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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 173

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Submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance on JUN 04 2015.

Re : Senate Bill No. 533

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Legarda.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 533, introduced by Senator Legarda, entitled:

**"AN ACT
DECLARING MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF
CAMARINES SUR A SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL TOURISM ZONE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report this bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that Senate Bill No. 533 be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 1, on the title of the bill, after the word "CAMARINES SUR", delete the phrase "A SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL TOURISM" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "AN ECOTOURISM";
2. On the same page, also on the title of the bill, between the word "ZONE," and the conjunction "AND", insert the phrase "APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
3. On the same page, line 2, delete the phrase "as a Special Ecological Tourism" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "AN ECOTOURISM";
4. On the same page, line 7, after the word "preservation", delete the phrase "of the area";
5. On the same page, line 8, after the adverb "to", delete the phrase "ecological tourism and making it" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "ECOTOURISM AS";
6. On the same page, line 9, delete the phrase "and an avenue for the generation of employment";
7. On the same page, line 10, before the word "natural", delete the article "the";

8. On the same page and line, after the word "resources", delete the phrase "of the area";
9. On the same page and line, before the word "measures", delete the word "aggressive";
10. On the same page, line 11, delete the word "secure" and in lieu thereof, insert the word "IMPROVE";
11. On the same page, line 14, on the sub-title, delete the phrase "Declaration of";
12. On the same page, line, and sub-title, delete the phrase "Ecological Tourism" and in lieu thereof, insert the word "ECOTOURISM";
13. On the same page, line 15, delete the article "the" found before the word "public";
14. On the same page, line 16, delete the phrase "ecological tourism" and in lieu thereof, insert the word "ECOTOURISM";
15. On the same page and line, after the punctuation mark period ".", insert the sentence "FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT, ECOTOURISM SHALL REFER TO A FORM OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM WITHIN A NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE AREA WHERE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CULTURE AND INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND ETHICS AS WELL AS ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARE FOSTERED AND PURSUED FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF HOST COMMUNITIES AND SATISFACTION OF VISITORS.";
16. Delete the entire provision of Section 4 found on page 1, line 18 up to page 2, line 4 and in lieu thereof, insert a new provision for Section 4 which shall read as follows:

"SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. - THE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD (PAMB) OF MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK, IN COORDINATION WITH THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA), SHALL PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT THE ECOTOURISM MASTER PLAN FOR MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK: PROVIDED, THAT THE ECOTOURISM MASTER PLAN FOR MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK SHALL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE MULTIPLE USE ZONE AND SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK."

17. On page 2, line 6, delete the phrase "DENR and DOT" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "PROTECTED AREA SUPERINTENDENT (PASU) OF MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK";
18. On the same page, line 7, delete the phrase "an eco-tourism master plan";
19. On the same page, line 8, delete the phrase "President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Board after the latter has subjected the same to public

- consultations" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "PAMB OF MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK";
20. On the same page, line 13, delete the phrase "Department of Tourism" and in lieu thereof, insert the acronym "DENR";
 21. On the same page, line 14, delete the word "department's" and in lieu thereof insert the acronym "DENR's";
 22. On the same page, line 21, before the word "executive", insert the word "DECREES" and the punctuation mark comma ",";
 23. On the same page, line 25, between the words "effect" and "after", insert the phrase "FIFTEEN (15) DAYS";
 24. On the same page and line, between the word "publication" and preposition "in", insert the phrase "IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OR";
 25. Omnibus amendment to the abbreviation "Sec." found in the beginning of each section to be capitalized for proper format; and
 26. Omnibus amendment to insert the punctuation mark hyphen (-) after the end of each sub-title for proper format.

Respectfully submitted:

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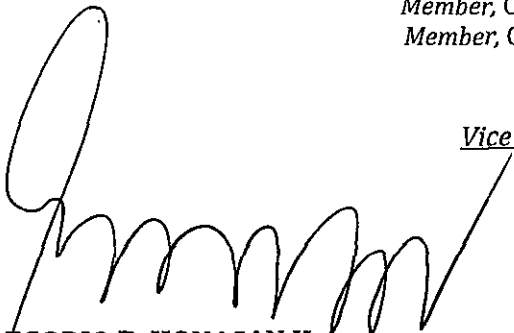
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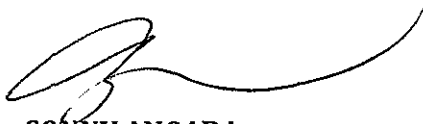
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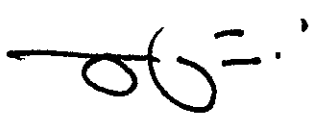
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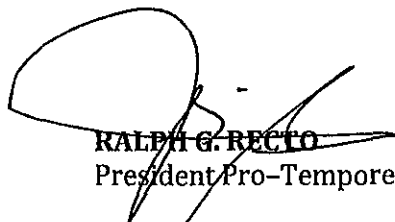


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Introduced by Senator LOREN LEGARDA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Mount Isarog Natural Park in the province of Camarines Sur a special ecological tourism zone to promote and develop the area as a tourist destination for domestic and international tourists while protecting its natural resources and diverse flora and fauna species.

Mount Isarog is a potentially active stratovolcano with a 1.97 kilometer elevation and 32.5 kilometer base diameter. In July 20, 1938, President Manuel L. Quezon signed Act 293 establishing Mount Isarog as a national park, which has a land area of 10,112 hectare and area. The Park covers 23 barangays under the geographical jurisdiction of the municipalities of Tinambac, Calabanga, Pili, Ocampo, Tigaon and Goa and the city of Naga. It is one of the eight protected areas supported by the National Integrated Protected Areas Programme, which receives special funding from the European Commission.

The national park houses 143 different species of birds and other animals such as monkeys, bats and wild cats. The waterfalls nestled in the park and the scenic hike to the peak makes it an idyllic tourist destination. Because of its rich environment, it is a prime educational and recreational area for locals and foreigners. Because of the increase in tourist traffic and impending developments, the Park is experiencing changes that may not be environmentally suitable.

This bill addresses the need to promote, develop and protect the national park through the creation of the Ecological tourism office that will oversee the development of the area as an environment friendly tourist destination. Any

developments made in the area shall be monitored to ensure that the natural resources in the zone will be not harmed and the protection of the surroundings will not hinder the improvement of the municipalities and city the zone covers.

Furthermore, to guarantee the proper implementation and supervision of the zone, the governing board of the eco-tourism office shall consist of the governor of the province and the legislative representatives of Camarines Sur. Other members of the board shall be representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of Tourism (DOT), the private sector, the non-governmental organization, and the local government units encompassing the area of the national park.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



LOREN LEGARDA
Senator