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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 133

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and on Finance on MAR - 7 2012.

Re : Senate Bill No. 3146

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 382 and 2448, taking into consideration House Bill No. 4330.

Sponsors : Senators Escudero, Marcos, Drilon, Trillanes IV and Villar.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and on Finance to which were referred Senate Bill No. 382, introduced by Senator Trillanes IV, entitled:

"AN ACT
TO PROVIDE THE REVIVAL OF ARBOR DAY BY VESTING IN
PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS WITH THEIR
COMPONENT BARANGAYS THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
CELEBRATING THE DAY FOR TREE-PLANTING AS AN ANNUAL
EVENT"

and Senate Bill No. 2448, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

"AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO DECLARE A DAY
DEDICATED TO TREE PLANTING TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARBOR DAY',
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

taking into consideration House Bill No. 4330, introduced by Representatives Villafuerte, Syjuco, Yu, Sarmiento (C.), Garcia-Albano, Mercado (R.), Lopus, Garay, Dalog,

Yap (S.) San Luis, Duavit, Alvarez (M.), Mendoza (R.), Palmones, Aquino, Celeste, Aumentado, Calimbas-Villarosa and Tieng, entitled:

**“AN ACT
REVIVING THE OBSERVANCE OF ARBOR DAY BY VESTING IN
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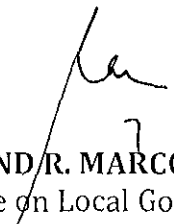
have considered the same and have the honor to report these bills back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 3146, prepared jointly by the Committees, entitled:

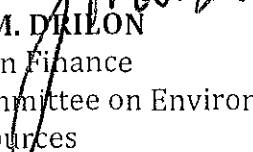
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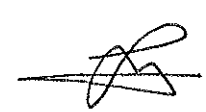
be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 382 and 2448, taking into consideration House Bill No. 4330, with Senators Trillanes IV, Villar, Escudero, Marcos, and Drilon as authors.

Respectfully submitted:

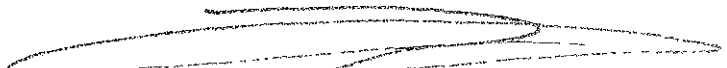
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Member, Committee on Finance

*With reservations; will
amend.*

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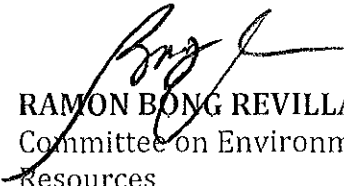
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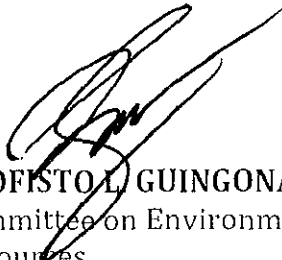
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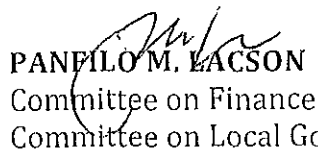
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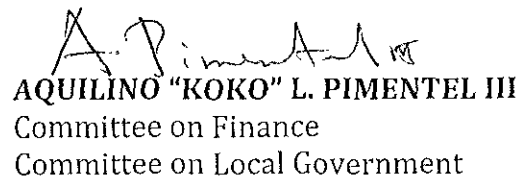
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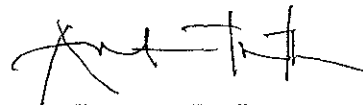
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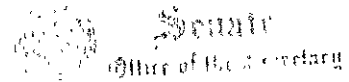
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SENATE BILL NO. 3146 *BY: Rmr*

(In substitution of SBN 382 and 2448, taking into consideration HBN 4330)

Prepared jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance with Senators Trillanes IV, Villar, Escudero, Marcos Jr. and Drilon as authors

AN ACT

REVIVING THE OBSERVANCE OF ARBOR DAY BY AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CELEBRATING THE DAY FOR TREE-PLANTING AS AN ANNUAL EVENT

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as the "Arbor Day Act of 2011".

2 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to
3 protect and advance the right of the people to a balance and healthful ecology in accord
4 with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the vital role and
5 importance of trees in ecological stability is recognized. Hence, there is a need for a
6 collaborated effort between the State and its citizenry to combat the loss of our natural
7 resources and rejuvenate our environment by undertaking a nationwide tree-planting
8 activities and providing effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability.

9 It is hereby mandated that all provinces, cities and municipalities with their
10 component barangays shall be required to revive, by appropriate proclamation of their
11 respective local chief executives, an Arbor Day at an appropriate fixed date every
12 calendar year as shall be deemed suitable according to the proper time and season for

1 planting trees in the respective provinces and their respective component
2 municipalities or cities concerned. Although adoption of uniform dates for every
3 province and its component municipalities and the cities shall be encouraged, varying
4 dates for Arbor Day celebrations may be permitted in order to afford flexibility in
5 planning and in implementing tree-planting programs to adjust to the proper time and
6 period of the year most suited to the trees selected to be planted, and as local budgetary
7 allotments shall allow.

8 **SEC. 3. *Creation of Arbor Day Committee.*** - In implementing the intents of this
9 Act, there shall be created in every province, city and municipality in the country an
10 Arbor Day Celebration Committee the composition of which shall be selected by the
11 concerned local chief executive. The members shall preferably, composed of field
12 officers of various government agencies, based in the locality, but not limited to the
13 following:

- 14 a. Local Sanggunian;
- 15 b. Local Environment and Natural Resource's Office;
- 16 c. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);
- 17 d. Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI);
- 18 e. Department of Education (DepEd);
- 19 f. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- 20 g. Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- 21 h. Department of Agriculture (DA);
- 22 i. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR);
- 23 j. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH);
- 24 k. Department of Tourism (DOT);

- 1 l. Philippine National Police (PNP);
- 2 m. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP);
- 3 n. Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA);
- 4 o. Civic Organizations;
- 5 p. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK);
- 6 q. Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB); and
- 7 r. Media Associations.

8 **SEC. 4. Proclamation of Arbor Day.** – All provinces, cities and municipalities with
9 their component barangays shall be required to declare an Arbor Day or Tree-planting
10 Day, by appropriate proclamation of their respective local chief executive through an
11 ordinance passed by the respective local *sanggunian*, at a fixed date every calendar year
12 as shall be deemed conducive to the proper time and season for planting trees in the
13 respective localities. Although adoption of uniform dates for its celebration shall be
14 encouraged, varying dates may be allowed in order to afford flexibility in the planning
15 and implementing of the programs for tree planting: *Provided*, That the Arbor Day
16 designated shall be declared as a public working holiday in order to ensure the
17 participation of the different sectors of society and such declaration may be embodied
18 in the proclamation that local chief executives are authorized to do under this Act.

19 **SEC. 5. Funding.** – The local *sanggunian* shall provide for the allocation of
20 resources pertinent to the implementation of this Act at their respective local
21 government level.

22 **SEC. 6. Information and Monitoring.** – For information and monitoring purposes,
23 all local government units shall submit to the Department of the Interior and Local

1 Government (DILG), the actual date of the Arbor Day Celebration in their respective
2 locality.

3 **SEC. 7. *Supply and Distribution of Seedlings.*** – The Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI),
4 in coordination with the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), shall supply and distribute
5 the seedlings to the local government units for the Tree Planting Program.

6 **SEC. 8. *Planting of Trees.*** – All able-bodied citizens of the Philippines, who are at
7 least 12 years of age, shall be required to plant one tree every year.

8 **SEC. 9. *Areas Covered by Tree Planting.*** – The local Arbor Day Celebrations
9 Committee shall specify the area within the local government unit (LGU) to be planted
10 or reforested. If the area to be planted or reforested is a protected area or a protection
11 forest, the Committee shall encourage the use of endemic or indigenous species during
12 the observance of the Arbor Day designated by the LGU.

13 The tree planting activities shall be done in any of the following areas:

- 14 a. Public school grounds, gardens or other available areas within the school
15 premises;
- 16 b. Idle or vacant public lands;
- 17 c. Public parks in urban and rural areas; and
- 18 d. Private schools, parks and lands with the consent of the owner thereof.

19 **SEC. 10. *Maintenance of Trees.*** – The barangay officials and deputized
20 nongovernmental organizations shall be responsible for the maintenance of such trees.

21 **SEC. 11. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of Interior and
22 Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the local government units and the
23 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shall promulgate the rules
24 and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this Act.

1 **SEC. 12. Separability Clause.** - If any provision of this Act or any part thereof be
2 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall
3 continue in full force and effect.

4 **SEC. 13. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, presidential decrees, proclamations,
5 executive orders, or regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions
6 and/or purposes of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7 **SEC. 14. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its
8 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
9 circulation.

Approved,