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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:12 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan led the prayer, to wit:

*Ama namin, sa panahon ng kadiliman
at di pagkakaunawaan,*

*Ibalik po Ninyo ang tanglaw ng Inyong
liwanag sa aming puso at landas.*

*Sa pamamagitan ng Inyong buhay na
halimbawa, ito po ang Inyong unang
itinuro sa amin: na ang pagmamahal
sa kapwa ay patunay ng pagmamahal
sa Inyo. Ang pagpapatawad ay
nagdudulot ng pagkakaisa at
kapayapaan. At ang makataong
pagpapatupad ng batas ay ugat ng
tunay na hustisya.*

*Ipinagkait sa Inyong Anak na
si Hesus ang katarungan dahil sa
maling paratang at nagbuwis Siya ng
buhay upang kami ay mailigtas sa
lahat ng aming kasalanan, at
pinahintulutan Ninyo Siyang mamatay*

*pagkaraan ng matinding paghihirap
upang kaming lahat at makapiling
Ninyo sa buhay na walang hanggan.*

Siya nawa.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The *Coro Cantabile* led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song, entitled "*Pasuguin*."

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Oscar G. Yabes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Honasan, G. B.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Osmeña III, S. R.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Poe, G.
Drilon, F. M.	Recto, R. G.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Enrile, J. P.	Sotto III, V. C.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Villar, C. A.
Estrada, J.	

With 17 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

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Senator Trillanes arrived after the roll call.

Senator Cayetano (P), who was on official mission, arrived after the roll call.

Senators Guingona and Pimentel were on official mission.

Senators Legarda and Marcos were on official mission abroad.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on indefinite qualified medical leave as indicated in her letter dated May 14, 2014.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 80 (June 4, 2014) and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- His Excellency Clifford Borg-Marks, the non-resident Ambassador to Manila, Embassy of Malta; and Etienne Micallet, First Secretary of the Embassy of Malta;
- Members of the Kenyan Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Foreign Relations with Senator Mohamed Yusuf Haji of Garissa County as head of delegation, Senator Godfrey Gitahi Kariuki of Laikipia County, Senator Moses Masika Wetang'ula of Bungoma County, Senator James Orengo of Siaya County and Senator Elizabeth Ongoro Amollo Masha of Nairobi County;
- National Basketball Association player Andray Blatche, who will be conferred Filipino citizenship to support the Philippine basketball team in the FIBA World Championships in Spain in August.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session was suspended.

It was 3:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:22 p.m., the session was resumed.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 27 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 27, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on June 4, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Secretary Yabes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT TO EFFECTIVELY INSTILL HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH PICTURE-BASED HEALTH WARNINGS ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Secretary Yabes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Angara	Honasan
Aquino	Lapid
Binay	Osmeña
Cayetano (A)	Poe
Drilon	Recto
Ejercito	Revilla
Enrile	Sotto
Escudero	Trillanes
Estrada	Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

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With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 27 approved on Third Reading.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto manifested his affirmative vote on Senate Bill No. 27 but reminded the Body of the agreement made during the approval on Second Reading of the bill.

Senate President Drilon assured that the Senate panel to the bicameral conference committee would be so reminded.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 2211 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 2211, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on June 4, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Secretary Yabes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT STRENGTHENING CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE PURCHASE OF BRAND NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Secretary Yabes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Angara	Honasan
Aquino	Lapid
Binay	Osmeña
Cayetano (A)	Poe
Drilon	Recto
Ejercito	Revilla
Enrile	Sotto
Escudero	Trillanes
Estrada	Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 2211 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 2159 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 2159, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on June 5, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Secretary Yabes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7721, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE ENTRY AND SCOPE OF OPERATIONS OF FOREIGN BANKS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Secretary Yabes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Angara	Honasan
Aquino	Lapid
Binay	Osmeña
Cayetano (A)	Poe
Drilon	Recto
Ejercito	Revilla
Enrile	Sotto
Escudero	Trillanes
Estrada	Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 2159 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 2273 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 2273, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on June 5, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Secretary Yabes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN OF THE GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002.

Secretary Yabes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Angara	Honasan
Aquino	Lapid
Binay	Osmeña
Cayetano (A)	Poe
Drilon	Recto
Ejercito	Revilla
Enrile	Sotto
Escudero	Trillanes
Estrada	Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 2273 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Joint Resolution No. 12, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on June 4, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Secretary Yabes read only the title of the resolution, to wit:

JOINT RESOLUTION DECLARING 27 JULY 2014 AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO.

Secretary Yabes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Angara	Honasan
Aquino	Lapid
Binay	Osmeña
Cayetano (A)	Poe
Drilon	Recto
Ejercito	Revilla
Enrile	Sotto
Escudero	Trillanes
Estrada	Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Joint Resolution No. 12 approved on Third Reading.

COSPONSORS

As manifested by Senator Cayetano (A), all senators present were made cosponsors of House Joint Resolution No. 12.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1281 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1218, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on June 5, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Secretary Yabes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS "JESSE ROBREDO" DAY, A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Secretary Yabes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Angara	Honasan
Aquino	Lapid
Binay	Osmeña
Cayetano (A)	Poe
Drilon	Recto
Ejercito	Revilla
Enrile	Sotto
Escudero	Trillanes
Estrada	Villar

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1281 approved on Third Reading.

SENATE CONFEREES

Upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair designated the following as members of the Senate panel in the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 2159 and House Bill No. 3984: Senators Osmeña, Aquino, Trillanes and Enrile.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests of Senator Revilla: Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla, Congressman Martin Romualdez, Congressman Jonathan Dela Cruz, Vice Governor Jolo Revilla, Mayor Strike Revilla, Cavite mayors and officials, members of various organizations in Cavite, and other family members, friends and supporters.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR REVILLA

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Revilla delivered the following speech:

SALAMAT, KAIBIGAN*Introduction*

Muli po akong tumatayo sa harapan ng ating mga kababayan upang minsan pa — at posibleng sa huling pagkakataon — ay mailahad ko ang aking damdamin at hindi para humudyat ng pagkakawatak-watak, bagkus, ay magpaubaya at magbukas ng bagong kaba-nata sa ating kasaysayan.

Nasabi ko na nga po dati, malinis po ang aking konsensiya. Ngayon na naisampa na ang kaso laban sa amin, hayaan n'yo na pong harapin namin ito sa husgado. Ipaubaya na po natin ito sa korte at doon ko na po ipagtagangol ang aking sarili.

Ang atensyon na itinuong sa amin, ituon na natin sa mas mahahalagang bagay na magbi-bigay kaginhawahan sa ating mga kababayan.

Kalagayan ng Bansa

Napakarami pong hinaharap na problema ng ating bayan na mas nangangailangan ng tama at mabilisang solusyon. Isipin na muna

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natin ang bayan, ang ating mga mamamayan — ang kanilang mga pangunahing mga pangangailangan. Tama na ang batuhan. Tama na ang siraan.

Kung mamarapatin, may panawagan po ako sa ating mahal na Pangulong Aquino. Alam ko pong marami tayong 'di pagkakaunawaan sa usaping pulitikal, ngunit iisa lang ang hangarin natin para sa bayan.

President Aquino, nakasalalay po sa iyo ang kinabukasan ng bansa sa loob ng natitira mo pang dalawang taon bilang pangulo. Sana ay gamitin mo ang iyong kapangyarihan para masolusyonan ang mga suliranin ng ating mga kababayan.

- Una na nga rito ay ang pagbibigay ng hanapbuhay sa marami nating mga kababayan nang sila ay mapakapaghatid ng pagkain sa kanilang hapag-kainan;
- Pabilisin pa sana ang pagkilos sa ikaaayos ng kalagayan ng mga biktima ng bagyong Yolanda na hanggang ngayon ay sabik pa rin sa ating kalinga;
- Pag-ibayuhin pa sana ang paglaban ng mga pulis sa kriminalidad;
- Isaayos na agad ang kalagayan ng Ninoy Aquino International Airport para maging maayos ang serbisyo at maibangon ang imahe ng turismo sa bansa;
- Pakinggan at bigyang-tugon ang mga hinaing ng mga maysakit sa mga pampublikong ospital, lalo na ang mga patuloy na nangangailangan ng mga gamot at medikasyon;
- Para hindi na lumala ang ekonomiya, lapatan na ng agaran at pangmatagalang lunas ang napipintong krisis sa kuryente at enerhiya na damang-dama na ngayon sa Mindanao at malapit nang kumalat sa buong bansa;
- Pangalagaan sana ang pangunahing mga pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan tulad ng edukasyon, mga serbisyong panlipunan, at lalo na ang pagkain;
- Siguruhin na natin na may sapat na kakainin ang bawat Pilipino.

Ilan lamang ito sa napakaraming kailangang gawin at bigyang atensyon.

Ginoong Pangulo, lead this country not with hatred but with love. Lead the country towards unity and not partisanship. Push our nation's interests and not political agenda. Bibihira ang nabibigyan ng pagkakataon na

maging pangulo. At mapalad ka, mapalad ka, Pangulong Aquino.

Panguluhan mo ang bansa sa kaunlaran at progreso para huwag masayang ang anim na taon na ipinagkatiwala sa iyo ng bayan. Napakasaklap na mahusgahan ka ng kasaysayan bilang isang "tinimbang ngunit nagkulang." You still have two remaining years. Hindi tama at hindi maganda na maaalala ka at ang iyong administrasyon sa pagpapakulong lamang ng mga hindi mo kaalyado. Jailing your oppositors should not be the only achievement and legacy you will be leaving behind.

Sana po ay lubos na tayong magkaisa at magtulungan. Magsikap tayong sama-sama na maging disente ang buhay ng bawat Pilipino na hanggang ngayon ay puro kahig, walang tuka. Hindi ako nagdududa na kaya ng bansang umahon sa pagtutulungan ng mga pinuno. Maraming magagaling sa Kongreso, sa burukrasya, sa pribadong sektor. Ang kailangan lang ay magkaisa. The remaining two years is still enough. Kaya mo pa yan, Ginoong Pangulo. Kaya natin ito.

Mayroon na tayong pagkakataon ngayon, na mula sa pagkagiba ay bumangon bilang mas matibay na bansa.

Ang hamon ngayon ay palakasin muli ang tiwala ng tao. Magagawa lamang ito kung ang mga pinuno ay magbi-bigay ng malinaw na halimbawa. Ang hamon ngayon ay bumaba tayo sa tao, alamin ang kanilang mga tunay na pangangailangan, at magkaisang pakinggan at tugunan ang mga hinaing ng bayan.

Tama na po ang awayan, tigilan na ang pulitikang paghihiwalay. Tama na ang pambe-bengga. Ang magkakaibang kulay ng ating bandila ay dapat sumagisag ng pagkakaisa at hindi pagkakaiba-iba. Adhikain ko po na sana mula ngayon, wala ng dilaw, wala ng orange, wala ng berde, wala ng asul, wala ng pula. Iisa lang ang dugong nananalaytay sa ating mga ugat, at yan ay dugong Pilipino. Isang dugo, isang diwa — gamitin natin ito para tayo lubusang magkaisa, umunlad at lumigaya para sa bansa.

Ang Dami ng Nasisira

Masyado nang nadungisan ang mga institusyon na tanging kumakatawan at sandigan ng taumbayan.

Sana lang po ang pagwasak sa reputasyon ng Senado at Kongreso ay walang kinalaman sa isang grand design para mawala ang tiwala ng publiko sa institusyong ito tungo sa pag-

abolish ng mga ito sa pamamagitan ng pagbago sa Konstitusyon, o Cha-cha.

Napakarami na pong mga tao ang nababanggit sa usaping PDAF. Napakarami na pong nasasaktan. Napakarami nang nasira ang buong pagkatao dahil sa pagbatong putik na parang alkitran na kumakapit sa balat at tumatagos na hanggang kaluluwa. 'Pag nabanggit ka, tapos ka. Hanggang sa kaapopuhan mo, wasak na. Buhay ka pa, ibinurol ka na para panoorin ng buong mundo, at ililibing ka pa.

Kaya naman nananawagan ako sa media. I appeal to our journalists' commitment to responsibility and their sensitivities.

Napakahirap pong bumuo ng pangalan, pero sa isang iglap ay durog na ito. Paano po kung pagkatapos ng lahat ng ito ay mapatunayang walang sala at inosente ang isang taong nawasak na? Paano po? May pag-asa pa kayang malinis at maibangon niya ang kanyang pangalan at dignidad?

Pasasalamat

Regardless, handa akong mapiit at magsakripisyo dahil alam kong sa tamang panahon ay lalabas at mangingibaw pa rin ang katotohanan.

Naniniwala pa rin ako na ang Korte ay hindi papayag na mangibabaw ang kawalan ng katarungan. Nariyan kayo, aking mga kababayan, na sisiguruhing hindi mananaig ang kasinungalingan.

Nandito pa rin ako, sa kabila ng lahat, para ipagpatuloy ang pakikibaka at kasama ng mga minamahal kong mga kababayan sa lahat ng pagkakataon, sa labas man o loob ng piitan.

Before I end, I also have a list. Mas matindi ito sa lahat ng iba pang listahan. Para sa ikabubuti ng bansa, hayaan ninyong ibahagi ko ito sa inyo. Wala akong itatago.

First on my list is God.

Unang-una at higit sa lahat, nagpasalamat ako sa Diyos na alam kong hindi Niya ako bibigyan ng pagsubok na hindi ko mala-lampasan. Lord, salamat po sa pagkakataon na higit ko Kayong nakilala.

Thank you for walking with me during these times of trial. Tulad ng lagi, alam ko pong hindi Ninyo ako pababayaang. Alam ko pong hindi Ninyo pababayaang ang bayan.

Pangalawa sa aking listahan ay ang aking ama at pamilya na patuloy na nagbibigay sa

akin ng lakas at tibay. Daddy, alam ko pong nanonood kayo. I love you, babangon tayo.

To my wife and kids, we shall overcome! Be strong. Ipagpatuloy ninyo at higit pang pag-ibayuhin ang pagtulong sa kapwa. Mama, salamat sa pagmamahal. Mga anak, salamat.

Pangatlo, my colleagues:

1. Senate President Drilon – I pray that you, as the leader of this Chamber, will be successful in rebuilding this institution. *Ipaglaban mo ang institusyong ito;*
2. Senator Recto – A true gentleman; your economic foresight and expertise continue to benefit the country. *Saludo ako sa iyo, Pare;*
3. Senator Alan Peter – I wish you good luck in all your endeavors;
4. Senator Sotto — *Hindi lamang kita Tito, kuya pa. Marami akong naipasang batas noong Majority Leader ka. It is an honor working with you. Salamat sa suporta;*
5. Senator Honasan – I look up to you. Your humility is worth emulating. Your patriotism is beyond question. I salute you;
6. Senator Miriam – I am praying for your health. Get well soon, Ma'am, the Senate needs your expertise;
7. Senator Lapid — *kaibigang Lito, ikaw ang Leon Guerrero ng masang Pilipino. Bida ka talaga ng masa;*
8. Senator TG Guingona — *kaibigan pa rin kita no matter what. Lead the Blue Ribbon Committee in fulfilling its true mandate;*
9. Senator Sonny Angara – I look up to your father. Continue his legacy;
10. Senator Grace Poe – *Salamat. Nakikita ko sa iyo ang puso ng iyong ama, ang tunay na Panday. Ipagpatuloy mo ang mga hangarin niya para sa bayang Pilipino;*
11. Senator Jinggoy Estrada — *Kosa, hanggang dito ba naman magkasama tayo? Pinagtatawanan tayo siguro ni Daboy ngayon sa langit. Pero huwag kang mag-alala, sasamahan naman tayo ni Kuya Ipe sa kulungan. But kidding aside, hindi ito ang katapusan natin. God is just preparing us for something better;*
12. Senator Loren – Seatmate, I will miss your enthusiasm in serving our *kababayans;*
13. Senator Trillanes – I will always admire your tenacity in fighting for the Filipino people;

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14. Senator JV — *Sa maikling panahon ng pagkakasama natin, nakita ko ang puso mo na tulad ng iyong ama. Isa lang ang hiling ko, magbati na kayong magkapatid. Pare, sige na.*
15. Senator Bam — Keep it up. You are on the right track;
16. Senator Koko — I will always treasure the advice and guidance of your father when we worked together. I see him in you;
17. Senator Serge — Brilliant. A good person and a good friend;
18. Senator Pia — Continue to be an inspiration to women;
19. Senator Villar — *Isa kayong inspirasyon ng sipag at tiyaga. Mabuhay ka, Ninang;*
20. Senator Chiz — Please be careful with your Heart. Kidding aside, your passion is without equal;
21. Senator Nancy — Your father can truly be proud of you;
22. Senator Bongbong — *Pare, nakita ko sa iyo ang sipag mo, ang galing mo, at ang talino mo. May aabangan pa ang bansa sa iyo;*
23. Senator Enrile — *Manong, I can only wish I live a full life like yours. One of the greatest leaders of this country. Your brilliance, your experience brought a culture of excellence not only to this institution but to every institution you have led. You are undoubtedly the ultimate statesman.*

To Congress, *ibangon natin ang nayurakan na institusyon. Pagsikapan at pagtulungan natin na hindi na muling mangyari ang ganitong yugto sa ating kasaysayan.*

Salamat po sa aking mga kasamahan at sa lahat ng mga empleyado na ako ay nagkaroon ng pagkakataong makatrabaho at makahalubilo.

I thank this august Chamber for being witness to my pure and genuine intentions to serve our people and give back to their kindness for the past 10 years.

Nagpapasalamat po ako sa pagkakataon at karangalan na maging isang taas-noong lingkod-bayan na kahanay ninyo.

Salamat sa aking kaibigan, my party president, Congressman Martin Romualdez. Martin, hindi mo ako iniwan. Naramdaman ko sa iyo kung ano ang isang tunay na kaibigan.

*Salamat sa aking mga kapartido sa Lakas-CMD lalo na kay dating Pangulong Fidel Ramos, who mentored me and continues to share with me his kindness and wisdom; former president and Congressman Gloria-Macapagal-Arroyo — you have always been in my prayers and I will always continue praying for you; *kaya mo iyan, Ma'am; Vice President Jojo Binay — you are a true man of vision, your track record speaks for itself; former president and Mayor Erap Estrada — may our present and future leaders emulate your sense of forgiveness, tunay po kayong ama ng masang Pilipino.**

Nagpapasalamat din po ako sa industriyang aking kinalakhan at humubog sa akin.

Salamat sa aking mga tagahanga na sumuporta at tumangkilik sa akin bilang artista sa pelikula at telebisyon, gayundin sa lahat ng aking mga nakasama at nakatrabaho.

Siyempre, hindi puwedeng mawala sa aking listahan ang mga mamamayang Pilipino.

Maraming salamat po sa halos 20 milyong bumoto sa akin na hindi tumigil magtiwala, sumuporta at magmahal sa akin. Maraming salamat sa inyong lahat! Hindi po ako mag-sasawa na sabihin at kilalanin na kayo ang dahilan kung bakit mayroong isang Bong Revilla. Kayo ang dahilan kung bakit patuloy akong lumalaban at lalaban. Kayo ang nagpapatibay sa aking kalooban at nagbibigay lakas at inspirasyon sa patuloy kong pakikibaka para sa katotohanan.

Kung ang pagkakakulong ko ang siyang magiging susi sa pinto ng hustisya ay malugod ko itong tatanggapin. Nakapiring po ang katarungan, at magkakaroon din ng tunay na hustisya. Kung hindi man ngayon, sa naaayong panahon.

Makulong man ako, hindi nila makukulong ang aking pangarap at pagmamahal sa bayan.

Huwag po kayong mag-alala. Hindi po ako mawawala, hindi po kami mawawala ni Senador Enrile at ni Jinggoy.

Tandaan po ninyo, kahit dumating man ang takip-silim, hindi mapipigilan ang buhang liwayway. Sisikat muli ang araw at magbibigay liwanag muli sa kadiliman.

May kahilingan po sana ako sa inyo. Sa ating pansamantalang paghihiwalay, mayroon akong isang orihinal na awit na sana ay maibigan po ninyo. Para sa inyo ito, kaibigan.

At this juncture, a music video featuring an original song sung by Senator Revilla was played.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the session was suspended.

It was 4:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:13 p.m., the session was resumed.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Revilla to the Committee on Rules and instructed the Secretariat to send a copy thereof, including the music video of the original song of Senator Revilla to the Office of the President.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR SOTTO

In reply to the query of Senator Sotto, Senator Cayetano (A) affirmed that the Senate would be sending a copy of Senator Revilla's privilege speech, including the music video of his original song, to Malacañang.

SENATE CONFEREES

Upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the following senators were designated to constitute the Senate panels in the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions on Senate Bill No. 2046 and House Bill No. 4595 (*Go Negosyo* Act of 2013), and on Senate Bill No. 2211 and House Bill No. 4084 (Lemon Law): Senators Aquino, Angara and Ejercito.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Letter from the Secretary General of the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 2 June 2014, the House of Representatives passed the following House bills, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

House Bill No. 4382, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

House Bill No. 1264, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTI-PURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARMS AND HATCHERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION/MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS, SHRIMPS AND LOBSTERS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

House Bill No. 1948, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERY FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAYAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

House Bill No. 4418, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING PAMINITAN CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

House Bill No. 4419, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK (SINP), SITUATED IN THE PROVINCES OF SAMAR, NORTHERN SAMAR AND EASTERN SAMAR AS A PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE, AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

House Bill No. 4426, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AS AGRICULTURAL LAND CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN EMBRACED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 585 SITUATED IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE IN THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AND DECLARING THE SAME OPEN TO DISPOSITION

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 4430, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING FISH PROCESSING PLANTS IN ALL SUITABLE AREAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUTAYAN, PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

House Bill No. 4431, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG IN THE PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

To the Committees on Public Works; and Finance

House Bill No. 4432, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING RESEARCH

STATIONS FOR FISH BREEDING AND/OR HATCHERIES FOR GROUPER, PRAWN, LOBSTER, CRAB AND OTHER HIGH-VALUE MARINE SPECIES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DAPA, DEL CARMEN, SOCORRO AND PILAR IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

and House Bill No. 648, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-PURPOSE FISH BREEDING STATION AND CRAB, PRAWN, SHRIMP, AND LOBSTER HATCHERY IN BARANGAY CENTRO, MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 692, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING NONITO DONAIRE JR. FOR HIS VICTORY AGAINST SIMPIWE "V12" VETYEKA THEREBY GARNERING THE WBA WORLD FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 693, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MEGGIE OCHOA FOR HER INSPIRATIONAL GOLD-MEDAL VICTORY IN THE 2014 INTERNATIONAL BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU FEDERATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND HER STEADFAST EFFORTS IN ACHIEVING THIS DREAM

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 694, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF THE PUBLIC SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND, IN THE PROCESS, MAKE AN INVENTORY THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 695, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS' RULES OF PROCEDURE IN HANDLING INMATES THAT ARE GRANTED TEMPORARY FREEDOM FROM PRISON FOR EMERGENCY AND OTHER REASONS

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 696, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW EXISTING LAWS AND CONSIDER REPEALING DUPLICATE, IRRELEVANT AND UNNECESSARY REGULATIONS IN A BID TO STREAMLINE PROCEDURES, EASE THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS AND SUSTAIN ECONOMIC GROWTH

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 697, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN OMNIBUS STUDY AND EVENTUAL UPDATING, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE PRESENT FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ACT (RA 7042, AS AMENDED) CONSIDERING THE CONTINUING EMERGING GLOBAL TRENDS IN DEVELOPMENT WITH THE INTENTION OF MAKING THE PHILIPPINES A COMPETITIVE HAVEN FOR INVESTMENTS AND PLACE OF OPERATION FOR MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR VILLAR

Senator Villar stated that if some senators felt offended by the inclusion of their names in the Napoles list, she and her husband, former Senator Manny Villar, have all the more reason to be hurt because they never knew Mrs. Napoles, and that their office has never had any transaction with her or with her NGOs using their PDAF.

Senator Villar surmised that her name might have been included in the list because of the computers given to their constituents by the Department of Transportation and Communications more than 10 years ago when they were still members of the Minority bloc at the House of Representatives. She said that aside from the DOTC, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Science and Technology also donated computers to LGUs in line with their respective computer literacy programs. She stressed that the project was not PDAF-related and that her office did not exert any influence over the departments as to where the computers would be coming from, where they would be bought, and how much they would cost. Moreover, she said that

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their offices did not receive the computers as these were delivered by the departments or by their representatives directly to the public schools and barangays.

Senator Villar stated that she wants the people to be informed so that they would understand the transaction and the process involved. She reiterated that the project was not PDAF-related as it was the respective budgets of the departments that were used for the benefit of the public schools and barangays. She said that she wanted people to know that majority of the members of Congress are still serving with all honesty and integrity in the spirit of public service.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Aldeza Ianna Soriano dela Torre who was acclaimed 2013 Junior Grand Champion Performer of the World and 2013 Junior Grand Champion Vocalist of the World, and has been elevated to the World Championship of Performing Arts (WCOPA), Hall of Fame, during the 17th WCOPA held in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California on July 12, 2013.

Senate President Drilon welcomed Ms. Dela Torre to the Senate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session was suspended.

It was 4:24 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:24 p.m., the session was resumed.

SENATE CONFEREES

Upon nomination by Senator (Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair designated the following senators to constitute the Senate panel in the bicameral conference committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 27 and House Bill No. 3881 (Picture-Based Health Warning Act): Senators Cayetano (P), Villar and Sotto.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session was suspended.

It was 4:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:28 p.m., the session was resumed.

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 38 on Senate Bill No. 29 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 38 ON SENATE BILL NO. 29

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 29 (Committee Report No. 38), entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCRIMINATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL ON THE BASIS MERELY OF AGE.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), only the title of the bill was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Estrada for the sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR ESTRADA

Senator Estrada submitted for the Body's consideration Committee Report No. 38 on Senate Bill No. 29 which he considers as another landmark and historic legislation in response to one of the most critical and controversial issues besetting the labor sector which is the discrimination against an individual due to age.

The full text of Senator Estrada's sponsorship speech follows:

The 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all. It means that a jobseeker must be afforded with the opportunity to obtain an employment regardless of age, gender, creed, political inclination or status in life.

I believe that every qualified individual needing a job must be given the chance to get employed based on his/her experience, qualification, competencies and potentials. With the increasing labor force, competition is high and inevitable but impartial treatment among the jobseekers possessing competencies that best fit the market demands must be observed.

Presently, age discrimination claims in the workplace tend to rise, as young job applicants are preferred by employers than the older applicants. A quick assessment of classified ads on newspapers and different job boards shows preference usually to "20 to 28 years old" for entry-level positions and "up to 44 years old" for managerial levels.

But both young and older workers are part of the trend of discrimination by reason of age. The jobs of older workers are vulnerable because, with their longer tenure and greater experience, they cost employers more in a tight economy. Also, stereotypes about loss of speed and acuity might make employers question the employees' productivity. Meanwhile, your workers are denied employment due to perceived lack of loyalty, instability and experience.

In support of the international communities' appeal for the elimination of discrimination in employment, our country is a signatory to the ILO Convention 111. This aims to "eliminate discrimination in employment through promotion of equality of treatment and opportunities. This means treating men and women fairly and solely on the basis of their merit or the requirements of the job, irrespective of such personal characteristics as race, color, sex, religion, political opinion, national extraction or social origin. Additional grounds for discrimination, including, for example, disability, age, health, actual or perceived HIV or AIDS status, nationality, sexual orientation and gender identity, may be identified by States."

It is for this reason that Committee Report No. 38 is sponsored to promote employment of every qualified person based on merits and qualifications in adherence to fair and equal treatment, proposing the imposition of penalty thereof upon the officer of a corporation, trust, firm, partnership, or association or entity.

Let me also quote: "Equality at Work stands for rights at work, opportunity, dignity, fairness, justice and participation. Equality at Work is a human right, to be enjoyed by every individual in the world of work."

In urgent response to the high unemployment and lack of job opportunities in the country, as well as increasing age discrimination claims in the workplace, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

Senator Cayetano (P) manifested that she would deliver her cosponsorship speech the following day.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 29

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 26 ON SENATE BILL NO. 2212 (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 2212 (Committee Report No. 26), entitled

AN ACT TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION AMONG FILIPINO YOUTH.

Senator Cayetano (A) stated that the parliamentary status was the period of committee amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Aquino, there being no objection, the following committee amendments were approved by the Body, one after the other:

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1. On page 1, line 16, after the word "organization," insert the phrase WITH EXPERIENCE AND PROVEN TRACK RECORD IN QUALITY FINANCIAL LITERACY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP OR PERSONAL FINANCE PROGRAMS;

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- 2. On line 16, after the title of Section 3, insert a new sentence to read as follows: YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SHALL BE PROMOTED IN ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION;
- 3. On line 17, paragraph (a), insert the title PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS AND ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS;
- 4. On line 19, between the words "in" and "curriculum," replace the word "the" with THEIR;
- 5. On lines 19 and 20, delete the phrase "for primary, secondary and alternative learning school students";
- 6. On line 21, paragraph (b), insert the title POST-SECONDARY LEVEL;
- 7. On the same line up to line 22, delete the phrase "entrepreneurship subjects and competencies," and replace with the phrase SUBJECTS AND COMPETENCIES IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP;
- 8. On line 22, between the words "in" and "curriculum," replace the word "the" with THEIR;
- 9. On the same line, after the word curriculum, delete the phrase "for post-secondary school students";
- 10. Delete lines 23 to 35 and in lieu thereof, insert a new Section 4 to read as follows:

SECTION 4. *ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE.* – THERE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AN "ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE" WHICH SHALL BE HEADED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE REGULAR MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF THE COMMISSION AND TESDA. THE MSMED COUNCIL SHALL SIT AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER. THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

- 1. ENSURE COHERENCE AND CLEAR PROGRESSION IN THE LEARNING OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESIGN;
- 2. STUDY AND STANDARDIZE ALL CURRENT EFFORTS OF SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS TO TEACH SUBJECTS AND COMPETENCIES IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP; AND,
- 3. RESEARCH CURRENT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

WITH THE END VIEW OF APPLYING RELEVANT PRACTICES IN OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM;

- 11. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

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- 12. On line 4, subparagraph (a)(1), insert the title PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS AND ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS;
- 13. On line 5, after the word "basis," insert the phrase TO BE DETERMINED IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS;
- 14. On line 16, subparagraph (2), insert the title POST-SECONDARY LEVEL;

The session was suspended and was resumed shortly thereafter.

- 15. On line 17, after the word "basis," insert the phrase TO BE DETERMINED IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS;
- 16. On line 27, after the word "teachers," and the period (.), insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
 - 3. THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE SHALL MEET ANNUALLY REGARDING THESE CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS TO MONITOR THE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF THE RECEIVING ENTITIES, THEIR FUND UTILIZATION AND THEIR PROGRESS;
- 17. Delete lines 29 to 35, and insert a new subparagraph 1 on Section 4 (b), to read as follows:

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT, COMMISSION AND TESDA SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO DESERVING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE PURSUING A PROJECT OR STUDY ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS OR LOANS, AS APPLICABLE. SUCH APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS SHALL BE CONSIDERED BASED ON THE QUALIFICATIONS THAT EACH AGENCY WILL REQUIRE, THE AREA OR LEVEL OF STUDY AND THE STANDARDS TO BE DETERMINED IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. THIS SHALL BE SOURCED FROM EACH AGENCY'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS";

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18. Delete lines 1 to 6, and insert a new subparagraph 2 to Section 4 (b), to read as follows:
 2. THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE SHALL PARTNER WITH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, BANKS, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, PRIVATE CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, FOREIGN OR LOCAL, WHO ARE INTERESTED TO SUPPORT ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION BY LAUNCHING SMALL ENTERPRISE INCUBATION PROGRAMS WITH THEM AND MAKING AVAILABLE TO YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE INCUBATION OF AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT; AND”;
19. On line 11, after the word “entrepreneurs,” delete the semicolon (;) and replace with a period (.)
20. Delete lines 12 to 17;
21. On line 18, after the title, insert the phrase THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE SHALL and a colon (:);
22. On lines 19 to 21, delete “The Department, Commission and TESDA, in cooperation with learning organizations, non-government organizations, local government units, and other concerned groups, shall”;
23. On line 24, before the word “website,” insert the word AGENCY’S;
24. On lines 26 to 28, delete the phrase “The Department, Commission and TESDA, in cooperation with learning organizations, non-government organizations, local government units, and other concerned groups, shall”;
25. On lines 31 to 33, delete the phrase “The Department, Commission and TESDA, in cooperation with learning organizations, non-government organizations, local government units, and other concerned groups, shall”;

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26. On line 1, delete the phrase “the Land Bank of the Philippines shall take the lead in developing programs,” and replace with the phrase COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO DEVELOP LENDING AND OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY”;

27. On line 2, after the word “activities,” delete the phrase “in coordination with the Department, the Commission, TESDA, learning organizations, non-government organizations, local government units, and other concerned groups”;
28. On lines 6 to 8, after the word “The,” delete the phrase “Department, the Commission, TESDA, learning organizations, non-government organizations, local government units, and other concerned groups,” and replace with the words ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE”;
29. On lines 20 to 22, after the word “the,” delete the phrase “Department of Education, the Commission for Higher Education, TESDA, learning organizations and other eligible entities and concerned groups on the education,” and replace with the words ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE ON”;

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

VILLAR AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Villar and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the following amendments, one after the other:

1. On page 2, line 20, after the word “students” and the semicolon (;), insert the proviso PROVIDED, THAT AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL, THE SUBJECTS OR COMPETENCIES ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH WILL PRINCIPALLY FOCUS ON TEACHING THE FUNDAMENTAL AND IDEAL VALUES NECESSARY TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURS, WHICH INCLUDE, BUT NOT NECESSARILY LIMITED TO, BEING HARDWORKING, CREATIVE, COST-EFFICIENT, AND LEARNING THE PROPENSITY TO SAVE;
2. On page 3, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following sentence: THE CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES



MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR VILLAR

Adverting to the project grants and loan for young entrepreneurs on Section 4(b) of the measure, Senator Villar maintained that assistance should be provided to students at the post-secondary level who are pursuing actual business projects as practical application to what they have learned in the entrepreneurship course. She noted, however, that her concern had already been covered in the amendments introduced by Senator Aquino.

Likewise, Senator Villar noted that the 25% allocation for all existing or prospective MSME programs for young entrepreneurs by all government agencies and government financial institutions under Section 4(b)(4), appears to be a constraining provision. However, she said that she would no longer propose amendments since Senator Aquino had already proposed its deletion along with the original proposal for the establishment of a Youth Entrepreneurship Guarantee and Surety Fund (YEGSF). Senator Aquino affirmed that the provision had been deleted.

As regards the promotion of youth entrepreneurship development, Senator Villar stated that a separate council for youth entrepreneurship development need not be created since the youth representative may be included in the existing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development (MSMED) Council. However, she said that there was no need for an amendment as the bill itself does not provide for the creation of a separate council but merely provides the inclusion of a youth representative in the composition of the existing MSMED Council which is mandated to include in its plan strategies the promotion of youth entrepreneurship.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Aquino, the session was suspended.

It was 4:52 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 2212

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGE IN THE SENATE PANEL

Upon consultation with the chairperson of the Senate panel in the Bicameral Conference Committee on Senate Bill No. 27 and House Bill No. 3881 (Picture-Based Health Warning Law), Senator Cayetano (A) was designated to replace Senator Villar as member thereof.

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the following senators were designated to compose the Senate panel in the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Automated Election System: Senator Pimentel, as chair; Senators Poe, Aquino, Villar, Ejercito, Honasan and Sotto as members.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session was suspended.

It was 4:57 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:58 p.m., the session was resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Senator Cayetano (A) stated as earlier manifested, Senator Cayetano (P) would deliver her cosponsorship speech on Senate Bill No. 29. He also informed the Body that upon instruction of the Chair of the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development, Senator Cayetano (P) will take over in defending the bill on the floor.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of the following day.

It was 4:59 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on June 10, 2014