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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 847

Submitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture on FEB 03 2010

Re: Senate Bill No. 136

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Mar Roxas

Mr. President:

The Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to which was referred Senate Bill No. 136, introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan, entitled:

"AN ACT  
DECLARING CHINESE NEW YEAR OF EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING  
HOLIDAY AS A SIGN OF GOODWIL AND AMITY BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES  
AND CHINA"

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. On Page 1, delete Lines 1-4, and replace it with:

SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – In recognition of the immeasurable contribution of the Chinese-Filipino community in Philippine society and their rich cultural traditions, the Chinese New Year of each year is hereby declared as a special working Holiday throughout the entire Philippines.

2. On Page 1, on its title, delete the phrase, "AS A SIGN OF GOODWIL AND AMITY BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA" and replace it with: "IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CHINESE-FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES", so that the title shall now read:

"AN ACT  
DECLARING CHINESE NEW YEAR OF EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL  
WORKING HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE  
CHINESE-FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND  
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES"

Respectfully submitted



MAR ROXAS

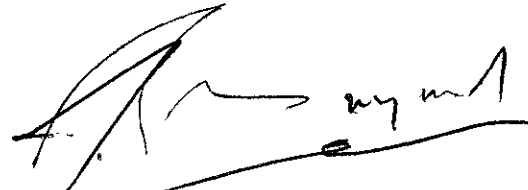
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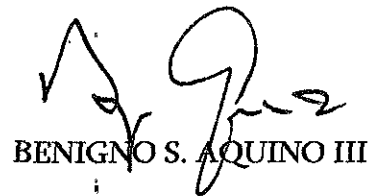


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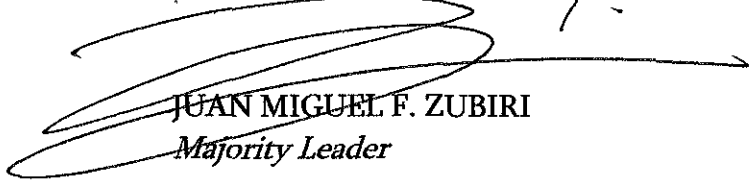
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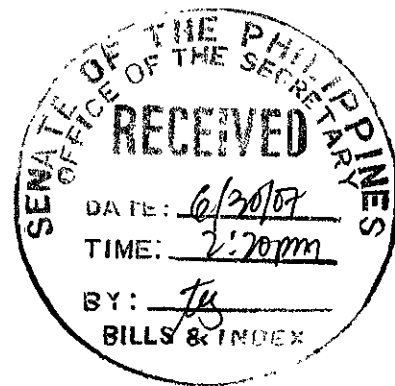
*Good idea. but will  
it ~~cost~~ <sup>cause</sup> business to incur  
additional expenses?*  
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First Regular Session

SENATE

SENATE BILL No. 136



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Introduced by SENATOR FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN

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**AN ACT  
DECLARING CHINESE NEW YEAR OF EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL  
WORKING HOLIDAY AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL AND AMITY  
BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA**

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

1           SECTION 1. In recognition of the immeasurable contribution of the Filipino  
2 Chinese community in our country and in order to further strengthen the Filipino-  
3 Chinese amity, the Chinese New Year of each year is hereby declared as a special  
4 working Holiday throughout the entire Philippines.

5           SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days after its publication  
6 in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

7           Approved,