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**SESSION NO. 5**  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:00 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Vicente C. Sotto III, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. Franklin M. Drilon led the prayer, to wit:

Almighty Father,

Today, we recall the message of His Holiness Pope Francis during the celebration of the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Peace on January 1, 2019, when His Holiness cited the "Beatitudes of the Politician" proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyen Van Thuân:

"Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.

Blessed be the politician who works for unity.

Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear."

Lord God, remind us that everything we accomplish today is for the greater glory of You, for the service of humanity, and for the benefit and well-being of all Your people.

All these we ask in the Holy Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon direction of the Senate President, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Myra Marie D. Villarica, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Cayetano, P. S.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Dela Rosa, R. B. M.	Poe, G.
Drilon, F. M.	Recto, R. G.
Gatchalian, W.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Go, C. L. T.	Sotto III, V. C.
Hontiveros, R.	Tolentino, F. T. N.
Lacson, P. M.	Villanueva, J.
Lapid, M. L. M.	Villar, C. A.
Marcos, I. R.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 22 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

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Senator Gordon arrived after the roll call.

Senator De Lima was unable to attend the session as she was under detention.

## **DEFERMENT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body deferred the consideration and approval of the Journal of Session No. 4 (July 29, 2019) to a later hour.

## **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 201, entitled

AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER 2022, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Go

**To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation**

Senate Bill No. 202, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, RATIONALIZING THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATED TO MIGRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Go

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Foreign Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 203, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND FINANCING PROGRAM, REGULARIZING ITS APPROPRIATION FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

Introduced by Senator Go

**To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 204, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND MODERNIZING THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Go

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

Senate Bill No. 205, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Go

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 206, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Go

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

Senate Bill No. 207, entitled

AN ACT REINSTATING THE DEATH PENALTY FOR CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES INVOLVING DANGEROUS DRUGS AND PLUNDER, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Go

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes**

Senate Bill No. 208, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

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

Senate Bill No. 209, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RULES ON THE DUTY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE AT SEA IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS TO WHICH THE PHILIPPINES IS A STATE PARTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

**To the Committees on Public Services; and Foreign Relations**

Senate Bill No. 210, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR TEACHERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, CONVERTING THE EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER IN DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY, INTO THE NATIONAL TEACHERS MEDICAL CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 211, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

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

Senate Bill No. 212, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY BASIC MILITARY AND POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM IN ALL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; National Defense and Security; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 213, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT, FOR A LIMITED PERIOD AND

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SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS, TO EXERCISE EMERGENCY POWERS TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION CRISIS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

**To the Committees on Public Services; Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 214, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 10533, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013, FOR THE INTEGRATION OF AN AGRICULTURAL STRAND IN THE ACADEMIC TRACK OF THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 215, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND BARANGAY EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

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

Senate Bill No. 216, entitled

AN ACT COMMISSIONING A RESEARCH ON CLIMATE CHANGE DRINKING WATER ADAPTATION

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 217, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING INDUSTRIES ENGAGED IN THE EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO GIVE PREFERENTIAL EMPLOYMENT TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 218, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING VALUE-ADDED TAXATION TO ADDRESS INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 219, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING VALUE-ADDED TAXATION TO ADDRESS INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 109, 197, AND 288 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 220, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE EARMARKING OF VALUE-ADDED TAXATION TO ADDRESS INTER-GENERATIONAL POVERTY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 288 OF THE

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NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE  
CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 221, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8436, AS  
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 9369, ENTITLED "AN ACT  
AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION  
ON ELECTIONS TO USE AN AUTO-  
MATED ELECTION SYSTEM IN THE  
MAY 11, 1998 NATIONAL AND  
LOCAL ELECTORAL EXERCISES,"  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committee on Electoral Reforms  
and People's Participation**

Senate Bill No. 222, entitled

AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020  
BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG  
KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMEND-  
ING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committees on Electoral Reforms  
and People's Participation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 223, entitled

AN ACT TO CLEARLY DEFINE THE  
NATIONAL TAXES REVENUE  
BASE, ENHANCE THE JUST SHARE  
FROM THE NATIONAL TAXES OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS,  
AND RENAME THE "INTERNAL  
REVENUE ALLOTMENT"(IRA) TO  
NATIONAL TAX ALLOTMENT  
(NaTA), AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committees on Local Government;  
Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 224, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTITU-  
TIONALIZATION OF THE CONDI-  
TIONAL MATCHING GRANT TO  
PROVINCES (CMGP) FOR ROAD  
AND BRIDGE REPAIR, REHABILIT-  
ATION, AND IMPROVEMENT

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committees on Local Government;  
Public Works; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 225, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIP-  
PINE CORN RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Marcos

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food;  
Science and Technology; Ways and Means; and  
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 226, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPOSE THE DEATH  
PENALTY ON CERTAIN CRIMES  
PUNISHABLE UNDER REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 9165 OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGER-  
OUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002, AMEND-  
ING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 9346 OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE ACT PROHIBITING THE  
IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY  
IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Constitutional Amendments and  
Revision of Codes**



Senate Bill No. 227, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; National Defense and Security; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 228, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN THE K TO 12 CURRICULUM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

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

Senate Bill No. 229, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AMBULANCES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

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

Senate Bill No. 230, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE USE OF THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations**

Senate Bill No. 231, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING POLICE SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS IN ALL BARANGAY, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE POLICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

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

Senate Bill No. 232, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRISIS CENTER FOR STREET CHILDREN IN EVERY REGION OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

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

Senate Bill No. 233, entitled

AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY



COMMUNITY PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL FOR THE UTILIZATION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND ITS CONSTITUENTS IN CRIME PREVENTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 234, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MATURE OR OLDER WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 235, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SECURITY OF TENURE FOR ALL CASUAL AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT WHO HAVE RENDERED THE PRESCRIBED YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

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

Senate Bill No. 236, entitled

AN ACT TO ERADICATE MOBILE PHONE-AIDED TERRORISM AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES MANDATING FOR THIS PURPOSE OWNERSHIP REGISTRATION OF ALL PREPAID SIM CARDS FOR CELLULAR PHONES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

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

Senate Bill No. 237, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AFFORDABLE DRUG REHABILITATION TREATMENT FOR PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC) BENEFICIARIES, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7875, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 238, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 8972 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

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

Senate Bill No. 239, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BY ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY AND MUNICIPALITY

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 240, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER VII TITLE VI AND SECTION 151, AND

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CREATING NEW SECTIONS 151-A AND 151-B, OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 241, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING TAX RELIEF TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS BY EXEMPTING THEM FROM INCOME TAXATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 22 AND 24A OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 242, entitled

AN ACT STREAMLINING THE PROCESS FOR THE ADMISSION OF DRUG DEPENDENTS IN GOVERNMENT DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3, 54, 77 AND 81 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

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

Senate Bill No. 243, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE DEPENDENTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGE-

MENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) AND BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 244, entitled

AN ACT RIGHTSIZING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

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

Senate Bill No. 245, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS POWER AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 246, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committees on Ways and Means;  
Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 247, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ANY PERSON  
PROVIDING OR POSSESSING  
CONTRABAND AND THOSE WHO  
SHALL AID OR ABET THE  
INTRODUCTION OF THE SAME  
INSIDE ANY PRISON FACILITY  
ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPART-  
MENT OF JUSTICE, PROVIDING  
PENALTIES THEREFORE AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

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

Senate Bill No. 248, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTEC-  
TION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS  
OF WHISTLEBLOWERS AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

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

Senate Bill No. 249, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER DEVELOP  
CAPABILITY AND ESTABLISH  
EXPEDITIOUS TRANSFORMATION  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL  
DEFENSE AND ITS BUREAUS,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committees on National Defense and  
Security; Civil Service, Government Reorganiza-  
tion and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 250, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN  
LAND ADMINISTRATION

Introduced by Senator Lacson

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

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 251, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE  
INCOME CLASSIFICATION OF PRO-  
VINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPAL-  
ITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committees on Local Government;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 252, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL  
INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARA-  
NGAY CHAIRMEN, PROVIDING  
FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS  
PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committees on Local Government;  
Government Corporations and Public Enter-  
prises; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 253, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS  
AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY  
TANOD MEMBERS WHO HAVE  
RENDERED AT LEAST ONE YEAR  
OF SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY  
GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Lacson

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**To the Committees on Local Government;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 254, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE ACADEMY (PAFA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committees on National Defense  
and Security; Education, Arts and Culture; and  
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 255, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE POPULATION AND LAND AREA REQUIREMENTS THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS A LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P250,000,000.00) AND ADOPTING IRA PORTABILITY FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY INTO A CITY, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committee on Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 256, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CONVERSION OF IRRIGATED AND IRRIGABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL USES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committees on Local Government;  
and Agrarian Reform**

Senate Bill No. 257, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF URBAN AGRICULTURE AND VERTICAL FARMING IN THE COUNTRY'S METROPOLITAN AREAS TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY CONCERNS AND REGENERATE ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 258, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING DRUGS AND MEDICINES PRESCRIBED FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 259, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 260, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS

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QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 261, entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE BENEFITS  
OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO  
INCLUDE BARANGAY HEALTH  
WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 262, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING NATIONAL  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM  
REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION  
OF A PHILIPPINE STATISTICS  
AUTHORITY CERTIFIED BIRTH  
CERTIFICATE ISSUED WITHIN THE  
PAST SIX (6) MONTHS

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 263, entitled

AN ACT BANNING SOLID WASTE  
IMPORTATION

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 264, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PROHIBITING  
POLITICAL DYNASTIES, PROVID-  
ING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committees on Electoral Reforms  
and People's Participation; and Constitutional  
Amendments and Revision of Codes**

Senate Bill No. 265, 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 Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 266, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT  
FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST  
FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGE-  
MENT AND UTILIZATION, RECONSTITU-  
TING FOR THE PURPOSE THE  
PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY  
(PCA) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Agriculture and  
Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 267, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE "CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016"

Introduced by Senator Recto



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

Senate Bill No. 268, entitled

AN ACT CONDONING ALL UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS, INTERESTS, PENALTIES OR SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Agrarian Reform**

Senate Bill No. 269, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY INCREASING THE SHARE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 284 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 270, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE EXERCISE OF THE STATE'S POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FROM THE PAYMENT OF CAPITAL GAINS AND DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24 (D) AND 199 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997"

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 271, entitled

AN ACT EXPEDITING THE TITLING OF LANDS AWARDED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, LIFTING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE UTILIZATION OF SUCH LANDS AS COLLATERAL FOR SECURING AGRICULTURAL LOANS, AND OTHER SIMILAR FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Agrarian Reform**

Senate Bill No. 272, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT A LAND USE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR THE OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF ITS RESOURCES IN ADDRESSING BASIC EDUCATION FACILITY SHORTAGES

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Public Works; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 273, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2018 AND PRIOR YEARS

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 274, entitled

AN ACT EXCLUDING 13<sup>TH</sup> MONTH PAY FROM THE COMPUTATION

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OF TAXABLE INCOME, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 32 (B) (7) (e) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 275, entitled

AN ACT FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS, PERMIT TO CARRY OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT"

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 276, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR FREE PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 277, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Civil Service,**

**Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation**

Senate Bill No. 278, entitled

AN ACT INTEGRATING LABOR EDUCATION INTO SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS IN THE TERTIARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 279, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING PREFERENCE OF EMPLOYMENT TO CHILDREN OF VETERANS IN THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and National Defense and Security**

Senate Bill No. 280, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE URBAN AGRICULTURE AND VERTICAL FARMING IN THE COUNTRY'S METROPOLITAN AREAS TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY CONCERNS AND REGENERATE ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 281, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE PUBLIC SOLICITATION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 282, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE LISTING OF CALORIE CONTENT INFORMATION ON MENUS AND BOARDS OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 283, entitled

AN ACT REVITALIZING THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992," AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 284, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FORESTS AND FOREST LANDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 285, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING AND RECOGNIZING BICYCLES AS AN ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committees on Public Services; Public Works; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 286, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENT-ATHLETES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Sports**

Senate Bill No. 287, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SPECIALTY CENTERS ATTACHED TO EXISTING HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 288, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING ABSOLUTE DIVORCE AND DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality**

Senate Bill No. 289, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE (DDR), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Ways and Means; and Finance**



Senate Bill No. 290, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE MIDWIFE FOR EACH BARANGAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 291, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF THE FAMILY HOME EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION, FORCED SALE OR ATTACHMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 OF THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality**

Senate Bill No. 292, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING MICRO-FINANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES (MSEs), ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 293, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED UTILIZATION AND PROMOTION OF FOLIC ACID FOOD FORTIFICATION AND SUPPLEMENTATION

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 294, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS FOR THE WORKERS AND TALENTS IN THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 295, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 296, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ELDERLY CARE AND NURSING COMPLEX IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 297, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' ACT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

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Senate Bill No. 298, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS WARD OR UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 299, entitled

THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DAY CARE WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 300, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations**

**SECOND ADDITIONAL  
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 27, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PUR-

POSE OF REDUCING COMMITMENT FEES TO FOREIGN LENDERS AS WELL AS DELAYS AND NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

Introduced by Senator Binay

**To the Committees on Finance; and Economic Affairs**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 28, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF CASUAL AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYMENT IN THE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING THE POSSIBILITY OF REGULARIZING CASUAL AND CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS TO GUARANTEE SECURITY OF TENURE OF PERSONNEL HOLDING THE SAID POSITIONS

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 29, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF MARAWI RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION AND THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT MARAWI RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE SIEGE WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Senate Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation; and To The Committee on Finance**

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 30, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11054 OR THE BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW ARE SATISFIED AND IMPLEMENTED

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 31, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PREVALENCE OF FAKE CONDIMENTS MADE WITH SYNTHETIC ACETIC ACID IN THE PHILIPPINE MARKET, IN LIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST) REPORT THAT EIGHT OUT OF TEN LOCAL VINEGAR BRANDS ARE MADE WITH SYNTHETIC ACETIC ACID, WITH THE INTENTION OF PROTECTING CONSUMER HEALTHCARE AGAINST FAKE CONDIMENTS BEING SOLD, ADVERTISED, AND PROMOTED IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Binay

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 32, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES ON SCREENING AND SELECTION OF REGISTERED GUARDIANS OF DEPENDENT,

NEGLECTED, ABANDONED, AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN, IN LIGHT OF THE SLAY OF A GRADE SEVEN STUDENT BY HIS REGISTERED GUARDIAN IN MASILI, CALAMBA CITY

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 33, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE TARGETED AND SYSTEMATIC ATTACKS AND CONTINUED ASSAULT AGAINST LAWYERS, PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES, WITH THE END VIEW OF UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW, PROMOTING JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND PROTECTING DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Introduced by Senator De Lima

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 34, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CLOSURE OF 55 LUMAD SCHOOLS FOR INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN THE DAVAO REGION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO EDUCATION AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHTS AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PURSUANT TO THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND R.A. NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS ACT OF 1997"

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Introduced by Senator De Lima

**To the Committees on Cultural Communities; and Education, Arts and Culture**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 35, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE 2018 COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) REPORT THAT THE PHILIPPINE AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PADC) HAS INCURRED OPERATING LOSSES AMOUNTING TO P28.289 MILLION, WHICH IS PART OF THE TOTAL P178 MILLION LOSS OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE PAST SIX (6) YEARS (2013-2018), AND MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHETHER THERE REMAINS A NECESSITY FOR ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE

Introduced by Senator De Lima

**To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 36, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPACT OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11203 OR THE RICE TARIFFICATION ACT ON RICE FARMERS AND THE LOCAL RICE INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committee on Agriculture and Food**

**THIRD ADDITIONAL  
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

**MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Letter of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, dated 26 July 2019, pursuant to Section 27(1), Article VI

of the Constitution, I am returning herewith without my signature the consolidated enrolled Senate Bill No. 1826 and House Bill No. 6908, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING WORKERS RIGHT TO SECURITY OF TENURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 106, 107, 108, AND 109 OF BOOK III, AND ARTICLES 294, 295, 296, AND 297 OF BOOK VI OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED.

“I stand by my firm commitment to protect the workers’ right to security of tenure by eradicating all forms of abusive employment practices. Our goal, however, has always been to target the abuse, while leaving businesses free to engage in those practices beneficial to both management and the workforce. While the bill mostly codifies into law existing rules, regulations, orders, and jurisprudence on matters of labor-only contracting and security of tenure, it likewise unduly broadens the scope and definition of prohibited labor-only contracting, effectively proscribing forms of contractualization that are not particularly unfavorable to the employees involved.

Indeed, while labor-only contracting must be prohibited, legitimate job-contracting should be allowed, provided that the contractor is well capitalized, has sufficient investments, and affords its employees all the benefits provided for under the labor laws. Businesses should be allowed to determine whether they should outsource certain activities or not, especially when job-contracting will result in economy and efficiency in their operations, with no detriment to the workers, regardless of whether this is directly related to their business. This is especially critical since empirical data shows that the Philippines is currently at a disadvantage already in terms of cost and flexibility of labor use compared to its peers in the region.

The Supreme Court of the Philippines, on several occasions, has ruled that while

the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect the rights of workers and promote their welfare, such constitutional policy is not intended to oppress or destroy capital and management, and a healthy balance between the conflicting interests of labor and management must be observed. I believe the sweeping expansion of the definition of labor-only contracting destroys and delicate balance and will place capital and management at an impossibly difficult predicament with adverse consequences to the Filipino workers in the long term

In view of the foregoing, I am constrained to veto the abovementioned Enrolled Bill.”

#### To the Committee on Rules

#### RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 38, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AND NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENSE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MISSING MINORS WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY RECRUITED BY LEFTIST GROUPS AS THEIR MEMBERS AND FIGHTERS TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE WELFARE OF SAID MINORS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING MEASURES THAT WILL ENSURE PEACE AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Dela Rosa

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and National Defense and Security

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

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

- Gov. Esteban Evan B. Contreras of the Province of Capiz;
- Vice Mayor Iyo Caruncho Bernardo of Pasig City; and
- Officers and members of the Bicol Press Club headed by its chairperson, Sherwin Mata and its president Roel Saldico.

Senate President Sotto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Upon nomination by Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the committees hereunder indicated:

##### *Committee on Agrarian Reform*

*Vice Chair :* Marcos

*Members :*

##### *Majority*

Dela Rosa	Tolentino
Gatchalian	Angara
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##### *Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies*

*Vice Chairs:*

Angara	Gatchalian
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*Members :*

##### *Majority*

Lacson	Binay
Go	Lapid

##### *Minority*

Hontiveros	Pangilinan
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##### *Committee on National Defense and Security*

*Chairperson :* Lacson

*Vice Chairs :*

Tolentino	Go
Poe	Gordon
Dela Rosa	Pacquiao



*Members:**Majority*

Lapid	Angara
Villanueva	Revilla
Marcos	Gatchalian
Binay	Villar

*Minority*

Hontiveros	De Lima
Pangilinan	

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

*It was 3:39 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

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

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3**

Upon resumption, Senator Zubiri informed the Body that the Senate was already in receipt of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, entitled

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Villarica read the full text of the resolution, to wit:

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Calendar for the First Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines shall be as follows:

**CALENDAR OF SESSION  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

1. *Commencement of Session*  
- July 22, 2019 - October 4, 2019

2. *Adjournment of Session*  
- October 5, 2019 - November 3, 2019
3. *Resumption of Session*  
- November 4, 2019 - December 20, 2019
4. *Adjournment of Session*  
- December 21, 2019 - January 19, 2020
5. *Resumption of Session*  
- January 20, 2020 - March 13, 2020
6. *Adjournment of Session*  
- March 14, 2020 - May 3, 2020
7. *Resumption of Session*  
- May 4, 2020 - June 5, 2020  
  
(*sine die adjournment*)
8. *Adjournment of Session*  
- June 6, 2020-July 26, 2020

**ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 was adopted by the Body.

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators were elected members of the Commission on Appointments, on the part of the Majority:

Villar	Lacson
Marcos	Poe
Go	Revilla
Pimentel	Zubiri
Tolentino	Villanueva

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators were elected members of the Senate Electoral Tribunal:

Cayetano	Drilon
Lapid	Binay
Pacquiao	Gordon

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**FOURTH ADDITIONAL  
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Secretary of the Senate read the following resolutions which the Chair referred to the committees hereafter indicated:

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 39, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 11203 OR THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (RCEF) LAW, IN LIGHT OF THE NEED TO CLOSELY MONITOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, AS THIS LAW INVOLVES A VERY IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE COMMODITY -RICE- FOR EVERY FILIPINO, AND TO ENSURE THAT FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSE ACTUALLY INTENDED

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food;  
and Finance**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 40, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED FAILURE OF THE SUGAR REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION (SRA) IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC

ACT 10659 OR THE SUGARCANE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2015 TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY IN GENERAL AND THE SMALL FARMERS AND WORKERS IN PARTICULAR

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Agriculture and Food**

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 4 (July 29, 2019) and considered it approved.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

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

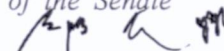
*It was 5:01 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.



**ATTY. MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA**

*Secretary of the Senate*



Approved on July 31, 2019