



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE HONORABLE  
PLACIDO ENECIO HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
BUILDING ON FEBRUARY 20, 1997

PRESENT:

Hon. Benjamin F. Tugonon,	Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Celso P. Adolfo,	Majority Floor Leader, Kagawad
Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal,	Asst. Majority Floor Leader, Kagawad
Hon. Benjamin B. Lladoc,	Kagawad
Hon. Sotero M. Pepito,	Kagawad
Hon. Alfredo F. Capahi,	Kagawad
Hon. Manuel T. Fiel,	Kagawad
Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr.,	Kagawad
Hon. Gregorio A. Yrastorza, Jr.,	Kagawad
Hon. Mariano Y. Corro,	Minority Floor Leader, Kagawad
Hon. Fernando P. Parrilla,	Chapter Pres., Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc, Ex-Officio, Kagawad
Hon. Chiqui B. Labagala,	SK Federation President, Ex-Officio, Kagawad
Hon. Deborah Robin B. Conejos,	(Appointed in lieu of Hon. Jose B. Conejos who resigned), Kagawad

ABSENT:

(N O N E)

RESOLUTION NO. 97-28

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 950 KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-RAPE BILL", AND REQUESTING THE BICAMERAL COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE THEREIN THE DEFINITION OF RAPE TO COVER BOTH SEXES AND GENDERS.

WHEREAS, this Sanggunian, through the Honorable Vice Mayor, is in receipt of a letter dated 6 February 1997 re: Requesting support for passage of Senate Bill No. 950 known as "Anti-Rape Bill", from the Coalition of Ormoc Women (or COW), this city, the full text of said letter is hereto cited as follows:

6 February 1997  
Hon. Benjamin F. Tugonon  
Vice Mayor  
City of Ormoc, Leyte

Dear Vice-Mayor Tugonon,

So much have been reported on rapes occurring almost monthly involving from the very lowly citizens to influential families like the Jalosjos and the Webbs. Despite the glaring news items in major national dailies, nothing has been done to put more teeth on our antiquated laws dealing with violence against women.

The organized women of this country tried hard to lobby an anti-rape bill in the last congress only to be archived by the then representative and now Cebu governor, Pablo Garcia.



Starting last year, the women again are lobbying hard to get this congress notice this. The organized women through SIBOL (Sama-samang Inisyatiba tungo sa pagbabago ng Batas at Lipunan) are again in frenzy to pass a law addressing the most heinous crime that could be done against a woman, rape.

Our dear vice-mayor, this sanggunian under your tutelage could very well contribute to the cause of the women in this country. Thus this letter requesting the Sanggunian to pass a resolution supporting Senate Bill No. 950 (Consolidated Version as of June, 1996) and urge other cities to do the same.

A comparative summary on the bill prepared by the Women's Legal Bureau (WLB-SIBOL) is herewith attached for your reference. These bills (Senate and House versions) are now with the bicameral committee of congress and the solons are in a hurry to pass this law in time for the International Women's Day on March 8.

Looking forward to your much needed support. We remain.

COALITION OF ORMOC WOMEN (COW)

(SGD) SR. CARMELA MITARAN, O.S.B. (SGD) JEAN V. JUSTIMBASTE  
St. Benedict Socio-Pastoral Womanhealth Phil.-  
Center Ormoc

(SGD) OTILLA MIAGA  
Hayag Family D.C.

FOR: SIGNED  
LIZA FABELLA-APOSTOL  
Redeemers Family  
Devt Center

(SGD) ESTHER PIRANTE  
Pagtinabangay Foundation  
Inc.

(SGD) LORETA CANTILA  
Lihuk-Filipina,  
Inc.

(SGD) JAIME SALUAGUE  
Manager, OCCI  
(Ormoc City Credit Coop. Inc.)

(SGD) JULIETA DONAYRE  
President, KAALAM  
(Kababayan-an Alang  
sa Kalambuan)

(SGD) FRANCISCA PERRALES  
President, KASAKA

WHEREAS, the Honorable MEMBERS of the SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD ng ORMOC, in SESSION, have considered the aforementioned request of C. O. W. very logical and meritorious, hence, be accorded with due course of action;

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, on motion of Kagawad Celso P. Adolfo, Chairman, Committee on Health, Public & Social Welfare, Women & Family, severally seconded by mga Kagawad Chiqui B. Labagala, Deborah Robin B. Conejos and Benjamin B. Lladoc; be it

RESOLVED, to pass a resolution SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 950 KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-RAPE BILL", AND REQUESTING THE BICAMERAL COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE THEREIN THE DEFINITION OF RAPE TO COVER BOTH SEXES AND GENDERS;

ENACTED, February 20, 1997.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution, one each, to Honorable Senator Ernesto Maceda, Senate President, Congress of the Philippines, Manila; Honorable Speaker Jose de Venecia, House of Representatives, Congress, Manila; Honorable Mayor Eufrocino M. Codilla, Sr., City Mayor, Ormoc City; the Coalition of Ormoc Woman (COW), Ormoc City, and other Offices concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
OSCAR B. LASAM  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
BENJAMIN F. TUGONON  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer