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**SENATE**

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*Introduced by Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr.*

**RESOLUTION**

**AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE, 13<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS, BY PROVIDING A MANDATORY PERIOD FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE.**

**WHEREAS**, it was the experience of the Blue Ribbon Committee during the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress that all its Committee Reports, except for one initial report (Committee Report No. 20 on Land Titles and Anomalies) and one final report (Committee Report No. 227 on the Cavite Land Scam) were not considered by the Senate in plenary session;

**WHEREAS**, the Rules of the Senate both in the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress and the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress as well as in the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress do not provide for a period within which a Committee Report, after the same is filed with the Office of the Secretary thru the Bill and Index Service, shall be acted upon by the Senate as a whole;

**WHEREAS**, the provision of a reasonable period for the Senate to approve or disapprove a Committee Report is in accordance with Republic Act 6713 or the Ethical Standards Act;

**WHEREAS**, the mandatory period for the consideration of a Committee Report submitted to the Senate will definitely forestall red tape by streamlining legislative procedure: **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, to amend the Senate Rules by inserting a new provision after SEC. 33, Rule XI on Meetings and Reports of the Committees, to be known as SEC. 33-A which shall read as follows:

**SEC. 33-A. A COMMITTEE REPORT FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY SHALL BE ASSIGNED FOR CONSIDERATION WITHIN FIFTEEN SESSION DAYS FROM ITS SUBMISSION.**

Adopted,

  
**AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL Jr.**