal Power Project, Engr. Ernesto B. Patanao has expressed concern and apprehension that at the rate these banned activities are going on, he is afraid that in the next ten (10) years the steam powering the turbines of the geothermal plants will taper off and the PNOC will be forced to drill new wells elsewhere to replenish the steam which is the motive power of afore-mentioned power plants;

"WHEREAS, according to Engr. Patanao the cost of drilling the wells presently supplying steam to the plants was at P8 million per well but if they have to drill new wells the cost may go up as high as P20 million per well;

"WHEREAS, if the above-mentioned operation is implemented the cost of steam driving the turbines will drastically rise thereby raising considerably the cost of steam which also will logically raise the cost of power and will be passed on to the consumer which will surely wreak havoc on the consumers, industries and the economy of the whole of Region VIII in general;

"WHEREAS, the reservation is also the watershed and consequently the fountainhead of the irrigation and water systems of Ormoc City and the neighboring municipalities within and at the fringes of the reservation, not to mention it being the well-spring of the critical water supply to the huge industrial complex at Isabel, Leyte and other parts of the region;

"WHEREAS, the flash floods, the heavy siltation of streams caused by runaway erosion and the reduction of the original volume of irrigation waters are dire precursors and lends credence to the warnings of Engr. Patanao and are unmistakable omens of what are inexorably to be expected if Engr. Patanao's warnings go unheeded;

"WHEREAS, violations of the ban on logging and gathering of forest products has been abetted, backed up, indulged in or tolerated by some unscrupulous personnel of agencies and the military charged with the implementation of the ban;

"WHEREAS, to compound the problem some permits had been issued by national offices responsible for the conservation of our natural resources;

"WHEREAS, concerned citizens, the barangays, responsible people of the PNOC, BFD and other agencies, the local government of Ormoc City and other municipalities badly affected, and soon to be, by the deplorable conditions obtaining at the reservation have expressed disgust, frustration and helplessness for the effective implementation of the ban due to the violations of the ban by the very people who are supposed to implement the ban;

"WHEREAS, the involvement of the personnel as mentioned earlier disastrously affects the credibility and sincerity of the government and erodes the faith, trust and confidence of the people in their duly constituted authorities and may be used by the enemies of the Republic in their drive for the hearts and minds of the people, which in effect negates and sabotages the efforts of Her Excellency President Corazon C. Aquino to put the Republic on the road to recovery and progress;

"WHEREAS, after exhaustive, careful, reflective and conscientious deliberation of the problem it has been pinpointed that no amount of policies adopted would be effective if the implementors are the violators themselves;

"WHEREAS, if no stern measures are adopted and instituted to rectify the deteriorating situation of saving the most priceless heritage of Ormoc City and Leyte considering the continued operation of the Leyte Geothermal Power Project and other related industries and agribusinesses dependent on water, the future of the constituents and

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their generations to come of Region VIII will be bleak;

"NOW, THEREFORE, on joint motion of Kagawad Romeo M. Hermosilla, ABC President and Kagawad Antero T. Fiel; be it

"RESOLVED, to earnestly and urgently supplicate Her Excellency President Corazon C. Aquino to intercede for the strict implementation of the ban on logging and gathering of forest products within the reservation and watershed of the Philippine National Oil Corporation (PNOC) in Leyte and to relieve all agency and military personnel charged with the implementation of the ban but has failed miserably to perform their sworn duty and to order the agencies responsible for the conservation of forests and watersheds to refrain from issuing permits to log or gather forest products from the PNOC reservation and watersheds;

"RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish immediately copies of this resolution to Her Excellency President Corazon C. Aquino, at Malacanang, Manila; Hon. Congressman Carmelo J. Locsin, 4th District of Leyte; to Hon. Fulgencio Factoran, Secretary of Natural Resources, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City; to Gen Fidel V. Ramos, Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City; to Hon. Rafael C. Ileto, Secretary of National Defense, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City; Conrado D. del Rosario, President, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City;

to Dr. Mariano C. Berbano, Manager, PNOC Environmental Management Dept., PNOC Energy Companies, Merrit Road, Fort Bonifacio, Metro Manila; to Mr. M. A. Estrella, President, PNOC, at PNOC Bldg., 7901 Makati Avenue, Makati, Metro Manila; to Engr. Ernesto B. Patanao, Resident Manager, Leyte Geothermal Power Project, PNOC, Tungonan, Ormoc City; to Mr. Mariano Machacon, Regional Director, BFD, Region VIII, Tacloban City; to Mr. Iluminado C. Lucas, District Forester, BFD, Ormoc City;

to Col. Ibarra Mariano, Provincial Commander, Bonifacio St., Port Area, Tacloban City; to Col. Lorenzo Mateo, Regional Commander, RECOM 8, Camp Sept. 21st Movement, Palo, Leyte; Gen. Franklin Samonte, RUC Commander, Camp Maulong, Catbalogan Samar; to Col. Oliver C. Ambray, CO RCDU, Camp Downes, Ormoc City; to Major Senador M. Jacob, CO 352nd PC Coy, Camp Downes, Ormoc City; to Pol/Major Gabriel S. Bardillon, Stn. Commander INP, Ormoc City;

to all Senators and Congressmen elect for their information and support and also to the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tacloban and Calbayog Cities; the Sangguniang Bayans of the Municipalities of Almeria, Biliran, Cabucgayan, Calibiran, Culaba, Kawayan, Maripipi and Naval, all in Biliran Sub-province;

for the information and support of the Sangguniang Bayans of the Municipalities of Allen, Biri, Bobon, Capul, Catarman, Catubig, Gamay, Laoang, Lapinig, Las Navas, Lavezares, Lope de Vega, Mapanas, Mondragon, Palapag, Pambujan, Rosario, San Antonio, San Jose, San Isidro, San Roque, Silvino Lobos, Victoria, all in Northern Samar;

for the same purpose to the Municipalities of Arteche, Balangkayan, Balangiga, Borongan, Can-avid, Dolores, Guiuan, Giporlos, Hernani, Jipadpad, Lawa-an, Llorente, Mac Arthur, Maslog, Maydolong, Mercedes, Oras, Quindaponan, San Julian, San Policarpio, Sulat, Salcedo and Taft, all in Eastern Samar;

Almagro, Basey, Calbiga, Catbalogan, Daram, Gandara, Hinabungan, Jiabong, Marabut, Matuginao, Motiong, Pinabacdao, Pagsanghan, San Jose

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de Buan, Sta. Margarita, Sto. Nino, Sta. Rita, San Sebastian, San Jorge, Talalora, Tarang-nan, Tagapul-an, Wright, Zumarraga and Villareal, all in Western Samar;


Albuera, Abuyog, Alangalang, Babatgon, Bato, Barugo, Burauen, Baybay, Calubian, Carigara, Capoocan, Dagami, Dulag, Hilongos, Hindang, Inopacan, Isabel, Jaro, Javier, Julieta, Kananga, La Paz, Leyte, MacArthur and Mahaplag, Matag-ob, Matalom, Mayorga, Merida, Palo, Pastrana, Palompon, San Miguel, Sta. Fe, San Isidro, Tabango, Tabontabon, Tanauan, Tolosa, Tunga and Villaba, all in Leyte;

Anahawan, Bontoc, Hinunangan, Liloan, Libagon, Maasin, Macrohon, Malitbog, Padre Burgos, Pintuyan, St. Bernard, San Francisco, San Juan, San Ricardo, Silago, Sogod and Tomas Oppus, all in Southern Leyte;


for the support of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the provinces of Leyte, Southern Leyte, sub-province of Biliran, Samar, Eastern Samar and Northern Samar; and finally to the following for their support: Lito A. Catapusan, Jesus Bigornia and Ruther D. Batuigas, all in the BULLETIN PUBLISHING CORPORATION at Recoletos St., cor. Muralla St., Intramuros, Metro Manila: Mr. Agustin C. Arnaiz, Publisher, The Reporter, Leyte and Samar Editions, Brgy. Cogon, Ormoc City; for support and distribution to media outlets through Mr. Wilmar Lucero, Regional Director, Region VIII, Philippine Information Agency, Tacloban City; Mr. Anselmo Hermosilla, Manager DYIM, Cebu City and Mr. Magdalena Estremos, DYRR Dantigue, Ormoc City;

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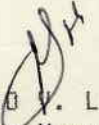
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.


EMMANUEL ANTHONY C. SABELINO
Secretary

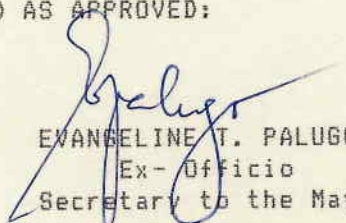
ATTESTED:


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OIC, City Mayor's Office

ATTESTED AS APPROVED:


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