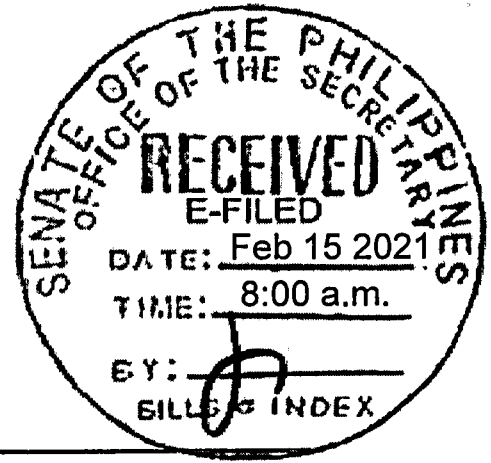


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 180**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography, and Finance on  
Feb 15 2021.

Re : House Bill No. 6971

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 6971 without amendment, taking into  
consideration Senate Bill No. 1584.

Sponsor : Sen. Christopher Bong Go

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Health and Demography, and Finance, to which was  
referred **House Bill No. 6971**, introduced by Representatives Y.M.K. Romualdez and  
F.M.G. Romualdez, A.H.D.L. Tan, Ungab, et. al., entitled:

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and taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 1584**, introduced by Senator Marcos,  
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have considered the same and have the honor to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 6971, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 1584, be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

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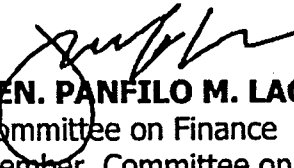
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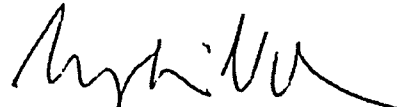
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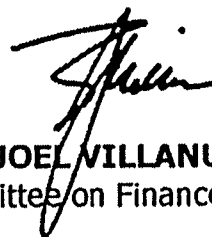
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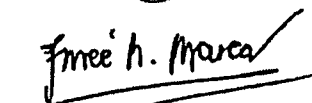
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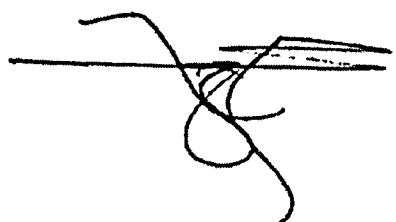
  
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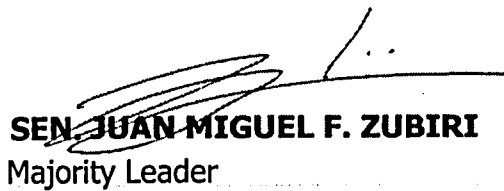
  
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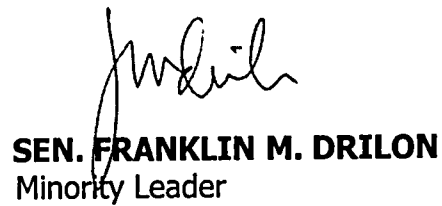
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Introduced by Honorable Reps. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D., Isidro T. Ungab, Eduardo R. Gullas, Ma. Lourdes T. Arroyo, Diego C. Ty, Strike B. Revilla, Cheryl P. Deloso- Montalla, Emmarie "Lolypop" Ouano-Dizon, Angelica Natasha Co, Elpidio F. Barzaga, Jr., Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Michael T. Defensor, Edgar M. Chatto, Paul Ruiz Daza, Resurreccion M. Acop, Joel Mayo Z. Almario, Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales, Jr., Joseph Stephen "Caraps" S. Paduano, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Paz C. Radaza, Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II, Gabriel H. Bordado, Gil "Kabarangay" A. Acosta, Jr., Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Gerardo "Gerryboy" J. Espina, Jr., Ferdinand R. Gaite, Weslie Gatchalian, Estrellita B. Suansing, Janice Z. Salimbangon, Irene Gay E. Saulog, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Leo Rafael M. Cueva, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., Francisco Jose "Bingo" F. Matugas II, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Rogelio Neil P. Roque, John Reynald M. Tiangco, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay, Ma. Bernardita "Ditas" B. Ramos, Domingo C. Rivera, and Luis Raymund "LRay" F. Villafuerte, Jr.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of the Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1        **SECTION 1.** The Schistosomiasis Control and Research Hospital in Palo, Leyte is hereby  
2 converted into a general hospital to be known as the Gov. Benjamin T. Romualdez General Hospital and  
3 Schistosomiasis Center.

4        **SEC. 2.** The authorized bed capacity of the Gov. Benjamin T. Romualdez General Hospital and  
5 Schistosomiasis Center shall be increased from twenty-five (25) to one hundred (100) beds. Any future  
6 increase in bed capacity shall be consistent with its hospital development plan, which shall be prepared  
7 and submitted by the Department of Health (DOH).  
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9        **SEC. 3.** The existing professional health care services and facilities of the Gov. Benjamin T.  
10 Romualdez General Hospital and Schistosomiasis Center are hereby upgraded to conform with and be  
11 commensurate to the increase in its bed capacity as provided in Section 2 hereof.  
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1           **SEC. 4.** The DOH shall, in coordination with the Department of Budget and Management and the  
2 Civil Service Commission, determine the additional plantilla positions to be created and filled upon prior  
3 consultation with the Chief of Hospital of the Gov. Benjamin T. Romualdez General Hospital and  
4 Schistosomiasis Center.

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6           **SEC. 5.** The Secretary of Health shall immediately include in the program of the DOH the  
7 implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations  
8 Act.

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10           **SEC. 6.** If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or  
11 provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

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13           **SEC. 7.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent  
14 with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are deemed amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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16           **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or  
17 in a newspaper of general circulation.

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19           **Approved,**