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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:06 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Win Gatchalian led the prayer, to wit:

Let us bow our head and pray.

Lord God, we humbly raise up our hearts to You as we seek to fulfill our solemn duty as representatives of the sovereign people in this august Chamber.

We pray, Lord God, that a light of Your infinite wisdom may guide our beloved nation through the darkness cast upon it by decades of corruption, poverty and crime.

Almighty Lord, we pray that Your Holy Word will inspire us to act and speak with courage, integrity and compassion as we strive to build the just and equitable society that You envision for all of Your children so that people of all genders, tribes, creeds and stations in life may bask in the warmth of Your righteous love.

We pray that You may unite us, Holy Father, so that together, as one strong Filipino people, we may expel the darkness cast upon our beloved land and build ourselves upon into "The City Upon a Hill" upon which Your eternal light shall cast everlasting peace and prosperity for all generations to come.

This is our prayer, in Jesus' Name we pray.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Lutgardo B. Barbo, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Lacson, P. M.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Legarda, L.
De Lima, L. M.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
Drilon, F. M.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Poe, G.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Recto, R. G.
Gatchalian, W.	Sotto III, V. C.
Gordon, R. J.	Villanueva, J.
Honasan, G. B.	Villar, C. A.
Hontiveros, R.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

per net

With 20 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Angara and Trillanes arrived after the roll call.

Senator Cayetano was on "official business" as indicated in the August 10, 2016 letter of the Senator's chief of staff.

Senator Pangilinan was on sick leave.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNALS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journals of Session No. 6 (August 8, 2016) and Session No. 7 (August 9, 2016) and considered them approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following:

- Local officials and members of the Sangguniang Bayan of Pola, Mindoro, led by their vice mayor;
- American boxing promoter Mr. Bob Arum; and
- Vice Governor Dionisio Balite of Bohol.

Senate President Pimentel welcomed the guests to the Senate.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following bills which the Chair referred to the committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 701, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES OR FINES AGAINST ERRING PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OR CONDITIONS OF ANY CERTIFICATE, AUTHORITY, ORDER, DECISION, RESOLUTION OR REGULATION OF THE

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (NTC), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 21 AND 23 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 702, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PERMANENT RESIDENCY TO QUALIFIED RELIGIOUS WORKERS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 9 AND 13 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 613, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1940 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 703, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING EMERGENCY WAREHOUSES IN AREAS DEVASTATED BY CALAMITIES TO ENSURE AFFECTED CONSUMERS ACCESS TO BASIC NECESSITIES AND PRIME COMMODITIES AT DISCOUNTED AND TAX FREE PRICES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 704, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam"
Aquino IV

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Civil Service, Government Reorgani-
zation and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 705, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO AT
LEAST FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF
THE STUDENT POPULATION WHO
ARE POOR BUT DESERVING
STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam"
Aquino IV

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 706, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE COMPREHENSIVE FIRE-
ARMS AND AMMUNITION REGU-
LATION ACT, AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION
THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam"
Aquino IV

**To the Committee on Public Order and
Dangerous Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 707, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PHILIP-
PINE NATIONAL QUALITY INFRA-
STRUCTURE, RATIONALIZING THE
NATIONAL QUALITY BODIES,
PROVIDING FOR THEIR POWERS
AND GRANTING THEM
FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam"
Aquino IV

**To the Committees on Trade, Commerce
and Entrepreneurship; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 708, 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

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam"
Aquino IV

**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; Civil Service, Government
Reorganization and Professional Regulation;
and Finance**

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session
was suspended.

It was 3:15 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:19 p.m., the session was resumed.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATE PRESIDENT PIMENTEL**

Senate President Pimentel requested the visitors
in the gallery to observe silence while the session
was ongoing.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS
(Continuation)**

Senate Bill No. 709, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE MAIN-
STREAM USE OF ELECTRIC,
HYBRID AND OTHER ALTER-
NATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam"
Aquino IV



To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 710, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM MONTHLY NET TAKE-HOME PAY FOR ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AFTER AUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation

Senate Bill No. 711, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR WORKERS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR OF THE PHILIPPINES, AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committees on Energy; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 712, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 713, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE SAFE OPERATIONS OF THE

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INDUSTRY, DELINEATING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, DEFINING AND PENALIZING CERTAIN ACTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Energy; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 714, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 25-31 AND JANUARY 1 AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAYS

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 715, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000, BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PENAL PROVISION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 716, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar



To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 717, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE ABACA INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 718, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TOWARDS THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDENTS BY ESTABLISHING DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 719, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUSTAINABLE SANITATION PROGRAM BY REORGANIZING THE SANITATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 720, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SMALL

AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES STOCK EXCHANGE

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 721, entitled

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "BUY PINOY, BUILD PINOY MONTH" TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO PRIORITIZE THE PURCHASE AND UTILIZATION OF FILIPINO PRODUCTS, LABOR AND SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 722, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A "NO PERMIT, NO EXAM" POLICY OR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION FROM TAKING THEIR MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATION OR OTHER SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS DUE TO UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 723, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 724, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER
PENALTIES FOR THEFT, ROBBERY
AND DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC
SCHOOL PROPERTY

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; and Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 725, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COM-
PREHENSIVE NURSING LAW
TOWARDS QUALITY HEALTH
CARE SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Civil Service, Govern-
ment Reorganization and Professional Regula-
tion; Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 726, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
EMPLOYMENT OF NURSES,
ASSIGNING ONE REGISTERED
NURSE FOR EVERY BARANGAY
IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 727, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
FUNCTIONAL AND STRUCTURAL
ORGANIZATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; Civil Service, Government Reorganiza-
tion and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 728, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OR THE
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 729, entitled

AN ACT ADDRESSING THE SYSTEM
OF PROSTITUTION, IMPOSING
PENALTIES ON ITS PERPETRA-
TORS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE
MEASURES AND SUPPORT
SERVICES FOR ITS VICTIMS,
REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE
ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF ACT
NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED
PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 730, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 5180, AS AMENDED, "AN ACT
PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM SYSTEM
OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION
BY PROVINCIAL AND CITY
FISCALS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS,
AND BY STATE ATTORNEYS OR
THEIR ASSISTANTS"

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 731, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN
INCREASE AND AN AUTOMATIC
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IN THE
PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF



ALLOWANCE (PERA) GRANTED
TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Finance; and Civil
Service, Government Reorganization and
Professional Regulation**

Senate Bill No. 732, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENAL-
TIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT
AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE
COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND
PORTABLE COMPUTERS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 733, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 359 OF
ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; and Civil Service, Government
Reorganization and Professional Regulation**

Senate Bill No. 734, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Public Works

Senate Bill No. 735, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 968,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PROBATION LAW OF 1976, AS
AMENDED, ON THE GRANT OF
PROBATION

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 736, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN
THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
GENERAL AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; Civil Service, Government Reorganiza-
tion and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 737, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A JUST
AND EQUITABLE DISPOSITION OF
THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEP-
STAKES OFFICE CHARITY FUND,
AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE
SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 1169, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Government Corpora-
tions and Public Enterprises; and Health and
Demography**

Senate Bill No. 738, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 7, 10,
23, 30, 31, 42 AND 52 OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE GSIS ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Government Corpora-
tions and Public Enterprises; and Civil Service,
Government Reorganization and Professional
Regulation**

Senate Bill No. 739, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMATIC
PROMOTION OF GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
UPON RETIREMENT FROM
GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES



Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 740, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE WELFARE OF SELF-EMPLOYED WORKERS AND CRAFTSMEN AND THE PROMOTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8282 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Cooperatives

Senate Bill No. 741, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 742, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE LAW, TO PROVIDE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES IN CORRUPTION CASES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 743, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING PLEDGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERING A LOAN OF MONEY NOT EXCEEDING TEN THOUSAND PESOS FROM DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 199 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 744, entitled

AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIMES OF RAPE, QUALIFIED SEDUCTION AND SIMPLE SEDUCTION INVOLVING MINOR CHILDREN AND RATIONALIZING THE PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 745, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs



Senate Bill No. 746, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWER AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 111, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Youth; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 747, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 748, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE TAAL VOLCANO ISLAND NATIONAL PARK, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, ISLAND OF LUZON, AND ITS WATER-SHED AREAS, A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AS MANDATED BY THE NIPAS ACT OF 1992

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 749, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PLUMBING ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 750, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following Senate bills and resolution which the Chair referred to the committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 751, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9298, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ACCOUNTANCY ACT OF 2004

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation

Senate Bill No. 752, entitled

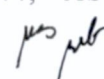
AN ACT PENALIZING DISOBEDIENCE TO THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 753, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 544, AS



AMENDED, OR THE CIVIL
ENGINEERING LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Civil Service, Govern-
ment Reorganization and Professional Regulation**

Senate Bill No. 754, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SEC-
TIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309,
ENTITLED, AN ACT CREATING A
BOARD OF CLAIMS UNDER THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR
VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISON-
MENT OR DETENTION AND
VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Develop-
ment; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 755, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PRO-
VISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 386 OR THE CIVIL CODE
AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 756, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE SEVEN-
TEENTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY
YEAR AS NATIONAL STUDENT
LEADER'S DAY

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 757, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 363

AND 364 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 758, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING STEREO-
TYPING BASED ON RELIGIOUS OR
ETHNIC ORIGIN

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Cultural Communi-
ties; and Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 759, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING MERCHANDIS-
ING STORES AND SERVICE ESTAB-
LISHMENTS FROM CHARGING
MORE THAN THE CASH RETAIL
PRICE OF GOODS AND SERVICES
PURCHASED WITH CREDIT CARDS
AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES
FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Trade, Commerce
and Entrepreneurship; and Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 760, entitled

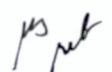
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM
OF REGISTRATION FOR LEASE ON
REGISTERED LANDS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice And Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 761, entitled

AN ACT REVITALIZING THE COCO-
NUT INDUSTRY, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES



Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 762, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 47 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Energy; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 763, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 112, CHAPTER 1, TITLE IV OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 764, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING POLES, POLE ATTACHMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 765, entitled

AN ACT ORDAINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOWNSTREAM NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY, CONSOLIDATING FOR THE PURPOSE ALL LAWS RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 766, entitled

AN ACT BANNING SUPERMARKETS, FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER SIMILAR BUSINESSES FROM THROWING AWAY AND SPOILING UNSOLD FOOD

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 767, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO CONDONE PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO DETERMINE THE MONTHLY SALARY CREDITS, THE SCHEDULE AND RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE RATE OF PENALTY ON DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNPAID LOAN AMORTIZATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 768, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10149 OR THE GOCC GOVERNANCE ACT OF 2011

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Finance; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 769, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 84,



CHAPTER 1, ESTATE TAX, TITLE
III OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS
AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 770, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE FULL
ACCOUNTING OF ALL DISASTER-
RELIEF AID OR DONATIONS
RECEIVED BY THE PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT FOR NATURAL AND
HUMAN-INDUCED CALAMITIES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 771, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF
ACT NO. 4103, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 772, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL
INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARAN-
GAY CAPTAINS, PROVIDING
FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS
PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Government
Corporations and Public Enterprises; Local
Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 773, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAX RELIEF
IN TIMES OF CALAMITIES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Ways and Means; and
Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 774, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMERS OF
WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Public Services; and
Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship**

Senate Bill No. 775, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING STREET AND
ROAD SIGNS, WAITING SHEDS,
SPEED BUMPS, SIDEWALKS, PAVE-
MENTS, STREETLIGHTS AND
OTHER SIMILAR INFRASTRUC-
TURES PRESCRIBING THE SPECI-
FICATION AND MEASUREMENT
STANDARDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Public Works

Senate Bill No. 776, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AS UNLAWFUL
ANY GOVERNMENT PROJECTS TO
BE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED AFTER
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND
OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NAME
OR IDENTITY MAY IN ANY
MANNER BE ASSOCIATED WITH
SAID OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Civil Service,
Government Reorganization and Professional
Regulation; and Public Works**

Senate Bill No. 777, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING INFLUENCE
PEDDLING AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES



Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation

Senate Bill No. 778, entitled

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE USE OF COMMUNITY TAX CERTIFICATE AND THE POWER TO LEVY COMMUNITY TAX REPEALING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 779, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING ALL ROADS LEADING TO TOURIST DESTINATIONS AND PORTS AS NATIONAL ROADS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Works; and Tourism

Senate Bill No. 780, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUMMARY TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 781, entitled

AN ACT GOVERNING THE SYSTEM OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION BY PRESCRIBING STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS OF PRESCHOOL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 782, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING LOCAL TAXATION AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 150, CHAPTER 1, TITLE ONE, BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 783, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER EXTEND ASSISTANCE TO SOLO PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 784, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE COMMITTED BY COMMON CARRIERS, FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 365 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OR THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 785, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF



EXTENDING NO-COLLATERAL, LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO GRADUATES OF ANY COURSES OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS AUTHORITY OR DULY ACCREDITED LEARNING INSTITUTIONS WITH APPROVED OVERSEAS JOB CONTRACTS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 786, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 4 (c) (4), CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10175

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Science and Technology

Senate Bill No. 787, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5921, THE PHARMACY LAW, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 788, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 220, CHAPTER II, TITLE VIII OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT AMENDING THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 789, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTY LOWER THAN THAT PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CRIMINAL CASES THE CIVIL CASE OF WHICH IS SETTLED THROUGH OR BY ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9285

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 790, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL CAREER ASSESSMENT EXAMINATION TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A CAREER DIRECTION PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY GRADUATES, DEFINING ITS SCOPE AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 791, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 792, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL (JBC) WHO HAS

ALREADY SERVED THE FULL
TERM

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 793, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING SECTION 24,
ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITU-
TION ON THE DISMANTLING OF
PRIVATE ARMIES AND OTHER
PRIVATE ARMED GROUPS NOT
RECOGNIZED BY DULY CONSTI-
TUTED AUTHORITY AND APPRO-
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Dangerous Drugs; Justice and Human Rights;
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 794, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RULES
ON THE PROPER USE AND
DISPLAY OF OUR NATIONAL
SYMBOLS AND THE RENDITION
OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF
THE PHILIPPINES,” AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee On Education, Arts And
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 795, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY
PERIOD OF THE PHILIPPINE
PASSPORT, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Senate Bill No. 796, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING MANDATORY
PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO ALL
PERSONS WITH DISABILITY,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR
PERSONS WITH DISABILITY,”
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural
Development**

Senate Bill No. 797, entitled

AN ACT REMOVING THE CONDITIONS
FOR THE CONDONATION OF ALL
UNPAID INCOME TAXES DUE
FROM LOCAL WATER DISTRICTS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 289-A OF THE NATIONAL
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS
AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 798, entitled

AN ACT HARMONIZING THE GRANT
AND ADMINISTRATION OF FISCAL
AND NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Ways and Means;
and Economic Affairs**

Senate Bill No. 799, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT
OF A FULL CROP INSURANCE
COVERAGE TO QUALIFIED

BENEFICIARIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM EXTENSION WITH REFORMS

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 800, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 88, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO PHILIPPINE SPORTS WINNING A HISTORIC SILVER MEDAL FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL LAST AUGUST 8, 2016 AND BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINA TO WIN AN OLYMPIC MEDAL

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Rules

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Gov. Steve Salon of Sarangani;
- Former Vice Gov. Jinkee Pacquiao of Sarangani; and
- Mayor Bobby Sanchez of Lubang, Mindoro.

Senate President Pimentel welcomed the guests to the Senate.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

At this juncture, Senator Sotto invoked Section 55 of the Rules of the Senate to enable Senators Drilon and Villanueva to introduce their respective corrections to the Journal.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF SESSION NO. 6

Upon motion of Senator Drilon, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval of the Journal of Session No. 6 (August 8, 2016).

CORRECTIONS TO THE JOURNAL OF SESSION NO. 6

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved the following corrections:

- *By Senator Drilon*
 1. On page 184, right column, under the heading "PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR DRILON," reword the second paragraph, to read as follows:

SENATOR DRILON POINTED OUT THAT IN SUCH INSTANCES, IT IS THE CHAMBER, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, THAT SHOULD DECIDE TO WHICH COMMITTEE A PARTICULAR BILL SHOULD BE REFERRED. HE ADDED THAT THE BASIS OF SUCH CHANGE OF REFERRAL FROM A COMMITTEE TO ANOTHER SHOULD NOT BE ACCORDING TO THE PERSONAL REQUEST OF ANY MEMBER, BUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE SENATE WHICH DEFINE THE JURISDICTION OF EACH COMMITTEE;
- *By Senator Villanueva*
 2. On page 177, right column, under the heading "INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR

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VILLANUEVA," on the first sentence of the third paragraph after the word "Saying," replace the word "that" with IF.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL AS CORRECTED

There being no other corrections, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved the Journal of Session No. 6 (August 8, 2016), as corrected.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 62, entitled

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MARESTELLA TORRES-SUNANG FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE WOMEN'S LONG JUMP EVENT IN THE KAZAKHSTAN OPEN HELD LAST JULY 4, 2016 AND BREAKING THE PHILIPPINE RECORD IN LONG JUMP.

Secretary Barbo read only the title of the resolution without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the record.

Following is the full text of the resolution:

WHEREAS, Competitive trials for the 2016 Olympics are currently under way around the world with hundreds of athletes participating in various sports vying for spots in their respective national teams, and among the numerous tournaments is the Kazakhstan Open that served as a significant proving ground for our own prospective Olympians;

WHEREAS, Filipina athlete Marestella Torres-Sunang won gold in Women's Long Jump at the Kazakhstan Open held last July 4, 2016 after setting a record-breaking leap of 6.72 meters that exceeded the 2016 Olympic standard of 6.70 meters and, her very own, Philippine long jump record of 6.71 meters;

WHEREAS, the long jumper, who hails from San Jose, Negros Oriental, accomplished this exceptional feat during her sixth and final attempt at the same event despite having to compete under unfavorable conditions exacerbated by ceaseless wind and rain;

WHEREAS, Marestella Torres-Sunang is indeed a welcome addition to the Philippine athletics selection for the 2016 Olympics together with marathoner Mary Joy Tabal and hurdler Eric Cray who would bring the Philippines closer to its first gold medal in Olympics;

WHEREAS, the seasoned long jumper deserves proper recognition and acclaim having competed in two previous Olympics, 2008 Beijing and 2012 London, and has accumulated 4 gold medals and 1 bronze in the last five Southeast Asian Games from 2005 until 2015 including several podium finishes in other Asian tournaments;

WHEREAS, Marestella Torres-Sunang has once again proved the brilliance of Filipinos in sports after not only winning the gold medal, but also surpassing the current national record in long jump that serves as a prime example for all athletes to achieve the best in spite of insurmountable odds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines, commend Marestella Torres-Sunang for her record-setting achievement in winning gold in the Women's Long Jump event of the Kazakhstan Open that qualified her for the 2016 Rio Olympics which improved the prestige of Philippine sports and now serves as an inspiration for all Filipinos in achieving excellence.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR ANGARA

Preliminarily, Senator Angara stated that having a Majority Leader who is a sportsman himself who once represented the Philippines in international bowling, he was thankful that the Senate was prioritizing a lot of resolutions to recognize the country's athletes.

Senator Angara stated that long jumper Marestella Torres-Sunang placed the Philippines in the spotlight when she won the gold medal in the Women's Long Jump event at the Kazakhstan Open last July 4, 2016, setting a record-breaking leap of 6.72 meters, in the process exceeding her own Philippine long jump record of 6.71 meters as well as the Olympic qualifying standard of 6.7 meters.

He said that Marestella, the oldest Filipina competing at the 2016 Olympics at 35 years old, has a two-year old son who has not been a hindrance to her pursuing her passion in athletics. He informed the Body that Marestella, the pride of Barangay San Roque in San Jose, Negros Oriental, started

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competing in running when she was only 10 years old, has represented the country well winning four gold medals and one bronze medal from the last five Southeast Asian Games, and still continues to compete to bring pride and inspiration to her countrymen.

Senator Angara said that Marestella, together with the country's 12 other athletes, are in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the 2016 Summer Olympics and since she has competed in the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and in the London Olympics in 2012, the Rio Olympics is her third consecutive Olympic appearance.

He informed the Body that Marestella would be competing in the women's long jump event on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, and he hoped that it would not only be Hidilyn Diaz who will score a medal for the country at the 2016 Rio Olympics.

REMARKS OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto hoped that the resolution would inspire the Filipino athletes and even the Philippine Sports Commission to perform well and win more medals for the country before the Rio Olympics ends.

Senator Sotto recalled that in 2000, some Philippine sports officials went to the United States to scout for Filipino-Americans to compete for the country in the Olympics. Unfortunately, he said, from a pool of swimmers that they scouted, they failed to notice the Filipino-Irish-American lady named Natalie Coughlin who was eventually recruited by the U.S. team and who won three gold medals in the Olympics. He said that currently, she has won 12 gold medals in the Olympics for the U.S.

Senator Sotto expressed hope that through the resolution, the Senate could inspire more Filipino athletes and that the country's sports officials would be able to scout for better athletes from the grassroots.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 62 was adopted by the Body, subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 3:58 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:49 p.m., the session was resumed.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Section 18, Article VI of the Constitution, upon nomination by Senator Sotto for the Majority/Senator Recto for the Minority, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to constitute the Senate contingent in the Commission on Appointments:

Majority:

Cayetano	Lacson
Zubiri	Legarda
Drilon	Sotto
Pangilinan	Ejercito
Aquino	Pacquiao
Honasan	

Minority:

Recto

Senator Sotto stated that except for the Senate President who is automatically the chairperson of the Commission, membership in the Commission on Appointments was based on proportional representation from the political parties.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon placed on record that in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court, the Liberal Party, *Akbayan* and *Cibac* have formed an alliance for the purpose of sending a contingent to the Commission on Appointments. He manifested that after December 31, 2017, the alliance of the three parties would nominate Senators Villanueva, Hontiveros and De Lima for a term starting January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. He said that he would make the proper motion at the appropriate time and requested that it be made part of the agenda on the last session day of December 2017.

Senate President Pimentel took note of the manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto said that in the same light, Senator Ejercito, who was earlier elected, would have a term



starting July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017; Senator Angara from April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017; Senator Ejercito again from January 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018; and Senator Angara again from October 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

Pursuant to Section 17, Article VI of the Constitution, upon nomination by Senator Sotto for the Majority/Senator Recto for the Minority, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the Senate Electoral Tribunal:

Majority:

Villar	Gordon
Poe	Drilon
Binay	

Minority:

Trillanes

MOTION OF SENATOR SOTTO

At this juncture, Senator Sotto moved to ratify the election of Senator De Lima to the Judicial and Bar Council as the representative of the Senate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:54 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:55 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Sotto withdrew his earlier motion.

JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL

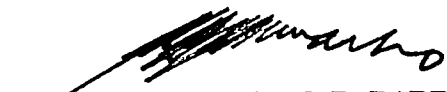
Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body named Senator De Lima as the representative of the Senate to the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) and ratified her appearances in the past two meetings that the JBC had already conducted.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, August 15, 2016.

It was 4:56 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


ATTY. LUTGARDO B. BARBO
Atty. Secretary of the Senate
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Approved on August 15, 2016