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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:00 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay led the prayer, to wit:

*If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your  
dwelling, no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near your tent."*

*Psalm 91:9-10*

Our loving Father, we come to You in all humility in this hour of great need and seek Your love and protection.

*Panginoon, mabigat po ang damdamin naming dumudulog sa Inyo para sa kapakanan ng aming mga kababayang lubhang naapektuhan ng lindol ngayong umaga.*

*Panalangin po namin nawa'y protektahan at iligtas po Ninyo ang bawat buhay, ang bawat tahanan ng aming mga kababayan. Sila po ay kasalukuyang dumaranas ng pagsubok bunga ng malakas na pagyanig ng lupa.*

*Kami po ay nababagabag ngunit kami ay patuloy na nananalig sa Inyong walang patid*

*na pagmamahal, ikukubli po Ninyo kami at ilalayo sa dagdag na kapahamakan.*

Our loving Father, we fervently believe in Your promise of salvation. Lord, quell our troubled hearts, fortify our souls so that we do not give in to doubt, and strengthen our bodies so that we may be able to provide aid and succor to our fellows who are facing this trial.

All this we ask in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon direction of the Senate President, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Renato N. Bantug Jr., called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Legarda L.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Marcos, I. R.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Padilla, R. C.
Cayetano, P. S.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Dela Rosa, R. B. M.	Poe, G.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Tulfo, R. T.
Estrada, J. E.	Villanueva, J.
Gatchalian, W.	Villar, C. A.
Go, C. L. T.	Villar, M. A.
Hontiveros, R.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Lapid, M. L. M.	

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With 23 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Tolentino was on official business in New York City to enable him to complete his International Trade Law Program at Columbia Law School from July 27, 2022 to August 10, 2022, as indicated in the Senator's letter dated July 25, 2022.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

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

- His Excellency Koshikawa Kazuhiko, Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines;
- Gov. Datu Pax Ali Sangki Mangudadatu of Sultan Kudarat;
- Mayor Edito B. Saludaga of Lavezares, Northern Samar;
- Vice Gov. Dionisio Victor Balite and Board Member Tita V. Baja of the Province of Bohol;
- Mayor Marcos M. Mamay of Nunungan, Lanao del Norte; and
- Mayor Haron D. Omar Sr. of Magsaysay, Lanao del Norte.

The Senate President welcomed the guests to the Senate.

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

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 2 (July 26, 2022) and considered it approved.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)**

Senator Cayetano (A) stated that the country had been struck by a 7.0 magnitude earthquake earlier that day. According to him, the Philippines is hit by 20 typhoons on average. He then cited the 2021 World Risk Report, which ranked the country eighth out of 181 in terms of disaster risk, and Germanwatch, which ranked the country fourth among countries most affected by climate change and

weather disasters between 2000 and 2019. He stated that a Department of Disaster Resiliency was mentioned during President Marcos' briefing that morning.

He informed the Body that several senators had filed their individual bills on the creation of the department: Senate Bill No. 66 or the Emergency Response Department Act of 2016, filed by Senator Cayetano (A); Senate Bill No. 188 or the Disaster Resilience Act of 2022, filed by Senator Go; and Senate Bill No. 662 or the Disaster Resilience Act of 2022, filed by Senator Cayetano (P). He said that no less than Senator Legarda's first privilege speech the previous day was about the environment. He then requested that the Senate leadership consider asking the President to consider the aforementioned measures as urgent.

He stated that the current NDRRMC is full of committed and dedicated individuals. He lamented, however, that the NDRRMC is made up of 44 agencies and only serves as an ad hoc coordinating office. He emphasized the importance of having one department that was accountable—one that did the job and could be pointed to if coordination was needed. He stated that he was personally drafting a letter to the President requesting that the bills be designated as urgent, and he suggested that the Committee on Rules consider having the Senate as a whole make the same request to the President.

Senator Villanueva responded by saying that he would like to be a part of the measures mentioned by Senator Cayetano (A), and that the Committee on Rules would consider his suggestion as soon as it was organized.

Senate President Zubiri informed the Senate that he had also filed a bill of the same nature as one of his top ten priorities, and he expressed his full support for Senator (A) Cayetano's suggestion.

Senator Cayetano (A) apologized for overlooking other senators who had filed bills related to disaster resilience and emergency response because he had only looked into the matter that morning. He reiterated his suggestion that the Senate as a whole request that the President certify such legislation as urgent.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA**

Senator Villanueva expressed his commiseration with and sympathies to the families of those affected

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by the recent earthquake. He urged local governments, the Office of Civil Defense, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and other government agencies to provide the people with immediate assistance. He informed the Body that prior to the start of the session, the senators were discussing how they would assist those affected by the recent disaster. He also lauded the quick response of Senate offices, particularly the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms, in ensuring the safety of all Senate staff and personnel that morning.

Senate President Zubiri stated that before the session that day, Senator Legarda suggested that senators help by donating a portion of their salary, with the beneficiary to be determined later. He stated that the Office of Senator Villanueva could discuss the matter with the Members at a later time.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

*It was 3:11 p.m.*

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:12 p.m., the session was resumed with Senate President Pro Tempore Legarda presiding.

### PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PRO-  
FOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE  
CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE  
OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE  
DEATH OF FORMER JAPANESE  
PRIME MINISTER SHINZO ABE,

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 28 and 60.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the *Rules of the Senate*, with the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the *Record of the Senate*.

The Chair recognized Senate President Zubiri for the sponsorship.

### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATE PRESIDENT ZUBIRI

In sponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10, Senate President Zubiri delivered the following speech:

It saddens me to stand here today to sponsor this resolution under tragic circumstances of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's passing. Nonetheless, I stand here to honor the extraordinary life and service of Prime Minister Abe and his outsized influence that reached far beyond the shores of his homeland.

My deepest, deepest condolences go out to his family, his wife Madam Abe Akie, and the Japanese people, represented in our Chamber today by our dear friend, Amb. Koshikawa Kazuhiko.

Prime Minister Abe was an exceptional leader, whose impact is felt not only in Japan but in our country as well. He was a very good friend to the Philippines, and it was under his leadership that Japan and the Philippines were really able to strengthen our bilateral relationship. In fact, by 2015, Japan had become our top trading partner, unseating even the United States of America.

And I would like to add today, that when I saw the ambassador, right away the ambassador was concerned about the earthquake in Northern Luzon, and he offered immediately aid from JICA. His teams are ready from Japan to fly in at any time to help in the rescue efforts being done in towns and in cities up in the North. We thank him for that offer. That is how close the friendship we have with the nation of Japan.

Further, through Prime Minister Abe's leadership and initiatives, the Japan International Cooperation Agency or JICA, and the Official Development Assistance Fund provided us invaluable help and support across various sectors, including transportation, agriculture, health, peace and order, particularly, I would like to make special mention and *alam po ito ni* former Senate President Koko Pimentel, the peace process in Mindanao. They were in the front and center helping us out, and as a Mindanaoan, I am very, very grateful for that.

He also believed deeply in the progress promised by the Build, Build, Build Program, and so, during his time as Prime Minister, Japan

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provided us with assistance worth one trillion Yen for the Build, Build, Build Program.

Among our infrastructure developments, he was perhaps the most supportive of our bid to strengthen our public transportation. If we enter the Senate downstairs, and you see that model of the subway, that is a Japan-funded project. Ask anyone who has had opportunity to experience it, and they will tell you that Japan's public transport system is unrivaled by efficiency. It is the vital thread that mobilizes Japanese life and economy. And Prime Minister Abe saw that for the Philippines to achieve genuine progress through an empowered and mobile citizenry, we would have to have a world-class public transportation system as well.

Hence, under his leadership, Japan became our partner in development and construction of the Metro Manila Subway project through their Grant Aid Program. We Filipinos will always remember this project as Prime Minister Abe's legacy to our country and to our people.

We will honor Prime Minister Abe through the successful completion of the projects that he supported. And before I end this, I would like to say that they also helped us a lot in the field of defense. They provided us with so much navy ships, some through grants, some through loans, under construction now by Japan Naval Shipyards. We thank the Japanese people for that. And these were all triggered by Prime Minister Abe. So, we will forever regard him as a dear friend and ally of the Filipino people.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA**

Senator Villanueva stated that Senator Revilla would submit his cosponsorship speech on the resolution for insertion into the *Journal and Record* of the Senate.

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR REVILLA**

Pursuant to the manifestation of Senator Villanueva, the following is the cosponsorship speech of Senator Revilla on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10, which was deemed read and inserted into the *Journal and Record of the Senate*:

With deepest sympathy, we join our colleagues and countries all over the world in mourning the untimely death of Japan's Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

*Alam naman po natin kung paano siya nagsilbing ehemplo ng matatag na pamumuno, gayundin ang kanyang global contributions at commitment upang makapagsilbi at makatulong, hindi lamang sa sarili niyang bayan kundi pati na rin sa ibang mga bansa gaya ng Pilipinas.*

*Isa siyang visionary na masigasig na gumabay sa Japan sa mga pinakamahihirap na yugto ng kanilang lipunan. Matatag ang ating relasyon sa Japan sa panahon ng kanyang pamumuno. Hindi po natin makakalimutan iyan.*

We fervently pray for strength and comfort for his family, and for Japan as a nation.

May you rest in peace, Prime Minister Abe. Your legacy will steadily live on.

Finally, with the permission of the sponsor, may I be made coauthor of this resolution.

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR DELA ROSA**

In cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10, Senator Dela Rosa delivered the following speech:

"Abe was a good and loyal friend, a staunch supporter of my administration and a strong ally of the nation. As the world mourns the loss of this great man, we remember him for his compassionate service and remarkable leadership. Indeed, one of the most influential world leaders of our time." That was how former President Rodrigo Duterte spoke of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Indeed, today, as we gather in the halls of this Senate, we mourn the loss of one who was a dear friend not only to our President but, more importantly, to our Republic.

As Japan's longest-serving Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe was able to strike that much-needed balance between formality and friendship. When former President Duterte was elected President, Prime Minister Abe was the first foreign leader to visit the Philippines, surely to strengthen ties between the Philippines and Japan, but also to enjoy the life that our country has to offer—eating *bibingka*, *kutsinta*, and durian, adopting a Philippine eagle and naming it Sakura, and visiting then President Duterte at his home in Davao City and eating *munggo* soup with him.

During the Duterte's administration, the Philippines and Japan entered the "Age of Strategic Partnership." Zooming in on the field of infrastructure, we can rightly say that a huge bulk of the Build, Build, Build Program owes itself to our ties with, and the support of Japan.

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To lose him to an assassination is an even more bitter pill to swallow. It might be tempting to succumb to the seeming hopelessness of it all. *Napakadaling sumuko at mawalan ng pag-asa.*

But no. We here at the Senate, shall refuse to give up and give in to the darkness of the situation. And instead, we shall move forward with hope. We shall choose to remember Prime Minister Abe as the statesman who was also a genuine friend. And in remembering, may we also extend the same diplomacy and friendship to all those that we may encounter along the way.

To Prime Minister Abe's family and loved ones, please accept our deepest condolences.

### REMARKS OF SENATOR EJERCITO

Senator Ejercito recalled a personal encounter with the late Prime Minister Abe when he defended most of the projects of the Department of Transportation's Build, Build, Build Program during former President Duterte's administration. He disclosed that he was then included in most of the working visits and presidential trips to Japan, as well as the majority of high-level transportation meetings. He stated that it was during one of those meetings and dinners that the former Prime Minister announced Japan's intention to build the North-South Commuter Railway Project, which would connect Calamba to Metro Manila and Malolos City in Bulacan to Clark. He added that work on the North Line from Clark to Ilocandia and the Manila Subway System is currently underway.

He said that former Prime Minister Abe was a true friend who cared deeply about the Filipino people. He stated that it was through him that the Philippine Coast Guard received four modern ships, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines received reconnaissance planes.

He then asked that his cosponsorship speech on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10 be entered into the *Record*.

### COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR EJERCITO

Pursuant to the request of Senator Ejercito, following is the full text of his cosponsorship speech on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10 which was deemed read and inserted into the *Journal* and *Record of the Senate*.

I rise to cosponsor this measure which expresses the sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate on the death of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Shinzo Abe was a leader destined for public service. He would be elected as a member of the House of Representatives of Japan but would later on become his country's longest-serving Prime Minister. This is a clear manifestation of Japan's trust and confidence to a man who brought them such pride and honor.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was a JCI Brother, an ally, and a friend of progress and development. We admire his diplomacy and vision of growth which he does not keep to himself but shares them to other nations such as ours. This humble Representation identifies with Shinzo Abe's commitment in infrastructure development, especially on railways.

On July 8, 2022, while delivering a campaign speech in support of his party mate, two shots from a homemade firearm fatally wounded Shinzo Abe. And a few hours later, the illustrious and fruitful life of Shinzo Abe tragically ended. The world has lost a great statesman, an ambassador of progress and advancement.

When a noble person leaves this world, he or she is honored by statues and monuments. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will forever be remembered by the roads, bridges, and the railways he pledged and helped build—true and lasting testaments to his greatness.

*Arigato gozaimasu, Shinzo Abe!*

*At this juncture, Senate President Pro Tempore Legarda relinquished the Chair to Senate President Zubiri.*

### COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

Senator Cayetano (P) recalled that she had been sent by the Senate of the Philippines in 2013 to represent the Body in a parliamentary group between Southeast Asian members of the parliament, which was then hosted by Japan and where she had met the former Prime Minister. She continued to emphasize the close friendship that existed between the Philippines and Japan under the leadership of former Prime Minister Abe. She also recalled hearing the term "Womenomics" which was conceived by the former Prime Minister Abe, for the first time during a gathering sponsored by female lawmakers. She stated that the late Prime Minister's "Abenomics"

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consisted of three arrows: monetary ease, fiscal stimulus, and structural reforms.

According to her, "Womenomics" falls under structural reforms and aims to improve economic growth through reforms and policies by promoting women's involvement and advancement in the Japanese workforce. She cited former Prime Minister Abe when she said that although Japan had utilized and maximized the talents of its current workforce, which was primarily made up of men, it had not completely utilized the workforce of women.

Senator Cayetano (P) shared the intention of former Prime Minister Abe, which he stated in his address to the 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, around the same time that she personally met him, to harness women's power as the greatest potential for the expansion of the Japanese economy, where women's potential was then not yet fully recognized.

She said that he had also reaffirmed the same core component of his "Womenomics" strategy during the world leaders' summit on gender equality and women's empowerment in 2015. She stated that among his most important policy recommendations and incentives were the creation of new goals for the growth of women in the economy and the expansion of daycare and after-school programs for children.

She emphasized that while women are expected to show up to work, many people overlook or choose to disregard the fact that women are also in charge of their families at home, including the welfare of the family as a whole, the upbringing of their children, and the functions of the household. She emphasized the dual roles that women must play by stating that it is typically the women in the family that usually incur absences to accompany a family member to the doctor.

She then lamented the fact that daycare in the Philippines is actually more like a preschool and is not really meant to be a place where women who work can leave their children while they are at work. She stated that she had repeatedly mentioned increasing the availability of daycare and after-school care of children in international forums. She said that the country could improve by encouraging the private sector to promote more women and provide data regarding women's advancement. She continued by saying that the nation should not be content with

having only one woman serving on a board that is predominately male and with just one woman standing for councilor with seven other men. She stated that more information would be required to demonstrate the lack of women in such positions of advancement.

She suggested enhancing the recruitment and promotion of women in the public sector and expanding childcare leave benefits. She stated that as of April 2014, the government increased payment to new parents during the first six months of parental leave from 50 percent to 67 percent of their salaries in recognition of the crucial role that parents play. She continued by saying that the government also offered incentives to encourage fathers to take a childcare leave and had set a goal to increase the percentage of parents who actually take paternity leave.

Referring to "Womenomics," she said that six years after the late Prime Minister Abe introduced his strategy, the proportion of women holding jobs in their prime working years had increased from 73 percent to 77.5 percent, a gain of four percent or two million women in the workforce. She then praised him for coming up with a sensible plan of action for the world.

She made reference to the significance of the strategy of promoting sports as a means of fostering youth development and improving ties among nations in light of Japan's hosting of the Olympics in 2020. She then recalled how, in 2015, she was able to secure a favorable opportunity through the then-ambassador for the U.P. football team to train in Japan through his policy of promoting friendship and support for sports, much like Carlos Yulo, the Filipino Olympian and champion gymnast, who is currently training very successfully in Japan.

She concluded by stating that the late prime minister did a lot of good things and that he continues to serve as her inspiration.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR VILLAR (M)**

Senator Villar (M), expressing his deep sorrow on the passing of the late Prime Minister Abe, manifested his support for the proposed resolution. He stated that as a former member of the Duterte Cabinet and a member of the Body that includes numerous other former Cabinet members, he and his colleagues had all seen firsthand the significant contribution that the Japanese government and the

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late Prime Minister had made to the Philippine government in all of its departments, particularly the Department of Public Works and Highways with the Build, Build, Build Program.

He believed that the support provided by the Japanese government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) had been crucial to the growth of the country and would continue to benefit future generations of Filipinos. He stated that the Central Luzon Link Expressway, which connects two major provinces, the Pasig-Marikina revetment project, a master plan project aimed at resolving flooding in Metro Manila, as well as numerous bypass roads in the countryside and in other departments like the transport, defense, and other sectors, were among the major projects done or are being done with Japan's assistance.

On a more personal note, he disclosed that he still has the photo he took with the late prime minister as a keepsake of his fond memories of his almost monthly high-level trips to Japan. He stated that in addition to printing and displaying the selfie in his living room, he also maintains it on his phone.

He concluded by expressing his deep sorrow over the tragic incident involving former Prime Minister Abe as well as his appreciation and gratitude for the contribution of the Japanese people to the country's development.

### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR LEGARDA**

In cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10, Senator Legarda delivered the following speech:

On the eighth of July this year, the world lost a great leader.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was regarded as a great political leader and a revered statesman. His untimely death, without a doubt, is a tragedy not only to his family and Japan, but also to the world. He was a leader with a vision that transcends generations.

He was known for his strong presence in international affairs and his economic agenda known as "Abenomics," which sought to revive economic growth in Japan through reforms.

He also advocated for women empowerment and highlighted the critical role of women in

economic growth. He introduced "Womenomics," which brought more women into the workforce. And together with his wife, Mrs. Akie Abe, they established the World Assembly of Women (WAW), where I was privileged to have participated in representing the Philippines in 2014.

In 2015, we had the honor to meet the Prime Minister once again in Philippine soil. The late prime minister and his wife came to the Philippines during APEC. And as a short aside, they even brought rice from Japan from their own small organic farm and shared the rice with me as a *pasalubong* and shared their advocacies and plans to support Japan's economic growth. Mrs. Abe even joined us in a national museum tour of the *Hibla ng* Textile Gallery and the Climate Change Gallery, as well as the area that had baskets pertaining to our rice harvest.

I feel so much for the people of Japan who have lost a great leader.

I so admire his vision and leadership.

Prime Minister Abe also hosted the United Nations' Sendai Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. He was a key figure in also strengthening Philippine-Japanese relations. And through his help, Japan was able to provide assistance in various sectors in defense and security, in transport and agriculture, and peace in Mindanao, among others. So, on behalf of the Filipino people, we thank him for the close relations he built between our countries.

In this august Chamber, we wish to honor an exemplary leader and a friend of our nation, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan, through Proposed Senate Resolution No. 60: "Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines to the People of Japan on the Death of its Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe."

At this time of his tragic loss, I join the people of Japan, especially his wife, Mrs. Akie Abe, in mourning the loss of a great leader, and a friend of the Philippines.

### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ANGARA**

Senator Angara stated that he was moved by his colleagues' speeches about how much Japan and the late Prime Minister Abe had given to the Philippines, which had made a notable change in Filipinos' lives through a number of infrastructure projects. As a result, he felt compelled to speak in support of the proposed resolution.

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He recalled that when he was the representative of Aurora during the time when his father was also a senator, their province benefited from Japan's generosity with the construction of the new provincial hospital, which opened in 2012, and the nearly hundred-kilometer-long Baler-Pantabangan Road, which cut travel time from Manila to the province in half. He stated that such projects were felt by the people and benefited them in terms of goods shipment, tourist accessibility, and a vibrant tourism industry.

He also expressed his gratitude, recognizing the late Prime Minister Abe's role as one of the world's great statesmen, alongside the likes of Germany's Angela Merkel, who presided over their respective parliaments and countries for nearly a decade and provided their respective countries' stability, which is often taken for granted or lacking in the current world.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA**

Senator Villanueva said that the Senate has nothing but love for the late Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

He then requested that his cosponsorship on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10 be inserted into the *Journal* and *Record of the Senate*.

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA**

Pursuant to the manifestation of Senator Villanueva, following is the full text of his cosponsorship speech on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10:

The Filipino nation mourns as the world grapples with the sudden and senseless loss of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

He was a staunch believer and fierce defender of democracy, as one of the most distinct voices supporting freedom across Asia-Pacific and around the globe.

He committed his life to the democratic order, prosperity for Japan and its allies, and strengthening the relationship between Japan and the Philippines through economic, infrastructure, and technological assistance and cooperation.

The world must give Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in death the honor that he passionately lived throughout his life.

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR GO**

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, the following cosponsorship speech of Senator Go on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10 was deemed read and inserted into the *Journal* and *Record of the Senate*:

I join the entire Senate in expressing condolences on the death of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. I offer my heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and likewise to the Japanese people, over the tragic death of a great leader and a beloved and true friend of the Filipinos.

*Si dating PM Shinzo Abe ay isang mabuti at tapat na kaibigan ni dating pangulong Rodrigo Duterte at masugid na taga-suporta ng kanyang administrasyon. Naging saksi ako kung paano sila nagkaroon ng kasunduan sa iba't-ibang bagay-bagay para sa ikatatatag ng pagkakaibigan ng Japan at Pilipinas.*

*Nakiisa tayong mga Pilipino sa pagdadalamhati ng buong mundo sa pagkawala ng isa sa pinakamahasag at maimpluwensiyang world leader ng ating panahon.*

*Patuloy nating alalahanin si dating PM Abe sa kanyang mapagmalasakit na pamumuno para sa ikauunlad, hindi lang ng Japan at Pilipinas, kundi ng buong Asian region.*

May I therefore request that I be made coauthor and cosponsor of this resolution.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATE PRESIDENT ZUBIRI**

Senate President Zubiri stated that the influence and support that Prime Minister Abe has given to the Philippines is far and wide reaching. He said that his Facebook page was flooded with condolences when he posted his condolences to the Japanese government and he said that it was the same with the other senators who also received outpouring support for Prime Minister Abe on their own social media pages.

Addressing the Japanese Ambassador Kazuhiko Koshikawa, he recalled that one of the fondest memories that he has of Prime Minister Abe was when PM Abe dressed up in the super Mario costume when it was announced that Tokyo would be hosting the Summer Olympics in 2020. He said that the

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gesture was a testament to the beautiful character and personality of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

#### COAUTHORS

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, all members of the Body were made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10.

#### ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 28 and 60, was adopted by the Body, subject to style.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, the session was suspended.

*It was 3:43 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:48 p.m. the session was resumed with Senator Angara presiding.

#### PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE  
108<sup>th</sup> FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO,  
COMMENDING THE LEADERSHIP  
OF KA EDUARDO V. MANALO,  
AND RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRI-  
BUTION TO THE FILIPINO NATION  
AND THE WORLD.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the *Record of the Senate*.

#### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATE PRESIDENT ZUBIRI

In sponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66 commemorating the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the

Iglesia Ni Cristo and commending the leadership of Ka Eduardo V. Manalo, Senate President Zubiri delivered the following speech:

This is not just 108 years of Iglesia Ni Cristo's fate shared by millions of Filipinos across the globe. This is also 108 years of the Iglesia Ni Cristo's role as one of our partners in nation building. *Kaya kinikilala natin ang araw na ito bilang special national working holiday sa ilalim ng Republic Act No. 9645. Nagpapasalamat po tayo sa Iglesia Ni Cristo sa mahigit isang siglo nilang pagbibigay ng tulong sa mga kapatid nating nangangailangan. Kahit ano pang relihiyon, in particular, we commend the INC's Lingap Sa Mamamayan outreach program and the Felix Y. Manalo Foundation for providing vital assistance in times of crisis.*

We also commend the UNLAD Initiative or the Unified Livelihood and Development Initiatives, which provides livelihood training and opportunities in garment and food processing factories. This reminds me of what I always say about cooperatives that the best way to uplift our people is to help them help themselves. The INC understands deeply and provides valuable opportunities for empowerment through their livelihood programs. For all of us, we salute and thank the Iglesia Ni Cristo at kinikilala rin natin ang Tagapamahalang Pangkalahatan na si Ka Eduardo Manalo. *Sa kanyang pamumuno, lalong tumitibay at lumalago ang komunidad ng INC at lalong lumalawak ang kanilang pagseserbisyo sa samabayanang Pilipino.*

So, once again, my dear colleagues and to the Filipino people, and all our brothers and sisters in Iglesia Ni Cristo, on behalf of the Senate, we congratulate the Iglesia Ni Cristo and wish them a happy 108<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary.

*At this juncture, Senator Angara relinquished the Chair to Senate President Zubiri.*

#### COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA

In cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, Senator Villanueva delivered the following speech:

We are sending our most heartfelt congratulations to the 108<sup>th</sup> year of the Iglesia Ni Cristo led by its highly respected leader, our beloved leader and Executive Minister,

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Ka Eduardo Villanueva Manalo. From its humble beginning at Punta, Sta. Ana, Manila in 1914, to being present in more than 161 countries and territories with members from 148 nationalities and races. They have been generous in sharing their blessings by spreading the gospel of Christ all over the world.

The Iglesia Ni Cristo likewise continues to extend efforts for the welfare of our fellowmen. Recently, the church delivered goodwill bags containing rice, canned goods, instant noodles, medicines and vitamins to communities severely affected by Typhoon *Odette* last year, including Aklan, Biliran, Cebu, Iloilo and Samar, among others, for the whole month of June and provided moral upliftment—that very important, providing moral upliftment through teachings from the Holy Bible.

On June 7, 2022 or two days after the eruption of Mt. Bulusan in Sorsogon, the Iglesia Ni Cristo mobilized the much-needed help to the evacuees through its Lingap Sa Mamamayan or Aid to Humanity program.

*Isang malaking karangalan para sa inyong lingkod bilang isang Bulakeño, lalo na isang Bocaueño, na ang pagkakatatag po ng Philippine Arena ay matatagpuan mismo sa aming hometown ng Bocaue at isa itong malaking karangalan.*

Indeed, the INC strives to contribute to the betterment of the community, and we are sincerely grateful for them. Once again, congratulations to the Iglesia Ni Cristo and may God continue to bless the church and each and every member.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA**

Senator Villanueva manifested that Senators Revilla and Dela Rosa have requested that their cosponsorship speeches on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66 be deemed read and inserted into the *Journal and Record of the Senate*.

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR REVILLA**

Pursuant to the manifestation of Senator Villanueva, following is the full text of Senator Revilla's cosponsorship speech on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66:

This occasion is much awaited and celebrated across the globe. Its unity is fortified by the very able leadership of Ka Eduardo V.

Manalo, who despite the present challenges especially with the pandemic, remained steadfast in his shepherding of its flock. Your resilient spirit and strong faith continue to inspire and enlighten.

Congratulations and happy anniversary to the Iglesia ni Cristo. May you continue to bring light in these trying times.

With the permission of the Sponsor, may I manifest my intent to be made coauthor of this resolution as we commemorate the 108<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the Iglesia Ni Cristo.

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR DELA ROSA**

Pursuant to the manifestation of Senator Villanueva, following is the full text of Senator Dela Rosa's cosponsorship speech on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66:

It is my utmost pride to rise before this august Chamber to cosponsor Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, commemorating the 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo and commending the outstanding leadership of Ka Eduardo V. Manalo.

Time and again, the INC has proven to us that it is not only a religion that helps its members, but is a living testament that they are indeed a "church for all people," regardless of race, nationality or status in the society.

With its more than a century of proven track record of being an aid to humanity and providing various community, housing and livelihood projects, among others, the INC, under the strong and dedicated leadership of Ka Eduardo V. Manalo, has not only continuously worked towards expanding their church and members as to numbers, but more commendably, has successfully worked towards the growing number of footprints that they leave in looking after the welfare of those in need.

Some of their notable projects for this year alone include outreach programs in the remote areas of Visayas Provinces in response to the needs of communities affected by economic difficulties brought about by calamities, especially the COVID-19 pandemic. A true embodiment of their adherence of God's command to "do good to those who need it."

*Para po sa ating mga kapatid sa Iglesia Ni Cristo sa pangunguna ni kagalang-galang na Ka Eduardo Manalo, isa pong mainit na*

*Q. ROSA*

*pagbati para sa inyong ika-isang daan at walong anibersaryo. Ako po ay kasama ninyong nagdarasal para sa kaligtasan, kagalingan, at mas pinagpala pang kapatiran. Nawa ay patuloy po kayong maging inspirasyon ng bawat Filipino!*

*Makakaasa po kayo na kasama ninyo ang Senado para sa pagpapabuti ng kalagayan ng lahat ng Pilipino.*

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR ESTRADA**

In cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66 commemorating the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iglesia Ni Cristo, Senator Estrada delivered the following speech:

This Representation is in support of this measure which commemorates the 108<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of the Iglesia Ni Cristo.

According to the 2015 Philippine Statistics Authority's census on population and housing, the INC is the third largest religious affinity in the country with 2.6 million Filipinos reporting Iglesia Ni Cristo as their religious affiliation.

Since its establishment, the INC has grown from one locale in Sta. Ana, Manila to 5,000 houses of worship worldwide. This is a testament of the INC's growth as a religious sector in our society.

*Ang aming minamahal na Lungsod ng San Juan ay matagal din naging tahanan ng Templo Sentral ng Iglesia Ni Cristo bago pa man ito nailipat sa kasalukuyang tahanan nito sa Lungsod ng Quezon. Kaya naman mula pa sa panahon ng dating pangulong Joseph Estrada, noong siya pa ay dating mayor ng San Juan hanggang sa kasalukuyan, ay naging malapit sa puso ng aming pamilya ang ating kapatiran.*

*Sa pangunguna ng Tagapamahalang Pangkahalatan na si Ka Eduardo Manalo, higit na naging matatag at matagumpay ang kapatiran sa pagpapalaganap ng kabutihan at pagpapatupad ng mga makabuluhang programa sa ating bayan at sa masang Pilipino.*

Attending not only to the religious needs of its members, the Iglesia Ni Cristo also looks after the society in general through various projects, such as outreach programs particularly for calamity victims and indigents, housing programs, livelihood projects to provide income opportunities to both members and non-members, medical/dental missions and blood donation drives through the New Era General Hospital, and education through the New Era University.

With the permission of the good sponsor, I would like to be made coauthor of this resolution.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR VILLANUEVA**

Senator Villanueva manifested that Senators Go and Ejercito have requested that their cosponsorship speeches on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66 be deemed read and inserted into the *Journal* and *Records of the Senate*.

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR GO**

Pursuant to the manifestation of Senator Villanueva, following is the full text of Senator Go's cosponsorship speech on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66:

As we all know, religious institutions are vital in the life of our nation. I commend the Iglesia Ni Cristo for playing a major role in the moral formation of our people. *Kaya naman po taos-puso akong nakikiisa sa mga kapatid natin sa Iglesia Ni Cristo sa pangunguna ni Kapatid Eduardo V. Manalo.*

I particularly laud Iglesia Ni Cristo for espousing doctrines which promote responsible citizenship. *Saksi ako sa walang sawang pagtulong ninyo sa mga kababayan natin na nangangailangan ng kalinga sa panahon ng kahirapan.*

Iglesia Ni Cristo has been a major partner of the government in extending assistance to those in need. *Saludo ako sa inyong adhikain at sana po lalo pang lumawak ang inyong samahan para lalo pang makatulong sa ating lipunan, lalo na sa aspetong espirituwal na siyang kailangan ng lahat sa panahon ngayon.*

Again, happy 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Iglesia Ni Cristo.

May I request that I be made coauthor and cosponsor of this resolution commemorating the 108<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo and commending the leadership of Ka Eduardo Manalo.

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR EJERCITO**

Pursuant to the manifestation of Senator Villanueva, following is the full text of Senator Ejercito's cosponsorship speech on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66:

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*Mga kagalang-galang na miyembro ng kapulungan na ito, ngayong araw ay ginugunita ng ating mga kapatid sa Iglesia Ni Cristo ang kanilang ika-isang daan at walong anibersaryo ng pagkakatatag.*

*Hindi maikakaila ang naging papel ng Iglesia Ni Cristo sa iba't ibang yugto ng kasaysayan ng ating bansa. Sa panahon ng pag-unlad at sa oras ng krisis, sila ay nagsilbing gabay sa milyong-milyong Pilipino na miyembro ng kanilang simbahan.*

*Patunay ang Iglesia Ni Cristo na ang pundasyon ng isang matatag na komunidad ay ang sigla ng pananampalataya at tibay ng pagkakaisa ng mga miyembro nito. Mahalaga ang mga bagay na ito sa konteksto ng kaliwa't kanang mga krisis na kinakaharap natin sa kasalukuyan katulad ng pandemyang COVID-19 at ng iba't ibang mga problemang pang-ekonomiya na nararanasan ng ating bansa.*

*Bilang pagkilala sa kanilang mahalagang papel sa lipunan, tayo ngayon ay nagkakaisa sa pag gunita sa mahalagang okasyon na ito.*

*Mabuhay ang Iglesia Ni Cristo!*

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR PADILLA**

In cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, Senator Padilla delivered the following speech:

*Noon pa man ay kaisa na po natin ang Iglesia Ni Cristo sa pangunguna ng Tagapamahalang Pangkahalatan, ang ating kapatid na si Ka Eduardo Manalo, sa pagsusulong ng matapat na paglilingkod sa bayan ng may malinaw na paghihiwalay ng simbahan at estado alinsunod sa ating Saligang Batas.*

*Sa katunayan, ang inyo pong lingkod ay parte ng mga programa sa telebisyon ng Iglesia Ni Cristo sa pagtataguyod ng mga makabuluhang programa katulad po ng UNLAD Kaagapay sa Hanapbuhay, na nagbibigay ng kabuhayan sa ating mga kababayang pinadapa ng kahirapan at ng pandemya maging kapatid man nila sa Muslim o hindi kapatid.*

*Alam po ninyo, ang Lingap, sa loob po ng tatlumpung taon, ang mga kapatid po nilang Muslim ay kanilang tinulungan kahit hindi po nila ito kapatiran sa Iglesia Ni Cristo. Ako po ay saksi sa mga ginagawang pag-ibig sa kapwa ng Iglesia Ni Cristo.*

*Tunay po na ang Iglesia Ni Cristo ay maituturing na Pinoy pride dahil hindi lamang*

*po rito sa ating inang-bayang Pilipinas nagpaparamdam ng kanilang pag-ibig kung hindi po sa lahat ng sulok ng daigdig hanggang Africa. Kaya po, sigurado po ako, na ito pong pangyayari sa Region I na lindol, sigurado po ako nandiyan po at unang darating riyan ang Iglesia Ni Cristo. Sa pamamagitan po ng Unlad at Lingap, tahimik po silang tutulong doon.*

*Aking mga kasama, at sa lahat ng lupon ng pagpupulong na ito, nais ko pong ipahayag ang aking intensyon na maging isa sa mga kapwa may-akda ng Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66.*

#### **COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR LEGARDA**

In cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, Senator Legarda, delivered the following speech:

*The Iglesia Ni Cristo continues to be a steadfast religious institution that shapes the nation's moral character and the Filipino spiritual integrity.*

*INC's noble mission of creating an impact on the lives of our people is not exclusive to its members. Iglesia Ni Cristo has been active in extending assistance to the needy through its regular mission drives such as the Lingap sa Mamamayan or Aid to Humanity program.*

*Nais ko pong iparating ang aking mainit na pagbati sa lahat ng kaanib ng Iglesia Ni Cristo sa pangunguna ng Kapatid na Eduardo Manalo, Tagapamahalang Pangkalahatan ng Iglesia Ni Cristo.*

*Maligayang ika-108 taong anibersaryo sa lahat po ng kaanib ng Iglesia Ni Cristo.*

#### **ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66**

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 68 was adopted by the Body, subject to style.

#### **COAUTHORS**

Senator Villanueva manifested that all senators present are coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66.



**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE "ONE TABLET, ONE STUDENT" PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Basic Education, Arts and Culture; Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2, entitled

THE MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 3, entitled

THE MAGNA CARTA OF PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Basic Education, Arts and Culture; and Higher, Technical and Vocational Education**

Senate Bill No. 4, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO SALARY GRADE 15, TEACHING PERSONNEL IN HIGHER EDUCATION TO SALARY GRADE 16,

AND OF NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL TO SIXTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (Php 16,000.00)

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 5, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 6, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS, STRUCTURE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 7, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8759, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE ACT OF 1999, AS AMENDED, TO INCLUDE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE SCOPE OF THE LAW, TO RENAME THE PRESENT PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (PESO) INTO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OFFICE (PEESO), AND TO ESTABLISH THE BARANGAY

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EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP OFFICES (BEESO) NATIONWIDE, DEFINING ITS ROLE WITHIN THE EXISTING NETWORK, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 8, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AN ADVANCE SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY INTEGRATING, ENHANCING, AND INSTITUTIONALIZING FINANCING AND OTHER PROGRAMS FOR LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 9, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE ECOSYSTEM AND NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (PENCAS), MANDATING ITS USE IN POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING, DESIGNATING THE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, PROVIDING INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AMONG RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 10, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF THE REMITTANCES OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 11, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EDUCATION ROADMAP TOWARDS GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS AND HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Basic Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 12, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 13, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABILITY-BASED BUDGETING

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Finance; and Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking**

Senate Bill No. 14, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISH-

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MENT OF A TWENTY (20)-YEAR SPORTS EXCELLENCE ROADMAP TO STRENGTHEN GRASSROOTS SPORTS PROGRAM, AND DEVELOP WORLD-CLASS ELITE ATHLETES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senators Cayetano (P.) and Cayetano (A. P.)

**To the Committees on Sports; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 15, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM AGE OF ACCESS FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9211, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 16, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK ON WATER SUSTAINABILITY

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 17, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF A QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002"

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Civil Service, Govern-**

**ment Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 18, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking**

Senate Bill No. 19, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SAFE PATHWAYS NETWORK OF BICYCLE LANES AND SLOW STREETS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (P) stated that she would first confer with the chairperson of the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement where her bill, Senate Bill No. 18, was referred.

Senate President Zubiri remarked that if Senator Cayetano (P) so wishes, the committee referrals could be changed at a later time but with the approval of the concerned chairperson.

**To the Committees on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking; Public Works; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 20, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AND ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER MOBILITY OPTIONS TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY, INCREASE EFFICIENCY, REDUCE CONGESTION AND CONTRIBUTE TO POSITIVE HEALTH IMPACTS IN OUR SOCIETY

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Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking; Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 21, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 22, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 23, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FILIPINO RICE FARMERS, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PAN-TAWID MAGSASAKANG PILIPINO PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 24, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING 15 DAYS OF PAID LEAVE A YEAR TO EMPLOYEES WHOSE SPOUSE, PARENT, UNMARRIED CHILD, OR WHEN THEY THEMSELVES ARE SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS ILLNESS

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 25, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FREE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11201, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 26, entitled

AN ACT ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THEREBY CREATING A BUILD, BUILD, BUILD PROGRAM FOR HOSPITALS AND OTHER HEALTH FACILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 27, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR GERIATRIC HEALTH AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, CREATING REGIONAL GERIATRIC SPECIALTY CENTERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH-

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**RETAINED HOSPITALS, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 28, entitled

AN ACT REVIVING THE PHILIPPINE MOVIE INDUSTRY BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO THE PROPRIETORS, LESSEES, OPERATORS OF THEATERS AND CINEMAS

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 29, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10931, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT"

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 30, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 31, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SOCIAL PENSION OF INDIGENT PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 32, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING QUALIFIED INDIGENT FILIPINOS FROM PAYMENT OF PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION FEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 33, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTER-AGENCY GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE FOR THE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE OF TOURISTS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Tourism; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 34, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING THE RESILIENCY AND ADAPTABILITY OF FARMERS TO ADVERSE WEATHER AND CLIMATE EVENTS BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF CROP CLIMATE CALENDARS, EQUIPPING FARMERS FOR CLIMATE-SENSITIVE DECISION-MAKING, AND PROVIDING ACCESS TO LOCALIZED WEATHER AND CLIMATE INFORMATION

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform; Science and Technology; and Finance**

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## Senate Bill No. 35, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING THE PATIENT'S RIGHT TO MEDICAL EXPENSE TRANSPARENCY AND PREVENTING UNEXPECTED MEDICAL BILLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

## Senate Bill No. 36, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR FILM AND TELEVISION TOURISM IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON FILM AND TELEVISION TOURISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Tourism; Ways and Means; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 37, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE ADOPTION OF DIGITAL PAYMENTS FOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL MERCHANTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

## Senate Bill No. 38, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING MEASURES TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN FOOD, GROCERY AND PHARMACY DELIVERY SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship**

## Senate Bill No. 39, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ONLINE LEGAL KNOWLEDGE AND ASSISTANCE SYSTEM THAT WILL BE ACCESSIBLE NATIONWIDE

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

## Senate Bill No. 40, entitled

AN ACT REDEFINING THE CRIME OF GAME-FIXING AND PRESCRIBING HIGHER PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 483

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Sports; and Games and Amusement**

## Senate Bill No. 41, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL WAGES AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 121 AND 122 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED BY R.A. 6727

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

## Senate Bill No. 42, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR WORKERS, ENTERPRISES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE INFORMAL ECONOMY AND PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR RECOGNITION, INTEGRATION, AND TRANSITION TO THE FORMAL ECONOMY

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 43, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDONATION OF PENALTIES FOR UNPAID SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS OF HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYERS RELATIVE TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7655, ENTITLED "AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE OF HOUSEHELPERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 143 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED" AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10361, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "DOMESTIC WORKERS ACT" OR "BATAS KASAMBAHAY"

Introduced by Senator Estrada

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 44, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A WORKING TIME FLEXIBILIZATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLE 83, 85 AND 87 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (PD 442), AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 45, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION TO FREELANCERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 46, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 47, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING INDIGENT JOB APPLICANTS A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT IN THE PAYMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN CERTIFICATES AND CLEARANCES ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 48, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY BUS DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS BY REQUIRING BUS OPERATORS TO PAY THEM FIXED MONTHLY SALARIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 49, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL MANPOWER DATA AND PLACEMENT CENTER, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 50, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Estrada

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

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 51, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING ANY FORM OF INTERFERENCE BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH THE USE OF THE NATIONAL TAX ALLOTMENT AND LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 52, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL AUTONOMY THROUGH A MORE RATIONALIZED SYSTEM OF DECENTRALIZATION AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 53, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS BY PROVID-

ING TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF TO SINGLE PROPRIETORSHIPS, COOPERATIVES, PARTNERSHIPS OR CORPORATIONS CLASSIFIED AS MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 54, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING BUSINESS GROWTH AND RECOVERY BY REDUCING THE COST OF BUSINESS COMPLIANCE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 55, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DONATION OF ALL UNPAID PRINCIPAL, INTERESTS, PENALTIES OR SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform**

Senate Bill No. 56, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT A WRITTEN PERMISSION TO EXAMINE, INQUIRE OR LOOK

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INTO ALL THEIR DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS THEREBY WAIVING THE BANK SECRECY LAW AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERS 1405 AND 6426

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 57, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH (A), SECTION 393, CHAPTER IV, TITLE I, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 58, entitled

AN ACT LOWERING THE COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE OF EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM 65 YEARS OLD TO 60 YEARS OLD

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 59, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR UNIFORMED PERSONNEL AND OTHER QUALIFIED AUXILIARY SERVICE MEMBERS WHO ARE KILLED, WOUNDED, OR RENDERED PHYSICALLY DISABLED IN LEGITIMATE ACTIONS OR OPERATIONS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL BENEFITS PROGRAM TRUST FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 60, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCREASE AND AN AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IN THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE (PERA) GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 61, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL VALUES, ETIQUETTE, AND MORAL UPRIGHTNESS PROGRAM; A COMMISSION ON FILIPINO VALUES; AND AN INTER-FAITH PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL, INSTITUTING A FAITH-BASED AND VALUES-ORIENTED LEADERSHIP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

**To the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 62, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING PHP 10,000 CASH ASSISTANCE TO ALL FILIPINO FAMILIES TO HELP THEM COPE WITH THE EFFECTS OF THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE INCREASING PRICES OF GOODS AND SERVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

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Senate Bill No. 63, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING ONLINE GAMBLING, PENALIZING THE PLACING OF WAGERS OR BETS THROUGH THE INTERNET OR ANY FORM OF ONLINE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

**To the Committee on Games and Amusement**

Senate Bill No. 64, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE "MICRO-ENTERPRISE RECOVERY AS A CATALYST FOR HEALING AND NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION LOAN PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 65, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING MICRO-FINANCE PROGRAMS AND ACCESS TO CAPITAL TO SUPPORT AND GROW MICRO ENTERPRISES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 66, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE DEPARTMENT (ERD), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 67, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF "MOBILE APPLICATION PARA SA PILIPINO" OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "MOBILE A.P.P." IN THE DELIVERY OF BASIC GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 68, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING OUR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THROUGH THE APPOINTMENT OF SUFFICIENT BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AND ELEVATING THEIR STATUS FROM VOLUNTEERS TO JOB ORDER, CONTRACTUAL, CASUAL, OR REGULAR EMPLOYEES AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 69, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF CENTERS FOR THE ELDERLY IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 70, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL HEALTH PASSPORT SYSTEM AND STRENGTHENING THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 71, entitled

AN ACT SUSPENDING THE IMPOSITION OF VALUE-ADDED TAX AND EXCISE TAXES ON FUEL, AMENDING SECTIONS 106, 107, AND 148 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 72, entitled

AN ACT MODERNIZING THE PHILIPPINE ORTHOPEDIC CENTER, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

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

Senate Bill No. 73, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE AUTHORITY TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE ISSUED TO PRIESTS, MINISTERS OR RABBIS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

ARTICLE 95 OF THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6514 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

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

Senate Bill No. 74, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TWO OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016"

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

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

Senate Bill No. 75, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A MICRO-FINANCING PROGRAM FOR MICRO ENTERPRISES THEREBY PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

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

Senate Bill No. 76, entitled

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE TRAVEL TAX ON FILIPINOS AND ON NATIONALS OF ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) MEMBER STATES TRAVELLING TO OTHER ASEAN MEMBER STATES"

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Tourism**

Senate Bill No. 77, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL

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SERVICES OFFICER IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING SECTION 443(a) AND SECTION 490(a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committee on Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 78, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ESTABLISH THE ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES IN PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, PRESCRIBING THE OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT EXERCISING ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES PASSAGE THROUGH THE DESIGNATED ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 79, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING AGE-APPROPRIATE COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SUBJECTS IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM (K-12), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

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

Senate Bill No. 80, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING REGIONAL BRANCHES OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS SUCH AS THE PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER, NATIONAL KIDNEY AND TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE, LUNG CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES, PHILIPPINE CHILD-

REN'S MEDICAL CENTER AND PHILIPPINE CANCER CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 81, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 82, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS IN MOBILE PHONES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 83, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 84, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARANGAY HEALTH

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WORKERS IN EVERY BARANGAY,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHER-  
WISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT CODE, FURTHER  
EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF  
BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 85, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MAGNA  
CARTA FOR BARANGAYS

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 86, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA  
CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 87, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPART-  
MENT OF WATER RESOURCES,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND  
FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 88, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MEDICAL

RESERVE CORPS AND APPRO-  
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 89, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NEGROS  
ISLAND REGION TO BE KNOWN  
AS REGION XVIII

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 90, entitled

AN ACT TO DEVELOP EXPORTS AS A  
KEY TO ACCELERATING ECONO-  
MIC GROWTH AND ENHANCING  
THE GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS  
OF PHILIPPINE PRODUCTS AND  
SERVICES, THEREBY AMENDING  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7844 OTHER-  
WISE KNOWN AS THE EXPORT  
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1994, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 91, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIP-  
PINE eHEALTH SYSTEM AND SER-  
VICES IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL  
HEALTH CARE USING INFORMA-  
TION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIP-  
PINES, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; Science and Technology; and Finance**

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Senate Bill No. 92, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HOSPITAL IN STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFERING MEDICAL DEGREES NATIONWIDE, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 93, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SATELLITE SPECIALTY HOSPITALS TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED MEDICAL CARE IN IDENTIFIED REGIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 94, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 95, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FIVE PERCENT (5%) DISCOUNT ON BASIC AND EDUCATION SERVICES TO UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS IN ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THOSE ENROLLED IN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL (TECH-VOC) INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Angara

**To the Committees on Basic Education, Arts and Culture; Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 96, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF WORKERS IN INFORMAL ECONOMY, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 97, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP (PRESENT) PROGRAM AND PROMOTING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES WITH THE POOR AS PRIMARY STAKEHOLDERS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 98, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY, ADEQUACY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SAFETY OF FOOD FOR ALL FILIPINOS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 99, entitled

AN ACT ERADICATING MOBILE PHONE, INTERNET OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION-AIDED

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CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, MANDATING FOR THIS PURPOSE OWNERSHIP REGISTRATION OF ALL SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 100, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND HONESTY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, the session was suspended.

*It was 4:29 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 5:45 p.m., the session was resumed.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, August 1, 2022.

*It was 5:45 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

ATTY. RENATO N. BANTUG, JR.  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved on August 1, 2022