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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:26 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito Estrada led the prayer, to wit:

Lord, each day is a new day, signifying new opportunities, new challenges, new meanings, and yes, even new beginnings.

Today is a fresh start. The past is past, and tomorrow is just another day. As we embark on this momentous journey we call life, may Your light shine upon us in anything and everything we do. Now, more than ever, may Your Name always be glorified and Your will be done through us and in us, knowing it is not the what but the why and the how that matter.

Teach us, O Lord, that we may follow Your footsteps and adhere to Your commands. May we truly love another as You love us. May we share Your compassion and even Your pain if need be, if only to feel truly for the wretched and the poor.

Today, O Lord, we are faced with a number of predicaments. The economy is getting worse. Oil price hike is at an all time high. Political climate remains unstable. Peace and security unsecured. The people are losing hope. So we turn to You for guidance. With You, we know nothing is impossible.

So today, O Lord, we surrender everything to You. Keep us from harm and bring us safely to Your loving arms, now and forevermore.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon the direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Oscar G. Yabes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, E. J.	Lacson, P. M.
Arroyo, J. P.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Biazon, R. G.	Lim, A. S.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Madrigal, M. A.,
Defensor Santiago, M.	Osmeña III, S. R.
Drilon, F. M.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Pimentel Jr., A. Q.
Ejercito Estrada, L. L. P.	Recto, R. G.
Enrile, J. P.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Flavier, J. M.	Roxas, M.
Gordon, R. J.	

With 21 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Villar, who was on official mission, arrived after the roll call.

Senator Magsaysay was absent.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL
AS CORRECTED**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 7 and considered it approved subject to the correction made by Senator Pimentel on page 151, left column, first paragraph, third line, to replace the word "days" with WEEKS.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 451, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF FIXED INCOME EARNERS FROM THE FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 51 (A)(2)(b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 452, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY ON COUNTERTRADE

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 453, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF 1978, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 454, entitled

AN ACT HOLDING OPERATORS OF WAREHOUSES CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR EMPTY WAREHOUSES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 455, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING DIRECT AND TECHNICAL SMUGGLING AS ACTS OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 456, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS PRODUCED ABROAD WITH CHILD LABOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 457, entitled

AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE LIBERALIZATION OF CIVIL AVIATION IN ORDER TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS IN MANUFACTURING AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND TOURISM, AMENDING R.A. NO. 776, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Public Services

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Senate Bill No. 458, entitled

AN ACT CODIFYING THE LAWS ON CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY, IDENTIFYING AND PENALIZING ACTS INIMICAL TO CIVIL AVIATION AND THOSE CONSTITUTING UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE TO CIVIL AVIATION, PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 459, entitled

AN ACT MODIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6958, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 460, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PANAY-ILOILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, TRANSFERRING EXISTING ASSETS OF THE ILOILO AIRPORT TO THE AUTHORITY, VESTING THE AUTHORITY WITH POWER TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE PANAY-ILOILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 461, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE ZAMBOANGA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, TRANSFERRING EXISTING ASSETS OF THE ZAMBOANGA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE AUTHORITY, VESTING THE AUTHORITY WITH POWER TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE ZAMBOANGA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 462, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE MASS TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 463, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AS A CRIME THE ACT OF DRIVING ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR PROHIBITED DRUGS AND PROVIDING GRADUATED PENALTIES THEREFOR

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Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs; and Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 464, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING COMPUTER
CRIMES, PROVIDING PENALTIES
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 465, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AUTONOMOUS
PORT ADMINISTRATIONS (APAs),
DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 466, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DAVAO
PORT AUTHORITY, DEFINING
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 467, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING SHIPOWNERS,
SHIP CREW, AND CONCERNED
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO
PROVIDE FOR AND ENSURE THE

SAFETY OF PASSENGERS AT
SEA, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 468, entitled

AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE
MARITIME LIEN AND SHIP
MORTGAGE ACT OF 2004

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 469, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE QUEZON
CANAL ZONE AUTHORITY,
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS, AND OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 470, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE RAIL
NETWORK AUTHORITY,
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 471, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE
MANDATORY POSTING OF BOND BY
PUBLIC LAND TRANSPORT OPERA-
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TORS IN THE AMOUNTS OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (Php25,000.00) AND FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (Php50,000.00) RESPECTIVELY, FOR EVERY PASSENGER'S INJURY OR DEATH

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 472, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NORTH LUZON RAILWAYS CORPORATION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 473, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 474, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA FOR WOMEN

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 475, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 476, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON WOMEN, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 477, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 478, entitled

AN ACT ACCORDING EQUAL RIGHTS TO WIVES AND HUSBANDS IN THE PHILIPPINES BY AMENDING ARTICLES 333, 334, AND 344 OF ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 479, entitled

AN ACT ADDRESSING THE SYSTEM OF PROSTITUTION, IMPOSING PENALTIES ON ITS PERPETRATORS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ITS VICTIMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 480, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, IMPORTATION AND EXHIBITION OF THE OBSCENE AND PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS AND THE PERFORMANCE OR EXHIBITION OF INDECENT ACTS IN PUBLIC AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 481, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN PROVISIONS IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN

AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Local Government; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 482, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 192 OF THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE SO AS TO EXTEND ITS BENEFITS TO YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF OFFENSES PUNISHABLE BY DEATH OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT OR CONVICTED BY MILITARY TRIBUNALS

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 483, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED STUDENT HOUSING PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 484, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO YOUTH ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE TO MAXIMIZE PRODUCTIVITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 485, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING ALL OFFICIAL NON-WORKING DAYS TO FALL EITHER ON A MONDAY OR A FRIDAY

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 486, entitled

AN ACT DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS TO PREPARE THEIR RESPECTIVE ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES THAT WILL DEFINE THE PARAMETERS AND/OR LIMITS OF THEIR FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES FOR CENTRAL CONTROL AND MONITORING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 487, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND VIABILITY OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS BY CONGRESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 488, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Trade and Commerce; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 489, entitled

THE BUDGET IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 490, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CEILING ON ALL PUBLIC DEBTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Finance; and Economic Affairs

Senate Bill No. 491, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE GRANTING OF REWARDS AND PROTECTION TO THOSE WHO WILL REPORT MALFEASANCE IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 492, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING LABOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GOVERNING

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BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA) AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 107

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 493, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO ACT PROMPTLY ON THE PUBLIC'S PERSONAL TRANSACTIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS AS REQUIRED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 494, entitled

THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF POLITICAL PUBLIC RELATIONS

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 495, entitled

AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE DON MARIANO MARCOS AVENUE LOCATED AT QUEZON CITY TO THE BISHOP FELIX MANALO AVENUE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 496, entitled

AN ACT RENAMING ESPAÑA BOULEVARD LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MANILA TO LORENZO M. TAÑADA AVENUE

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 497, entitled

AN ACT RENAMING TAFT AVENUE IN MANILA TO SENATOR JOSE W. DIOKNO AVENUE

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 498, entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE ILIGAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FROM THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, GRANTING IT FULL STATUS AS A CHARTERED STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING, THEREBY REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5363 AND AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1387, AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 499, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING A PORTION OF THE BULAGOG-PUTIAN NATIONAL PARK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINGLE,

PROVINCE OF ILOILO, A
TOURIST SPOT

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 500, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH TWO
AS TOMAS CONFESOR DAY, AN
ANNUAL SPECIAL HOLIDAY IN
THE ISLANDS OF PANAY AND
ROMBLON

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 501, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE
COMPLETION OF THE CON-
STRUCTION OF TWO ARTERIAL
ROADS IN NORTHWEST LEYTE,
DECLARING AND CONVERTING
THEM INTO NATIONAL ROADS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 502, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PRESENT
OSMEÑA NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY OSMEÑA,
MUNICIPALITY OF MARABUT,
PROVINCE OF SAMAR INTO AN
AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL TO
BE KNOWN AS THE OSMEÑA
AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH
SCHOOL

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 503, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE
PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING
THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ISULAN
AND LEAK IN THE PROVINCE
OF SULTAN KUDARAT INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPRO-
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 504, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A
FARMERS' CROP CERTIFICATE
SYSTEM IN THE PROCUREMENT
OF GRAINS BY THE NATIONAL
FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA)
GUARANTEED BY THE
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 505, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE, DEVELOP AND
ASSIST MICRO AND COTTAGE
INDUSTRIES BY PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE AND RATIONAL
SYSTEM TO ADDRESS THEIR
PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY
NEEDS

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Trade and
Commerce; Local Government; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 506, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING BUSINESS ONE-STOP SHOP (BOSS) CENTERS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN ALL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; Economic Affairs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 507, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MINIMUM STANDARDS OF FAIR CONDUCT IN FRANCHISE SALES AND FRANCHISE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 508, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES STOCK EXCHANGE

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; Economic Affairs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 509, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 510, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CEILING ON THE DEBT STOCK OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Finance; and Economic Affairs

Senate Bill No. 511, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE AGAINST MONOPOLIES, COMBINATIONS IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE AND UNFAIR COMPETITION BY REDEFINING AND STRENGTHENING EXISTING LAWS, PROCESSES AND STRUCTURES REGULATING THE SAME AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 512, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL ACTS OF PRICE MANIPULATION COMMITTED BY A CARTEL, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRICE ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 513, entitled

AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE FISCAL INCENTIVES UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 226, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS INVESTMENTS CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED, AMENDING PERTINENT ARTICLES OF THE CODE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Economic Affairs

Senate Bill No. 514, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 515, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ATTACHED AGENCIES, OFFICES AND OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT THE RIGHT TO USE THEIR INCOME AND SAVINGS AS AN INCENTIVE TO BOOST THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES AND TO PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY AMONG THEM

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 516, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION TO ENSURE THE OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF POWER SUPPLY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS GUARANTEED TO PURCHASE FROM INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS (IPPs), PROVIDING A POWER REBATE SYSTEM IN FAVOR OF THE CONSUMERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Energy; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 517, entitled

AN ACT CREATING NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES POLICY AND PRESCRIBING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEVELOPING, COORDINATING AND IMPLEMENTING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 518, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL ECO-TOURISM POLICY, ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION, CREATING MECHANISM FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 519, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING CREDIT CARD
FRAUD AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 520, entitled

EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies; and Justice and
Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 521, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE
EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEE
CORPORATION THROUGH THE
CONSOLIDATION OF THE
PHILIPPINE GUARANTEE EXPORT
AND FOREIGN LOAN GUARANTEE
CORPORATION AND THE
GUARANTEE FUND FOR SMALL
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

**To the Committees on Government
Corporations and Public Enterprises; and
Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 522, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING PAWNSHOP
ESTABLISHMENTS AND
OPERATIONS

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 523, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL
MARKET CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

**To the Committees on Local Government;
and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 524, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL
STUDENT LOAN BOARD TO
FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A
NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN
PROGRAM FOR THE POOR, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THERE-
FOR

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 525, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STUDENT
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OF
ECONOMICALLY DISADVAN-
TAGED FAMILIES AND AUTHO-
RIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF
FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 526, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT
TO AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%)
OF THEIR STUDENT POPULATION
WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING
STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 527, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PRIVILEGES TO STUDENTS AT ALL LEVELS ON BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 528, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM DISALLOWING STUDENTS WITH DELINQUENT TUITION FEES TO TAKE THE MID-TERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 529, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NON-FORMAL EDUCATION ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY (NFE A&E) SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 530, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR

INDIGENT PRE-KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 531, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION A NATIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY GRADE PUPILS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 532, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOOKS FOR THE BARRIOS PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 533, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF MUNICIPAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS FOR DEAF-MUTE AND BLIND CHILDREN APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 534, entitled

AN ACT IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF FILIPINO TEACHERS

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 535, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 536, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING NATIONAL TEACHER ACADEMIES IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE ENTRY INTO THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 537, entitled

AN ACT TO ENTITLE CHILDREN OF TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO FREE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 538, entitled

AN ACT TO INTEGRATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION INTO THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY CURRICULA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 539, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DIGITAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Public Information and Mass Media; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 540, entitled

AN ACT TO INTEGRATE A COMPUTER EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 541, entitled

AN ACT COMPELLING INTERMEDIATE GRADE SCHOOLERS, SECONDARY AND COLLEGE STUDENTS TO DO COMMUNITY WORK AS PART OF THEIR CURRICULUM AND AS PREREQUISITE FOR GRADUATION

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

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Senate Bill No. 542, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING MULTI-NATIONAL AND DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING CORPORATIONS TO ALLOCATE ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THEIR ANNUAL CORPORATE INCOME FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 543, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPENING OF NIGHT CLASSES USING EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 544, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING COMPUTER EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 545, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH OFFER COURSES REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS FROM COMPELLING THEIR

GRADUATES TO TAKE REVIEW CLASSES AND/OR PRE-LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS IN THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF WHICH HE IS A GRADUATE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 546, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 98, 99 AND 100 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 547, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAS PIÑAS CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN LAS PIÑAS CITY

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 548, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE MINOR LEGITIMATE OR LEGALLY ADOPTED CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS WHO ARE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY OR OF OCCUPATION-RELATED ILLNESS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 549, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS FREE OF CHARGE
X-RAY AND OTHER FORMS OF
LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS
IN ANY GOVERNMENT PRIVATE
HOSPITALS DURING THEIR
REQUIRED ANNUAL PHYSICAL
EXAMINATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 550, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL
INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ALL
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS,
PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE
PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Senator Pangilinan acknowledged the presence of BSBA and BS Accounting students from the Central Luzon State University in Munoz City, Nueva Ecija and barangay officials from Iligan City headed by Mesdames Elizabeth Buna and Elsie Rebucas.

Thereafter, the interpellations on the speech of Senator Biazon resumed.

**INTERPELLATION OF
SENATOR GORDON**

Preliminarily, Senator Gordon noted that according to the catechism taught in Catholic schools, the purpose of marriage is to create a family which should be loved and cared for. He wondered if Senator Biazon had been exposed to this teaching. Senator Biazon agreed, stating that according to the basic Christian teaching, the sole purpose of the intimate relations between husband and wife is to procreate.

On whether the children of that union should be raised properly to become good Christians and useful citizens of the country, Senator Biazon replied in the affirmative.

Asked whether the failure of the parents to satisfy the needs of their children affects the quality of their upbringing, Senator Biazon replied in the affirmative, stating that humans share a common objective to uplift the quality of life of their families. He noted that there are constitutional provisions that address this concern.

Senator Gordon stated that the matter is also addressed in a provision of the Civil Code which states that the family is a social institution which the State cherishes and protects; and, in a provision of the Child and Youth Welfare Code that mandates the parents to take care of their children and provides for penal sanctions for failure to do so.

Asked about the government policy on family planning, Senator Biazon replied that there is a nebulous policy which depends on the occupant of Malacañang. For instance, he recalled that the Marcos administration vigorously pushed a family planning program that involved a massive education and information campaign and made accessible to everyone medical and family planning services, including supplies. That was the reason, he explained, why the population growth rate before martial law, which was between 3.5% and 3.7%, decreased to about 2.2% in the '80s. He noted that this increased to 2.36% at present.

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Apparently, Senator Gordon observed, the government policy allows families to have as many children as they want while it tries to provide for all their needs.

Asked whether the medical supplies during the Marcos era included condoms from USAID and other international agencies, Senator Biazon stated that until 2002, USAID gave the Philippines funding assistance for the family planning program in the amount of \$5 million and last year, \$3 million. This assistance has been removed, he said.

On the observation that the government has no clear family planning program at present, Senator Biazon replied that it is precisely because the program changes from president to president.

Be that as it may, Senator Gordon stated that any government would like to provide its citizens their needs and wants such as food, clothing, shelter, security and education.

On another matter, asked if the country is self-sufficient in food at present, Senator Biazon replied in the negative. He recalled that in the mid-'30s the country imported huge quantities of rice; in 1974, for the first time, rice was exported; when the *Masagana 99* was not sustained, rice was again imported; in the '80s and '90s, rice imports reached as much as 200,000 to 300,000 metric tons; towards the end of the '90s, 1998 in particular, almost 2 million metric tons of rice was imported because the country suffered from drought. In addition, he disclosed, about 50% of the imports were smuggled into the country.

Upon further queries, Senator Biazon cautioned that it is wrong to blame the country's food insufficiency solely on the increasing population because there are other contributing factors such as corruption in government and the inequitable distribution of the country's wealth.

Senator Gordon asked whether the demands of an increasing population impact the government's ability to provide people with decent housing. In reply, Senator Biazon enumerated certain facts concerning the country's housing problem: 1) when President Marcos left office

in 1986, there was a backlog of 3 million housing units; 2) President Aquino undertook a shelter program from 1986 to 1992 but at the end of her term, the backlog increased from 3 million to 3.7 million; 3) President Ramos tried to address the backlog through *Pabahay 2000* but at the end of his term, he left behind a 4.2 million backlog to the Estrada administration. The achievements of President Estrada in this endeavor, he said, cannot be assessed at the moment. Despite the government's housing projects, he said that there is an estimated backlog of 4.5 million to 4.7 million housing units.

Senator Biazon believed that the housing problem in urban areas is caused by the migration of Filipinos from the farms to the cities like Metro Manila, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, and Cebu. He cited Metro Manila's population growth rate of 3.7% to as much as 7%, while areas like Bicol, Negros Oriental, and Benguet have growth rates below the 2.3 % national average.

Replying to further queries, Senator Biazon clarified that migration is caused by the increase in population as farmlands shrink in relation to population. Moreover, he affirmed that population is a factor in the government's inability to attend to the sick as there are not enough doctors, hospitals and medicines for the needy. Similarly, he said that population has affected government's ability to provide for sufficient number of classrooms, teachers and books.

Asked if he was familiar with the demographic transition model, Senator Biazon replied he was, to a certain extent. He opined that the model could be attributed to the improvement of medical science resulting in a longer lifespan.

Senator Gordon pointed out that in developing countries like Iran and Lebanon and developed countries like Japan, specifically, the problem is a population growth that is below the replacement level, meaning there are older citizens to support. Senator Biazon said that for some countries such as the Netherlands, the problem is not over-population but an aging population.

Asked if colonial patronage makes people dependent on government to provide for their basic needs, Senator Biazon thanked Senator

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Gordon for bringing a new dimension into the issue of population policy. However, he expressed doubt whether the problem of patronage could be traced to the value system implanted in the Filipinos by the Spaniards, to laziness or to poverty. He suggested that social science experts examine the issue of patronage which he would bring up during the hearings. He agreed that a culture of dependency makes Filipinos uncompetitive.

Asked about the proposed two-child policy bill in the Bigger House, Senator Biazon explained that the bill is not intended to enforce a two-child policy but to encourage couples to have only two children, so the policy should not be part of the law but of the implementing rules and regulations.

To the position that the family should carry the burden of supporting the third and succeeding children, Senator Biazon argued that couples should have the freedom to choose the number of children they want to have but the use of rewards and punishments should be examined. He believed that even a system of incentives and disincentives would be tantamount to enforcement rather than encouragement.

Senator Gordon disagreed with Senator Biazon. He pointed out that the system of disincentives comes into play when one is required by law and the church to go through a family planning seminar before getting married. He explained that he would want to include a system of accountability to the *freedom of choice so that the couples would be fully aware that they would bear the load of providing the needs of the third and succeeding children in order not to be a burden to the community.*

Senator Biazon reiterated that the matter would need further study as adopting a system of incentives would depart from the policy of encouragement. He said that the number of children a family has would not be much of a problem to a family who belongs to the A or B classes but to a family who belongs to the C, D or E classes which, on the average, has six children. He said that imposing an incentive or disincentive system would affect the children in the lower classes who could not be clothed, fed, and educated properly and whose prospect for a better life is almost nil. He said that it would be useless for government to implement such a

system if it does not have enough capability to launch information and educational campaigns as well as to provide the needed basic services and supplies.

Senator Gordon wondered whether Senator Biazon was assuming that the poor would opt to have more children despite the fact that there would be disincentives. He stressed the need for couples to undergo a course on family planning before they get married so that they could become responsible parents who could provide for the needs of their children. He averred that handouts diminishes the poor even more because they tend to depend on the national government for the basic needs of the family which they themselves have to provide.

Senator Biazon gave assurance that the matter would be given due consideration during the committee hearing. As to whether or not his bill would be a substitute bill would depend on the number of similar bills that would be filed, he added.

Asked whether he was aware that not one of the population management and reproductive health measures that have been proposed in both Houses of Congress since the Eighth Congress was enacted into law, Senator Biazon said that indeed not even Senator Flavier's bill in the Eleventh Congress and his own bill in the Twelfth Congress were passed into law. He explained that it takes time for certain measures to ripen, like the Death Penalty Law that was introduced during the Eighth Congress but took almost nine years to be passed. Similarly, he said, the Reproductive Health Care Program which had been discussed in three Congresses was just about to ripen in the Thirteenth Congress.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR GORDON

In connection with his privilege speech the previous day on the killings of media men and judges, Senator Gordon informed the Body that Judge Melnor Lumawin of Branch 25, Regional Trial Court of Tabuk, Kalinga was fatally shot by jeepney-riding men the previous night. He noted with dismay the seeming arrogance and nonchalance on the part of criminals, as well as indifference on the part of many law enforcement officials today.

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INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR EJERCITO ESTRADA (J)

Replying to the queries of Senator Ejercito Estrada (J), Senator Biazon affirmed that the population growth rate during the Marcos administration prior to martial law was 3.6%, while the present population growth rate is 2.36%.

Asked whether the decrease was the result of a voluntary act on the part of the people or was imposed by the government, Senator Biazon said that it was a voluntary act resulting from the massive information drive and the accessibility of basic medical and family planning services. He pointed out that the population growth rate decreased to 2.2% before it went up again to 2.36%. He pointed out that the population growth was dependent on the programs adopted by the presidents who succeeded President Marcos.

As regards the methods that were used to achieve the decrease, Senator Biazon said that the Population Commission was established to undertake a massive information and educational campaign, in coordination with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and the Philippine Information Agency.

Asked about the time it took for the population growth rate to decrease from 3.6% to 2.36%, Senator Biazon said that it would be difficult to determine the length of time it would take to reduce the population growth rate from 2.36% to the desired level; in fact, the desired level has not been fully defined yet, even as China adopted a system that brought the population growth rate to 1.8% which is the replacement level. However, he opined that the replacement level is a changing factor. If the administration, for instance, would target a two percent growth rate, he said it could be accused by some senators of adopting a population control program. He clarified that the program is not adopting population control but family planning whose basic features are informed choice and responsible parenthood.

Replying to further queries, Senator Biazon disclosed that the lowest population growth rate was 2.2% during the latter part of the

Marcos regime, however, it would be impossible to get an accurate estimate on how much was spent to attain this rate.

Asked whether population control is not one of the priorities of President Macapagal Arroyo, Senator Biazon said that the President stated the need for a population program in 2001. However, in her latest statements, he said that the President left the matter to the local government units. He added that the President is not about to give a clearly defined population policy.

Asked what assurance he has that the President would not veto his bill, Senator Biazon said that the law has to be enacted first after which, the administration has to decide whether or not to implement it.

Asked whether the administration could adopt the proposal without running the risk of antagonizing the Catholic Church, Senator Biazon said that everyone is going to run that risk, as he did when he adopted family planning as one of his five advocacies during the campaign.

Relative thereto, Senator Biazon said that one of the first things to be done is to legislate a clear national policy on family planning. He said that the law that he was envisioning is one that leaves the choice to the family. He said that before the law takes effect, a massive information and education drive should be conducted after which, basic medical services and family planning supplies should be provided to the marginalized sector of society.

Asked whether he was confident that the President would support his proposal despite her pronouncements that population control is not one of her priority programs, Senator Biazon said that if Congress passed it and the President vetoed it, Congress could override the veto. If enacted into law and the President does not implement it well enough, he said that hopefully, the next President would do better.

Senator Biazon said that while the legislators do not have any assurance that the President would not veto the proposed Act, they should be strong

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on the issue; a massive support for the proposal could convince the President to support it.

Asked whether he agreed with the recommendation of a one-woman policy, Senator Biazon said that there is no need for such a policy because there are existing laws on bigamy and concubinage. The sharia, he pointed out, should also be taken into consideration because it allows a man to have four wives.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Senator Pangilinan manifested that Senator Pimentel has requested that he be allowed to interpellate Senator Biazon in the next day's session.

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 1, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LOW-COST HOUSING, BLISS AND OTHER SIMILAR PROJECTS

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

**To the Committee on Urban Planning,
Housing and Resettlement**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 2, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND

OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING PRIVATE SECTOR AUDITORS TO ASSIST AND CHECK THE FORMULATION AND FRAMING UP OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT PROMOTING THE PRINCIPLES OF COST-EFFECTIVE FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ELIMINATING WASTAGE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committee on Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 3, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE PHILIPPINE TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN THE LIGHT OF ITS CONCORDANT ISSUES: THE EFFECT OF GLOBALIZATION, FOREIGN COMPETITION OPEN MARKET ECONOMY, IMPORT LIBERALIZATION, AND TARIFF RESTRUCTURING, PRODUCTIVE AND TECHNICAL EFFICIENCY AND COMPETITIVENESS, PERFORMANCE AND PROFITABILITY, AND OTHER SALIENT MARKET BARRIERS AFFECTING THE SECTOR AND THEREBY, FORMULATE LEGISLATIONS AND POLICIES GEARED TOWARDS THE GROWTH OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 4, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND

COMMERCE, CINEMA AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ANENT THE STATE OF FILM PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY, WITH EMPHASIS ON FUNDING AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE EXTENDED PARTICULARLY TO SMALL FILM PRODUCERS AND INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS, THEIR STATUS AS A CONTRIBUTORY SECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND NOT SIMPLY AS A MERE DISCIPLINE OF THE ARTS, THE GLOBALIZATION TREND, AND ASSISTANCE THAT CAN BE EXTENDED TO THE SECTOR, WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF FORMULATING AN OMNIBUS INCENTIVES PROGRAM FOR MOVIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Trade and Commerce

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 5, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE; ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE PHILIPPINE INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING THEIR E-COMMERCE CAPABILITIES, AND THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PHILIPPINES' OPERATING CONDITIONS VIS-À-VIS OTHER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO MAKE IT A PREFERRED SITE FOR SHARED/BACKROOM INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

TECHNOLOGIES (ICT) SERVICES IN THE GLOBAL REVOLUTION TOWARDS A KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Science and Technology

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 6, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN IN-DEPTH STUDY AND REPORT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE ALLEGED NON-TITLING OF MOST GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF PREVENTING THE LOSS OF VALUABLE GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES TO CRIMINAL SYNDICATES AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WITH FELONIOUS VESTED INTERESTS AND RECOMMENDING POLICIES GEARED TOWARDS THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC OWNED PROPERTIES INCLUDING THE CAUSE FOR THE PREPARATION OF A CONSOLIDATED INVENTORY OF ALL GOVERNMENT REALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 7, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AN OMNIBUS REVIEW OF THE STATE OF PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF CHARTING MORE EFFECTIVE

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POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH THE ECOLOGICAL CREDO OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 8, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE EFFECTS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT-WTO) AND THE URUGUAY ROUND ON THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY AND TO EVALUATE WHETHER OR NOT THE FUNDAMENTAL ESSENCE OF THESE AGREEMENTS HAS BEEN SERVED THE PHILIPPINES IN THE REALIZATION OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF SUSTAINABLE ROBUST ECONOMIC EQUITY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING THE REAL WINNERS AND LOSERS IN THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF OUR ECONOMY AND TO ADOPT REMEDIAL LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO MINIMIZE IF NOT TOTALLY CUSHION THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Economic Affairs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 9, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO

CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE PROMOTION AND UTILIZATION OF PHILIPPINE WIND ENERGY SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committee on Energy

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GOVERNMENT'S SHELTER PRODUCTION

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 11, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNITY MORTGAGE PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 12, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF R.A.

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NO. 8763 OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE HOME GUARANTY ACT
OF 2000

Introduced by Senator Biazon

**To the Committees on Government
Corporations and Public Enterprises; and
Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 13, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
APPROPRIATE SENATE
COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON THE IMPACT OF
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR
COUNTRY'S COMMITMENTS
TO THE WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION (WTO) UNDER
THE GATT-URUGUAY ROUND
AGREEMENT

Introduced by Senator Biazon

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; and Trade and Commerce**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 14, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN
PLANNING, HOUSING AND
RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON THE STATUS OF
UNOCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS
PRODUCED BY THE GOVERN-
MENT AND HOUSING UNITS
ALREADY TAKEN OUT BY
GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 15, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN

PLANNING, HOUSING AND
RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON THE GOVERN-
MENT'S FLOOD CONTROL
PROGRAM IN METRO MANILA
IN PREPARATION FOR THE
COMIN RAINY SEASON

Introduced by Senator Biazon

**To the Committees on Urban Planning,
Housing and Resettlement; and Public Works**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 16, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON URBAN
PLANNING, HOUSING AND
RESETTLEMENT TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON THE IMPLEMEN-
TATION OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7835, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AND
INTEGRATED SHELTER
FINANCING ACT (CISFA) OF
1994, PARTICULARLY ON
PROVISIONS DEALING WITH
THE RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR
THE AFORECIDED LAW

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 17, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING HER
EXCELLENCY GLORIA
MACAPAGAL-ARROYO TO
IMMEDIATELY CONVENE THE
LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE
DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
COUNCIL (LEDAC) TO DISCUSS
THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IN
RELATION TO THE TEN-
POINT AGENDA THAT THE
PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED UPON
HER ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

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To the Archives

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 20, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE PREPARATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC) AND THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC), IN THE NEARING INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS PARTICULARLY THE 2004 OLYMPICS IN ATHENS, GREECE; 2006 ASIAN GAMES IN DOHA, QATAR; AND THE 2005 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA GAMES) IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ASSURING THE COUNTRY'S SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN THESE NEARING INTERNATIONAL SPORTING MEETS AS WELL AS THE COUNTRY'S READINESS IN HOSTING THE SEA GAMES NEXT YEAR

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

To the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 21, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TO REVIEW THE PHILIPPINES' FOREIGN POLICY IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT HOSTAGE CRISIS INVOLVING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKER ANGELO DELA CRUZ WHICH LED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S EARLY PULL OUT OF THE FIFTY-ONE MEMBER PHILIPPINE

CONTINGENT TO IRAQ, WITH THE END VIEW OF ENSURING THE PROTECTION OF OUR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs), AND RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN AND PROMOTE A TRULY INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY

Introduced by Senator Villar Jr.

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 23, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE IN URGING THE HOUSE OF COUNCILORS OF JAPAN (THE DIET OF JAPAN) TO ENACT THE LEGISLATION PROMOTING THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES CONCERNING VICTIMS OF WARTIME SEXUAL COERCION

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 24, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE POLICIES, PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES OF THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, INTRAMUROS ADMINISTRATION, PICC MANAGEMENT, CITY OF MAKATI AND THE VARIOUS OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS ON THE ABUSIVE TOWING OF CARS AND AUTOMOBILES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 25, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ADMINISTRATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION AND REGULATION BY THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD OF THE COUNTRY'S TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 26, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DRUG EXAMINATION AS A REQUIREMENT FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATION VIS-À-VIS THE REPORTED MALPRACTICES COMMITTED BY REGISTERED PRIVATE DRUG TESTING AGENCIES AND SOME LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) PERSONNEL

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 27, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND

MEANS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, OTHER THAN THE IMPOSITION OF NEW TAXES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 28, entitled

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE MURDER OF BROADCASTER ROGER MARIANO AND TO INSTITUTE REFORMS TO PROTECT MEDIA PRACTITIONERS IN THE EXERCISE OF THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

Introduced by Senators Pimentel Jr., M.A. Madrigal and Lim

To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 30, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES-RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION BENEFITS SYSTEM (AFP-RSBS) IN RELATION TO ITS MANDATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL, OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 31, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS AND CONDITION OF ON-GOING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE ALLEGED RAMPANT SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICE TO UNQUALIFIED AND FINANCIALLY UNSTABLE CONTRACTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, THAT UNDERMINES THE TEN-POINT AGENDA OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Public Works

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 32, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO EXAMINE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE FISCAL PLAN, TO BE PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, IN RELATION TO THE MEDIUM-TERM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 33, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO EXAMINE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AMBIGUOUS OR OUTMODED PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND OTHER TAX LAWS, AND RECOMMEND

THE APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS THERETO TO ENHANCE REVENUE COLLECTION WITHOUT IMPOSING NEW OR ADDITIONAL TAXES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 34, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PLIGHT OF THE DETAINEES AT THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTERS WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF RECOMMENDING IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION

Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 35, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN OMNIBUS AND URGENT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RAMPANT SMUGGLING AND QUESTIONABLE IMPORTATIONS OF RICE AND OTHER BASIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE BEEN DESTROYING PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CHARTING NEW POLICIES AND FORMULATING REMEDIAL MEASURES TO ASSIST FILIPINO FARMERS AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Introduced by Senator Magsaysay Jr.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 36, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE HUMANITARIAN CONTINGENT IN IRAQ FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

Introduced by Senators Gordon and Arroyo

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 37, entitled

RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (INC) ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 90TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

Introduced by Senators Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada and Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada


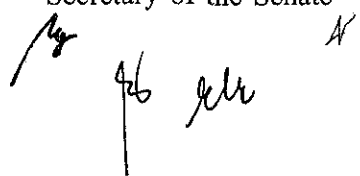
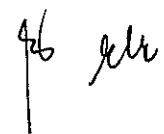
To the Committee on Rules

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, 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.


OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate



Approved on August 11, 2004