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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:31 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Senator Sotto read the following prayer prepared by Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid:

Panginoon naming lahat, Ama ng pag-ibig at kapayapaan,

Kaming mga tagapaglingkod Ninyo dito sa Senado, sampu ng aming mga minamahal na mga kababayan, ay muling nagsusumamo sa Inyong mapagpalang puso.

Dinudulog namin sa Inyo, aming mahal na Panginoon, ang kabi-kabilang mga suliranin na dinaranas ng aming bansa ngayon — ang krisis ng ekonomiya, ang sabay-sabay na pagtaas ng presyo ng petrolyo, at maging ang mga problemang hinaharap ng aming mga kababayang OFWs mula sa Libya, Bahrain at Yemen.

Panginoon, gamitin Ninyo kami bilang kasangkapan ng Inyong pag-ibig at kapayapaan. Kung saan man mayroong di pagkakaunawaan, pahintulutan Ninyong maghari ang pagmamahalan. Kung saan may galit, biyayaan Ninyo Po

kami ng damdaming mapagpatawad. Kung saan man may pag-alinlangan, biyayaan Ninyo kami ng grasyang pananampalataya. Kung saan man may dalamhati, bigyan Ninyo kami ng pag-asa. Kung saan man may kadiliman, bigyan Ninyo kami ng liwanag. Kung saan man may lumbay, bigyan Ninyo kami ng ligaya.

Panginoon, sa tulong ng panalanging ito, hinihiling namin na mangibabaw ang respeto at pagkakaisa sa aming hanay sa Senado at pagmamahal sa Iyo at sa aming bayan.

Siya nawa.

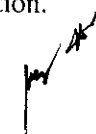
NATIONAL ANTHEM

The UST Singers led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song, entitled "Mutya ng Pasig."

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended to allow Senate President Enrile to present to officials of the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas led by the Very Rev. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, O.P., Rector, the Senate resolution commending the University on its quadricentennial celebration.

It was 3:39 p.m.



RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:53 p.m., the session was resumed.

ROLL CALL

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

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

With 21 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Angara was on official mission abroad.

Senator Lacson was absent.

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. 73 (March 9, 2011) and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the officers of Barangay Narra I, Cavite; and first-year education students of the University of Makati.

The Senate President welcomed the guests to the Senate.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the Chair suspended the session to enable the Members to

greet Senator Honasan on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

It was 4:54 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:56 p.m., the session was resumed.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 2671 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 2671, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on March 8, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Cayetano (A)	Legarda
Cayetano (P)	Marcos
Defensor Santiago	Osmeña
Drilon	Pangilinan
Ejercito Estrada	Recto
Enrile	Revilla
Escudero	Sotto
Guingona	Trillanes
Honasan	Villar
Lapid	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 20 senators voting in favor, none against,

and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 2671 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 2726 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 2726, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on March 8, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the resolution, to wit:

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

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Arroyo	Legarda
Cayetano (A)	Marcos
Cayetano (P)	Osmeña
Defensor Santiago	Pangilinan
Drilon	Recto
Ejercito Estrada	Revilla
Enrile	Sotto
Escudero	Trillanes
Guingona	Villar
Honasan	Zubiri
Lapid	

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 21 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 2726 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 414 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 414, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on March 9, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the resolution, to wit:

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Cayetano (A)	Legarda
Cayetano (P)	Marcos
Defensor Santiago	Osmeña
Drilon	Pangilinan
Ejercito Estrada	Recto
Enrile	Revilla
Escudero	Sotto
Guingona	Trillanes
Honasan	Villar
Lapid	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 20 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Proposed Senate Resolution No. 414 approved on Third Reading.

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PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Zubiri delivered the following speech:

ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS

This year, 2011, has been proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Year of Forests. The proclamation is significant as it enjoins governments across the globe along with various environmental organizations and stakeholders to direct all efforts and programmes of action towards increased consciousness on strengthening the conservation and sustainable management of all types of forests for the benefit of present and future generations. The thrust is to highlight the dynamic relationship between forests and man and underscore the vital and indispensable role of the former to our very existence as a people. Notably, the underlying statement is a call to action for the protection of forests amidst widespread environmental degradation and the constant threat of climate change.

I would like to recognize the presence in the gallery of another environmental champion, Mr. Jose Ma. Lorenzo Tan of the World Wildlife Fund for Nature.

Sustainable management of forest resources is undoubtedly a vital component of any and all efforts geared towards global security and economic stability. A recent study conducted by the United Nations Forum on Forests revealed that 31% of the total global land area is covered by forests and provides home to approximately 300 million people. The same serves as a source of livelihood for 1.6 billion people and is habitat to 80% of the world's terrestrial biodiversity. Worldwide trade in forest products was also estimated at \$327 billion in 2004. There is no denying that the indispensable role of forests to the global community cannot be taken for granted.

In the Philippines, research initiatives undertaken by both government and nongovernment environmental institutions conclude that the forestry sector is at the very core of the country's natural resource base and ecosystems. Philippine forests prove to be an important element of national economic strategies and development goals. The sustainable management and conservation of the Philippine forestry sector is essential to the much-sought-after sustained growth in agriculture and other vital industries

and the contribution of the same to the national economy in terms of gross value added, export revenues, employment opportunities, not to mention the renewable energy resources, such as hydro, geothermal, wind and solar, whose contribution is absolutely significant. This very sector, however, is on the verge of total degradation.

As we are all very much aware, our Philippine forestry sector, much like those of other countries, is on a steady decline. Our country lost roughly a third of its forest cover in a span of 15 years from 1990 to 2005 with a deforestation rate of around 2% per annum – from an estimate of 15 million hectares of forest lands, the Philippines is now left with approximately four million hectares and probably, on all growth forest, we are only talking about 800,000 hectares. This alarming phenomenon was brought about by a whole gamut of interrelated factors, foremost of which is the widespread unfettered logging in the country brought about by the number of inadequate and poorly implemented forestry policies. There is also, of course, that lingering issue of rapid population growth which naturally translates into increased demand for scarce land and forest resources; and ultimately, the utter dearth in forest development, management, and conservation efforts. The combination of all of these and other unmentioned variables has led to the gradual deterioration of our forest lands and forest resources.

With your indulgence, allow me at this point to play a video presentation produced by Jewelmer Foundation on the degradation of forests in Palawan.

In the video, we will see what *kaingeros* have done to destroy our forest-covered "last frontier."

Palawan is considered as the country's last frontier in terms of environmental characteristics, primarily because of its diversity, habitat and geography. It is so special that we enacted a law specifically for environmental planning for Palawan, that is RA 7611 or the Strategic Environment Plan for Palawan Act. No other province in the country has been accorded such special law.

However, as we have seen in the video, Palawan has not escaped the intrusion of destructive activities to its forests. If this is what is happening to what we consider as our "last frontier," I cannot imagine what is happening to the forests of other provinces or areas in the country.

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The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources is doing its share to halt the further destruction of our forests and environment and reverse the situation towards conservation and sustainable management of our forests and resources. We are fast-tracking the submission of committee reports on various bills on sustainable forest management and reforestation bills. I do hope that at the proper time, this august Body will speak in one voice towards the conservation and sustainable management of our forest and forest resources. We will try to find a balance in meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the needs of future generations in the utilization of our forest resources.

As an advocate of the environment, along with many of our colleagues in this Chamber, I am of the strong belief that all efforts directed at the conservation and sustainable management of our forests shall be nothing more than exercises in futility if not reinforced by an increasing level of awareness among our people. By watching this video alone, I was in complete shock of the denudation of forests in Palawan. A concerted action towards a particular end necessarily requires a certain degree of shared consciousness among all those involved. Stakeholders must therefore have that common resolve to promote the conservation and sustainable management of our forests in order that actions undertaken or to be undertaken towards the realization of the same may completely be effective. This is the underlying premise of the United Nations' proclamation declaring 2011 as the "International Year of the Forests"—and acknowledgment that a requisite component of the global advocacy for sustainable forest resources utilization is an informed and genuinely involved community.

Let us draw inspiration from the selfless sacrifice of all those unsung heroes who went to the extent of offering their lives in order to protect our forests. Top of my mind are Dr. Jerry Ortega and Prof. Leonardo Co who died in Leyte. I also mention in particular the Kitanglad Guard Volunteers Cantalisio Lumina, Edilberto Embay, Cresencio Tapnayan, Villamor Sihagan, and Alvinio Monia who all died in Mt. Kitanglad, Bukidnon, as they endeavored to guard our forests from any and all threats, along with the other environmental workers who have died while protecting our forests and the environment. Let us all honor them by not allowing their supreme and selfless sacrifice to be in vain.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Senator Legarda expressed support to Senator Zubiri's call for the sustainable utilization of resources in order to reverse the rapid rate of destruction of forests and bring them back to their most ideal state. She noted the example set by Bhutan that went to the extent of enshrining in its Constitution the mandate to maintain a 60% to 70% forest cover, and expressed hope that the same could be done in the Philippines in the event that the Constitution is amended.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Likewise availing herself of the privilege hour, Senator Legarda spoke on the recent disaster in Japan brought about by an 8.9-magnitude earthquake and the ensuing tsunamis.

Following is the full text of Senator Legarda's speech:

Sympathies to Japan

As I speak before this august Chamber, Japan reels from the devastating impact of its worst earthquake and tsunami disaster in a century, ushering an unprecedented hardship for its people.

As a Philippine senator and the United Nations champion for disaster risk reduction, I wish to convey my profound sympathy and condolence to the people of Japan.

A major benefactor of the United Nations, Japan has generously helped countries struck by similar disasters and has contributed much to the efforts of developing nations, including the Philippines, in reducing disaster risks.

To extend any possible help to Japan, however modest in means, is an appropriate humanitarian response the Philippine Government could make in this difficult period for Japan.

Lessons to learn and relearn

Japan is renowned for its people's familiarity with and understanding of the natural phenomena of earthquake and tsunami. The country also possesses the cutting-edge early warning technology for these natural hazards and strictly observes building codes and standards for disaster-resilient infrastructure. Yet, despite all these capacities, the toll on human lives, property, and infrastructure from last Friday's earthquake and tsunami has been heavy and rising still.

I am certain that there are lessons we must learn as well as lessons we must relearn from this latest disaster.

MMIERS earthquake risk findings

But, just as we had to respond immediately to the threat of tsunami waves surging into our coastal communities last Friday, we have to tackle urgently and head on the serious earthquake risk that prevails in Metro Manila, together with the threat of a tsunami generated in Manila Bay, just as it happened in 1677 and 1863.

The experts' report on the probable scenarios of earthquake impact in Metro Manila has been out since 2004: the *Metro Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study* or MMIERS. This report conveys two important messages to the public:

First, a big inland earthquake of 7.2 magnitude can happen anytime in Metro Manila, to be triggered by the movement of the West Valley Fault since 1658.

Second, the impact of such earthquake in Metro Manila is foreseen to be serious: 169,000 houses will be destroyed and 340,000 other houses will be damaged, which consist 40% of the residential buildings in the metropolis. Thirty-five percent (35%) of all public buildings, including schools and hospitals, city halls, fire and police stations, will be damaged. Seven bridges will likely fall off. All these structural failures will result in 34,000 deaths and 114,000 injuries. The ensuing fires will also result in 18,000 additional fatalities. Four thousand (4,000) or 86% of water pipelines will break. Electricity and telephone lines will be interrupted. The whole of Metro Manila will become segregated into four sectors isolated by collapsed structures, fires, and damaged roads, thereby making evacuation and emergency response necessary.

Reducing earthquake risk

Given this, may I pose this question to all: Are we prepared to respond to this national crisis scenario? To all national and local leaders: Are we doing all we can to lessen the possible losses from this likely earthquake event? Have we acted upon the key recommendations of the report?

The study, which was jointly undertaken by JICA, MMDA and Phivolcs, aimed at formulating a master plan for reducing earthquake impact in Metro Manila towards ensuring a safer metropolis. Its foremost recommendation was to enhance the legal framework and institutional capacity for disaster risk management in Metro Manila. In particular, the report recommended

the passage of a comprehensive law on disaster risk reduction and management. On this recommendation, I wish to state that, as legislators, we have done our job.

However, the required action by the local government units and other agencies of government on the other key recommendations must be monitored and their progress reviewed if we truly mean business.

In this regard, may I propose that a Senate hearing be held to look into the state of earthquake preparedness in the country, particularly in Metro Manila, and the action being undertaken to reduce earthquake risk in the context of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Law as well as the recommendations of the MMIERS.

We also need to look into the state of our early warning systems for tsunami and our national and local emergency preparedness and response for earthquake and tsunami, including our system for requesting and receiving international humanitarian assistance.

Moreover, we must examine the capacity of our local communities to implement disaster risk reduction measures, especially in the barangays, towards strengthening local capacity to prevent and prepare for any disasters.

For safer schools and hospitals

Furthermore, it is important that action is being done to find out the earthquake vulnerability of our schools and hospitals, two most critical public infrastructure, that must be made safe from any disaster, and the means by which we could rectify any deficiencies found.

I am pleased to inform the Senate that in last month's launch of the UNISDR's campaign on making cities resilient, the Department of Education and the Department of Health, together with MMDA and eight city mayors, committed to assessing the disaster risk and instituting risk reduction measures in all schools and hospitals in Metro Manila.

This commitment, however, we must all see translated into immediate action and measurable outcomes.

Disaster risk reduction made integral part of school education

Lastly, I wish to emphasize once again the importance of making our youths know and understand natural hazards, such as earthquake and tsunami, and how their impacts translate into disaster situations. School children must know

the difference between a tsunami and a tidal wave, and the natural early warning signs of an approaching tsunami. The integration therefore of disaster risk reduction into our school curriculum is something we must pursue and ensure that is done.

Closing

I have spoken before this Chamber many times, urging authorities to put in place the necessary mechanisms for effective disaster risk reduction and management, emphasizing the need to act immediately, and giving a glimpse of what could happen if we fail to do so. And this I shall continue to do to secure a safer and brighter future for the nation. This is our responsibility as senators, and our commitment to the Filipino people.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

At the outset, Senator Zubiri manifested his desire to have Proposed Senate Resolution No. 426 referred instead to the Committee on Climate Change as the primary committee, and to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources as the secondary committee. He said that the resolution directs the proper committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the status and preparedness of the local and national government agencies' disaster risk reduction and management plans in the aftermath of the 8.9-magnitude earthquake in Japan.

Relative thereto, Senator Zubiri requested that a hearing be conducted at ten o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, March 16, to find out from local and national government authorities their preparedness for a catastrophic event. Senator Legarda replied that, indeed, she has instructed her staff and the Secretariat to invite to the hearing the following: DPWH; Office of Civil Defense; National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC); MMDA; Phivolcs; DOST; and the Leagues of Municipalities, Cities, and Provinces; NGOs; Manila Observatory; and Mr. Sergio Leitao of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).

Senator Zubiri acknowledged the consistent efforts of Senator Legarda in promoting her advocacy towards climate change adaptation and disaster risk management. Adverting to the Japan earthquake and the tsunami that followed, he narrated that he watched with shock and disbelief images of the disaster on television, of crumbling buildings and of

an entire city washed away by giant tidal waves as if they were surreal. He then asked what the outcome would be should a magnitude 9 earthquake happen in Metro Manila. Senator Legarda said that despite assurances that the Senate building has been retrofitted, the fact that it stands in a reclaimed area and is a few meters away from the bay is enough reason to conclude that it would not stand a chance against such a disaster. Moreover, she pointed out that if a first-world country like Japan was utterly devastated by an earthquake, the effects of such a disaster in the Philippines would be of unimaginable proportion.

Recalling past lessons that the intensity of an earthquake when increased by one unit in the Richter scale becomes ten times its usual strength, Senator Zubiri expressed fear that the buildings in the country may not withstand earthquakes especially since the Building Code only requires structures to withstand more or less a magnitude 8 earthquake. He hoped that as part of disaster risk adaptation, the DPWH and the LGUs concerned be required to conduct a survey of all the existing structures in their localities and determine whether they could withstand such a magnitude. Senator Legarda agreed, saying that precisely it is the primary objective of the committee hearing to urge the agencies concerned to cause an inventory of the following: 1) all public infrastructures, like roads, bridges and toll ways; 2) public schools and hospitals; and 3) private residential buildings and homes. She revealed that when she asked DPWH Secretary Singson the same question, she was told that the DPWH has been conducting monitoring of public infrastructure, and that similarly, the DepEd claims that they are in the process of retrofitting school buildings. Senator Zubiri, however, pointed out the tendency of agency officials to provide answers that legislators would like to hear but which they are not actually doing.

Senator Legarda suggested that the officials of the Senate's General Services Bureau be likewise invited to the hearing to do a presentation of the structural integrity of the building.

Senator Zubiri likewise suggested that a fire drill be conducted so that the Senate personnel as well as the senators would know what to do in case an earthquake occurs while they are in the Senate building. He believed that the monthly drills conducted by Japan were the key to the survival of many of its people.

Thereafter, he congratulated Senator Legarda for bringing up the matter and for immediately calling a hearing of the Committee on Climate Change. He expressed his support for Senator Legarda in her quest to find out what the national government has done after the enactment of Republic Act No. 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction Management Act of 2010. He underscored that after what happened in Haiti, New Zealand and Japan, he was not sure if the present capabilities of the country are enough to respond to a disaster of such a large magnitude.

REFERRAL OF SPEECHES TO COMMITTEES

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred the speeches of Senators Legarda and Zubiri to the Committees on Climate Change; and Environment and Natural Resources.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15 ON SENATE BILL NO. 2640 (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 2640 (Committee Report No. 15), entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND FISCAL DISCIPLINE IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN ITS GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TO MAKE THEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was still the period of committee amendments.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Drilon, Sponsor of the measure.

FURTHER COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Drilon, there being no

objection, the following committee amendments were approved by the Body, one after the other:

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1. On line 27, after the semicolon (;), delete the word "and";
2. On line 30, after the acronym "GOCC," change the period (.) to a semicolon (;) and add the word AND;

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3. Between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(D) "BREAKTHROUGH RESULTS" REFERS TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CORPORATE GOALS OR OTHER PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AS DETERMINED BY THE GOCC OR ITS SUPERVISING AGENCY.

Senator Drilon explained that the amendment was brought about by the interpellation of Senator Defensor Santiago.

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4. Between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(J) "EX-OFFICIO MEMBER" REFERS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO SITS OR ACTS AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES BY VIRTUE OF HIS/HER TITLE TO ANOTHER OFFICE, AND WITHOUT FURTHER WARRANT OR APPOINTMENT;
5. Between lines 31 and 32, insert the following:

(M) "GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (GFI)" REFERS TO ANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OR CORPORATIONS IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OWNS MAJORITY OF THE CAPITAL STOCK AND WHICH ARE EITHER REGISTERED WITH OR DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS.

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6. On line 22, between the acronym "GCE" and the word "as," insert AND GFI;
7. Between lines 33 and 34, insert the following:

(S) "PER DIEMS" REFERS TO THE COMPENSATION GRANTED TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR TRUSTEES OF A GOCC

FOR ACTUAL ATTENDANCE IN MEETINGS.

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8. Section 4, withdraw the Committee amendments approved in the March 9, 2011 session;
9. On line 24, delete the phrase "including all"; after the acronym "GCEs," delete the phrase "as defined herein" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING THEIR SUBSIDIARIES, BUT;
10. On line 25, delete the phrase "which is a constitutionally-mandated independent agency" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, COOPERATIVES;
11. On line 35, between the words "and" and "implementing," delete the word "policy" and the hyphen (-);

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12. On line 7, withdraw the Committee amendments approved in the March 9, 2011 session;
13. On line 4, after the acronym "GOCC," delete the word "and" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SUCH GOCC SHOULD BE REORGANIZED, MERGED, STREAMLINED, ABOLISHED OR PRIVATIZED, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY TO WHICH A GOCC IS ATTACHED;
14. Delete line 5;
15. On line 6, delete the phrase "abolition or privatization of a GOCC";
16. On line 7, between the words "by" and "the," insert the words ANY OF; and after the word "following," insert the word STANDARDS;
17. On line 25, after the word "shall," insert a semicolon (;) and delete the phrase "make its recommendation to the President. The," and in lieu thereof, insert the following:
 - (1) IMPLEMENT THE REORGANIZATION, MERGER OR STREAMLINING OF THE GOCC; OR
 - (2) RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THE ABOLITION OR PRIVATIZATION OF THE GOCC, AND UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT, IMPLEMENT SUCH ABOLITION OR PRIVATIZATION.

ANY SUCH REORGANIZATION, MERGER, STREAMLINING, ABOLITION OR PRIVATIZATION MUST BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2015.

18. Delete lines 26 to 35;

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19. On line 2, delete the word "five" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase A CHAIRMAN WITH THE RANK OF CABINET SECRETARY AND TWO (2) COMMISSIONERS WITH THE RANK OF UNDERSECRETARY, ALL OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT;
20. Delete lines 3 to 10;
21. On line 11, delete the phrase "from a list of at least four (4) nominees";
21. On line 14, delete the phrase "They shall serve as GCG members for a";
22. Delete lines 15 to 18;
23. Delete lines 20 to 24 (Section 7);
24. Delete lines 26 to 29 (Section 8);
25. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly;
26. On line 31, delete the phrase "*Managing Director*" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase *POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN*; after the acronym "GCG," delete the word "Secretariat";
27. On line 32, delete the phrase "Managing Director" and in lieu thereof, insert the word CHAIRMAN; after the word "who," delete the phrase "shall be a citizen of the Philippines";
28. Delete lines 33 to 35;

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29. Delete lines 1 to 11;
30. Delete line 13;
31. On line 14, delete the word "Director";
32. Between lines 15 and 16, insert the phrase PRESIDE OVER THE MEETINGS OF THE GCG;
33. On line 16, change "(a)" to "(b)";
34. Delete lines 17 and 18;
35. On line 20, between the acronym "GCG" and the word "and," delete the word "Secretariat";
36. On line 23, after the acronym "GCG," delete the word "Secretariat";

37. On line 26, delete the phrase “the Chairman of”;

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38. On line 18, delete the word “government” and in lieu thereof, insert the acronym “GOCC”;
39. On lines 23 and 24, delete the phrase “national budget” and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW FOR NATIONAL AGENCIES AND THE GOCC’S OPERATING BUDGET;

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40. On line 34, after the word “year,” change the period (.) to a semicolon (;) and insert the phrase PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE SHALL CONTINUE TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED;

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41. On line 10, between the words “and” and “members,” insert the word APPOINTIVE;

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42. On line 7, between the words “to” and “Per,” insert COMPENSATION and a comma (,);
43. On line 8, replace the phrase “members of the Board of” with COMPENSATION, PER DIEMS, ALLOWANCES AND BONUSES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF THE GOCCS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE GCG USING AS A REFERENCE, AMONG OTHERS, EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24 DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2011: *PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS AS SUCH DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES;*
44. Delete lines 9 to 17;
45. On line 34, after the word “restitution,” insert WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS;
46. On line 35, after the word “shall,” insert AFTER TRIAL AND FINAL JUDGMENT; between the words “punished” and “an,” delete the word “with,” and in lieu thereof, insert BY;

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47. Between lines 4 and 5, insert a new chapter to read:

**CHAPTER V
DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Section 25. *FULL DISCLOSURE*. –
ALL GOCCS SHALL POST IN THEIR WEBSITE:

- A. THEIR ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORT WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF SUCH REPORT;
- B. CORPORATE OPERATING BUDGET;
- C. TOTAL COMPENSATION OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS, INCLUDING TRAVEL, REPRESENTATION AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES;
- D. LOCAL AND FOREIGN BORROWINGS;
- E. PERFORMANCE SCORECARDS AND STRATEGY MAPS;
- F. GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND NET LENDING; AND
- G. TOTAL BORROWINGS GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT and

48. Adjust the succeeding chapters accordingly.

Senator Drilon stated that the amendments to certain provisions on page 17, lines 6 to 19 were submitted to and approved by the Body on March 9, 2011.

REMARKS OF SENATOR DRILON

Thereafter, Senator Drilon adverted to a *Philippine Daily Inquirer* editorial which cited the findings of the Commission on Audit which revealed that in 2009, the Board of Directors of the GSIS allotted huge amounts of money for their compensation package, and for declaring it “Confidential,” they effectively prevented the public from learning that each GSIS director was given a compensation of P11 million or P88 million for the entire board; and not only did each director receive a 13th and 15th month pay but each one also received a mid-year financial assistance, a productivity and incentive bonus of four months and a share of the provident fund every month for a total of P2.6 million.

In light of such revelations, Senator Drilon underscored the urgency of passing Senate Bill No. 2640 since even a recent SWS survey showed that 73% of Filipinos believe that there ought to be a law that will strengthen the oversight over the activities of the GOCCs.

He expressed hope that following the approval of the committee amendments, he would get the

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cooperation of the Members to ensure the passage of the bill on Second Reading by Wednesday, March 16, so that it could be approved on Third Reading before the congressional break on March 24; otherwise, the three-day rule will prevent the Body from approving the bill on Third Reading before the recess.

At this juncture, the Chair expressed its full support for the measure.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments.

CLEAN COPY

Acting on the request of Senator Sotto, the Chair directed the Secretariat to provide the Members with a clean copy of the bill, incorporating the approved committee amendments, the following day.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 2640

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

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. 2737, entitled

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE MARITIME ZONES OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Senate Bill No. 2738, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARCHI-

PELAGIC SEA LANES IN THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, PRESCRIBING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT EXERCISING RIGHT OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES PASSAGE THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSOCIATED PROTECTIVE MEASURES THEREIN

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Senate Bill No. 2739, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 32 (B), CHAPTER VI OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (R.A. 8424) THEREBY INCREASING THE CEILING OF CHRISTMAS BONUS AND OTHER BENEFITS FROM TAXATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2740, entitled

AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE YEARS OLD HAVE ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY FULL-DAY, FULL-CALENDAR-YEAR PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2741, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT, HEALTH CARE AND DEATH BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL

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FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO WIN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS OR IN OTHER EQUALLY PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL GAMES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 2742, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF THE CHARTER OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Ways and Means

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 418, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRESENCE OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG SYNDICATES AND BIG-TIME CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THE COUNTRY IN THE AREAS OF ILLEGAL DRUGS PRODUCTION, TRAFFICKING AND CONSUMPTION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPLEMENTING STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT, ARREST AND CONVICTION EFFORTS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 419, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AGAINST FAKE DOCUMENTS SYNDICATES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF UPHOLDING THE INTEGRITY AND AUTHENTICITY OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY SCHOOLS/ UNIVERSITIES, PRIVATE CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 420, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; AND AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON DEVISING FEASIBLE STRATEGIES TO HELP THE SOYBEAN FARMERS IN THE PHILIPPINES TO INCREASE SOYBEAN PRODUCTION BY PROMOTING ASSISTANCE AND EASY ACCESS TO FINANCING OFFERED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 421, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED UNFAIR PRACTICES

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AND RUDE CONDUCT OF CREDIT CARD COLLECTION AGENCIES, EXCESSIVE INTERESTS IMPOSED AND THE BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY OF CARDHOLDER'S INFORMATION BY CREDIT CARD COMPANIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING AND STRENGTHENING MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CONSUMERS' WELFARE

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 422, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF BUTANDING (WHALE SHARK) BREEDING GROUNDS IN DONSOL, SORSOGON

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 423, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ABUSES MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 424, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER

SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE AND THE NEED FOR A STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF OUR LAWS TO CURB THE INCIDENTS OF ANIMAL SMUGGLING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Agriculture and Food

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 425, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE SENATE TO THE ISLAND NATION OF JAPAN IN THE WAKE OF THE DEVASTATING 11 MARCH 2011 EARTHQUAKE THAT TRIGGERED A DESTRUCTIVE TSUNAMI

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 426, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS AND PREPAREDNESS OF OUR NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES' DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT PLANS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 8.9 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 427, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN CONVEYING ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN WHO SUFFERED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE DISASTER BROUGHT BY THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Rules

COMMUNICATION

Letter from Calapan WaterWorks Corporation, dated 24 February 2011, submitting to the Senate the corporation's operational report for year 2010, in compliance with Section 10 of Republic Act No. 1985.

To the Committee on Public Services

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 428, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE VIABILITY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF ADOPTING AND UTILIZING AVAILABLE ARTIFICIAL CORAL REEFS TECHNOLOGIES IN ORDER TO RECONSTRUCT AND REBUILD OUR DESTROYED CORAL REEFS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF IMPROVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR AQUATIC AND MARINE ECOSYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 429, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONCERN OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN ON THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI THAT DEVASTATED THE COUNTRY ON MARCH 11, 2011

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committee on Rules

THIRD ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 430, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 8.9 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK NORTHERN JAPAN ON MARCH 11, 2011 WHICH RESULTED TO LOSS OF LIVES AND MASSIVE DEVASTATION IN JAPAN

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committee on Rules

CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE

Senator Sotto manifested that the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies has created the Subcommittee on the Fixed Income Securities Market with Senator Escudero as the designated chairperson.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 425

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 425, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE
PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE
SENATE TO THE ISLAND NATION
OF JAPAN IN THE WAKE OF THE
DEVASTATING 11 MARCH 2011
EARTHQUAKE THAT TRIGGERED
A DESTRUCTIVE TSUNAMI,

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 427, 429 and 430.

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

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF SENATOR DRILON**

Senator Drilon manifested that similar resolutions expressing the Senate's profound sympathy over the tragedy that devastated Japan following the earthquake and tsunami last March 11, 2011, were filed by Senators Legarda (Proposed Senate Resolution No. 427), himself (Proposed Senate Resolution No. 429) and Senator Zubiri (Proposed Senate Resolution No. 430).

He recalled that in the afternoon of March 11, at 2:46 p.m., a powerful earthquake of 8.9 magnitude hit the northeast coast of Japan, causing massive loss of lives to the Japanese people injuring countless others, and displacing tens of thousands as a result of the 30-foot walls of water that swept across the land.

He informed the Body that he personally expressed his sympathies to the Japanese ambassador and informed him that the Senate would pass a resolution expressing its deepest sympathy to the people and government of Japan.

Senator Drilon stated that there can be no better description of the catastrophe than the words of the Prime Minister of Japan, Naoto Kan, when he said, "*In the 65 years after the end of World War II, the toughest and most difficult crisis for Japan, is what we are experiencing today.*" He said that more than 15,000 have been rescued since March 11, and 1,598 were reportedly officially dead. But he believed that these figures would increase as the other information and data would come in.

Senator Drilon stressed that the country continues to remember with appreciation all the emergency relief and humanitarian assistance that the government and people of Japan extended to the Filipino people during their own times of crisis brought about by natural disasters, and in consideration thereof, he believed that it is only right and proper that the nation reciprocates.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 425**

Upon motion of Senator Drilon, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 425 was adopted by the Body, subject to style, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 427, 429 and 430.

COSPONSORS

Senator Sotto manifested that Senators Ejercito Estrada, Honasan and himself were cosponsors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 425.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

Senator Zubiri expressed his reservation to the referral of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 426 to the Committee on National Defense and Security, considering that under the Rules, the Committee's jurisdiction is focused "on matters relating to national defense and external and internal threats to national security; the Armed Forces of the Philippines; pension plans and fringe benefits of war veterans and military retirees; citizens army selective service; forts; arsenals; military camps and reservations; coast, geodetic and meteorological surveys; civil defense; and military research and development." He believed that Proposed Senate Resolution No. 426 should be referred to the Committee on Climate Change because its jurisdiction is on programs, strategies, technologies, other innovations addressing global warming, climate change impacts but not limited to climate risk management reduction associated to climate sensitive areas. Thus, he appealed for the change of referral from the Committee on National Defense and Security to the Committee on Climate Change.

Senator Sotto explained that based on tradition, when there is a question on the referral of a measure, it is referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 6:19 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:20 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMARKS OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri recalled that in his privilege speech, he asked permission from Senator Legarda, the chair of the Committee on Climate Change, to conduct a hearing at 10 a.m. on Wednesday as regards Proposed Senate Resolution No. 426, and in response, the Committee on Climate Change already sent out invitations to the resource persons.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL


Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred Proposed Senate Resolution No. 426 to the Committee on Rules.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 6:21 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES *h*
Secretary of the Senate
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Approved on March 15, 2011