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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:38 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Sergio R. Osmeña III led the prayer, to wit:

Dear Lord, we come before You today with great humility and in deep gratitude for over a hundred years of blessings.

This great institution, the Philippine Senate, whose 94th anniversary we observe today, has brought forth our greatest national leaders: former members like our present chief executive, President Benigno S. Aquino III, Manuel L. Quezon, Lorenzo Tañada, Jose W. Diokno, Ninoy Aquino, Manuel Roxas, Geronima Pecson, Jose P. Laurel, Claro M. Recto, Emmanuel Pelaez, Camilo Osias, and many others.

These are the men and women who molded our nation's soul; whose wisdom and competence shaped our democratic way of life; and whose courage and character inspired us through our struggles and birthing pains.

Bless them all, dear Lord, and bless also those who are its members today and their associates in this institution as they all strive to bring forth a better life for our people.

May we all continue to deserve Your trust and Your love as well as Your unending guidance in forging policies that

will bring us to a society that is closer to Your heart.

Amen.

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

With 17 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Guingona, Recto and Villar arrived after the roll call.

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.

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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. 34 (October 12, 2010) and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of students from the University of Makati, the Rizal Technological University and the Philippine Normal University.

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

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto extended greetings to Senator Escudero who celebrated his birthday on October 10, and Senator Lapid who would be celebrating his birthday on October 25.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session to allow the Members to greet the celebrants.

It was 3:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Availing herself of the privilege hour on the occasion of the International Day for Disaster Reduction, Senator Legarda spoke on the need for local communities to get involved in disaster-risk reduction and climate-change adaptation for their own safety.

The full text of her speech follows:

Today, we join the world in marking the International Day for Disaster Reduction, celebrating the small victories that we have so far won yet recognizing the persistent challenges

that remain – foremost of which is the challenge to build more sustainable and disaster-resilient towns and cities.

In many parts of the globe, disasters of unprecedented proportions made it into the headlines. The earthquake in Pakistan, the flooding in Bangladesh, Myanmar, China, and tropical storm *Ondoy* and typhoon *Pepeng* in the Philippines have one thing in common – they have been labeled as the deadliest or worst ever disasters that these countries have faced.

What is more disturbing is the even worse impact of disaster risks in more urbanized societies, where higher concentrations of national population and economic power are located.

Who could forget how *Ondoy* jolted a totally unprepared Metro Manila?

The central campaign of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) for this year, *Making Cities Resilient*, enjoins cities and local governments to get ready, reduce the risks and become resilient to disasters.

We take pride in the fact that United Nations Sec. Gen. Ban Ki-moon has cited the province of Albay as an ideal model of a resilient and safe community towards sustainable development. Albay is among the first local governments in the globe to commit to a ten-point checklist identified by the UNISDR to scale up investments in urban planning, infrastructure and building safety; protect ecosystems to mitigate floods; and install early warning systems, among other measures.

The challenge to us, decision- and policy-makers, is to help make cities resilient to hazards because losses due to disasters are always greatly felt in the local level, but sometimes invisible from a global perspective. Bringing it down to the city or town level also allows active participation from everybody – the local government, national government, civil society, donors, academe and stakeholders. After all, reducing disaster risks is everybody's business.

The strong engagement of local governments in disaster-risk reduction and climate-change adaptation is also the guarantee that projects to make our communities disaster resilient get off the ground, are pursued aggressively, and succeed.

Elected leaders – national or local – have a moral obligation to the people. We must lead responsibly and wisely. We must reduce disaster risks in our midst. We must prepare our people to adapt to a changing climate.

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Are our cities and towns ready for the worst that climate change could bring? This question is inevitably asked of ourselves and of every local leader. And the people who chose us to lead them deserve nothing less than our definitive response and our effective intervention.

So today, as we celebrate also the anniversary of the Senate, we celebrate the International Day for Disaster Reduction and hope the national leaders like the elected members of the Senate and House of Representatives and local leaders will be more receptive and appreciate the laws that have been enacted to make our communities, our towns, and our cities more disaster resilient and climate sensitive communities.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

At the onset, Senator Cayetano (P) noted that Senator Legarda ended her speech with a question: "Are our towns and cities ready for the worst that climate change can bring?" In this regard, she recalled that two weeks ago, she attended a science and technology forum in San Jose, California whose speakers included Fil-Americans who have made names in that field and Philippine government officials, among them the head of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) who mentioned that the DOST would be launching the Disaster Risk Management System at a fraction of the cost of systems available internationally.

Senator Legarda surmised that the DOST Secretary may have been referring to either the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Law or the Strategic National Action Plan (SNAP) which is supposedly pending implementation by the National Disaster Coordinating Committee (NDCC). She said she could not imagine the DOST having another system when the law and the strategic plan were already in place.

To the information that the DOST presented a patented Philippine product that appeared like an early-warning device, Senator Legarda surmised that it could be an early warning device or a rainwater collector that could be installed in all LGUs.

Relative thereto, Senator Cayetano (P) recalled that it was Senator Legarda who mentioned in the last Congress that the early warning system was already in use in Bangladesh.

Senator Legarda stated that before it launched its own early-warning system, Bangladesh was often devastated by cyclones that killed thousands of its people. She said that the establishment of an early-warning system that made use of whistles and horns averted huge losses and great destruction. She believed that if the Philippine government had adopted such a system in remote areas and made use of available telecommunication devices and media during strong typhoons, more lives could have been saved and widespread destruction could have been lessened. This proves, she said, that investment in disaster-risk reduction, in the long run, would be economically and financially wiser for the government.

Senator Cayetano (P) expressed support for the advocacy of Senator Legarda as she hoped that the Senate would support the budget for disaster-risk reduction.

For her part, Senator Legarda recalled that during the budget deliberation, she corrected the position of the DBM that the calamity fund is merely for aid and rehabilitation by pointing out that there is, in fact, a law which mandates that the fund should be utilized also for national disaster-risk reduction or preparedness against calamities like strengthening hospitals and schools against earthquakes, typhoons and flood.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Preliminary, Senator Sotto congratulated Senator Legarda for bringing to the attention of the Senate the International Day for Disaster Reduction. He then asked what prompted the United Nations to cite Albay as a model of a resilient and safe community when it is always hit by storms and typhoons.

In reply, Senator Legarda said that despite the fact that Albay is a very vulnerable area, the UN selected the province because its local government was the first to adopt a declaration on climate change and disaster risk reduction sometime in 2007 and it was one of the very few LGUs which had a very high level of awareness on disaster-risk reduction. She informed the Body that the Albay local government has identified the vulnerabilities of the province, applied geohazard mapping and early warning systems for typhoons, and pursued many climate-adaptation projects.

Asked who initiated the projects, Senator Legarda replied that it was Gov. Joey Salceda who,

for his vigilance, has been cited by the UN, along with the Bicol University's Center for Initiatives and Research on Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) which is an NGO. She said that CIRCA and the LGU have really gone out of their way to give information on climate-change adaptation, and she believed that all localities can do the same.

Senator Sotto commended Senator Legarda and the province of Albay for their efforts to advance disaster-risk reduction.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Senator Sotto greeted in advance Senator Cayetano (A) who would be celebrating his birthday on October 28.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri stated that yesterday, the Senate passed the bill granting citizenship to Marcus Eugene Douthit on *Second Reading*, in the hope that the grantee, who has consistently led the national team in scoring, would contribute in bringing pride and glory for the country in the field of basketball.

He lamented, however, that according to reliable sources, Malacañang would not certify the bill as urgent, thus, it cannot be passed on *Third Reading* that day, and as a consequence, Douthit would not be able to play for the Philippine Team in the Asian Games where the country has a strong chance of winning a medal in basketball, a sport that Filipinos love next to boxing. With Douthit, he pointed out, the Philippines had beaten many of the top contenders in the past three competitions; in fact, the country was only two points behind champion South Korea in the last competition.

Saying that the Senate has done its job, Senator Zubiri thanked Senator Escudero, chair of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, for hearing the measure the other day and the Body for suspending the rule on the three-day advance notice that he requested in plenary session last Monday. He stated that despite the fact that the Senate only received the *House version of the bill last Friday*, it nonetheless acted on it as quickly as possible.

Senator Zubiri stated that he understood why Malacañang did not wish to certify the naturalization bill as urgent. Admitting his frustration, he expressed

hope that the Aquino Administration would have an honest-to-goodness sports program.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Zubiri called for a stricter implementation of the anti-rape laws as he took note of the rising incidence of rape in the country citing, in particular, the violent rape of a volunteer nurse in Maguindanao.

The full text of his speech follows:

NURSING WOUNDS OF RAPE

I humbly ask for your contemplation and undivided attention as I once again stand on this Chamber to condemn in the strongest possible terms the continuing heinous crimes being committed in the far south islands of this country, particularly in Maguindanao, the latest and most distressing of which is the crime committed against a volunteer nurse veiled under the name of "Florence."

Unlike Florence Nightingale, the heroine nurse of England, our Florence was found at the back of a hospital in South Upi, Maguindanao, unconscious and half naked, undoubtedly a victim of sadistic rape. Florence was a simple lass, whose only endeavor was to serve the poor and the people hungry for medical attention. She became a helpless victim of evil and wicked crooks. She endured severe damage to her brain, causing her right part of the body to be paralyzed, and further suffered a speech defect. Indisputably, Florence is going through a lot of pain and agony right now, not only in terms of her physical body but above all, her entire well-being, as a person and as a woman.

Initially, authorities arrested six suspects. However, no strong evidence so far implicating them exists. Then, here comes a man named Melchor Fulgencio admitting that he and a certain "Edwin" were the real culprits. As of the other day, however, Mr. Fulgencio withdrew his testimony and, as usual, claimed that he was merely tortured to admit to the commission of the crime. Another angle being looked into is the involvement of a politician's son. With all of these, it is obvious that the fight of Florence is far from over and justice will be evasive.

I admit I may never fully understand or know what she is going through and what else she will be going through after her darkest and dreadful nightmare, but at least I can envision, as each one of us can, how heavy her battle will be

as she stands up and fights for justice. A rape victim's life definitely turns 180 degrees, suffering from unwarranted judgment of callous people and enduring discrimination from the society, aside from the threat and intimidations usually resorted to by the perpetrators, and let us not forget the tedious, expensive and grueling legal battle to attain justice.

I believe that we, as legislators of this country and humble servants of the Filipino people, have done the best that we can do in terms of legislation to help rape victims and the society as well. Republic Act No. 8353, the "Anti-Rape Law of 1997," made vital and relevant changes to the law on rape, one of which is that rape is now a crime against person and no longer a crime against chastity. With this, the State can now prosecute even without the complaint of the rape victim, making it hard for the offenders to avoid prosecution. Another relevant change is the manner by which rape has been broadened. Rape can now be committed by means other than sexual intercourse. Also, we have Republic Act No. 8505, the "Rape Victim Assistance and Protection Act of 1998," that mandates the establishment of rape crisis centers in every province or city, to be located in a government hospital or health clinic or in any other suitable place.

As a Mindanaonon, I am deeply disturbed and concerned with what is happening in my native island. I am also deeply concerned with the increase of rape cases all over the country. Just watch TV Patrol, *24 Oras* and all the other channels at night, we will see that it is happening on a daily basis. The increase is so alarming that it should frighten every decent individual of our nation. We should commit ourselves to the Filipino people not only in enacting adequate and significant laws protecting their lives, property and making this country a better place to live in, but further ensuring that all laws enacted by this Chamber will be implemented and will be used by every Filipino as a weapon against anyone or anything which will disturb and threaten our peace and security.

I appeal for the proper enforcement of our laws, predominantly criminal laws, which time and again, are being trampled upon and disregarded by barbaric and villainous people taking not only lives of innocent people but the peace and safety of society as well.

Demand on the authorities implementing the law and prosecutors of our justice system are strongly urged by this Representation. Although I laud Secretary De Lima for personally following up on this, I wish all the members of the

prosecution arm of our government share her enthusiasm and passion as well as her ideals. I strongly believe that proper administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government. Let us ensure and do our part that a life of amity and security is still possible, for after peace comes the most awaited progress that we are all hungry of.

Allow me to end this humble call for peace and justice with a quotation from Martin Luther King Jr.: "Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress."

REMARKS OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

Senator Cayetano (P) stated that rape is a *gender crime*, meaning that sexual abuse can be committed by either sex. Thus, she underscored the need to increase awareness on this gender crime.

As pointed out in the budget hearing earlier that day, she stressed that the Philippine Commission on Women, like all government agencies, needs more budget. She recounted that in the budget hearing of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), for instance, the director mentioned that 30% of inmates were jailed specifically for violation of drug-related laws, while 40% of the remaining 70% were charged with drug-related offenses like rape and homicide.

Senator Cayetano (P) stated that clearly, drugs play a big role in the commission of crimes, thus, there is need to understand the issues since they go back to respecting women and supporting the policies, programs and agencies that promote respect for women.

She also cited the President's commitment to do what is necessary to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), one of which is gender equality. She believed that on its part, the Senate must respond, for example, by putting the needed budget into programs that support the MDGs, as she asserted that this is the way to go about it if a difference is to be achieved.

In reply, Senator Zubiri agreed with Senator Cayetano (P) that indeed many of the crimes are drug-related as he noted that many of the rapes and murders were committed by people who were high

on drugs. He also agreed that one of the solutions is to achieve the MDGs which seek to address the problems of poverty, drug trafficking and other ills in society.

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (P) manifested that she would insert into the record, at the proper time, her notes on the number of women who are victims of physical and sexual abuse as presented by the Philippine Commission on Women, based on NSO surveys, in the hearing earlier that day. For instance, she cited the information that at least four million women from ages 15 to 49 are being physically or sexually abused. However, she noted that the figure did not reflect the number of girls under age 15 who were physically and sexually abused. Most rape and other kinds of sexual abuse occur during childhood, she said.

Senator Zubiri stated that the rape victim was a volunteer nurse from Cotabato City who simply wanted to help the people of Maguindanao. He said that what made him emotional was that being a member of the Philippine Red Cross, he fully realized that people who do volunteer work are put in harm's way. He lamented that the victim almost died, and he hoped that she would be able to identify her rapists.

Senator Zubiri pointed out that criminals are no longer afraid of going to prison. He cited a news report of a man who was apprehended after beheading his lover but who appeared not only unremorseful for his crime but even bragged that he would be fed by the taxpayers' money while in jail. He said that such a brazen attitude among criminals prompted his support for the restoration of the death penalty. He recalled that when the death penalty was repealed, he warned that heinous crimes like massacres and extrajudicial killings would escalate since criminals would no longer fear the justice system. This, he said, is in stark contrast to the attitude of Filipinos living in countries that impose the death penalty who are fearful of violating laws lest they be meted out the death penalty.

He expressed frustration over the realization that heinous crimes would not end despite the assumption into office of a new administration since the perception of an ineffective and toothless judicial system has become embedded in the minds of the people. He believed that evil deeds would only stop once the perpetrators of the crimes are truly brought to justice.

REFERRAL OF SPEECHES TO COMMITTEES

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Zubiri to the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, and the privilege speech of Senator Legarda to the Committee on Climate Change.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Addressing the concerns expressed by Senators Angara and Osmeña over a letter he had sent to the Members regarding resolutions filed with the Committee on Rules, Senator Sotto clarified that the policies covered *only simple resolutions*.

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. 2562, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE WORKERS COMPENSATION PROGRAM, THE WORK CONTINGENCY INSURANCE FUND, THE PHILIPPINE WORKERS COMPENSATION AUTHORITY AND DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 166 TO 288-A OF TITLE 2, BOOK IV OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES," AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2563, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO
PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000

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

Senate Bill No. 2564, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO
UNDERPRIVILEGED TERTIARY
STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 2565, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING ARTICLE 247 OF
ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS
THE REVISED PENAL CODE, ON
DEATH OR PHYSICAL INJURIES
INFLECTED UNDER EXCEPTIONAL
CIRCUMSTANCES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 2566, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE FINANCIAL
VIABILITY AND FISCAL DISCI-
PLINE IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED
OR -CONTROLLED CORPORA-
TIONS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE
ROLE OF THE STATE IN ITS
GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
TO MAKE THEM MORE RESPON-
SIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC
INTEREST AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Drilon

**To the Committees on Finance; and Govern-
ment Corporations and Public Enterprises**

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 238, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND
DEMOGRAPHY TO INQUIRE, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINES IN
ATTAINING THE MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT GOALS SPECIFIC-
ALLY ON REDUCING CHILD MOR-
TALITY, IMPROVING MATERNAL
HEALTH, AND ERADICATING HIV/
AIDS, MALARIA, AND OTHER
DISEASES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 239, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE
COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES; AND
FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO
THE FEASIBILITY OF GOVERN-
MENT AGENCIES UTILIZING E-CARS
FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRON-
MENT, FOR SAVING FUEL, AND
FOR USING "OUR OWN, PINOY-
MADE" VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 240, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND
THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE
CHANGE TO LOOK INTO THE
ALLEGED REPORTS OF ILLEGAL
LOGGING AND TRANSPORT OF
LOGS FROM THE SIERRA MADRE
MOUNTAINS WITH THE END IN
VIEW OF PREVENTING THE SAME

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AND PRESERVING THE REMAINING FOREST COVER OF THE SAID MOUNTAIN RANGE

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Climate Change

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 241, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING INCIDENCE OF CRIMES AND VIOLATIONS RESULTING FROM SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES LIKE FACEBOOK, FRIENDSTER, TWITTER AND OTHERS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENACTING A LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD PROTECT INTERNET USERS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Science and Technology

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 242, entitled

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE TO HOLD MEETINGS, HEARINGS OR CONFERENCES DURING THE RECESS OF THE CONGRESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING AND PREPARING ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR TO INVESTIGATE ANY MATTER OR SUBJECT FALLING UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 243, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND

COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8754 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE ACT OF 2000 VIS-À-VIS THE REPORTED INCREASE OF SCHEMES AND FRAUDULENT ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 244, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SYSTEM OF PATENT PROCESSING IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENCOURAGING MORE PATENT APPLICATIONS AND PROTECTING GENUINE FILIPINO INNOVATIONS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 245, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO INQUIRE INTO THE PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT TO HELP STREET CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY THOSE RESCUED USING RUGBY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING A LONG-TERM AND COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN FOR STREET CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 246, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; AND FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CONDITIONS OF GOLDEN ACRES PHILIPPINES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING THE INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS THEREOF AND OTHER SOCIAL CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 5, submitted jointly by the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, on Senate Bill No. 1052, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 26 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED,

recommending its approval with amendment.

Sponsors: Senators Cayetano (P) and Defensor Santiago

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 6, submitted jointly by the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, on Senate Bill No. 480, introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 ALSO KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE III,

recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsors: Senators Cayetano (P) and Defensor Santiago

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 242

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 242, entitled

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE TO HOLD MEETINGS, HEARINGS OR CONFERENCES DURING THE RECESS OF THE CONGRESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING AND PREPARING ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR TO INVESTIGATE ANY MATTER OR SUBJECT FALLING UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION.

With the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Sotto, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 242

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 242 was adopted by the Body.

COAUTHOR

Senator Sotto manifested that Senator Escudero is a coauthor of Senate Bill Nos. 62, 2453, 2489, and 2494, and Senate Joint Resolution No. 6.

SENATOR ANGARA AS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN


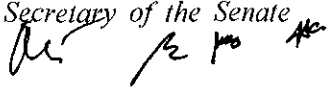
For the record, Senator Sotto said that he was in receipt of Senator Defensor Santiago's letter designating Senator Angara as subcommittee chair on political party bills.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, November 8, 2010.

It was 4:31 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate


Approved on November 8, 2010