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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 34

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Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Relations on \_\_\_\_\_.

Re: P.S. Res. No. 283, prepared by the Committee

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsors: Sen. Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano and Sen. Franklin M. Drilon

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred the Agreement, entitled:

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it <sup>back to</sup> the Senate with the recommendation that Proposed Senate Resolution No. 283, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**RESOLUTION  
CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

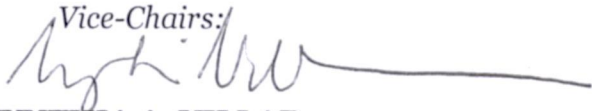
be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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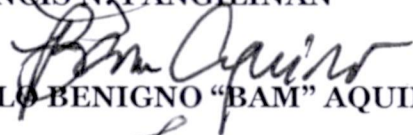
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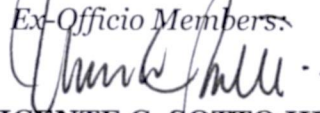


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PHILIPPINES ON SOCIAL SECURITY**

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 21 of the Constitution states: "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate";

**WHEREAS**, the *Agreement between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines on Social Security* ("Agreement") was signed on 19 November 2015 in Manila, ratified by the President of the Philippines on 12 January 2017, and submitted to the Senate for concurrence in accordance with the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of the *Agreement* are consistent with the State's policy to afford full protection to labor and with the right to social security protected in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and International Labour Organization Conventions;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is a party to similar agreements with a number of countries including Austria, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, Spain, France, Canada and Quebec, Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark, and the Netherlands;

**WHEREAS**, the *Agreement* seeks to reduce or eliminate the existing territorial or nationality-based access restrictions to social security benefits of the contracting parties' citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the *Agreement* guarantees the application of basic social security principles such as: *Equality of Treatment*, which entitles a covered person in one State, his family members and survivors, to social security benefits under the same conditions as national of the other State; *Export of Benefits*, which allows a covered person to continue receiving his or her social security pension whether he or she decides to reside

in the Philippines or in Japan; and *Totalization of Periods of Coverage*, which allows the tacking of creditable periods of covered persons under the social security schemes of the Philippines and Japan, to determine eligibility to benefits;

**WHEREAS**, on the part of the Philippines, the *Agreement* shall be implemented in relation to Republic Act No. 8282 (Social Security Act of 1997), Republic Act No. 8291 (Government Service Insurance System Act of 1997) and Republic Act No. 7699 (Portability Law of 1994);


**WHEREAS**, the *Agreement* shall apply to the Japanese National Pension and Employees Pension Insurance;

**WHEREAS**, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 6 February 2017, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the ratification of the *Agreement*:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs;
2. Department of Justice;
3. Department of Labor and Employment;
4. Social Security System Commission;
5. Government Service Insurance System;
6. Philippine Overseas Employment Administration; and
7. Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.

**WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Philippine Senate concur, as it hereby concurs, in the ratification of the *Agreement between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines on Social Security*.

*Adopted,*

  
**FRANKLIN M. DRILON**  
*Presiding Chair*

**ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO**  
*Chair*  
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