

SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 690

Submitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture on  
OCT 06 2009

Re: Senate Bill No. 1152

Recommending its approval with amendment, in consolidation with S. No. 2465, taking into consideration H. No. 199

Sponsor: Senator Mar Roxas

**Mr. President:**

The Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to which were referred Senate Bill No. 1152, introduced by Sen. Pimentel Jr., entitled:

**“AN ACT  
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 3873 ENTITLED AN ACT  
CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC  
LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARIES”**

Senate Bill No. 2465, introduced by Sen. Villar, entitled:

**“AN ACT  
FURTHER CHANGING THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE  
NATIONAL LIBRARY INTO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE  
PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 1  
AND 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND  
EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE, ENTITLED AN ACT  
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and House Bill No. 199, introduced by Reps. Chatto and De Guzman, entitled:

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LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY”’**

has considered the same and has the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that S. No. 1152, in consolidation with S. No. 2465, and taking into consideration House Bill No. 199, with Senators Pimentel Jr., Villar and Roxas as authors thereof, be approved with the following amendment:

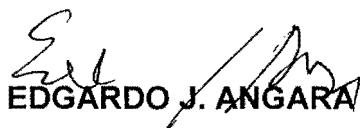
On the title of the bill, change word "libraries" in the phrase "national libraries" to "library," so that the title shall now read: "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 3873 ENTITLED AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY"

Respectfully submitted:



MAR ROXAS  
Chairperson  
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*Members*



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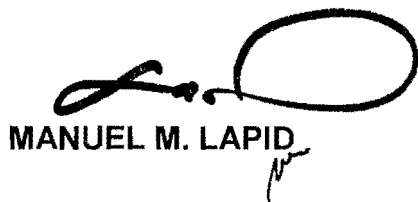
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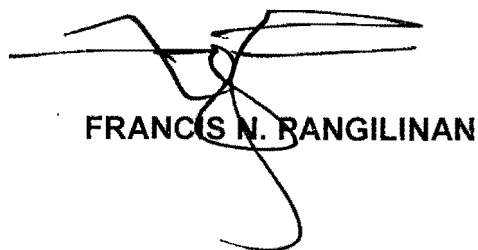
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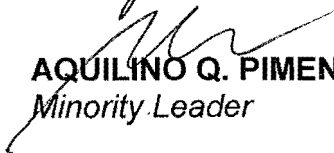


**JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
*President Pro-Tempore*



**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**  
*Majority Leader*

*may amend:*



**AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.**  
*Minority Leader*

**HON. JUAN PONCE ENRILE**  
*President*  
Senate of the Philippines

14<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS OF THE )  
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SENATE BILL No. 1152

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Introduced by Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.

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*Explanatory Note*

The National Library is a service-oriented institution being funded by the Philippine government. It has various collections ranging from reference to Filipiniana materials that include rare books, historical documents and books authored by Filipinos. The rare books collection is considered one of the national treasures of our land.

More than anything else, these books represent the rich cultural heritage of the Filipino nation. These books identify us to the rest of the world.

A close scrutiny of Republic Act 3873 entitled "An Act Changing the Name of the Bureau of Public Libraries to the National Library", however reveals that it does not identify the National Library with the Philippines.

"National Library" is no longer sufficient and even misleading, especially when it is used in international conferences and gatherings of librarians from all over the world. There must be an identifying element in its name that would make it distinctively Filipino, as compared to the National Libraries of other countries. Hence, this proposed legislation.

In view thereof, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


  
AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.

14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Republic )  
of the Philippines )  
1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session )

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SB 1152

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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 3873 ENTITLED AN ACT CHANGING  
THE NAME OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL  
LIBRARIES

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

SECTION 1. The title of Republic Act 3873 is hereby amended to read as  
follows:

AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BUREAU  
OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF  
THE PHILIPPINES

SECTION 2. Section 1 of Republic Act 3873 is hereby amended to read  
as follows:

*Section 1. The name of the Bureau of Public Libraries  
is hereby changed to that of The National Library OF  
THE PHILIPPINES.*

SECTION 3. Section 2 of Republic Act 3873 is hereby amended to read  
as follows:

SECTION 2. All references to the Bureau of Public  
Libraries in laws, executive orders, rules and regulations shall  
Henceforth be understood to refer to The National Library OF  
THE PHILIPPINES.

SECTION 4. Any law, Presidential Decree, Issuance, Executive Order,  
Letter of Instruction, Administrative Order, Rule and Regulation contrary to or  
inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or  
amended accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect ten (10) days following its complete  
publication in any national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,