

Octubre 19, 1927

SEÑOR PRESIDENTE:

Se me ha ordenado que ponga en conocimiento de ese Honorable Cuerpo que la Cámara de Representantes aprobó el 18 de octubre de 1927, el siguiente Proyecto de Ley No. 306 de la misma, respecto al cual se solicita el concurso del Senado:

"Ley concediendo a Pedro Giron, un privilegio para instalar, explotar y mantener en el municipio de Silang, provincia de Cavite, Islas Filipinas, un sistema de alumbrado, calefacción y potencia eléctricos."

Muy respetuosamente,

(Fdo.) R. GONZÁLEZ LLORET
Secretario, Cámara de Representantes

Al Honorable PRESIDENTE DEL SENADO.

EL PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Comité de Bancos, Corporaciones y Franquicias.

Octubre 19, 1927

SEÑOR PRESIDENTE:

Se me ha ordenado que ponga en conocimiento de ese Honorable Cuerpo que la Cámara de Representantes aprobó el 18 de octubre de 1927, el siguiente Proyecto de Resolución Concurrente No. 77 de la misma, respecto al cual se solicita el concurso del Senado:

"Resolución concurrente disponiendo que la Oficina de Ciencias haga los estudios necesarios para el exterminio del "bud-rot", con el fin de hallar otro remedio que no sea la destrucción del árbol de coco y someta su informe del resultado de sus estudios en o antes de la apertura del Primer Período de Sesiones de la Octava Legislatura Filipina."

Muy respetuosamente,

(Fdo.) R. GONZÁLEZ LLORET
Secretario, Cámara de Representantes

Al Honorable PRESIDENTE DEL SENADO.

EL PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Comité de Agricultura y Recursos Naturales.

Octubre 19, 1927

SEÑOR PRESIDENTE:

Se me ha ordenado que ponga en conocimiento de ese Honorable Cuerpo que la Cámara de Representantes, el 18 de octubre de 1927, aprobó sin enmienda el Proyecto de Ley No. 521 del Senado, titulado:

"An Act extending the time within which the appropriations made in section one, paragraphs ee-1 and ee-4 of Act Numbered Thirty-two hundred and fifty-eight may be expended."

Muy respetuosamente,

(Fdo.) R. GONZÁLEZ LLORET
Secretario, Cámara de Representantes

Al Honorable PRESIDENTE DEL SENADO.

EL PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Archivo.

Octubre 20, 1927

SEÑOR PRESIDENTE:

Se me ha ordenado que ponga en conocimiento de ese Honorable Cuerpo que la Cámara de Representantes, el 19 de octubre de 1927, aceptó las enmiendas del Senado al Proyecto de Ley No. 3190 de la misma, titulado:

"An Act reorganizing the Representative Election Districts in the Province of Batangas."

Muy respetuosamente,

(Fdo.) GONZÁLEZ LLORET
Secretario, Cámara de Representantes

Al Honorable PRESIDENTE DEL SENADO.

EL PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Archivo.

PETICIONES

Resolución del Concejo Municipal de San Nicolás, Ilocos Norte, adhiriéndose al proyecto de ley que fija en los meses de junio y julio de cada año las vacaciones grandes en las escuelas públicas.

EL PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Comité de Instrucción Pública.

Resolución del Concejo Municipal de Cantilan, Surigao, adhiriéndose a los proyectos de ley presentados por el Re-

presentante Ortiz, referente a ciertas mejoras para dicha provincia.

EL PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Comité de Comercio y Comunicaciones.

INFORME DE COMITÉ NO. 349

SEÑOR PRESIDENTE:

El Comité de Navegación al cual se trasladó el 5 de noviembre de 1926, el Proyecto de Ley No. 1784 de la Cámara de Representantes, titulado:

"An Act to provide for marine examination and for other purposes,"

lo ha examinado y tiene el honor de devolverlo informado al Senado con la recomendación siguiente:

Suprímase todo lo que viene después de la cláusula promulgatoria e insértese en su lugar lo siguiente:

SEC. 1. Section eleven hundred and eighty-four of the Administrative Code as amended by Acts Numbered twenty-eight hundred and fifty-two and Thirty-one hundred and seventy-seven is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1184. *Organization of the Board of Marine Examiners.*—There shall be maintained in the Bureau of Customs at Manila an Office of Marine Examiners which shall be occupied and used by the Board of Marine Examiners for Deck Officers and the Board of Examiners for Engineer Officers—the former to consist of three master mariners and the latter of three chief engineers. The members of the two boards above-mentioned shall be appointed by the Secretary of Finance within not more than one month before each call and shall automatically cease upon submission of their certified report, under oath, of the result of the examination. The Insular Collector of Customs shall appoint, with the approval of the Secretary of Finance, an officer or employee of the Bureau of Customs to act as Secretary of the Boards of Marine Examiners. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record, take charge of, and keep all proceedings, documents, and other papers of the Boards of Marine Examiners, to pass upon applications for marine examinations and such other duties as the Secretary of Finance may prescribe in connection with marine examinations other than as a marine examiner. Provided, That no master mariner or chief engineer shall be qualified for appointment upon any Board of Marine Examiners who shall belong to the qualified Civil Service or to the faculty of or have any interest or connection with any nautical school or college training candidates for marine examinations, either privately or publicly."

SEC. 2. Section eleven hundred eighty-five of the Administrative Code as amended by Act Numbered thirty-one hundred and seventy-seven is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1185. *Functions of the Boards.*—It shall be the duty of said Boards of Marine Examiners to conduct marine examinations of persons applying for certificates as deck or engineer officers under the provisions hereof, to impose such corrective measures in connection with such examinations as may be necessary, and to certify under oath the successful candidates in such examinations for certificate as master, mate, marine engineer, motor engineer, or patron, as the case may be."

SEC. 3. Section eleven hundred eighty-nine of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1189. *Examination into moral and technical qualifications of applicants.*—Except as otherwise specially provided, an applicant for a marine certificate shall be required to undergo a technical examination on the subjects hereinafter stated. To obtain a certificate he must show a proficiency in the subjects upon which he is examined and shall answer correctly at least seventy-five per cent of the questions propounded to him. It shall be the duty of the Boards of Marine Examiners to make a thorough inquiry into the character of the applicant and to consider the evidence he presents in support of his application and such other relevant evidence as the Boards shall deem proper. In this connection the Boards may consider the statement written or oral of any person cognizant of the qualifications of the applicant, and may, in its discretion, require the production of the ships' journals and logbooks for inspection.

"The Board of Examiners for deck officers in examining an applicant for a certificate as master or mate shall inquire into his knowledge of seamanship and navigation in its

various branches, his capacity and skill in the lading and unloading of ships, and in handling and stowing freight, and all other knowledge which the Board believes he should possess in order to properly perform his duties as master or mate.

"An applicant for the certificate as patron in the major coastwise trade shall prove to the satisfaction of the Board that he possesses the knowledge necessary for navigating in all the Philippine seas.

"An applicant as patron in the limited coastwise trade shall be required to show to the Board that he possesses practical knowledge for navigating on the limited waters for which he requests a certificate.

"An applicant for admission to the examination as patron for harbor, bay, lake, and river shall produce to the evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he possesses the knowledge necessary for navigating in the harbor, bay, lake, and river for which he seeks a certificate.

"The Board of Examiners for Engineer Officers in examining an application for a certificate as marine engineer shall inquire into his theoretical and practical knowledge of the operation and repair of all classes of marine machinery, also into his practical experience, character, and habits, and the Board may, in its discretion, make such practical tests and examination of the applicant as it may deem necessary to demonstrate his fitness for the position for which he seeks a certificate.

"The Board in examining an applicant for certificate as motor engineer shall inquire into his theoretical and practical knowledge in the operation and repair of internal combustion engines his practical experience, character, and habits, as the Board may believe that he should possess in order to properly perform his duties as such motor engineer.

"The examinations shall be theoretical and practical for masters, mates, marine engineers, motor engineers, and major patrons, and practical only for minor patrons, bay, river, and lake patrons, and bay, river, and lake motor engineers. Theoretical examinations shall be made in writing. Practical examinations may be made orally. There shall be an extensive permanent schedule of subjects prepared for each certificate, which shall not be modified or extended within six months' notice immediately before the holding of such examination. The examination papers shall not be signed and the authors thereof shall be identified by means of slips enclosed in envelopes which shall not be opened until after the ratings have been given. In order to determine the general average of each candidate such oral examination as in the opinion of the Boards may be necessary shall be conducted in the presence of all the members of the corresponding Board, but no rating above twenty per cent shall be given to any oral examination. The schedule and regulations by which marine examinations are to be governed shall be promulgated by the Secretary of Finance, and for this purpose he shall, from time to time as may be necessary and convenient, appoint a committee to study, revise, and prepare such schedule and regulations. Marine examinations shall be held nearly during the month of April at the port of Manila. The date of such examinations to be determined by the Chairman of each Board and approved by the Secretary of Finance."

SEC. 5. Section eleven hundred ninety of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1190. *Reservation in favor of American Officers.*—The holder of an UNEXPIRED LICENSE as master, mate or engineer of any coast issued under the laws of the United States shall be entitled to obtain a certificate of the same grade in the Philippine Islands without being subject to the requirements HEREINABOVE SPECIFIED other than the physical examination and the payment of the required fees."

SEC. 6. Section eleven hundred ninety-one of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1191. *Qualifications required of candidates for master, mate and patron.*—Besides the physical examination and other evidence relative to habits and character herein required, candidates for master, mate, and patron, shall have the following qualifications:

"(a) Master: An applicant for a certificate as master shall be not less than twenty-five years of age at the time of filing his application, and shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing vessel in the capacity of first mate with a certificate as such, ONE YEAR OF WHICH SHALL BE ON VESSELS OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED GROSS TONS.

"(b) First mate: An applicant for a certificate as first mate shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing vessel in the capacity of second mate, with a certificate as such, for at least one year.

"(c) Second mate: An applicant for certificate as second mate shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing vessel in the capacity of third mate, with a certificate as such, for at least one year.

"(d) Third mate: An applicant for a certificate as third mate shall be not less than nineteen years of age and shall produce a certificate of graduation from the Philippine Nautical School or FROM ANY OTHER officially recognized nautical school after having completed the second year high school or its equivalent, and shall further be required to present to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served as an apprentice mate, boatswain, quartermaster, or sailor at least eighteen months in a seagoing sailing vessel, or at least twenty-four months in a seagoing steam or motor vessel. MAJOR PATRONS WHO ON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT WERE ACTING AS MASTERS ON VESSELS OF ONE HUNDRED TONS OR OVER MAY APPLY FOR EXAMINATION FOR A THIRD MATE'S CERTIFICATE AFTER TWO YEARS OF SUCH SERVICE. *Provided, That apprentice mates who are actually navigating as such on or prior to the approval of this Act shall be required to present to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has successfully passed the second year high school or its equivalent in any recognized school, and that he has shipped or acted as 'agregado' or 'piloto' for at least two years on a seagoing vessel.*

"(e) Patron: In order to be admitted to examination for patron in the major coastwise trade, the applicant shall be at least twenty-five years of age and shall produce to the Board a certificate, satisfactory to it, showing that he has passed the intermediate school or its equivalent in an officially recognized school and that he has navigated in the major coastwise trade as boatswain, quartermaster, sailor, or apprentice on a seagoing vessel navigating in the Philippines coastwise trade of not less than two hundred fifty tons gross for a period of at least five years, or that he has navigated as patron or mate in the coastwise trade with a certificate of minor patron for at least three years.

"An applicant for admission to the examination for patron in the minor coastwise trade shall be not less than twenty-three years of age and shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has PASSED THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN AN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL AND THAT HE HAS NAVIGATED ON A SEAGOING VESSEL OF THIRTY GROSS TONS OR OVER for a period of not less than five years as boatswain or quartermaster or sailor.

An applicant for admission to the examination as patron for harbor, bay, lake, and river shall be at least twenty-three years of age, must know how to read and write English, Spanish, or any local dialect, and shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has navigated on BOARD of a vessel or launch of three tons or over for a period of not less than five years as quartermaster or sailor."

SEC. 7. Section eleven hundred ninety-two of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1192. *Qualifications required of candidates for the certificate as engineer.*—BESIDES THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND OTHER EVIDENCE RELATIVE TO MORAL QUALIFICATIONS HEREIN REQUIRED, CANDIDATES for marine and motor engineers shall have the following qualifications:

"Marine engineers:

"(a) Chief engineer: An applicant for certificate as chief engineer shall be not less than twenty-five years of age at the time of filing his application and shall be required to produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing steamer in the capacity of SECOND engineer, with a certificate as such, for at least two years.

"(b) SECOND engineer: An applicant for certificate as SECOND engineer shall be required to produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing steamer in the capacity of THIRD engineer, with a certificate as such for at least one year.

"(c) THIRD engineer: An applicant for certificate as THIRD engineer shall be required to produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on

a seagoing steamer in the capacity of FOURTH engineer, with a certificate as such, for at least one year.

(d) FOURTH engineer: An applicant for certificate as FOURTH engineer shall be at least nineteen years of age at the time of filing his applications and shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has passed the second year high school course or its equivalent, or has graduated from an officially recognized marine engineers' school and that he has served at least six months on a seagoing motor vessel and eighteen months on a seagoing steam vessel as apprentice engineer, machinist, or oiler, after having served two years in a marine shop as apprentice or fitter (operative). *Provided*, That apprentice marine engineers who are actually navigating as such on or prior to the approval of this Act, are required to present to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has passed the primary school or ITS equivalent in an officially recognized school, and that he has served on steam launches or vessels as agregado, OILER or fireman for at least two years and has worked for two years in a machine shop as operative and he must be at least nineteen years of age. Sec. Act No. 3177 sec. 4.

"Motor engineers:

(a) Chief motor engineers: An applicant for certificate as chief motor engineer shall not be less than twenty-five years of age at the time of filing his application and shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing vessel in the capacity of SECOND motor engineer with a certificate as such for at least two years.

(b) SECOND motor engineer: An applicant for certificate as SECOND motor engineer shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing vessel in the capacity of THIRD motor engineer with a certificate as such for at least one year.

(c) THIRD motor engineer: An applicant for certificate as THIRD motor engineer shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing vessel in the capacity of FOURTH motor engineer with a certificate as such for at least one year: *Provided*, That those motor engineers granted by virtue of Act Numbered Thirty-one hundred and seventy-seven may secure such certificates for the grades held as of November twenty-fourth nineteen hundred and twenty-four. Such certificate shall be obtained not later than December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and TWENTY-EIGHT.

(d) Bay, river, and lake motor engineer: An applicant for certificate as bay, river, and lake motor engineer must be at least nineteen years of age, must know how to read and write Spanish, English, or any local dialect, and shall produce to the Board evidence, satisfactory to it, showing that he has served on a seagoing motor vessel in the capacity of oiler, machinist or apprentice motor engineer for at least two years after having worked as apprentice mechanic or fitter in a marine shop for at least one year."

SEC. 8. An additional section to be known as section eleven hundred ninety-two and one-half is hereby inserted into the Administrative Code to read as follows:

"SEC. 1192. Admission fees.—Applicants for marine examinations must pay the following admission fees:

"For master, chief marine engineer and chief motor engineer, FIFTEEN PESOS.

"FOR FIRST MATES, SECOND MARINE AND MOTOR ENGINEERS AND MAJOR PATRONS, TEN, PESOS.

"FOR MATES, THIRD AND FOURTH MARINE AND MOTOR ENGINEERS AND MINOR PATRONS, SEVEN PESOS FIFTY CENTAVOS.

FOR RIVER, BAY AND LAKE PATRONS AND MOTOR ENGINEERS, FIVE PESOS."

SEC. 9. Section eleven hundred ninety-three of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1193. Certification of applicants.—If the boards of Marine Examiners shall find that the experience, habits and character of an applicant are such as to warrant the belief that he can safely be entrusted with the duties and responsibility of the position for which he makes application, and that the applicant has in other respects complied with the requirements hereof, it shall so certify and thereupon issue an appropriate certificate."

SEC. 10. Section eleven hundred ninety-four of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1194. Issuance of certificates.—(a) Candidates for mate or master having passed the requisite examinations

shall be entitled to have the proper certificate issued to them which shall entitle them to navigate in ANY OCEAN.

"(b) CANDIDATES FOR PATRON IN THE MAJOR COASTWISE TRADE HAVING PASSED THE REQUISITE EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO THEM AUTHORIZING THEM TO NAVIGATE IN THE PHILIPPINE COASTWISE TRADE.

"(c) CANDIDATES FOR PATRON IN THE MINOR COASTWISE TRADE HAVING PASSED THE REQUISITE EXAMINATION SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO THEM WHICH SHALL AUTHORIZE THEM TO NAVIGATE UPON THE SEAS, HARBORS, BAYS, RIVERS, OR LAKES FOR WHICH THEY HAVE SHOWN PROFICIENCY AND A THOROUGH PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE.

"(d) CANDIDATES FOR MARINE ENGINEERS HAVING PASSED THE REQUISITE EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO THEM WHICH SHALL AUTHORIZE THEM TO NAVIGATE AS SUCH ENGINEERS ON VESSELS OF ANY TONNAGE PROPELLED BY ANY KIND OF MACHINERY.

"(e) CANDIDATES FOR MOTOR ENGINEERS HAVING PASSED THE REQUISITE EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO THEM WHICH SHALL AUTHORIZE THEM TO ACT AS SUCH MOTOR ENGINEERS ON VESSELS OF ANY TONNAGE PROPELLED BY INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES ALL CERTIFICATES AS MASTER, MATE, OR ENGINEER IN THE COASTWISE TRADE EXISTING BEFORE THIS ACT BECAME EFFECTIVE ISSUED BY THE INSULAR COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, SHALL ENTITLE THE HOLDERS OF SUCH CERTIFICATES TO HAVE THEM EXCHANGED FOR CERTIFICATES OF THE SAME CATEGORY TO NAVIGATE ON ALL SEAS WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF FURTHER REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPT THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, EVIDENCE AS TO CHARACTER, AND THE FEES AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED.

"(f) HOLDERS OF LICENSES AS PATRONS ON SEAS, BAYS, RIVERS, OF LAKES, WITH THE RIGHT TO COMMAND VESSELS OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED TONS, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE SAID LICENSES EXCHANGED FOR CERTIFICATES AS PATRONS IN THE MINOR COASTWISE TRADE, WHICH SHALL AUTHORIZE THEM TO ACT AS MASTERS ON STEAMSHIPS OR SAILING VESSELS OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED GROSS TONS ON THE SEAS, RIVERS, AND LAKES WHERE THEY HAVE ACQUIRED THEIR EXPERIENCE; AND THE PRESENT HOLDERS OF LICENSES AS PATRONS ON VESSELS OF FROM ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE GROSS TONS AND FROM TWO HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY GROSS TONS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE SAID LICENSES EXCHANGED FOR CERTIFICATES, THE FORMER AS PATRON IN THE MINOR COASTWISE TRADE, AND THE LATTER AS PATRON IN THE MAJOR COASTWISE TRADE, WHICH CERTIFICATES SHALL AUTHORIZE THEM TO ACT AS MASTERS ON SAILING VESSELS OR STEAMSHIPS OF THE SAME TONNAGE ON WHICH THEY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO NAVIGATE, ON THE SAME SEAS OR PARTS OF THE SEA ON WHICH THEY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO SO.

"ANY PERSON HOLDING A LICENSE AS RIVER AND HARBOR ENGINEER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE SAID LICENSES EXCHANGED FOR A CERTIFICATE AS FOURTH ENGINEER, WHICH SHALL ENTITLE HIM TO PROMOTION UPON EXAMINATION, AS HEREINBEFORE PROVIDED IF HE IS DULY QUALIFIED. AND PERSONS HOLDING LICENSES AS CHIEF ENGINEER ON VESSELS OF TWO HUNDRED TONS (CHIEF ENGINEER OF TWO HUNDRED TONS) SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE SAID LICENSES EXCHANGED FOR CERTIFICATES AS THIRD ENGINEER. PERSONS HOLDING LICENSES AS CHIEF ENGINEER FOR VESSELS OF MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TONS UP TO FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY, INCLUSIVE, SHALL HAVE SAID LICENSES EXCHANGE FOR CERTIFICATES AS SECOND ENGINEER. HOLDERS OF LICENSES AS FIRST ENGINEER ON VESSELS OF OVER FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY TONS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HAVE SAID LICENSES EXCHANGED FOR CERTIFICATES AS CHIEF ENGINEER. THE FORMER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO PROMOTION UPON EXAMINATION AS HEREINBEFORE PROVIDED, IF THEY ARE DULY QUALIFIED. All rights granted by this section shall expire on december thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight."

SEC. 11. Section eleven hundred and ninety-five of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1195. Form of certificates.—The several certificates provided for shall be issued in the form of diplomas by the CHAIRMAN OF THE RESPECTIVE BOARD and shall be signed by him and countersigned by the Secretary of Finance, and shall entitle the holder thereof to navigate in accordance with the AUTHORITY contained in them and shall not be suspended nor revoked except as HEREINAFTER provided."

SEC. 12. Section eleven hundred and ninety-six of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1196. Physical examination of holder of certificate.—One in every five years all holders of marine certificates shall be required to undergo a physical examination to

determine their fitness to continue navigating. Any person who upon such examination is found to be physically unfit for the service shall thereafter be disqualified from engaging therein; *Provided, That the Board may at any time in its discretion require the physical examination to be had of any holder of any marine certificate.*"

SEC. 13. Section eleven hundred and ninety-eight of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1198. *Marine investigation and suspension or revocation of marine certificates.—For the purpose of investigating marine accidents or of charges preferred and filed with the Insular Collector of Customs, or with the Collector of Customs of any sub-port, there shall be maintained in the Bureau of Customs at Manila a Board of Marine Inquiry to consist of five members to wit: The Surveyor of the Port as chairman, one master mariner and one chief engineer of the Division of Hulls and Boiler, Bureau of Customs, and one master mariner and one chief engineer of the Philippine Merchant Marine and who shall not belong to the qualified Civil Service and who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Finance. The two latter members shall receive a per diem of twenty pesos for each day of not less than seven hours of service rendered in connection with such marine investigation. Such Board shall have the power to investigate into the professional conduct of marine officers, giving the party affected an opportunity to be heard in his defense, and the decision of this Board by which any marine certificate may be suspended or cancelled on account of misconduct, intemperate habits, or inattention to duty, shall be appealable to the Department Head whose Decision shall be final in all cases. Rules and regulations governing the procedure of the marine investigation and the proceedings of the Board shall be promulgated by the Secretary of Finance.*"

SEC. 14. Section twelve hundred of the Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1200. *Fees for issuance of certificates.—Any person to whom any certificate as master, mate, patron or engineer is issued, upon examination or by way of exchange, shall pay:*

- "For a certificate as
"Master for any ocean, fifty pesos.
- "First, second and third mates for any ocean, and major patron, thirty pesos.
- "Chief marine engineer, fifty pesos.
- "Second, third and fourth marine engineer, thirty pesos.
- "Chief motor engineer, forty pesos.
- "Second, third, and fourth motor engineer, twenty-five pesos.
- "Bay, river, and lake motor engineer and patrons, twenty pesos."

SEC. 15. Section twelve hundred and one of the Administrative Code, as amended by Act Numbered Twenty-eight hundred and fifty-two, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1201. *Compensation of Members of the Boards of Marine Engineer.—The members of the Boards of Marine examiners shall receive a per diem of twenty pesos for each day of not less than seven hours of service rendered in connection with the work and duties as such marine examiners.*"

SEC. 16. All acts or parts of any acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 17. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

El PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Calendario de la Cámara.

INFORME DE COMITÉ NO. 350

SEÑOR PRESIDENTE:

El Comité de Bancos, Corporaciones y Franquicias, al cual se trasladó el 23 de septiembre de 1927, el Proyecto de Ley No. 495 del Senado, titulado:

"Ley concediendo a Francisco Enage de Jesús un privilegio para instalar, explotar y mantener en el municipio de Naval, provincia de Leyte, Islas Filipinas, un sistema de alumbrado, calefacción y potencia eléctricos."

lo ha examinado y tiene el honor de devolverlo informado al Senado con la recomendación siguiente.

Que sea aprobado sin enmienda.

Respetuosamente sometido,

(Fdo.) JOSÉ B. LEDESMA
Chairman, Comité de Bancos, Corporaciones y Franquicias
Al Honorable PRESIDENTE DEL SENADO, Manila.

El PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Calendario de la Cámara.

PROYECTOS DE LEY EN PRIMERA LECTURA

Del Senador De los Reyes (S. No. 523, 7.ª L. F.), titulado:

Ley que enmienda el inciso (a) del artículo dos mil cuatrocientos ochenta y dos de la Ley Número Dos mil setecientos once, comúnmente conocida por Código Administrativo, y para otros fines. (Sobre bienes raíces exentos de contribución.)

El PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Comité de la Ciudad de Manila.

Del Senador Galicano (S. No. 524, 7.ª L. F.), titulado:

Ley que crea una Comisión Ferroviaria para estudiar y trazar un plan general de ferrocarriles en la Isla de Mindanao y dirigir la construcción de las líneas, cuya ejecución sea llevada a cabo por la administración.

El PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Al Comité de Comercio y Comunicaciones.

El PRESIDENTE INTERINO. Está en orden la continuación de la consideración del Proyecto de Ley No. 1859 de la Cámara de Representantes.

Tiene la palabra el Comité.

El Sr. DE LOS REYES. El ponente ahora de este proyecto, señor Presidente, es el Senador por el Sexto Distrito (Sr. Vera.)

(Continuación de la consideración del Proyecto de Ley No. 1859 de la Cámara de Representantes.)

INFORME ORAL DEL PONENTE, SR. VERA

El Sr. VERA. Señor Presidente, acepto gustoso la designación que acaba de hacer recaer en mi persona el distinguido Presidente del Comité del Trabajo e Inmigración del Senado para sustituirle en la ponencia del Bill No. 1959 de la Cámara de Representantes, hoy objeto de nuestra consideración.

Señor Presidente, aunque ya hemos entrado en la discusión de este proyecto hasta tal extremo que ya aprobamos algunos artículos del mismo, voy a solicitar de nuevo la benevolencia de la Cámara para que se me permita decir unas cuantas palabras en lo que respecta a este proyecto de ley. No precisamente para ilustrar a los distinguidos caballeros que componen el Senado ni para facilitar la comprensión de las disposiciones que contiene este proyecto, por lo mismo que tengo la seguridad de que ellos comprenden mejor que yo esas disposiciones. Si insisto en mi ruego, es sólo para hacer constar en el Diario algunas consideraciones que sirvan de base a cualesquiera interpretaciones que se pudieran hacer sobre este proyecto en el caso de convertirse en ley por actuación positiva y afirmativa de las dos Cámaras. Pero antes de hablar sobre este proyecto, deseo someter las siguientes enmiendas que el Comité ha creído oportuno introducir en las disposiciones del bill, y esas enmiendas están en el proyecto recientemente roneado en donde las palabras que