FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Third Regular Session

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 779

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization *and* Finance on <u>JAN 1 8 2010</u>.

Re: S.B. No. <u>3567</u>

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2099, 2100, 2112, 2113, 2115, 3082 and taking into consideration House Bill No. 5444.

Sponsor: Senator Panfilo M. Lacson

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization and Finance, to which were referred S. B. No. 2099 introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson, *entitled:*

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AND THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

S. B. No. 2100, introduced by Senator Francis G. Escudero and Senator Richard J. Gordon, *entitled*:

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSES OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AND THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

S. B. No. 2112, introduced by Senator Miguel F. Zubiri, entitled:

AN ACT

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S. B. No. 2113, introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid, entitled:

AN ACT

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S. B. No. 2115, introduced by Senator Manny Villar, entitled:

AN ACT

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S. B. No. 3082, introduced by Senator Antonio F. Trillanes, entitled:

AN ACT

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and taking into consideration House Bill No. 5444, introduced by Representatives Mitra, Alvarez (A.), Escudero, Lagman and Codilla, per Committee Report No. 1498, *entitled:*

AN ACT

GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS AND THE OMBUDSMAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 3557, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AND THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES "

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2099, 2100, 2112, 2113, 2115, 3082 and taking into consideration House Bill No. 5444, with Senators Lacson, Escudero, Gordon, Zubiri, Lapid, Villar and Trillanes IV as authors thereof.

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

SECTION 1. In case of death of a retired Chairman or Commissioner of the Commission on Audit, the Commission on Elections, the Civil Service Commission, and the Ombudsman, the surviving legitimate spouse of said deceased retiree shall be entitled to receive on a monthly basis all the retirement benefits that the said deceased retiree was receiving at the time of his/her demise under the provisions of applicable retirement laws then in force. The said surviving legitimate spouse shall continue to receive such retirement benefits during his/her lifetime or until he/she remarries.

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8 SEC. 2. Funds for the initial implementation of this Act shall be taken out of the 9 current appropriations for the retirement benefits of the Chairman and the Commissioners 10 of the Constitutional Commissions as well as the Ombudsman and/or savings of said 11 Constitutional Commissions and the Ombudsman. Thereafter, such sums as may be 12 necessary for the continued implementation hereof shall be included in the annual 13 General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect after thirty (30) days following the completion
of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,