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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:44 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. Francis N. Pangilinan led the prayer, to wit:

Heavenly Father, bless our nation and our people.

Heal our nation. Deliver us from the ills of lawlessness and corruption.

Heal our people. Take away the pain brought about by deprivation and poverty.

Lend us the light of wisdom to help us understand the concerns of our people.

Use this institution, the Philippine Senate, to bring hope and relief especially to those who are suffering.

Give us the strength to see through the hurdles in our affairs and to place the national interest above everything else.

Give us the courage to carry out the heavy burden of leadership pressed on our shoulders.

Protect us from the temptation of complacency and lethargy and guide us in our decisions.

We ask this in the Holy Name of Jesus  
Amen.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Senate Choir led the singing of the national anthem.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session.

*It was 3:47 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:48 p.m., the session was resumed.

**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.

Arroyo, J. P.

Cayetano, C. P. S.

Drilon, F. M.

Ejercito Estrada, J.

Enrile, J. P.

Flavier, J. M.

Gordon, R. J.

Lacson, P. M.

Lapid, M. L. M.

Madrigal, M. A.

Pangilinan, F. N.

Revilla Jr., R. B.

Roxas, M.

With 14 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Ejercito Estrada (L), Lim, Magsaysay, Osmeña, Pimentel and Villar arrived after the roll call.

Senator Biazon was on official mission abroad.

Senator Defensor Santiago was absent on account of illness.

Senator Recto was also absent.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 87 and considered it approved.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Letters from the Secretary General of the House of Representatives dated May 11, 2005, informing the Senate that on May 10, 2005, the House of

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Representatives passed the following House bills in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

House Bill No. 786, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLAND-TOWNS OF BIRI, CAPUL, SAN ANTONIO AND SAN VICENTE, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR AS ECO-TOURISM ZONES

**To the Committee on Tourism**

House Bill No. 1243, entitled

AN ACT NAMING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF VILLABA, TABANGO, SAN ISIDRO, CALUBIAN AND LEYTE-LEYTE AS MARCELINO R. VELOSO NATIONAL HIGHWAY

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

House Bill No. 1283, entitled

AN ACT RENAMING THE LEYTE-BILIRAN BRIDGE AS MARCELINO R. VELOSO BRIDGE

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

House Bill No. 3872, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANGLAO ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANGLAO AND DAUIS, INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR PABLO SUAREZ BRIDGE IN SITIO UBOS-TOTULAN, TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3873, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SANDINGAN ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD

IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3874, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BALILIHAN-HANOPOL-BATUAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BALILIHAN, HANOPOL AND BATUAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session.

*It was 3:50 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:53 p.m., the session was resumed.

**DEFERMENT OF THE REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body deferred the rest of the Reference of Business to a later hour.

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23 ON SENATE BILL NO. 2000**  
(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 2000 (Committee Report No. 23), entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Senator Pangilinan stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations and that Senators Pimentel, Arroyo and Osmeña had reservations to interpellate.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

*It was 3:55 p.m.*

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:59 p.m., the session was resumed.

### SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 2000

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

*At this juncture, Senate President Drilon relinquished the Chair to Senate President Pro Tempore Flavio.*

### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR REVILLA

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Revilla delivered the following speech:

#### MAGING TAPAT SA WATAWAT

Taun-taon, ipinagdiriwang natin ang Pambansang Araw ng Watawat tuwing ika-28 ng Mayo. Ipinagdiriwang natin ito bilang paggunita sa pinakaunang pagkakataon sa ating kasaysayan, kung kailan malayang naiwagayway ang ating pambansang bandila matapos ang tagumpay ng sambayanang Pilipino sa makasaysayang Labanan ng Alapan, sa Imus, Cavite, laban sa mga dayuhang mananakop noong 1898. Ginaganap din ang okasyong ito para bigyang pugay ang ating watawat at ang mga simbolong nilalaman nito na kumakatawan sa mga katangian ng ating Inang Bayan at mga kababayan.

Ngayong taon, ipagdiriwang natin ang okasyong ito sa darating na Sabado. May ilang programa na binuo ang National Historical Institute at Philippine Information

Agency para gawing makabuluhan ang araw na iyon para sa bawat Pilipino.

Ang pagdiriwang na ito ang aking nais bigyang pansin sa aking maikling talumpati ngayong hapon.

Nais kong tawagan ng pansin ang kahalagahan ng Pambansang Araw ng Watawat at ng ating katangi-tanging bandila.

The Philippine Flag is recognized by flag historians and experts throughout the world as the most unique and one of the most symbolic national flags. Every element of our flag has a profound and significant meaning that articulates the characteristics and aspirations of the Filipino nation, and that a mere variance in the way it is displayed will articulate a totally distinct meaning in the state of the country.

Ito ay disenyo ng unang Pangulo ng ating Republika, Heneral Emilio Aguinaldo, nang siya ay nasa Hong Kong noong 1897, at tinahi naman nina Marcela Agoncillo, ng anak niyang si Lorenza, at ng pamangkin ng ating pambansang bayani Dr. Jose Rizal na si Delfina Herbosa de Natividad.

The equilateral triangle of our flag shows how we Filipinos value equality. Napakahalaga sa atin ang pagkakapantay-pantay ng bawat mamamayan anuman ang kanyang pinanggalingan at kalagayan sa buhay.

Ang malaking araw ay sumasagisag sa liwanag na ngayoy bumabalot sa ating bansa at mga kababayan, at kinakatawan din nito ang malayo nang narating ng ating Inang Bayan mula sa kadiliman at pagkakaalipin.

Of course, we all know that the eight rays of the sun represent the first eight united provinces that revolted for independence: Bulacan, Cavite, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Rizal, Pampanga, Batangas and Laguna. The three stars in the triangle stand for the three major geographical divisions of the country – Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

Ang pula ay sumasagisag sa dugong ibinuwis ng ating mga ninuno para makamit

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ang kalayaan, at ang kahandaan ng lahing Pilipino na muling magbuwis ng dugo at buhay para ipagtanggol ang ating bansa.

Ang asul sa ating watawat ay kumakatawan sa kadakilaan at pagkakaisa ng ating lahi, at ang pagmamahal natin sa kapayapaan. Ang puti naman ay sumasagisag sa kalinisan at pagkabusilak ng ating mga puso't isipan.

Alam ko na baka kahit Grade 1 ay alam ang simbolismong ito. Pero bakit ko inuulit ito ngayong hapon?

I go back to our national flag to remind everyone of our identity: what our nation stands for and who the Filipino is.

Dahil sa magulo at minsan nga'y marahas na kasaysayang dinaanan at patuloy na pinagdadaanan ng ating bansa ay hindi naging mahirap para sa ating mga kababayan na makaligtaan at maisantabi ang mga bagay na ito dahil sa kanilang pagkukumahog mabuhay.

Lalo na sa mga panahong ito na napakaraming pagsubok ang hinaharap ng ating bansa, mukhang nakakalimutan na natin at nababalewala na ang halaga ng mga katangiang kinakatawan ng ating watawat, at sa halip na maging iisang lahi na nasusukuban nito, ay nagiging watak-watak at kanya-kanya tayo.

Paano nga naman natin maaalala ang simbolismo ng ating watawat kung mismong ang ating bandila ay tila hindi na nirerespeto?

Nakakahiyang aminin na napakaraming Pilipino ang hindi marunong gumalang sa ating watawat, kabilang na rito ang ilang tanggapan ng ating pamahalaan.

Makikita natin ang kawalan ng kaalaman kung paano ba dapat ikabit ang ating bandila.

Habang naglalakbay tayo sa lansangan, makikita natin ang mga kupas-kupas at gulugulanit na watawat na nakataas sa mga flagpoles, nakakabit sa mga pader, jeep at tricycle, na pinababayaan lamang na mabasa ng ulan at minsa'y sumasayad pa sa lupa.

Nitong nakaraang ika-19 ng Mayo lamang, may isang Pilipina at kanyang asawa na Briton ang idinemanda ng Board of Directors ng Mimosa Golf and Country Club matapos magmatigas ang mga ito na huwag tumayo habang itinataas ang pambansang watawat kasabay ang pag-awit ng pambansang awit noong ika-5 ng Marso.

Tatagang nakakasama ng loob na mukhang para sa marami ay wala nang halaga ang ating watawat at kung tratuhin ito ng ilan ay tila isang ordinaryong pirasong tela na lamang.

Paano natin maaasahang yakapin ng bawat Pilipino ang mga prinsipyong kinakatawan ng ating bandila kung ang mismong simbolo ng mga prinsipyong ito ay parang nawawalan na ng halaga sa atin?

I am not here to talk about Republic Act No. 8491, the law that provides for the respect of our national symbols, nor about the penalties or the punishments of those who fail to follow that law. I am here for a more important reason: to call on the government and every Filipino to renew our sense of patriotism and love for our national symbols, and our love for our country.

Hindi ako naniniwala na nasa pananakot ang tugon para muling mag-alab ang pagmamahal sa ating Inang Bayan. Tulad ng lahat ng uri ng pag-ibig, hindi puwedeng puwersahin ang pag-ibig at pagmamahal sa ating bansa. Kailangang manggaling ito sa puso ng bawat Pilipino, bukal sa kalooban at walang kondisyon. Nakasalalay sa gobyerno ang responsibilidad na muling sindihan ang baga ng patriyotismo sa ating mga puso't isipan, para muli itong magliyab at siyang maging susi tungo sa paglutas ng mga suliraning hinaharap ng bansang Pilipinas.

Nagpapasalamat ako sa PIA sa kanilang adhikaing palaguin ang kamulatan sa halaga ng ating watawat, ngunit sa pagkakataong ito, higit ko pa silang hinahamon, sampu ng buong ehekutibong sangay ng ating pamahalaan.

Kailangang magsikap ang pamahalaan para higit pang maiangat ang kamulatan ng sambayanan ukol sa tamang pagkilala at

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paggalang sa ating watawat. Ito ang aking panawagan na sana'y hindi babagsak sa mga taingang kawali lamang.

Kasing tingkad ng mga kulay ng ating bandila ang kasaysayang pinagdaanan nito upang mabuo at makilala natin ngayon ang kasalukuyang anyo ng ating pambansang watawat. Hindi mabilang ang mga buhay na inialay para malayang makalayag ang ating watawat at ibandila sa buong mundo ang kalayaan, kasarinlan, at kadakilaan ng lahing Pilipino.

Huwag nating sayangin ang mga pag-aalay ng ating mga ninuno. Huwag nating balewalain ang kanilang mga sakripisyo upang makamit ang kalayaang tinatamasa nating ngayon. Huwag nating hiyain ang ating kasaysayan.

Habang hindi naman nating maikakaila ang hirap ng panahon ngayon, at ang napakaraming pagsubok na sabay-sabay at sunud-sunod na hinaharap ng ating bansa, isipin natin na sa panahon ng unos, nariyan ang ating watawat na pagmumulan ng ating inspirasyon at lakas upang tumayo sa bawat pagkalugmok.

Tandaan natin na sa dinami-dami man ng mga probinsiya, dialekto, tribo, relihiyon o paniniwala dito sa ating bansa, iisa lang ang lahing ating kinabibilangan at taas-noong maipagmamalaki.

Iisa lang ang lahing Pilipino na nasa-saklawan ng iisa lamang na pambansang watawat ng dakilang bansang Pilipinas.

Alalahanin natin na ang dugong nananalaytay sa ating mga ugat ay dugo ng mga bayani na nakibaka at patuloy na makikibaka para makamtan ang ating mga adhikain para sa bawat mamamayan at ng ating Inang Bayan.

Isabuhay natin ang mga prinsipyong kinakatawan ng ating bandila: pagkaka-pantay-pantay, katapangan, katapatan, kadakilaan, at pagkakaisa.

Ipakita at ipakilala natin sa buong mundo ang mga kapuri-puri at natatanging angking katangian ng lahing Pilipino.

Pilipino, magkaisa tayo at ipagmalaki ito sa buong mundo. Tayo'y maging tapat sa ating watawat.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR PIMENTEL**

Senator Pimentel shared the sentiment of Senator Revilla that indeed, the Philippine flag and the national anthem should be respected. However, he surmised that the Filipinos themselves are causing the trivialization of the Philippine flag as he observed that the Philippine national anthem is played at almost all functions and activities. He believed that the idea is being carried out too far, as a result of which, the playing of the national anthem has become commonplace. He wondered if it would be better to prohibit the playing of the national anthem in ordinary activities to restore the people's respect for the Philippine flag and the national anthem. Senator Revilla replied that Filipinos should take to heart the lyrics of the national anthem instead of just mouthing them.

Senator Pimentel agreed that there is need for national symbols that remind the people of the heroic acts of their ancestors. But he underscored the need to limit the playing of the national anthem only to mark important occasions. He suggested, for instance, the repeal of the law that provides that the national anthem be played at the movie theaters or golf events, otherwise, it trivializes the whole thing. Senator Revilla agreed.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR EJERCITO ESTRADA (J)**

Upon query of Senator Ejercito Estrada (J), Senator Revilla explained that the color yellow in the Philippine flag symbolizes greatness.

Senator Ejercito Estrada (J) observed that in some government agencies, the Philippine flag on display is tattered or faded. He asked what could be done to encourage all government agencies to give due respect to the Philippine flag and the national anthem. Senator Revilla replied that the government should start reorienting the people on the significance of the flag as a national symbol. A flag that is no longer fit to be displayed, he added, should be burned and its ashes buried to preserve the sacredness of the flag.

Senator Ejercito Estrada (J) noted that in the United States, flag burning is a sign of protest. He wondered if such an act means that Americans have no respect for their flag.

On whether the design of the flag should be changed to follow those of revolutionary flags, Senator Revilla replied that it should not. He underscored that there is only one national flag and the revolutionary flags adopted by General Aguinaldo and Andres Bonifacio represented factions within the movement.

Asked how the unique traits of Filipino could be effectively shown to the whole world, Senator Revilla replied that history bears out that Filipinos have fought for their independence and if need be, they would do so again.

#### INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR GORDON

At the onset, Senator Gordon agreed with Senator Revilla that, "*Tulad ng lahat ng uri ng pag-ibig, hindi puwedeng puwersahin ang pag-ibig at pagmamahal sa ating bansa.*"

Asked if there is a way of expressing the sense of patriotism other than waving the flag and singing the national anthem, Senator Revilla replied that it should start with concern for the flag and the rest would follow. He said that if everyone would take the flag for granted, the fight for freedom becomes meaningless.

Senator Gordon asserted that the line "*sa manlulupig di ka pasisiil*" in the national anthem refers to Lapu-Lapu who refused to bow to foreigners and the line, "*ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo*" refers to Dr. Jose Rizal who came back from exile only to be executed by the Spanish colonizers. He observed that when Fathers Gomez, Burgos and Zamora were executed by the Spaniards, the Filipinos came to realize that even priests who preached against the Spanish government would not be spared. He said that when Dr. Jose Rizal found out about the execution, he learned about the true color of the Spanish friars and decided not to become a Jesuit. He recounted that when the Spaniards learned about the revolution, Andres Bonifacio and General Aguinaldo had to resort to grabbing arms to carry on the struggle for independence.

Senator Gordon posited that these events should be understood by Filipinos and underscored that history, in fact, should be written correctly. He lamented that in movies on Bataan, the Americans are depicted to be the heroes although there were only 10,000 of them compared to 60,000 Filipinos. He stated that Congress should find ways to imbue in the hearts of Filipinos true understanding and appreciation for their history and culture. He recounted that he had a light and sound show put up in Intramuros and Imus to depict the heroism of the Filipino revolutionaries.

Upon query, Senator Revilla replied that the Philippine flag was first displayed in the battle field at Alapan, in Imus, Cavite and first hoisted at Kawit, Cavite on June 12, 1898. Senator Gordon added that the biggest flag was raised in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo.

Senator Gordon recalled that his fraternity in U.P. launched a movement to add a ninth ray to the flag to symbolize the courage of the Muslims who prevented the whole Philippines from being conquered by Spain.

Asked if he agrees that a statue of Lapu-Lapu should be placed at the Luneta as it symbolizes the line "*sa manlulupig di ka pa sisiil*," in front of the statue of Dr. Rizal that symbolizes "*ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo*," thus completing the nation's history, Senator Revilla replied in the affirmative.

#### REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Revilla and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture.

At this juncture, Senator Pangilinan conveyed to the Members the Senate President's invitation to an all-Senators caucus to discuss the remaining agenda for the duration of the First Regular Session.

#### INQUIRY OF SENATOR GORDON

Stating that he would be on official leave on Tuesday, Senator Gordon queried whether the bill postponing the Barangay and SK elections could be taken up in the day's session. Senator Pangilinan stated that Senator Pimentel had requested that the matter be tackled in the caucus.

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**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

*It was 4:42 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

*It was 4:43 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 6:16 p.m., the session was resumed with Senate President Pro Tempore Flavio presiding.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

*(Continuation)*

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

House Bill No. 3875, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SIKATUNA - ALBURQUERQUE PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SIKATUNA AND ALBURQUERQUE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3876, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CALAPE - PANGANGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAPE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3877, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ANTEQUERA - SAN ISIDRO - LIBERTAD (TUBIGON) PROVINCIAL ROAD TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ANTEQUERA, SAN ISIDRO AND TUBIGON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3878, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE STO. NIÑO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACLAYON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3879, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE COGON NORTE - BADBAD ORIENTAL - OCCIDENTAL - TUBODACU - NAGTUANG - TUBUAN - BONGCO - CANSUBAYON ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3880, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUINOBATAN - JOVELLAR - DONSOL PROVINCIAL ROAD, PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3881, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MATACON - MAIPON - SAN

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RAFAEL PROVINCIAL ROAD,  
PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3882, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE POLANGUI –  
LIDONG – BUHI PROVINCIAL  
ROAD, PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO  
A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3883, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE  
DANSOLIHON – TIGNAPOLOAN –  
BESIGAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF  
CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF  
MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3884, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CARMEN  
– CANITOAN – PAGATPAT – SAN  
SIMON – BAIKINGON – IPONAN  
ROAD IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN  
DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS  
ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL  
ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3885, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE  
CAMAMAN-AN – INDAHAG ROAD  
IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE  
ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS  
ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL  
ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3886, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BULUA-  
ANHAON – CANITOAN – PUEBLO  
DE ORO ROAD IN THE CITY OF  
CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF  
MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3887, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING BARANGAY  
BATO ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ  
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3888, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIPONA –  
CANAPIAN – QUINABONGLAN  
ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF  
PONTEVEDRA AND MAAYON,  
PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3889, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION  
– PAWA ROAD IN THE MUNICI-  
PALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF  
CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3893, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. FE –  
CASANAYAN ROAD IN THE MUNI-  
CIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF  
CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

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House Bill No. 3894, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANITAN – TIMPAS – MIANAY ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANITAN AND SIGMA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

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

House Bill No. 3895, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROXAS CITY – CAGAY – SIBAGUAN – BALIJUAGAN – CUDIAN – IVISAN ROAD IN ROXAS CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF IVISAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3896, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CONCIENCIA – TINIGBAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANITAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3897, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE COGON – PONTEVEDRA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PANITAN AND PONTEVEDRA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3898, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUMULOG – GABUAN – MONGPONG – CULAJAO – BANICA ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3899, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE ADLAWAN – LIONG – JUMAGICJIC – SAN JOSE – CABUGAO ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3900, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE LANOT – LOCTUGAN – PANITAN BOUNDARY ROAD IN ROXAS CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANITAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3901, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BANICA – BATO – MILIBILI – ARCABALO – BOLO ROAD IN ROXAS CITY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3902, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN ISIDRO – PINAMIHAGAN ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3903, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION MATACLA – BUYO – TAGONGTONG JUNCTION ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL

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ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3904, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION KINALANSAN - MANSANA - TELEGRAPO ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3905, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION SAN RAFAEL - SAN RAMON - BURABOD ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3906, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE JUNCTION MALIGAYA - GIBGOS ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3907, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NRJ TINIWISAN - MAGUINDA - MANDAMO - POBLACION LAS NIEVES - MALICATO - SAN ISIDRO - ROSARIO - MARCOS CALO - NRJ AGUSAN - DAVAO ROAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3908, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NRJ - AGUSAN - SURIGAO - TINIWISAN - CABCABON - TAOD-OY ROAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3909, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NRJ - AGUSAN - SURIGAO - BANZA - GUIASAN ROAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3910, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. MAGDALENA - PAWA PROVINCIAL ROAD WHICH LINKS THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STA. MAGDALENA AND MATNOG, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3911, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUINTAS - MANGOSO - MANSACUL - MATINABUS - PINAMALATICAN - SAN JOSE - STO. ROSARIO - JAGNAYA JCT. - CALAAGUS - BAYE - BALIT - MARALAG - BATO-BATO - MAMBUSAO JCT. - SAN ROQUE - SAN RAFAEL - SAN AGUSTIN - SAN MARTIN - STA. CARMEN - CONSOLACION - STA. CRUZ - TASLAN - SAN PEDRO - SAN JULIAN - DAAN BANWA - POBLACION JCT. ROAD TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SIGMA, JAMINDAN, MAMBUSAO,

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DUMALAG AND TAPAZ, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3912, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE TUMALALUD - BILAO PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY TUMALALUD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAMBUSAO TO BARANGAY BILAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAPIAN, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3918, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE TIGAON - JUNCTION ABO - SAN MIGUEL - SALOGON ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3919, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE TIGAON - GUBAT - TINAWAGAN - LIBOD - CATAGBACAN ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3920, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAGÑAY (JUNCTION TURAGUE) - MINADONGHOL - KILOMAON - ANIOG ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A

PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3921, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE TIGAON VINAGRE - HUYON-HUYON (TIGAON) - STO. NIÑO (SAGÑAY) ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3922, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABALODBALOD - TINORONGAN (TIGAON) - CATALOTOAN (SAGÑAY) ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3923, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAMON - SCOUT FUENTEBELLA - TAMBAN (GOA) ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

House Bill No. 3924, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE GOA - NAPAWON - SAN ROQUE - DAHAT - LAGONOY ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM A PROVINCIAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD

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

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House Bill No. 3925, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE CUMADCAD  
- SAN ISIDRO - POBLACION  
PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA,  
PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD

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

and House Bill No. 3926, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACON -  
SAWANGA - PRIETO DIAZ ROAD  
IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON AND  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRIETO  
DIAZ, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON  
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

Letter from the Secretary General of the House of  
Representatives dated May 11, 2005, informing  
the Senate that on even date, the House of  
Representatives approved the Bicameral  
Conference Committee Report on the disagree-  
ing provisions of House Bill No. 3555, entitled

AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE  
VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE TITLE IV OF  
THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE  
CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES;

House Bill No. 3705, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 106,  
107, 108, 109, 110 AND 111 OF THE  
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE  
CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES;

and Senate Bill No. 1950, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 27, 28,  
34, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113,  
114, 116, 117, 119, 121, 125, 148, 151,  
236, 237 AND 288 OF THE  
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE

CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**To the Archives**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 2011, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION  
FOR THE COORDINATION OF THE  
PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL SERVICE  
(PHILSTAT), RESTRUCTURING FOR  
THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE  
STATISTICAL SYSTEM, APPRO-  
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Serge Osmeña

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

Senate Bill No. 2013, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT MENTAL  
HEALTH PATIENTS RECEIVE THE  
PROTECTION AND SERVICES  
THEY REQUIRE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,  
Miriam

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural  
Development**

Senate Bill No. 2014, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT  
OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE  
AMONG HIGH RISK YOUTH

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,  
Miriam

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 2015, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE  
SAFETY OF NON-MOTORIZED

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TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING  
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY,  
IN THE VICINITY OF SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,  
Miriam

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

Senate Bill No. 2016, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE EVERY  
PREGNANT WOMAN'S ACCESS TO  
A SKILLED BIRTH ATTENDANT AT  
THE TIME OF CHILDBIRTH AND  
IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,  
Miriam

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; Youth, Women and Family Relations;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2017, entitled

AN ACT TO MANDATE A COMPRE-  
HENSIVE RESEARCH FOR THE  
PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND  
MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,  
Miriam

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

Senate Bill No. 2018, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE  
PRODUCTION OF ORGANICALLY  
PRODUCED FOODS THROUGH THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL  
STANDARD PRODUCTION FOR  
ORGANICALLY PRODUCED  
PRODUCTS AND FOR THE  
LABELING OF ORGANICALLY  
PRODUCED PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,  
Miriam

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

Senate Bill No. 2019, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT HEALTH  
PLANS PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR  
A MINIMUM HOSPITAL STAY FOR  
MASTECTOMIES, LUMPECTOMIES,  
AND LYMPH NODE DISSECTION  
FOR THE TREATMENT OF BREAST  
CANCER AND COVERAGE FOR  
SECONDARY CONSULTATIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,  
Miriam

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-  
graphy**

Senate Bill No. 2020, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WELFARE  
AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
TO FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND BY  
OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,  
Miriam

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment  
and Human Resources Development; Youth,  
Women and Family Relations; and Finance**

**RESOLUTION**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 263, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL  
SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT  
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-  
LATION, INTO THE PROPRIETY OF  
THE INTEGRATION OF THE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICE  
UNDER THE COMMISSION ON  
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICA-  
TIONS TECHNOLOGY AND ITS  
EFFECTS TO THE EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito  
Estrada

**To the Committees on Civil Service  
and Government Reorganization; and Public  
Services**

**COMMUNICATION**

Letter from Executive Secretary Eduardo R. Ermita of the Office of the President of the Philippines, transmitting to the Senate the letter of Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo dated May 9, 2005, addressed to Speaker Jose De Venecia Jr. of the House of Representatives, certifying to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 4066, under Committee Report No. 611, entitled

**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER NINETY ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO (R.A. 9182), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE ACT OF 2002,**

pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26(2) of the Constitution.

**To the Committee on Rules**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Report No. 25, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance on Senate Bill No. 2012 with Senator Pia "Compañera" S. Cayetano as author thereof, entitled

**AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION SERVICES AGAINST HEPATITIS-B FOR INFANTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 996, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,**

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1860.

Sponsor: Senator Pia "Compañera" S. Cayetano

**To the Calendar for Ordinary Business**

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS****MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Letter of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo dated 18 May 2005, certifying to the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 2000, entitled

**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,**

to meet the public emergency arising from the present budgetary constraint; direct limited available resources to fund priority social and development programs/projects, and allow ample preparations for the conduct of an honest, orderly, peaceful electoral exercise.


**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 6:31 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
OSCAR S. YABES  
Secretary of the Senate  
*Ys* *llu* *AK*

Approved on May 24, 2005