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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:20 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

The Body observed a minute of silent prayer.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

With the permission of the Body, the session was suspended.

*It was 3:21 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:22 p.m., the session was resumed.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Angara, E. J.	Honasan, G. B.
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.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Escudero, F. J. G.	

With 13 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Guingona, Lapid, Osmeña and Villar arrived after the roll call.

Senators Cayetano (A) and Pangilinan were on official mission.\*

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.

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

**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. 24 (September 20, 2010) and considered it approved.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the PMA PUDANG-KALIS Class of 2013, led by Lt. Col. Stephen Ramos.

The Senate President Pro Tempore welcomed the guests to the Senate.

\*As corrected by Senator Pangilinan on September 22, 2010

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## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATE PRESIDENT ENRILE

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senate President Enrile spoke on the water crisis that recently hit Metro Manila and the anomalies and alleged questionable acts of water agencies, to wit:

*A few months ago, most areas in Metro Manila suffered from a water crisis. Areas covered by Maynilad experienced water rationing or rotating supply interruptions. While other areas continued to get regular service, what was encountered was reduced pressure particularly in the elevated areas of Marikina, Pasig, and as far as Taguig City.*

Even when the water level was expected to improve due to the amount of rainfall projected during the rainy season, still, government officials and even the private water concessionaires could not immediately and effectively arrest the panic and fear among the consuming public. After all, water is a survival issue which affects the health and hygiene of the individuals, sanitation within the communities, as well as the operations of industries, companies and businesses.

To experience a water crisis in a country like ours is a paradox, in fact, ironical. We are an archipelago rich in water resources. We have 421 principal river basins. Twenty (20) of these are considered major river basins, each of which is at least 990 square kilometers in basin area. There are also sixteen (16) major lakes, and a vast coastal bay and water cover which hosts one of the world's most diverse marine ecosystem.

Moreover, every year, the country is frequently visited by typhoons. During the rainy season, the country also experiences an average annual rainfall of up to 2,400 mm, of which 1,000 mm to 2,000 mm is collected as run-off by natural topography of river basins, natural lakes and streams. Why then did our people and our industries have to suffer from a water crisis such as what took place in July this year?

### *Current structure of the water sector*

By virtue of Presidential Decree No. 424, the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) was designated in 1974 as the lead agency in charge of the comprehensive development, utilization, conservation and protection of water resources through the issuance of water permits for water abstraction. NWRB's mandate was eventually expanded to include economic regulation of waterworks operators except those falling under

the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA).

On the other hand, the MWSS was created under Republic Act No. 6234 and was henceforth made responsible for supplying water and providing water services in Metro Manila, the province of Rizal and selected municipalities in the neighboring provinces of Bulacan and Cavite.

As a result of the water crisis experienced in 1995, MWSS entered into a 25-year concession contract in 1997 with two private concessionaires, namely, the Manila Water Company Inc. (MWCI) and the Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (MWSI) for the east zone and the west zone, respectively, thereby transferring operational and capital development responsibilities to the private sector.

Over the years, however, the continued increase of population in Manila as well as the rapid rate of industrialization in the metropolis continued to drain our water resources. Because of this, past administrations have endeavored to identify and develop new water supply sources aside from the Angat Dam, which currently serves as the only water source for Metro Manila. A Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan for Metro Manila indicated that there is a need to increase water supply by up to 1,600 million liters per day (mld), to augment the existing capacity of 4,000 mld, in order to meet the 5,600 mld expected demand by 2015.

### *Wawa water system: alternative source of water supply*

At present, Angat Dam is already overstretched and could no longer supply the requirements of Metro Manila and Bulacan farmers. Moreover, it sits on top of an earthquake fault. Cracks have appeared on its structure which needs immediate repair and rehabilitation.

There was a proposal to develop Laiban Dam, which lies adjacent to the Wawa Water System. However, the development of Laiban Dam as an alternative water supply source turned out to be not financially viable and feasible. Such project would entail a substantial amount of investment and would take a considerably long gestation period before it becomes fully operational. It was also found out that the project would adversely affect the environment and the surrounding indigenous communities. For these reasons, the proponents eventually abandoned the project and the water supply source envisioned from that source was gone.

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Cognizant of this compelling need to develop alternative water supply sources, the San Lorenzo Ruiz Builders (SLRB) applied with NWRB for a permit to develop the Wawa Water System at no cost to the government in 1993. However, it was only after more than a decade that the NWRB approved SLRB's water application but only for a limited right covering only 3.48 cubic meters per second (cms), much lower than their original application for 40 cubic meters per second.

***Alleged anomalies and questionable acts of water agencies***

At this juncture, it may interest many of us here, especially the members of this Chamber who are policy-makers, to note that MWSS previously secured two Technical Assistance Loans from the Asian Development Bank, namely, the Manila North East Water Supply Project in 1992 and the Marikina River Water Supply Augmentation Project in 2004 supposedly for the study of the Wawa River Reactivation Project. The cost of these loans was paid for by the government using taxpayers' money. However, until now, no development has ever been undertaken on the Wawa River System. What happened to the Asian Development Bank loan is something that we must unravel.

In the meantime, it was reported that in 2004, MWSS was also granted by NWRB water rights covering the same area as applied for by SLRB. Anent these water rights, MWSS, a government entity in competition with the private sector, authorized one of its concessionaires, the Manila Water Company, Inc (MWCI) — this is the anomaly of the whole thing — an operating company of the government and at the same time a regulatory body, to make advance collection of P732 million from its consumers supposedly to develop the Wawa Dam Project.

Based on documents made available to this Representation, the advance collections for the project were already made and factored in the water tariff of consumers beginning January 2003 — that was seven years ago — even before MWSS was granted the necessary water rights and even though the implementation of the Wawa Dam project has not even commenced. How neat could it be? A very unusual and expeditious action by a government agency passing the burden on the hapless water consumers of the Manila Water Company, Inc. without so much as they are saying, "Thank you, *po*, for your generosity."

Based on the Front Loading Capital Expenditure Report of MWCI in 2007, they were

granted a tariff adjustment for the Wawa River System Reactivation Project as follows:

**Wawa Water System Project  
(Per Cu. M)**

2003	- 0.13
2004	- 0.13
2005	- 0.18
2006	- 0.19
2007	- 0.21

Manila Water Company, Inc., a very rich company, did not shoulder the development cost of this supposed water supply project; it passed it on to its customers to shoulder the burden of financing its own water supply sources, but sad to say, it was of naught because it never happened.

When questions were raised as to who has the legal water rights over Wawa Dam, the project of Manila Water Company, Inc. granted by the MWSS was aborted and cancelled, just like that. Of the P732 million collected by Manila Water Company, Inc. (MWCI) of the Ayalas, the rich merchants and investors of the country, P715 million was instead used to finance the accelerated implementation of the following projects instead of using this money to assure the consumers of a steady supply of water, and what were the implications of this passed-on financial burden to the water consumers of Ayala:

- 1) P127 million of the P732 million collected was allocated for Curayao Well Field. Where this Curayao Well Field is, I do not know.
- 2) P169 million was allocated for 600 mm Pipe Extension but where this 600 mm Pipe Extension was laid, *frankly, I do not know* and for whose service this pipe would be, I am not sure and I do not know.
- 3) P36 million was allocated for San Rafael-10 Million Liter Per Day (MLD) supply water; and
- 4) P383 million for Accelerated Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Reduction. What that means, to tell you the truth, I do not know, and *these are things that we must look into.*

I would like to call attention, however, to the fact that the balance of P17 million still has to be accounted for. Where is it and who is earning the interest from this amount? This Representation does not know.

***Urgent Need for a Senate Inquiry***

Given that the consumers were made to pay for the advances collected by MWCI as allowed

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by the MWSS, the water regulatory agency of the government, there is now an urgent need to review whether an abuse of discretion on the part of MWSS was committed in allowing such advance collections without an assurance that the purpose of the collection would be realized and implemented by the one who made the collection, which is the Manila Water Company Inc. Both the MWSS and the MWCI must disclose, at the very least, the time frame within which these advances were collected from the consumers; how they spent this money; whether the new projects for which the advance collections were used actually resulted in the improvement in the delivery of water service to their helpless consumers or if, unfortunately, it just became another undue burden arbitrarily passed on by MWCI to its consumers.

The wonder of it all is why MWSS allowed this and why, after allowing it, it allowed the money to be diverted to some other project other than those for which it was originally intended. These are the things that must be answered by the great managers of the MWSS.

There is also a need to investigate the circumstances surrounding the unreasonable delay in the grant of water rights to San Lorenzo Ruiz Builders, on the one hand, and on the other, the haste and the alacrity with which MWSS's application was approved by the National Water Resource Board. It seems that there is a collusion between the two agencies of government to the detriment of a private sector proponent to supply water to the public. Appropriate and equal standards and requirements should be formulated on which approving authorities should base the consideration, the approval or disapproval of applications, request, and motions of interested parties similarly situated, not to discriminate against one or the other but to put all parties on an equal footing on an even playing field.

Similar to the power sector for which I fought fiercely for the consumers, laws regulating water resources should be reviewed and restricted to separate the supply of water resources from distribution operation. We cannot mix these two. MWSS is an anomaly and an anachronism just like PAGCOR. Seemingly, this is the same corporation which is doing an operational matter and, at the same time, functioning as a regulatory board. Who can compete with that agency in that manner and also with its own favorite clientele?

And this proposal to review and restructure to separate the supply of water resources from distribution operations is to prevent monopoly in the water sector. My God! We are in the process

of enacting an anti-trust law. The Constitution prohibits monopolies in this country and yet here is a clear case of a government institution that should obey the Constitution engaged in monopolistic activities in a very major, important and indispensable public service like the supply of water. For heaven's sake, water is so essential, it was created by God for us, it is a resource of the State, it belongs to the Filipino people, and yet, it is being monopolized by MWSS by granting the resource to its favorites.

In the case of the Wawa project, it appears that MWSS has also allowed MWCI, a water distributor, to develop and engage in the supply of its own water needs. In the power sector, it is likened to a generation company which owns, at the same time, a distribution company. Who will suffer in the situation like this is no other than the consuming public.

Apparently, the regulatory responsibility in the water sector is highly fragmented such that the responsibility is devolved to several government agencies. There is a chaotic condition in the water supply distribution in this country. There is, therefore, a lack of adequate or unifying provisions for regulations, resulting in differing and conflicting positions in the enforcement of water laws, which are sadly needed to be reviewed by the Senate. Also, due to the number of government agencies in the water sector, there exist several water sector development plans leaving the government with no comprehensive plan for water resource development and utilization.

The excessive bonuses and emoluments being awarded by MWSS to its executives and employees, including the MWSS Regulatory Office should also be looked into as these come from concession fees. They do not come from thin air. They come from pockets of the Filipino water consumers. And these concession fees are paid by its concessionaires and are eventually passed on to the consumers. Everything in this country is passed on to the poor consumers. And they need a champion, and that champion is now called upon to perform the job to protect them, and that is the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines. Perhaps, a creation of a new regulatory board independent of any terms and conditions of any concession agreement should likewise be contemplated just to do away with the regulatory power of the MWSS, and create a new entity to regulate even the MWSS and all the water suppliers of the country so that we have a more disciplined, more efficient system of monitoring the cost of water being charged to our hapless countrymen. If we cannot do this, we have no reason for being here.

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Ultimately, it is the consuming public who will bear the consequences of the alleged anomalies, the fat salaries, the fat bonuses, the fat allowances, the fat perquisites of the officials of the MWSS, and the inefficiencies perpetuated by the concerned agencies of the government who want high profits, whether legal or otherwise, at the expense of the helpless water consumers.

It has always been my position that public utilities such as power and water should be rendered as a public service by the government and end-users should be entitled to the least cost of services for these commodities. Power and water are essential ingredients of economic development in any country and if we continue to be bullheaded and make the cost of power and water too high, we have only our people to suffer if we cannot compete with other countries in the field of trading in the world. This Representation has always advocated for a business environment that is efficient and one which will essentially provide utility costs that are least expensive and least burdensome to the people.

Having laid down these premises, this Representation urges the appropriate Senate committee or committees to immediately look into this matter. There is a certain degree of urgency in this given the fact that water is sorely needed by everyone. As legislators, we must see to it that government agencies and, more importantly, those private entities, Maynilad and Manila Water, which were granted the privilege to engage in the operation of a public utility, shall exercise prudence, wise judgment and honest dealing in carrying out their mandates, duties and responsibilities to the consuming public.

#### **REMARKS OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto said that due to time constraint, senators who wished to interpellate Senate President Enrile on his speech may do so in the next day's session.

#### **RESERVATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

Senator Zubiri totally agreed with the points raised by Senate President Enrile as he made reservation to speak in the next day's session on the impending water crisis in Metro Manila with the end in view of passing the necessary legislation to assure and safeguard water supply.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)**

For her part, Senator Cayetano (P) stated that she had refiled the bill protecting the La Mesa watershed which, she believed, is urgently needed in the light of issues raised by media and in several investigations as regards questionable activities going on in the watershed that might endanger it.

Further, she pointed out that the bill on sustainable forest management went through the legislative mill in the last five years and, in fact, a committee report thereon was prepared in the last Congress. She expressed hope that this time, these bills would be enacted into law.

Senator Cayetano (P) said that she was also working on a regulatory measure for water services that would create a body similar to the Energy Regulatory Board (ERB) as this would address the problem of having several agencies with overlapping functions.

#### **MOTION OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto moved that the privilege speech of Senate President Enrile be referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations, and Public Services.

At this juncture, Senator Zubiri requested that the privilege speech of Senate President Enrile be also referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. However, Senator Sotto noted that by tradition and under the Rules, a speech is referred to two committees only, with the third being either the Committee on Ways and Means or the Committee on Finance.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

*It was 4:01 p.m.*

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:02 p.m., the session was resumed

#### **REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEES**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of

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Senate President Enrile primarily to the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations and secondarily to the Committee on Public Services.

### MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto pointed out that Senator Zubiri's forthcoming privilege speech on the same issue could be referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations, and Environment and Natural Resources.

### COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3 ON SENATE BILL NO. 138

*(Continuation)*

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading of Senate Bill No. 138 (Committee Report No. 3), entitled

#### AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION SERVICES AGAINST HEPATITIS-B FOR INFANTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 996 AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Cayetano (P), Sponsor of the measure, and Senator Drilon for his interpellation.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

*It was 4:03 p.m.*

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:06 p.m., the session was resumed

### INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR DRILON

Preliminarily, Senator Drilon expressed support for the bill, stating that he not only signed the

committee report but also intended to cast an affirmative vote for the same when it is put to a vote on Second Reading. However, he said that he was concerned that the bill might end up being yet another of several unfunded laws which, according to the President's Budget Message for 2011, already amounts to P104 billion.

Asked whether the bill seeks to expand RA 7846 to include compulsory immunization for all newborn infants regardless of whether or not the mother is infected with Hepatitis-B, Senator Cayetano (P) affirmed that the present law mandates immunization for infants whose mothers tested positive for Hepatitis-B, but she pointed out that the testing process was actually more expensive than having every infant immunized. As such, she noted that immunizing all newborns is more cost-effective than requiring mothers to undergo the testing process. She told the Body that this measure has been adopted by many countries that are similarly situated as the Philippines.

Asked on the cost of implementing RA 7846, Senator Cayetano (P) said that only P960 million of the required P1.4 billion funding to implement the Expanded Program of Immunization (EPI) which covers all types of immunization, has been allocated in the national budget for this purpose. She pointed out that implementing infant immunization – which is second to breastfeeding and is included in the top five recommendations to bring down the rate of infant mortality in line with the Millenium Development Goals – continues to be a problem in the country as less than the required amount of immunization is being given to infants.

Senator Cayetano (P) clarified that the Philippines has been implementing an immunization program for at least two decades, albeit this has never been fully funded due to the country's growing population. She pointed out that even though the budget for the EPI has been increased, it could not keep up with the growing population rate. She recalled that when she began working on the bill six years ago, the funding for Hepatitis-B immunization was not included as a regular part of the budget and was even funded by the UNICEF. She said that she was glad that the required P43 million for Hepatitis-B immunization for infants has been fully covered in the present national budget.

Upon further queries, Senator Cayetano (P) explained that the Department of Health (DOH) has

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already provided a budget for Hepatitis-B immunization for all infants, and Senate Bill No. 138 seeks to ensure that funding for Hepatitis-B immunization is permanently and regularly included in the annual national budget. She confirmed that funding for the program was already covered by the proposed national budget for 2011, thus the passage of the measure would not be an additional burden on the national coffers. She also expressed her intention to file another measure to ensure adequate funding for immunization programs in general.

Senator Cayetano (P) noted that the Hepatitis-B vaccine, which the government buys in bulk for distribution to some two million infants, used to cost P15/dose in public health centers and was cheaper compared to the P1,500/dose administered by private practitioners; economies of scale and improvements in technology further lowered the price to only P9.45/dose. This, she noted, meant that only P28 is needed to save an infant's life from Hepatitis-B and liver cancer.

#### **INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR**

Asked by the Chair why the bill was not passed in the previous Congress, Senator Cayetano (P) replied that this was due to measures beyond her control.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ARROYO**

Adverting to Section 2 (*Appropriations*) of the bill, Senator Arroyo asked whether DOH was agreeable that the funding for the program would be taken from their existing budget. Senator Cayetano (P) stated that the 2.5% allocation for the disease prevention program of the DOH has never been released to the department. She pointed out that the amendment she introduced to Republic Act No. 9334 was to ensure that part of the taxes imposed on alcohol and tobacco would be used to prevent people from getting alcohol- or tobacco-related diseases. She narrated that when she raised the issue in every budget deliberation, she was told that the 2.5% was already incorporated in the additional budget that former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo allocated to the DOH which, to her opinion, was a violation of RA 9334.

Asked how much the proposed Hepatitis-B immunization program could cost, Senator Cayetano (P)

answered that the P43 million funding would cover 100% all infants.

On the estimate of the 2.5% allocation for the disease-prevention program, Senator Cayetano (P) bared that it took the DOH and the DBM six months to a year to come up with the computation as she recalled that in 2006, it was about P54 million.

Senator Arroyo explained that he raised those questions to urge the DOH to be assertive and get its 2.5% allocation. Senator Cayetano (P) admitted that she has yet to call the attention of Health Secretary Enrique Ona to the matter.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto informed the Body that Senator Legarda withdrew her reservation to interpellate on Senate Bill No. 138. However, he stated that the other senators may ask questions on the bill when the interpellations thereon resume on Monday, September 27, 2010.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 138**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

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

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of principals and supervisors from Lanao, Maguindanao and Tawi-Tawi, and students of the Laguna College of Business and the Arts.

Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada welcomed the guests to the Senate.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto requested that Senate Bill No. 2480, as filed by Senator Drilon, be read first in the Reference of Business as the bill would be the subject of a public hearing of the Committee of Finance the following day.

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**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. 2480, entitled

AN ACT INSTILLING FISCAL DISCIPLINE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR BY ESTABLISHING DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RULES IN LINE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND TOWARDS PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Introduced by Senator Drilon

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

Senate Bill No. 2301, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT SECURITY PROCEDURES TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF INFANT PATIENT ABDUCTION AND BABY SWITCHING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 2302, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, ARTICLE 310, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES OF QUALIFIED THEFT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2303, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A PROGRAM PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF HOUSING BENEFICIARIES INTO MANUFACTURING COOPERATIVES FOR THE FABRICATION OF HOUSING MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR HOUSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2304, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CRIMES RELATING TO FIREARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1866, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8294

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2305, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THERAPEUTIC EQUIVALENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERIC DRUGS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 2306, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CLEARINGHOUSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

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## Senate Bill No. 2307, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA  
BLG. 68, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE CORPORATION CODE,  
SECTION 37, GRANTING STOCK-  
HOLDERS THE RIGHT OF APPRAISAL  
WHEN THE TERM OF CORPORATE  
EXISTENCE IS EXTENDED

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 2308, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMER  
PRIVACY IN CREDIT CARD AND  
CHECK TRANSACTIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial  
Institutions and Currencies; and Trade and  
Commerce**

## Senate Bill No. 2309, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM  
STANDARDS REGARDING THE  
QUALITY OF WIRELESS TELEPHONE  
SERVICE AND TO MONITOR  
COMPLAINTS REGARDING SUCH  
SERVICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Services; and  
Trade and Commerce**

## Senate Bill No. 2310, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A  
NATIONAL FOLIC ACID EDUCA-  
TION PROGRAM TO PREVENT  
BIRTH DEFECTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 2311, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING UNLAWFUL THE  
COMMERCIAL USE OF TELEPHONES  
FOR MAKING INDECENT OR  
OBSCENE COMMUNICATIONS  
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

## Senate Bill No. 2312, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE  
OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED  
ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-  
NINE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIP-  
PINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES  
OFFICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Government Corp-  
orations and Public Enterprises; and Games,  
Amusement and Sports**

## Senate Bill No. 2313, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS  
THE FAMILY CODE, ARTICLE 73,  
ON THE CHARGE AGAINST THE  
COMMUNITY PROPERTY OF AN  
OBLIGATION OF A SPOUSE WHO  
PRACTICES A PROFESSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 2314, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS  
THE FAMILY CODE OF THE  
PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 18

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2315, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2316, entitled

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2317, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 39 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, ON THE DAILY RATE OF THE SUBSIDIARY PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT IN CASE OF INSOLVENCY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2318, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FAMILY LEAVE TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2319, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 180 OF ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR SITUATIONS WHERE THE ACCUSED, IMPLICATED BY THE FALSE TESTIMONY OF THE VIOLATOR OF ARTICLE 180, IS METED OUT A LIGHT PENALTY PURSUANT TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PENALTIES IN ARTICLE 25 OF THE SAME CODE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2320, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RESTRICTIONS ON GARNISHMENT OF COMPENSATION DUE FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2321, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2322, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING AVAILABILITY OF HANDGUNS ONLY TO PERSONS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN

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THEIR SAFE USE, MAINTENANCE  
AND STORAGE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2323, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CARD ISSUERS  
FROM ACCEPTING THIRD-PARTY  
SOURCED PERSONAL INFORM-  
ATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2324, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE  
PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE COM-  
MISSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2325, entitled

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPART-  
MENT OF HEALTH AND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT TO ISSUE A  
STANDARD REGULATING WORKER  
EXPOSURE TO DIACETYL

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment  
and Human Resources Development; and  
Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 2326, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE  
FOR POISON PREVENTION AND  
TO ESTABLISH POISON CONTROL  
CENTERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2327, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION  
OF PESTICIDE USE ON GOLF  
COURSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 2328, entitled

AN ACT ADDRESSING PUBLIC  
NOTICE OF CERTAIN HAZARDOUS  
CONDITIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Services; and  
Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 2329, entitled

AN ACT TO PREVENT LUXURIOUS  
CONDITIONS IN PRISONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2330, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSI-  
TION OF A SURCHARGE, EXTRA  
CHARGE OR ADDITIONAL CHARGE  
IN THE USE OF CREDIT/AUTO-  
MATED TELLER MACHINE (ATM)/  
DEBIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT  
OF PURCHASES OF CONSUMER  
PRODUCTS OR SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

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Senate Bill No. 2331, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LABELING  
OF IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT  
FOOD PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce;  
and Agriculture and Food**

Senate Bill No. 2332, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT  
AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERN-  
MENT AGENCIES TO REGISTER  
ALL OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF  
ANY ACT INVOLVING CHILD  
ABUSE WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2333, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MEDICAL  
PAROLE TO QUALIFIED PRISONERS  
AND SETTING RULES ON THE  
GRANT THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2334, entitled

AN ACT TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE  
LEAD CONTENT IN FOOD  
CONTAINERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 2335, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE

FOR START-UP COSTS OF COM-  
MUNITY PROGRAMS TO PREVENT  
RESIDENTIAL LEAD-BASED POISON-  
ING IN CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2336, entitled

AN ACT TO KEEP LEAD WITHIN  
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVELS  
IN CANDY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 2337, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING  
THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL  
ASSOCIATION (PMA) AS THE  
INTEGRATED MEDICAL PROFES-  
SIONAL ORGANIZATION OF  
THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Civil Service and  
Government Reorganization; and Health and  
Demography**

Senate Bill No. 2338, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTRY  
OF ORIGIN LABELING OF  
PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL  
COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO  
THE PHILIPPINES AND TO  
ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATIONS OF THE LABELING  
REQUIREMENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Agriculture and Food**

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Senate Bill No. 2339, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONGRESS TO PURCHASE RECYCLED PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 2340, entitled

AN ACT TO EFFECTIVELY INSTILL HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH PICTURE-BASED WARNINGS ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 2341, entitled

AN ACT ADDRESSING THE SYSTEM OF PROSTITUTION, IMPOSING PENALTIES ON ITS PERPETRATORS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ITS VICTIMS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF THE PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 2342, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OR IMPORTATION OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FROM THE PAYMENT OF VALUE ADDED TAX AND DONATIONS THEREOF FROM DONOR'S TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE

NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Enrile

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 2343, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 9, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 41, 43, 45, 48, 51, 70 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136 ENTITLED AN ACT ORDAINING REFORMS IN THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

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

Senate Bill No. 2344, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

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

Senate Bill No. 2345, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE PILFERAGE AND THEFT, UNAUTHORIZED USE, INTERCONNECTION, OR RECEPTION OF ANY SIGNAL OR SERVICE OFFERED OVER A CABLE TELEVISION (CATV) OR CABLE INTERNET SYSTEM AND/OR NETWORK OR THROUGH ANY UNAUTHORIZED INSTALLATION, ACCESS OR CONNECTION THERETO THROUGH THE USE OF CABLE OR OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Enrile

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

Senate Bill No. 2346, entitled

AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE ORGANIZATION, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL FROM THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THE MOVIE WORKERS WELFARE FOUNDATION (MOWELFUND), AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2347, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY INTO THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC FOOD RESERVE CORPORATION AND REDEFINING ITS POWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2348, entitled

AN ACT TO PUNISH THE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF INDECENT OR PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL TO MINORS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 2349, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA) TO ACCELERATE NATIONAL IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

**To the Committees on Public Works; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2350, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF THE ORPHANED, ABANDONED, NEGLECTED AND VOLUNTARILY COMMITTED CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.)

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

**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. 2351, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL PROGRAM TO SUPPORT AND CARE FOR ORPHANED, ABANDONED, NEGLECTED AND VOLUNTARILY COMMITTED CHILDREN, CREATING A SPECIAL TRUST FUND THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance**

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Senate Bill No. 2352, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SOCIAL JUSTICE AND WELFARE PROGRAM FOR THE PROTECTION AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY WITHOUT ANY IDENTIFIABLE FAMILY MEMBERS OR WITHOUT ANY MEANS OF SUPPORT

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2353, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2354, 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, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 2355, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE COMBAT

DUTY PAY OF ALL ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THEIR BASE PAY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2356, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9211, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT REGULATING THE PACKAGING, USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISEMENTS OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 2357, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS FROM GRADE 10 TO GRADE 18 AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2358, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTER FOR EACH SCHOOL DIVISION AND AT LEAST THREE (3) SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS IN BIG SCHOOL DIVISIONS FOR

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CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS,  
GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND  
OTHER INCENTIVES AND SUPPORT

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 2359, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL  
MONTHLY HONORARIUM TO  
BARANGAY OFFICIALS, BARANGAY  
TANODS AND BARANGAY HEALTH  
WORKERS, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 2360, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 2361, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE QUIRINO  
STATE COLLEGE (QSC) IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF DIFFUN,  
PROVINCE OF QUIRINO INTO A  
STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE  
KNOWN AS THE QUIRINO STATE  
UNIVERSITY (QSU), INTEGRATING  
THEREWITH THE QUIRINO POLY-  
TECHNIC COLLEGE (QPC) IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF CABARROGUIS  
AND MADDELA INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY (MIT) IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MADDELA,

BOTH MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED  
IN THE PROVINCE OF QUIRINO  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senators Zubiri and Legarda

**To the Committee on Rules**

Senate Bill No. 2362, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PHILIPPINE  
COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS  
PROMOTION AND PROTECTION  
BY ESTABLISHING HUMAN RIGHTS  
RESOURCE CENTERS THROUGHOUT  
THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 2363, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GOOD  
CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCES  
(GCTA) TO DETENTION PRISONERS  
AND THOSE SERVING SENTENCE  
BY VIRTUE OF FINAL JUDGMENT,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2364, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT  
CORPORATE COUNSEL, BY RE-  
DEFINING, EXPANDING, STRENG-  
THENING, RATIONALIZING AND  
FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING  
ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRAD-  
ING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2365, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2366, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL (JBC) WHO HAS ALREADY SERVED THE FULL TERM

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2367, entitled

AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING VAGRANCY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 202 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2368, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6981, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE WITNESS PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFIT ACT

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2369, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2370, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ACT NO. 4103, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2371, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 39 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2372, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 341 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

## Senate Bill No. 2373, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE LAW, TO PROVIDE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES IN CORRUPTION CASES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

## Senate Bill No. 2374, entitled

AN ACT GIVING OFFENDERS THE FULLEST BENEFIT OF PREVENTIVE IMPRISONMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 29 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

## Senate Bill No. 2375, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1818

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

## Senate Bill No. 2376, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PUNISHING POLITICAL TURNCOATISM

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

## Senate Bill No. 2378, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 2379, entitled

THE INVESTMENTS AND INCENTIVES CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Trade and Commerce; and Ways and Means**

## Senate Bill No. 2380, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON THE FILIPINO LANGUAGE AS A CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED AGENCY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7104

Introduced by Senator Angara

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 2381, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF WORKERS IN INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2382, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE, ARTICLE 1723, ON THE LIABILITY OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS OR CONTRACTORS ARISING FROM NON-OBSERVANCE OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OR THE USE OF MATERIALS OF INFERIOR QUALITY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2383, entitled

AN ACT REIMPOSING THE PENALTY OF DEATH ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER RELATED LAWS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 2384, entitled

THE PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2385, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ANY MEMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE WHO FAILS OR REFUSES TO TESTIFY AS A WITNESS IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2386, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6850, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO GRANT CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES APPOINTED UNDER PROVISIONAL OR TEMPORARY STATUS WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF THREE (3) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2387, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 198, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PROVINCIAL WATER UTILITIES ACT OF 1973

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Works; Public Services; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2388, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 177 OF ACT NO. 3815 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2389, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF

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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE LAW, TO PROVIDE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES IN CORRUPTION CASES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2390, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING HARASSMENT AND INVASION OF PRIVACY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2391, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLANDS OF SIARGAO AND BUCAS GRANDE AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPES AND SEASCAPES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2392, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK (SINP), SITUATED IN THE PROVINCES OF SAMAR, NORTHERN SAMAR AND EASTERN SAMAR, AS PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 2393, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 52 REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 2394, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH (A), SECTION 90 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 2395, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 44 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committee on Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 2396, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, DEFINING THE PROSECUTORIAL POWERS PROVIDED THERETO, AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165,

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OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS  
DRUGS ACT OF 2002

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 2397, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION  
OF BARANGAY NUTRITION  
WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY  
PROVIDING INCENTIVES THERETO,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1569

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; Local Government; Ways and Means;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2398, entitled

AN ACT DIRECTING THE CONVER-  
SION OF SANGLEY POINT IN  
CAVITE CITY INTO AN INTER-  
NATIONAL LOGISTICS HUB

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 2399, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NO. 1829, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS PENALIZING OBSTRUC-  
TION OF APPREHENSION AND  
PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL  
OFFENDERS

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 2400, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE

AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE  
OF THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR  
GENERAL AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganiz-  
ation; and Finance**

**SECOND ADDITIONAL  
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 190, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEES ON LABOR,  
EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN  
RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; AND  
FOREIGN RELATIONS TO  
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THE  
DIPLOMATIC POSTS AND THE  
PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS LABOR  
OFFICES (POLO) IN PROVIDING  
ASSISTANCE TO OVERSEAS  
FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) VIS-  
À-VIS THE RECENT REPORTED  
CASE OF ACID BURNING AND  
DEATH OF ROMILYN EROY-  
IBÁÑEZ AND THE REPORTED  
ILL TREATMENT OF OFWS  
IN DISTRESS IN THE KINGDOM  
OF SAUDI ARABIA WITH THE  
OBJECTIVE OF RECOMMENDING  
MEANINGFUL AND HUMANE  
LEGISLATION FOR FILIPINO  
MIGRANT WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Foreign Relations;  
and Labor, Employment and Human Resources  
Development**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 191, entitled

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE

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AND INDUSTRY THE BANNING OF MANUFACTURE, SALE AND IMPORTATION OF CADMIUM LADEN CHILDREN TOYS AND OTHER CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS WITH HIGH LEVEL OF TOXIC METALS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ELIMINATING HEALTH HAZARDOUS TOYS AVAILABLE IN THE PHILIPPINE MARKET

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Health and Demography**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 192, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATE OF PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF PHILIPPINE EAGLE (*PITHECOPHAGA JEFFERYI*), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP SAVE THE NATIONAL BIRD

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 193, entitled

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE THE FEASIBILITY OF MAINTAINING ECO-PRECINCTS IN MAJOR ECO-TOURISM AREAS, NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES, MAJOR RIVERS OR ENVIRONMENTAL SITES IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE BRIGADE OF RIVER WARRIORS AND ECO POLICE

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 194, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LARGER APPLICATION OF THE BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM AS A MEANS TO DECONGEST METRO MANILA TRAFFIC AND ULTIMATELY IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 195, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE HUNGER INCIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY AND ACHIEVE THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Foreign Relations**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 196, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED FOR CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT ON THE ROAD USERS FUND AND TO CREATE MEASURES THAT WILL ENSURE TRANSPARENCY IN THE SELECTION OF PROJECTS TO

*for*

WHICH THE FUND SHALL BE ALLOCATED

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 197, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DEFICIENCY OF RESTROOMS AND TOILETS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 198, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS VIS-À-VIS THE PROGRESS OF OTHER COUNTRY-SIGNATORIES IN THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS & OTHER COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MEASURES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE COUNTRY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Climate Change**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 199, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING

AND COMMENDING FILIPINO POOL LEGEND EFREN "THE MAGICIAN" REYES FOR WINNING THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PREDATOR INTERNATIONAL 10-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD ON 15-18 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT THE BLOCK IN SM NORTH EDSA, QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 200, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO POOL PLAYER LEE VAN "THE SLAYER" CORTEZA FOR WINNING THE PREDATOR WORLD 10-BALL TOUR TITLE ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT THE BLOCK IN SM NORTH EDSA, QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 201, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION FOR WINNING THREE GOLD, ONE SILVER AND FOUR BRONZE MEDALS IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRIBAL OLYMPICS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NANUK RAGANG IN RANAO, KOTA KINABALU IN MALAYSIA HELD FROM 14-16 SEPTEMBER 2010

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 202, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING EFREN "BATA" REYES FOR WINNING THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PREDATOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 203, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES STUDENT MIKAS ALEYA C. MATSUZAWA FOR BEING AMONG TWELVE GLOBAL WINNERS, REPRESENTING THE EAST ASIA & PACIFIC REGION, IN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED DEMOCRACY PHOTO CHALLENGE ANNOUNCED LAST 15 SEPTEMBER 2010 FROM WASHINGTON D.C., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 204, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE; AND HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE PROLIFERATION OF CHILDREN'S TOYS TAINTED WITH TOXIC OR HARMFUL CHEMICALS LINKED TO MENTAL RETARDATION, BRAIN DAMAGE, BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS AND SIMILAR ILLNESSES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING A LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM TOXIC CHEMICALS IN TOYS AND PROMOTING THEIR HEALTH AND WELFARE IN GENERAL

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Trade and Commerce**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 205, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED QUESTIONABLE ACTS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR AIM TO REACTIVATE THE WAWA WATER SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY SOURCE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPROVING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK IN THE WATER SECTOR AND ULTIMATELY PROVIDING THE BEST AND MOST AFFORDABLE SERVICE TO WATER END-USERS AND CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Enrile



**To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and 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 4:54 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
EMMA LIRIO REYES  
Secretary of the Senate  


Approved on September 22, 2010