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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21 RECEIVED BY: 

Submitted by the Committee on Trade and Commerce joint with the Committees on Agriculture and Food, and Health and Demography on MAR 16 2011.

Re: Senate Bill No. 2746, prepared by the Committees

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 814, 1173, 1787 and 2331, taking into consideration P.S. Resolution No. 361

Sponsor: Senator Villar

Mr. President:

The joint Committees on Trade and Commerce, Agriculture and Food, and Health and Demography, to which were referred Senate Bill No. 814, introduced by Senator Estrada, entitled:

**“AN ACT
INSTITUTING THE LABELING OF IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT
FOOD PRODUCTS”**

Senate Bill No. 1173, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

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

Senate Bill No. 1787, introduced by Senator Santiago, entitled:

**“AN ACT
REQUIRING MEAT PACKERS TO DISCLOSE THE ADDITIVES
THAT THEY PLACE IN THEIR PRODUCTS”**

and Senate Bill No. 2331, introduced by Senator Santiago, entitled:

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

and P.S. Resolution No. 361, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

**“RESOLUTION
URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
COMMERCE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
PROLIFERATION OF 'BOTCHA' OR HOT MEAT BEING SOLD IN**

**THE MARKET DESPITE HEALTH HAZARDS POSED ON
FILIPINO CONSUMERS”**

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, S.B. No. 2746, prepared by the Committees, entitled:


**“AN ACT
REQUIRING THE LABELING OF MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS ”**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 814, 1173, 1787 and 2331, taking into consideration P.S. Resolution No. 361 with Senators Estrada, Villar and Santiago as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



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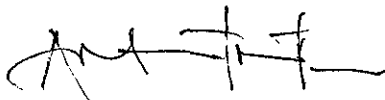


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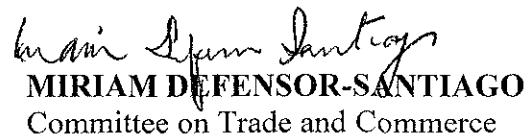
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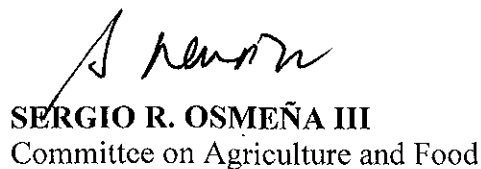
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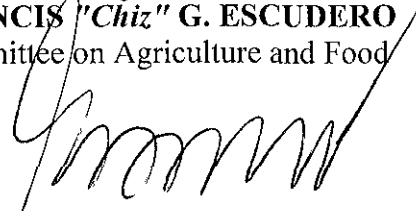
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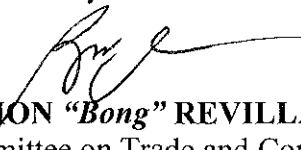
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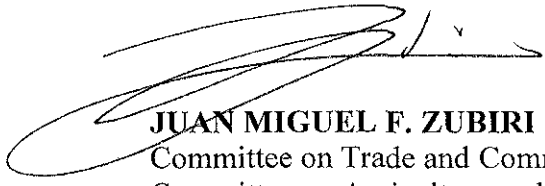
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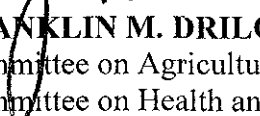


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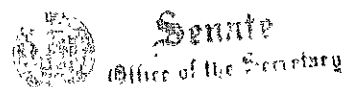
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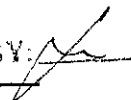
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AN ACT
REQUIRING THE LABELING OF MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as "Meat Labeling Act of 2011."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to protect the interest of consumers against deceptive, unfair, and unconscionable sales, acts and practices, and to adopt measures to ensure the safe supply of meat and meat food products in the country.

SECTION 3. Labeling of meat and meat food products. -

- a. **Mandatory Labeling:** The National Meat Inspection Service hereinafter referred to as the NMIS shall provide by regulation that the following offered for retail sale bear a label that identifies its place of origin:
 1. Imported meat and meat food product imported into the Philippines shall bear or shall be accompanied by labeling that identifies the place of origin of the animal that is the source of the imported carcass, or part thereof or meat that is part of the contents of the imported meat food product;
 2. Imported meat food product prepared in the Philippines using any carcass, or part thereof, or meat imported into the Philippines shall bear or shall be accompanied by a labeling that identifies the place of origin of the animal that is the source of the imported carcass, or part thereof, or meat;
 3. Muscle cuts of Philippine beef, Philippine pork, Philippine lamb, imported beef, imported lamb, and imported pork; and
 4. Ground beef, ground lamb, and ground pork.
- b. **Audit Verification System for Philippine and Imported Muscle Cuts of Beef, Lamb, and Pork and Ground Beef, Lamb, and Pork.** - The NMIS may require by regulation any person that prepares, stores, handles, or distributes muscle cuts of Philippine beef, imported beef, Philippine lamb, imported lamb, Philippine pork, imported ground beef, ground lamb, or ground pork for retail sale to maintain verifiable record keeping audit trail that will permit the NMIS to ensure compliance with the regulations promulgated under subsection (a).

For this purpose, the term "place of origin" means the locality or country in which an animal is raised before slaughter or where the animal was subsequently slaughtered.

SECTION 4. Packaging Requirement. Any person who packages meat for sale which has been treated using an additive, colorant, or any other method to enhance the appearance of the meat, including but not limited to carbon monoxide, vitamin E, or any other substance either approved or not by the Food and Drug Administration to improve the appearance of the meat, shall include a clear, conspicuous, and easily readable label on the packaging stating:

THIS MEAT HAS BEEN TREATED TO ENHANCE ITS APPEARANCE.

SECTION 5. Public Education and Information Campaign. A continuing information and education campaign on the hazardous effects in the consumption of meat and meat food products from dead or diseased animals shall be promoted by the National Meat Inspection Service, in partnership with the Local Government Units and private sector.

SECTION 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Not later than thirty (30) days after the date of enactment of this Act, the NMIS in consultation with the private sector shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 7. Improving Meat Inspection. – An amount of twenty percent (20%) accrued from the fees, fines and charges collected by the National Meat Inspection Service shall be used for the improvement of its monitoring services including the printing of information materials for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. Penalties. - Any person who shall violate Section 4 of this Act shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) but not more than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than two (2) years, or both upon the discretion of the court. If the offender is an alien, he shall be deported after service of sentence and payment of fine without further deportation proceedings.

The business license of an entity that violated any provision of this act shall be revoked.

SECTION 9. Disposal of confiscated meat and meat food products. – Any meat or meat food products found to have been prepared, handled, packed, stored, transported or offered for sale as human food not in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be confiscated and disposed of as provided in the Implementing Rules.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause. - All laws, orders, rules or regulations which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation, which ever comes earlier.

Approved,