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Committee Report No. 2

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media, Civil Service and Government Reorganization, and Finance on \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Senate Bill No. 1733 (Prepared by the Committees)

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 18, 36, 44, 64, 74, 90, 217, 514, 1219 and Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102 and the Citizen's Petition for Indirect Initiative on FOI

Sponsors: Senators Grace Poe, Antonio F. Trillanes IV, Francis Escudero, and Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano.

Mr. President:

The Committees on Public Information and Mass Media, Civil Service and Government Reorganization, and Finance, to which were primarily and secondarily referred:

Senate Bill No. 18, introduced by Senators Francis F. Escudero, entitled:

"AN ACT  
IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Senate Bill No. 36, introduced by Sen. Antonio F. Trillanes IV, entitled:

"AN ACT  
IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Senate Bill No. 44, introduced by Senator Sergio Osmeña III, entitled:

“AN ACT  
GIVING MEANING TO THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS  
OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

**Senate Bill No. 64**, introduced by **Senator Gregorio B. Honasan II**, entitled:

“AN ACT  
FORTIFYING THE PEOPLE’S RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP OVER INFORMATION HELD BY  
THE PEOPLE’S GOVERNMENT”

**Senate Bill No. 74**, introduced by **Senator TG Guingona III**, entitled:

“AN ACT  
TO STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE’S RIGHT TO INFORMATION”

**Senate Bill No. 90**, introduced by **Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano**, entitled

“AN ACT  
IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF  
PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF  
THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION  
TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

**Senate Bill No. 217**, introduced by **Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito**, entitled:

“AN ACT  
TO STRENGTHEN THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE  
GOVERNMENT”

**Senate Bill No. 514**, introduced by **Senator Loren B. Legarda**, entitled:

“AN ACT  
IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF  
PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF  
THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE  
OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION  
TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

**Senate Bill No. 1219**, introduced by **Senator Sonny Angara**, entitled:

“AN ACT  
TO STRENGTHEN THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE  
GOVERNMENT”

and

PS Resolution Number 102, introduced by Senator Grace Poe, entitled:

“RESOLUTION  
URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY A FULL DELIBERATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ITS EFFECTS TO THE CITIZENS, EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AS A CRUCIAL FRAMEWORK TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS FOR THE COUNTRY AND FOR MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TWIN PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE BUREAUCRACY”

**A Petition for Indirect Initiative was filed in the Senate on the Enactment of the Freedom of Information Act by civil society, various non-governmental organizations and peoples' organization**

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, S.B. No. 1733, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

“AN ACT  
IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLE’S RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND HONESTY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 18, 36, 44, 64, 74, 90, 217, 514, 1219, and P.S. Res. No. 102, with Senators Escudero, Trillanes IV, Osmeña III, Honasan II, Guingona III, A.P. Cayetano, Ejercito, Legarda, Angara and Poe, as authors thereof.

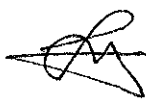
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:





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Chairman, Committee on Finance  
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*for more precise language of 2nd  
para. of 5.8*  
  
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*w/ reservation on the language of Sec. 7 (d)*  
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*- with amendments and to interpellate?*  
**VICENTE C. SOTTO III**

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*will interpellate/ amend*  
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Member, Committee on Finance

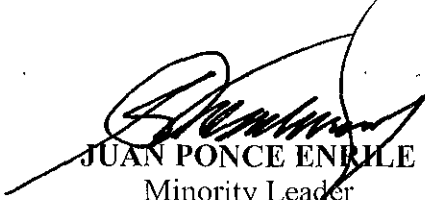
  
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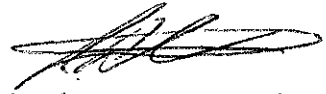
  
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Minority Leader



*with Separate Explanation*  
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