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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:25 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. "Companera" Pia S. Cayetano led the prayer, to wit:

*Let us put ourselves in the presence of the Lord.*

Our Father and God in heaven, please accept our gratitude for the strength that You give us every day every time we are subjected to a crisis, some are man-made, some occurring due to natural causes. Your word reminds us in Psalm 46 that You are our refuge and strength, our ever-present help in trouble.

We ask for guidance for our President as he travels to the United States to attend the United Nations Session on the MDGs. We know that we are lagging behind in our commitment to achieve these goals. We pray that this trip will open the minds of all concerned that there is so much to be done to alleviate poverty, to improve education, and to save the lives of infants, children and pregnant mothers.

We ask for Your favor in this week's sessions for our good health, our staff and everyone working in the Senate.

May our work be carried out with the highest standard of excellence, our accomplishments truly beneficial to all and our presence an inspiration to our fellow Filipinos.

We ask these in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Asian Institute of Liturgy and Music Chorale led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the Ilocano version of the song *O Maliwanag Na Buwan*, entitled *O Naraniag a Bulan*.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Emma Lirio-Reyes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, E. J.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Arroyo, J. P.	Legarda, L.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Drilon, F. M.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Sotto III, V. C.
Enrile, J. P.	Villar, M.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Honasan, G. B.	

With 15 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Cayetano (A), Guingona, Osmeña and Pangilinan arrived after the roll call.

Senator Recto was on official mission abroad.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senator Lacson was absent.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session as he was under detention.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 23 (September 15, 2010) and considered it approved.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of visitors from Calahan, Cardona, Rizal led by Bishop Ephraim Perez of FEBI.

Senate President Enrile welcomed the guests to the Senate.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

Senator Zubiri stated that the Incident Investigation and Review Committee (IIRC) that investigated the Qüirino Grandstand hostage incident on August 23, 2010 had already submitted its report to the President.

Relative thereto, he recalled that on August 24, 2010, he and the other senators took the floor to speak about the incident, prompting the concerned Senate committees to conduct a series of investigations which had to be suspended to allow the IIRC to finish its work.

In view of the submission of the IIRC report to the President, he asked that the Senate formally request the Executive to furnish the Senate with a copy thereof at the soonest possible time.

The Chair took note of the manifestation.

#### **INQUIRIES OF SENATOR EJERCITO ESTRADA**

Asked by Senator Ejercito Estrada if he was aware of reports that the President will release the report first to the People's Republic of China (PROC), Senator Zubiri replied in the affirmative. However, he asserted that President Aquino owes it to the Filipino people to give them a copy of the report first. As a matter of courtesy, he said, the Senate should also be furnished with a copy of said report to settle questions that have arisen from its own investigation on the incident like who were the twelve individuals who should be charged administratively and criminally.

As to the rationale behind the decision to give the IIRC report first to the PROC, Senator Zubiri replied that according to some people, it was a matter of protocol since Chinese nationals died in the incident. Besides, he noted, President Aquino deemed it necessary to put the RP-PROC relations in order. He believed, however, that what is important is to inform the Filipino people first of the findings and recommendations in the IIRC report which ought to be done by the President himself through a statement or a press briefing.

Senator Ejercito Estrada agreed with Senator Zubiri that the Filipinos – and not the Chinese – must be informed first of the results of the IIRC investigation. He stated that the Executive should be transparent about the whole thing and let the axe fall on whoever were found to have mishandled the incident.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUEST**

At this juncture, Senator Sotto also acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Mayor Montasir Sabal of Talitay, Maguindanao.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR LEGARDA**

Availing herself of the privilege hour, Senator Legarda spoke on the progress of achieving the targets under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

*The full text of her speech follows:*

Today, the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, heeding the urgent call of the United Nations Secretary-

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General, world leaders convene an important summit in New York to review the progress of countries on the collective commitment of nations for human development under the Millennium Declaration of 2000 – that is, the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by the year 2015.

The MDGs represent human needs and basic rights that every individual around the world should be able to enjoy – freedom from extreme poverty and hunger; right to quality education, right to productive and decent employment, right to good health and shelter; the right of women to give birth without risking their lives; and a world where environmental sustainability is a priority and where women and men live in equality. To achieve these universal objectives, the MDGs require a wide-ranging global partnership for development.

With only five years left until the 2015 deadline to achieve the MDGs, we ask ourselves, as responsible leaders of our land and as elected representatives of our people:

- How far have we gone as a nation in realizing the aspirations of the MDGs?
- Are we making headway or are we failing in our development strategies and interventions?
- Are we steadfast in our commitment? Or are we renegeing on our promise to the Filipino people, especially the poor and the under-privileged?

Globally, as the United Nations Secretary-General has initially reported, improvements in the lives of the poor have been unacceptably slow, and some hard-won gains are being eroded by crisis related to climate, food and the economy.

As world leaders focus their attention on the successes and gaps and the course of future action, we, as legislators, have the moral responsibility to oversee government action and national progress and investments towards achieving the MDGs.

#### **Goal 1: Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger**

The target when it comes to poverty and hunger is to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people earning less than the poverty threshold and those who suffer from hunger. With the rising food and fuel prices, slow income growth, the recent global financial crisis, our *El Niño* experience, and unprecedented damage caused

by calamities such as *Ondoy* and *Pepeng*, how are we going to win the war on poverty and hunger?

#### **Goal 2: Achieving Universal Primary Education**

In education, the target is to ensure that, by 2015, boys and girls alike will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling. However, from 90.1% in school year 2001-2002, the participation rate or Net Enrollment Rate or NER in elementary education declined to 83.2% in SY 2006-2007, the lowest over the last two decades. Although the downward pattern started to reverse by school year 2007-2008 at 84.8%, the rate of progress is very minimal and would not be enough to achieve the 100% target NET by 2015. Do we have the capability to create a big turnaround in five years?

#### **Goal 3: Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women**

The country's target as to gender equality is to eliminate gender disparity in all levels of education by 2015. The Report reveals that the gender gap appears to be in favor of girls as far as participation in basic education is concerned. There is a high probability of reaching this goal by 2015, but still we must ask the question: how do we address the underlying factors that contribute to lower participation and completion rates among boys in the school system?

#### **Goal 4: Reducing Child Mortality**

The country's target pertaining to child mortality is to reduce by two-thirds, by 2015, the mortality rate for children under five years old. Although the country has been successful in significantly reducing child mortality from 57 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1990 to 25 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2008, how do we ensure that these achievements are not threatened by factors such as the spreading of diseases and increasing frequency of calamities?

#### **Goal 5: Improving Maternal Health and Access to Reproductive Health Services**

Our goal with regard to maternal health is to reduce by three-fourths, by 2015, the maternal-mortality ratio. Based on the estimates of the National Statistics and Coordination Board and the Family Planning Survey, our maternal-mortality ratio had been consistently decreasing from 209 per 100,000 live births in 1990 to 162 per 100,000 live births in 2006. Simple math would show that is far from the goal of reduction by 75%.

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**Goal 6: Combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases**

Data from the Department of Health reveal that at present, an average of about five new HIV cases per day or one every five hours are reported in the Philippines as compared to the rate of two new cases per day in 2009, and one new case per day in 2007.

This trend shows that HIV is rapidly expanding in our midst.

We have gained ground with regard to our goal of reversing the spread of Malaria and other major diseases, with the Malaria morbidity and mortality rates declining from 123 cases and 1.5 deaths per 100,000 population to 22 cases and 0.02 deaths, respectively. However, we see the current phenomenon of the rise in climate-related diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Cholera. What concrete steps must the government take to protect our people from the increasing risk of these diseases?

**Goal 7: Ensuring Environmental Sustainability**

Our target is to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. However, the achievement of this goal is continually threatened by the unabated degradation of our environment and the effects of climate change. Has the government factored in disaster-risk reduction, the prevention of desertification and increasing drought resilience in securing water sources in the country?

**Goal 8: Developing a global partnership for development**

By 2015, we aim to develop further an open, rule-based, predictable, nondiscriminatory trading and financial system, and be able to deal comprehensively with our debt problems in order to make debt sustainable in the long term.

Yet the Philippines has consistently slipped in terms of global competitiveness, from rank 71 in 2008 to 87 in 2009. The report cites several problems that hinder us in attracting foreign investors, impediments which we have known for some time: corruption; inefficient government bureaucracy; inadequate supply of infrastructure especially in strategic industrial areas; and policy instability. Our debt has ballooned from P701 billion to P4.4 trillion in the past 20 years, accounting for more than 50% of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

I ask: How do we wield our influence as national legislators in the development of policy

that will promote a friendly investment climate, increase revenue collection and demand greater accountability from public officials?

We need to build on our progress and sustain what we have achieved so far. We need to bridge the gaps by long, consistent strides even as we count the precious minutes ticking by, before it will have been too late. We must labor to deliver to the Filipino people the benefits of development that they have long been waiting for.

As such, I have filed Proposed Senate Resolution No. 198 to undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made by the Philippines in order to determine not only what the country has accomplished and achieved with respect to the MDGs, but also what remains to be done and implemented, benefitting from the efforts, experiences and best practices of countries worldwide, particularly in the ASEAN region. We need to know what challenges we must overcome to realize these goals. This inquiry will bring key government agencies together so that we can chart the country's course of accelerated action for the next five years.

Our leaders and decision-makers must realize that there is a strong correlation between the achievement of the MDGs and reducing disaster risk. Ban Ki-Moon, the United Nations' Secretary-General, himself stated that "Reducing disaster risk and increasing resilience to natural hazards in different development sectors can have multiplier effects and accelerate achievement of the Millennium Development Goals."

Disaster-risk reduction pays. We have country experiences to prove this. China spent US\$3.15 billion on flood control between 1960 and 2000, which is estimated to have averted losses of about US\$12 billion. A mangrove-planting project in Vietnam aimed at protecting coastal populations from typhoons and storms yielded an estimated benefit/cost ratio of 52 over the period 1994 to 2001. In 2007, Cyclone *Sidr* in Bangladesh killed 3,400, in contrast to a similar cyclone in 1992 that killed 138,000 people. The huge decrease in casualties is attributed in most part to 42,000 volunteers (megaphones on bicycles) who helped evacuate millions of residents before the cyclone struck land.

The impact of *Ondoy* and *Pepeng* a year ago reminds our government leaders that disaster-risk reduction is no longer an option and cannot be delayed.

With each disaster, our people are pushed deeper into poverty as they lose almost

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everything that make up their lives' possessions. With each disaster, homes and critical infrastructure such as hospitals, schools and bridges are destroyed. With each storm or drought, our poor farmers lose all the fruits of their hard work, the basis of their very subsistence.

With each disaster, money from the government coffers, if at all available, is diverted to relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation. If the government coffers turn out empty, we resort to foreign loans that must be repaid with interest.

For the developing world, where about 85% of the population is exposed to earthquakes, cyclones, flood and drought, the MDG initiatives are of central importance. The direct damage costs of disasters alone have shot up by around 13 times, from US\$75.5 billion in the 1960s to roughly a trillion dollars in the past decade. Asia – very prone to the impact of earthquakes, floods, landslides, storms and drought – bears a large share of the total number of people killed by disasters, ranging from 74% to 85% of the total fatalities in recent years. Among the most deadly disasters that occur each year, at least five occurred in Asia.

We, as legislators, must watch over our country's progress and investments made towards the MDGs, goal by goal, with disaster risk reduction as a crucial tool. Through our influence in spending, laws and policy, we can create an enabling environment for achieving disaster-resilient development. This means that as we build new health centers and retrofit old, dilapidated ones, we can ensure that these facilities can withstand natural hazards so they can keep functioning in times of disasters. This means that we protect the livelihoods of poor communities and support alternative income-generating activities to give them more disaster-resilient income. This means that we stamp out corruption in construction and make schools safer from disaster.

The significant steps that we have taken in the previous Congress are a testament that we, legislators, have a fundamental role in charting the path towards disaster-resilient development: the passage of the Climate Change Act, the concurrence in the ratification of the AADMER (Asean Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response), the passage of the Disaster Risk Reduction Management bill and many more. Let us use this opportunity to chart the same progress towards achieving the MDGs. The road promises to be filled with stumbling blocks, but instead of slowing us down, these challenges should bring about consensus – an

agreement that our country should double, perhaps even triple, its efforts to reach our targets. We have the power and the duty to lead the way.

## REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Legarda to the Committee on Climate Change and to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

*At this juncture, Senate President Enrile relinquished the Chair to Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada.*

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Likewise availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Zubiri delivered the following statement concerning the delay in the holding of special elections in Lanao Del Sur, to wit:

I was approached a number of times by some of our constituents and political leaders from the provinces of Lanao Del Sur, Basilan and Tawi-Tawi to inform me that after more than three months since the May 10, 2010 elections, no one had been proclaimed the duly elected congressman of the First District of Lanao Del Sur, and certain municipalities therein do not have their duly elected local officials, including areas in the province of Basilan. Upon inquiry, I learned that special elections have yet to be held particularly in eight municipalities in Lanao Del Sur – three in the First District, namely: Kapai, Marantao and Buadiposo Buntong; and five (5) in the Second District, namely: Calanogas, Ganassi, Lumbatan, Pagayawan and Tugaya – and that seats for board members for the province of Basilan have yet to be elected and positions for vice mayor and councilors of a municipality in the province of Tawi-Tawi have both yet to be elected and proclaimed.

I gathered that the Commission on Elections (Comelec), in its resolution dated July 13, 2010, declared failure of elections in a few barangays in these municipalities, with the exception of Tugaya where the Comelec declared failure of elections in the entire municipality. However, special elections have not been held to date.

The case of the First District is more curious, and I say that for the following reasons:

The failure of elections in the municipalities of Kapai, Marantao and Buadiposo Buntong,

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all in the First District of Lanao Del Sur, involve clustered precincts in a total of 12 barangays only: 10 in Kapai, one in Marantao and one in Buadiposo Buntong. Albeit seemingly small in terms of the number of barangays involved, the failure of elections in these 12 barangays deprived the entire First District of representation in Congress; resulted in the kidnapping of a son of Comelec Commissioner Elias Yusoph; challenged the government which is perceived to have succumbed to pressure from lawless elements; and finally, raised questions on the Comelec's ability and preparedness to conduct the barangay and *Sangguniang Kabataan* (SK) elections this coming October.

It may be well to recall the events that transpired in the last three months.

On May 2010, elections were held in the province of Lanao Del Sur and the rest of the country. While generally peaceful, the exercise resulted in total failure of elections in seven municipalities; and partial failure of elections in eight municipalities in Lanao Del Sur and some areas in Basilan and Tawi-Tawi.

The Comelec *en banc* through Resolution No. 8946 rescheduled a special election originally set for May 29, 2010 to June 3, 2010, but only for the seven municipalities where there was total failure of elections. For some unknown reasons, the Comelec *en banc* did not include in the June 3 special elections the eight other municipalities where there were only partial failure of elections.

On June 3, 2010, the special election was held as scheduled. After the canvass of all the votes cast for the First District of Lanao Del Sur, congressional candidate Hussein Pangandaman received a total of 87,673 votes, as against his closest rival Salic Dumarpa's 84,563 votes, or a difference of 3,110 votes in favor of Hussein Pangandaman. However, Mr. Pangandaman has not been proclaimed by the provincial board of canvassers because the registered voters in the remaining twelve barangay of the First District totaled 4,654 voters, and that is notwithstanding the fact that it may be improbable for the other candidate to overtake the lead.

It is for this reason that the candidates pushed for the immediate holding of special elections in the 12 remaining barangays, and successively filed with the Comelec *en banc* several motions to set special elections on June 12, July 1, and July 19, 2010, and sent letters reiterating such request on June 23, 2010. On July 5, 2010, the duly elected officials of the province of Lanao Del Sur aired a similar request through an open letter received by the Comelec

*en banc* on the same date. To date, the Comelec has yet to act on the aforesaid requests.

I am not here to lawyer for any candidate. I am here to point out the rising tension that has been prevailing in these areas due to the failure to conduct special elections in these localities. Politically motivated crimes have been increasing.

On June 20, 2010, as I mentioned earlier, the son of Comelec Commissioner Elias Yusoph was kidnapped by armed men. The kidnappers were not after payment of ransom, but strangely demanded the annulment of the results of the elections in certain municipalities in Lanao Del Sur. It is thus not surprising that newspaper, radio and TV reports, both local and national, attributed the kidnapping to losing politicians in Lanao Del Sur. Comelec Commissioner Elias Yusoph was more scathing in his private remarks that certain politicians were behind the kidnapping of his son.

As a result of the kidnapping, the Comelec reportedly did not set special elections in Lanao Del Sur as the commissioners were concerned that the kidnapped victim may be harmed, even worse, killed, if the special elections were held. While the Comelec did not annul the results of the elections in certain municipalities in Lanao Del Sur as demanded by the kidnappers, it seems that the kidnappers apparently succeeded in the second objective, which is to delay the conduct of the special elections.

Last September 10, a former mayor and mayoral candidate in the town of Tugaya by the name of Alimatar Guro Alim was killed and four of his companions wounded while on their way to pray and celebrate the *Eid ul-Fitr* or the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan. The perpetrators have become so ruthless that they did not even respect or recognize the significance of the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan as a holy day for Muslims.

These acts of violence only show that the delay of the special elections will continue to heighten the tension in the area and result in more politically motivated violence and, as a Mindanaoan, I am quite concerned by the Comelec's inaction on the matter.

Then in a resolution dated August 3, 2010, the Comelec *en banc* finally set the special elections in Lanao Del Sur, as well as in Bulacan and in Basilan, for October 2, 2010, but only after Comelec acquires the PCOS machines from Smartmatic – TIM and printed ballots to the tune of Php131,949,575.39. These special elections

would reportedly take eight weeks of preparation, and is subject to availability of funds. After consulting by phone with Commissioner Larrazabal, he had assured this Representation that the special elections would push through on October 2, 2010.

This phone conversation happened before the killing of the mayoralty candidate. As I mentioned to them that this will cause a rising tension amongst the clans in these areas, this violent incident transpired.

However, I have been informed that as of today, the Comelec has not sent the formal Notice to Proceed to Smartmatic and, as such, the eight-week preparation period has not commenced to run. Obviously, the special elections will not be held on October 2, 2010 as earlier announced by the Comelec but instead on November 13, 2010, and no one knows when Comelec will provide Smartmatic the much-awaited Notice to Proceed. In the meantime, the people of the First District of Lanao Del Sur continue to be deprived of representation in Congress, as the district now holds the distinction as the only legislative district in the country where the winning congressional candidate has not been proclaimed, and thus robbing the people of the First District of Lanao Del Sur a voice in Congress, as well as the election of new local government officials for their towns in Lanao Del Sur and several towns in Basilan and Tawi-Tawi where similar situation prevails.

*For the information of this Body, the Comelec came out with a press release yesterday that the special elections in these areas will be held, finally, on November 13 of this year.*

My question to the Comelec is this: Why not have the special elections coincide with the barangay and SK elections? Will it not save the money of the Comelec and the government as well, since the people in these areas will already be going out to the polling precincts and voting, and these areas will already be secured by the Comelec and the PNP? Why have it two to three weeks after the barangay elections as any delay, I fear, will continue to spill blood in these areas?

I would like the proper Senate committee to ask the Comelec to give us a valid explanation on why it has taken this long to act as well as why it would not be synchronized with the October 25 barangay and SK elections, lest more people will be kidnapped or killed, God forbid.

## **REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Zubiri primarily to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws and secondarily to the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs.

## **CHANGE OF REFERRAL**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of the privilege speech of Senator Legarda from the Committee on Climate Change and Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Climate Change.

## **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 2151, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LIDLIDDA-BANAYOYO PROTECTED LANDSCAPE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LIDLIDDA AND BANAYOYO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS A PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2152, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AGOODAMORTIS PROTECTED SEASCAPE AND LANDSCAPE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF AGOO, STO. TOMAS AND ROSARIO, IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION AS A PROTECTED**



AREA, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2153, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SIARGAO GROUP OF ISLANDS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BURGOS, DAPA, DEL CARMEN, GEN. LUNA, PILAR, SAN BENITO, SAN ISIDRO, STA. MONICA AND SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AS A PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND SEASCAPE PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES PURSUANT TO R.A. 7586

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2154, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE AGUSAN MARSH WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TALACOGON, SAN FRANCISCO, ROSARIO, BUNAWAN, LORETO AND LAPAZ IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY PURSUANT TO R.A. 7586 PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2155, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING LAKES MANAPAO, KATUGDAY, DANAO AND MAKUAO LOCATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUHI, CAMARINES SUR AND THE

MUNICIPALITIES OF POLANGUI AND MALINAO, ALBAY AS A PROTECTED AREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE SINARAPAN SANCTUARY, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2156, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MT. HILONG-HILONG RANGE SITUATED IN THE CITIES OF BUTUAN AND CABADBARAN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF REMEDIOS T. ROMUALDEZ AND SANTIAGO IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE AS A PROTECTED LANDSCAPE PURSUANT TO RA 7586, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2157, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BALINSAYAO TWIN LAKES LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF VALENCIA, SIBULAN AND SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2158, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ALIWAGWAG FALLS LOCATED IN

THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BOSTON AND CATEEL, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2159, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY TO RESIDENTIAL CONSUMERS WITH CONSUMPTION NOT EXCEEDING 250 KILOWATT HOUR FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 (1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OR THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

**To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Energy**

Senate Bill No. 2160, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS, GENERATION COMPANIES OR ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPERS TO REMIT THE AMOUNT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SET ASIDE AS FINANCIAL BENEFIT DIRECTLY TO THE HOST COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

**To the Committees on Energy; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 2161, entitled

PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Enrile

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2162, entitled

AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING LIBEL BY MEANS OF WRITINGS OR SIMILAR MEANS REPEALING ARTICLE 355 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2163, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5921, THE PHARMACY LAW, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2164, entitled

AN ACT ORDAINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOWNSTREAM NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY, CONSOLIDATING FOR THE PURPOSE ALL LAWS RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; Ways and Means; and Finance**

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## Senate Bill No. 2165, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING SECTION 24, ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION ON THE DISMANTLING OF PRIVATE ARMIES AND OTHER PRIVATE ARMED GROUPS NOT RECOGNIZED BY DULY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 2166, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING PLEDGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERING A LOAN OF MONEY NOT EXCEEDING TEN THOUSAND PESOS FROM DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 199 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

## Senate Bill No. 2167, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 26<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR AS PHILIPPINES-FRANCE FRIENDSHIP DAY

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Education, Arts And Culture; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 2168, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINES SMALL RUMINANTS CENTER

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 2169, entitled

PHILIPPINE INTERIOR DESIGN ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Ways and Means; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 2170, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights**

## Senate Bill No. 2171, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 352 AND 513 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committee on Local Government**

## Senate Bill No. 2172, entitled

AN ACT TO PRESERVE AND REHABILITATE THE FOREST BY BANNING ALL LOGGING OPERATIONS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY GROWTH FORESTS AND RAINFORESTS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A TASK FORCE FOR THE PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION OF FORESTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

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Senate Bill No. 2173, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 2174, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6770, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "OMBUDSMAN ACT OF 1989," AS AMENDED ALLOWING PRIVATE LAWYERS TO ACT AS PROSECUTORS ON BEHALF OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 2175, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE EXCEPTIONS FROM THE NIGHT WORK PROHIBITION OF WOMEN EMPLOYEES, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLE 131 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (P.D. 442), AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 2176, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2177, entitled

AN ACT INSTILLING FISCAL DISCIPLINE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR BY ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PROMOTING FULL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND BORROWING PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Finance; Economic Affairs; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 2178, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTY LOWER THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CRIMINAL CASES THE CIVIL CASE OF WHICH IS SETTLED THROUGH OR BY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9285

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 2179, entitled

AN ACT LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF WEIGHT OF BAGS CARRIED BY CHILDREN IN SCHOOL AND IMPLEMENTING PROACTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT SCHOOL-CHILDREN'S HEALTH FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF HEAVY SCHOOL BAG

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2180, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE CLASSIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE NATIONAL BUDGET, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

**To the Committee on Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2181, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE TERM "SAVINGS" AS USED IN THE NATIONAL BUDGET AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS USE AND EXPENDITURE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

**To the Committee on Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2182, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIC BUDGETING GUIDELINES IN CASES OF RE-ENACTED NATIONAL BUDGET, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

**To the Committee on Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2183, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING TRANSPARENCY IN FUND RELEASES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

**To the Committee on Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2184, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING "UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS" AND PROHIBITING LEGIS-

LATORS FROM APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

**To the Committee on Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2185, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THAT THE BICAMERAL MEETING ON THE NATIONAL BUDGET BE CONDUCTED IN AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT MANNER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

**To the Committee on Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2186, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF BONA FIDE PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS (POs) AND NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) IN THE DELIBERATION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET IN CONGRESS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGU's), PROVIDING EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

**To the Committees on Finance; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2187, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AS UNLAWFUL ANY GOVERNMENT PROJECTS TO BE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED AFTER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NAME OR IDENTITY MAY IN ANY MANNER BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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**To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Public Works**

Senate Bill No. 2188, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING A THREE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE CREATION OF NEW STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND CONVERSION OR UPGRADING OF EXISTING STATE COLLEGES INTO STATE UNIVERSITIES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 2189, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Honasan

**To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 2190, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN REAL PROPERTY VALUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL VALUATION AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Ways and Means; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2191, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF TANODBATA AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2192, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAM (SHNP) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2193, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND REGULATING TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN ALL HIGHER AND BASIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, CREATING A TUITION FEE RATIONALIZING COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 2194, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING AGRICULTURE EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2195, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2196, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF HIRED FOREIGN CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION, PERKS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises**

Senate Bill No. 2197, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPEN HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2198, entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND AND REVITALIZE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2199, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING ACT NO. 7160 ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, SECTION 17 (B), PARAGRAPH 1 (V), ON THE OBLIGATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO MAINTAIN BARANGAY ROADS, BRIDGES AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Public Works**

Senate Bill No. 2200, entitled

AN ACT INITIATING A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 2201, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE RIGHTS TO BE ACCORDED VICTIMS OF

CRIMES, DEFINING THE DUTIES OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 2202, entitled

AN ACT SAFEGUARDING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO TRAVEL BY PROVIDING GUIDELINES UNDER WHICH SUCH RIGHT MAY BE REGULATED

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 2203, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO KNOW WORK CONDITIONS AFFECTING THEIR HEALTH

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 2204, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE IMPACT OF FILIPINO CULTURE ON THE YOUTH

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2205, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SMOKING OF CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN THE JAIL AND PRISON SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 2206, entitled

AN ACT TO DEVELOP AN EDUCATIONAL STRATEGY THAT ADDRESSES THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2207, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, SHALL HOLD MANDATORY CONSULTATION WITH STUDENTS, PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, ALUMNI, TEACHERS, AND OTHER NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL ASSOCIATIONS, BEFORE INCREASING AND/OR ADDING MISCELLANEOUS FEES, OTHER FEES, AND PAID SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 2208, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY BENEFITS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on National Defense and Security**

Senate Bill No. 2209, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM

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AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON STATISTICS RELATING TO THE CONVERSION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO NON-AGRICULTURAL USES INCLUDING A REVIEW OF EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Agrarian Reform; and Agriculture and Food**

Senate Bill No. 2210, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE, ARTICLE 1403, ON THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS REGARDING AGREEMENTS FOR THE SALE OF GOODS, CHATTELS, OR THINGS IN ACTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2211, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE, ARTICLE 2180, TO INCLUDE ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 2212, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 244 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2213, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 364 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2214, entitled

AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE INTERNET SCAMS INVOLVING FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 2215, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AS A CRIME THE ACT OF DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR AND/OR PROHIBITED DRUGS AND PROVIDING GRADUATED PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 2216, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AVIATION NOISE MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

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Senate Bill No. 2217, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF BEACHES AND COASTAL RECREATION WATER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 2218, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE BODY PIERCING AND TATTOOING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2219, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING INSTRUCTIONS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS CONCERNING THE RAMIFICATIONS OF USING ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUGS DURING PREGNANCY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 2221, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 2223, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMULGATE A CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY STANDARD FOR EACH DURABLE INFANT OR TODDLER PRODUCT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 2226, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE MASSAGE PRACTICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2228, entitled

AN ACT BANNING MOTORCYCLES FROM USING MAIN ROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND NATIONAL HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 2230, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR CHARACTER EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2232, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO INSTITUTE PROJECTS TO PROVIDE EDUCATION ON PREVENTING TEEN PREGNANCIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2233, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE EFFORTS FOCUSED ON PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE RISKS AND DANGERS

ASSOCIATED WITH SHAKEN  
BABY SYNDROME

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2234, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE SCHOOL  
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL  
NEEDS IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 2235, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT  
AGENCIES TO SUPPORT HEALTH  
IMPACT ASSESSMENTS AND TAKE  
OTHER ACTIONS TO IMPROVE  
THE HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY OF COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 2236, entitled

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SECURITY  
OF SENSITIVE DATA MAINTAINED  
BY THE GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2237, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING HIGHER PENALTIES FOR THE ACT OF THREATENING OR INJURING A MEMBER OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S AND

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S  
FAMILY IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE,  
IMPEDE, OR RETALIATE AGAINST  
HIM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 2238, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS MADE WITH DOG OR CAT FUR, TO PROHIBIT THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, OFFER FOR SALE, TRANSPORTATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS MADE WITH DOG OR CAT FUR IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 2239, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE POSITIVE HEALTH BEHAVIORS IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 2241, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OR RENTAL OF VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES TO MINORS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 2242, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE VISION CARE TO CHILDREN

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Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2243, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATUTE OF REPOSE FOR DURABLE GOODS USED IN A TRADE OR BUSINESS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 2244, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT RANDOM DRUG TESTING AND COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2245, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2247, entitled

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SAFETY MEASURES FOR POOLS AND SPAS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2250, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE OFFICE-BASED INVASIVE PROCEDURES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

**SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 2251, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 2252, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE AN ACUPUNCTURE BOARD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 2253, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAM (SHNP) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Health and Demography; and Finance**

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Senate Bill No. 2254, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA  
BLG. 881, AS AMENDED, ALSO  
KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELEC-  
TION CODE OF 1985, SECTION 240  
ON ELECTIONS RESULTING IN TIE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amend-  
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2255, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AN AMUSEMENT  
PARKS SAFETY BOARD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Games, Amusement  
and Sports; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2256, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING UNAUTHORIZED  
INTERCEPTION AND RECEPTION  
OF CABLE TELEVISION SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Information  
and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 2257, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 8049, ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
ANTI-HAZING LAW OF 1995,  
SECTION 4 ON THE PENALTIES  
FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ACT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amend-  
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2258, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE NEGLECT  
OF A CHILD BY PARENTS OR  
PERSONS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE  
FOR SUCH CHILD'S CARE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 2259, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING REFUSAL TO  
ENROLL STUDENTS, RELEASE  
CARDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS  
FOR CLEARANCE PURPOSES, IN  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR FAILURE  
TO PAY MISCELLANEOUS AND  
OTHER FEES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and  
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 2261, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CIGARETTES TO  
BE MANUFACTURED PURSUANT  
TO FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 2262, entitled

AN ACT TO CLEARLY DISPLAY  
CALORIE COUNT LISTINGS OF  
THE FOOD ITEMS THEY SERVE  
REQUIRING RESTAURANTS AND  
OTHER FOOD-SERVICE ESTABLISH-  
MENTS TO CLEARLY DISPLAY  
CALORIE COUNT LISTINGS OF  
THE FOOD ITEMS THEY SERVE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-  
graphy**

Senate Bill No. 2263, entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE LEAD-BASED  
PAINT HAZARDS IN RESIDENTIAL  
ENVIRONMENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 2264, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PUNISHING POLITICAL TURNCOATISM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2265, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT, STUDY, AND REPORT TO THE CONGRESS REGARDING INCIDENTS OF ABANDONMENT OF INFANT CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 2274, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 463, CHAPTER 2, TITLE FOUR, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 2275, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 110 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1529 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PROPERTY REGISTRATION DECREE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2276, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF THE RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST TWENTY YEARS (20) OF SERVICE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1977

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 2278, entitled

AN ACT GIVING EQUAL ACCESS TO RADIO AND TV ADS FOR CANDIDATES DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD, SIMPLIFYING AND PROFESSIONALIZING POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND INSTITUTIONALIZING POLITICAL DEBATES TO PROPERLY WARN THE ELECTORATE DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Information and Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 2279, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA CARE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

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Senate Bill No. 2280, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 16 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR COUPLES TO UNDERGO COUNSELING PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2281, entitled

AN ACT BROADENING THE SCOPE OF UNLAWFUL PRACTICES OF MATCHING FILIPINO WOMEN FOR MARRIAGE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS TO INCLUDE VARIOUS SCHEMES MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE INTERNET, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6955

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Public Information and Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 2282, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND OF ASSOCIATION RIGHTS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 2283, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMA-

TION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 2284, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE COMMUNICATION BY PROHIBITING CENSORSHIP IN ALL FORMS OF MEDIA THAT INTERFERES WITH THE RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH, FREE PRESS, AND FREE EXPRESSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 2285, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING A FIXED TERM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on National Defense and Security**

Senate Bill No. 2286, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE PAYMENT OF WAGES ON ACCOUNT OF SEX

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

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Senate Bill No. 2287, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN  
DISCLOSURES RELATING TO  
MATERIALLY ALTERED FILMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Information  
and Mass Media; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 2288, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN  
PRACTICES INVOLVING COM-  
MERCIAL USES OF TELEPHONE  
FACSIMILE MACHINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 2289, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT THE  
COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR  
STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN  
TO ELEMENTARY INCLUDE A  
COMPONENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL  
EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Environment and  
Natural Resources; and Education, Arts and  
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 2290, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING RESEARCH ON  
DYSTONIA

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2291, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN  
EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE  
EMPLOYMENT LEAVE FOR  
VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE;

PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS;  
AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Civil Service and  
Government Reorganization; and Labor, Employ-  
ment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 2292, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING UNLAWFUL  
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES RESULT-  
ING TO DISCRIMINATION IN  
EMPLOYMENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment  
and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 2293, entitled

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE  
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS  
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on National Defense  
and Security; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 2294, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DIGITAL  
EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and  
Culture; Public Information and Mass Media;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2295, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF  
PESTICIDES ON ANY DAYCARE  
FACILITY PREMISES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts  
and Culture; and Health and Demography**



Senate Bill No. 2296, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MAILING  
OF CREDIT CARD APPLICATIONS  
TO PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-  
FIVE YEARS OF AGE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial  
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 2297, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CREDIT CARD  
DEBT-COLLECTION HARASSMENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial  
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 2298, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES  
OF DRIVERS AND OPERATORS OF  
COMMON CARRIERS OPERATING  
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF  
ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 2299, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT  
PROGRAM TO PROVIDE COMPRE-

HENSIVE EYE EXAMINATIONS  
TO CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; Youth, Women and Family Relations;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2300, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING PROPER BILL  
DETAIL DISCLOSURE FROM  
CABLE TELEVISION COMPANIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago


**To the Committee on Public Services**

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being  
no objection, the Senate President Pro Tempore  
declared the session adjourned until three o'clock  
in the afternoon of the following day.

*It was 4:32 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the  
foregoing.

  
EMMA LIRIO REYES  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 21, 2010