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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:02 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Francis “Tol” N. Tolentino led the prayer, to wit:

We offer this day to You, Lord, and implore Your abundant blessings.

We praise and thank You for Your wonderful gifts of life, health, wisdom, joy, and honor to serve this country and the Filipino people.

All the glory we give back to You for keeping our country mantled in Your loving protection and guidance.

Our human frailties have caused You so much pain, and for this and all our shortcomings, we ask for Your compassion with all humility and meekness.

We offer You our prayers for mercy and kindness, trusting that we will remain clothed in Your love and forgiveness.

We pray in a special way for Your peace to reign in war-torn countries of the world. May light and grace find its way through the strife, fear, and chaos. May those caught in between be shielded and delivered to refuge and may they find faith, courage, and strength in those offering their time and energy to help bring them to safety.

We pray for this Chamber to be bestowed with divine grace and wisdom as we seek the ultimate good on those You have called us to serve.

May we all be joined in hearts and spirits as we work in unity for progress, peace, and prosperity.

May we all be channels through which Your Spirit will flow.

May we all be instruments through which Your divine plan will find completion.

All these we earnestly seek in the mighty Name of Christ Jesus.

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.
Dela Rosa, R. B. M.	Padilla, R. C.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Estrada, J.	Tolentino, F.T.N.
Gatchalian, W.	Tulfo, R. T.
Go, C. L. T.	Villanueva, J.
Hontiveros, R.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Lapid, M. L. M.	

With 19 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Cayetano (A) and Cayetano (P) arrived after the roll call.

Senators Villar (C), Villar (M) and Poe were absent.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

Senator Villanueva acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Mayor Alex "AA" Advincula of Imus, Cavite;
- Rep. Adrian Advincula of the 3rd District of Cavite;
- Rep. Angelica Natasha Co of BHW Partylist;
- Vice Mayor Hegem Furigay of Lamitan City, Basilan;
- Mr. Martin Tuazon, President of Armscor Philippines;
- Mr. Doug Quesada, Vice President of Omnis Energy;
- Mr. Simon Hudson, Chief Executive Officer of Omnis Energy; and
- Messrs. Phillip Oldridge and Marlon Bateman of Envirotech Vehicles.

Senate President Zubiri welcomed the guests to the Senate. He informed the Body that Envirotech Vehicles, led by Messrs. Oldridge and Bateman, had invested in an electric vehicle manufacturing facility in Clark City and thanked them for their business investment in the Philippines.

He also thanked Messrs. Quesada and Hudson for Omnis Energy's initiative to convert the country's coal-fire powerplants into hydrogen plants that would generate clean energy.

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. 66 (May 8, 2023) and considered it approved.

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. 2083, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING INTEGRATED URBAN AGRICULTURE IN URBAN AREAS
NATIONWIDE TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

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

Senate Bill No. 2084, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SYSTEM OF FUND ADMINISTRATION OF
CASH DONATIONS OR HUMANITARIAN AID FROM LOCAL OR FOREIGN
DONORS AND SPONSORS DURING DISASTERS, CALAMITIES, CRISES, OR
EMERGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 2085, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING EVACUATION CENTERS IN EVERY CITY AND
MUNICIPALITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and
Reconciliation; Public Works; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2086, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF BAYBAYIN AS A TOOL FOR CULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FOR ITS PROMOTION,
PROTECTION, PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committee on Culture and the Arts

Senate Bill No. 2087, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TULONG PANGHANAPBUHAY SA ATING
DISADVANTAGED DISPLACED WORKERS (TUPAD) PROGRAM OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

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

Senate Bill No. 2088, entitled

AN ACT REFORMING THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND
PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF
APPRENTICES, AND REGULATORY STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION
OF APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

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

Senate Bill No. 2089, entitled

AN ACT PRESERVING THE INDIGENOUS SPORTS AND GAMES OF THE
PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committees on Culture and the Arts; and Sports

Senate Bill No. 2090, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ENTREPRENEURS' ACADEMY,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

**To the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Trade, Commerce
and Entrepreneurship; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2091, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE PHILIPPINE AEROSPACE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PADC) BY ANOTHER FIFTY (50) YEARS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 286, SERIES
OF 1973, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A
PHILIPPINE AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, APPROPRIAT-
ING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 2092, entitled

AN ACT CREATING DENTAL SERVICE IN EVERY CITY OR MUNICIPAL
HEALTH UNIT AS PART OF THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE APPROACH IN

THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2093, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

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

Senate Bill No. 2094, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL SPORTS PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP YOUNG ATHLETES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committees on Youth; Sports; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2095, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN THE DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY-SOUTH LA UNION CAMPUS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE DON MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL STATE UNIVERSITY-SOUTH LA UNION CAMPUS-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Marcos

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

Senate Bill No. 2096, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BAGUIO CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Marcos

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

Senate Bill No. 2097, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING WHOLE MONTH OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR AS THE "MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM-ENTERPRISE (MSME) MONTH" IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

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

Senate Bill No. 2098, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF DIGITAL LITERACY AS A PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF GRADE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Tulfo

To the Committees on Basic Education; Science and Technology; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2099, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL RIGHTS AND BENEFITS TO KASAMBAHAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10361, ENTITLED "AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF DOMESTIC WORKERS," OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DOMESTIC WORKERS ACT" OR "BATAS KASAMBAHAY," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tulfo

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 2100, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING ANTI GAME-FIXING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES VIOLATIONS

Introduced by Senator Tulfo

To the Committees on Sports; and Games and Amusement

Senate Bill No. 2101, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORATORIUM ON STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT DURING DISASTERS AND OTHER EMERGENCIES

Introduced by Senator Tulfo

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 2102, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTRIES OF PROFESSIONALS AND SKILLED WORKERS IN BARANGAYS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Tulfo

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

Senate Bill No. 2103, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE CEBU SAFARI AND ADVENTURE PARK LOCATED IN BARANGAY CORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, A TOURISM DESTINATION

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committee on Tourism

Senate Bill No. 2104, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIFTY (50)-BED SATELLITE HOSPITAL OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATARMAN, NORTHERN SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CATARMAN SATELLITE HOSPITAL APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 2105, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE CONDITIONAL MATCHING GRANT TO PROVINCES FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR, REHABILITATION, AND IMPROVEMENT

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Local Government; Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2106, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE METRO BATAAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

To the Committees on Local Government; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Finance

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 576, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SHORT, MEDIUM, AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO END THE POWER SUPPLY CRISIS IN THE PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

To the Committee on Energy

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 577, entitled

RESOLUTION IN AID OF LEGISLATION DIRECTING THE INQUIRY INTO THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING DRIVER'S LICENSES AND REGISTERING MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE PHILIPPINES, WITH AN END IN VIEW OF STREAMLINING AND MAKING THE PROCESS ACCESSIBLE TO THE MARGINALIZED SECTOR, ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF SHORTAGE OF PLASTIC CARDS, AND REDUCING THE BURDEN OF COMPULSORY THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE

Introduced by Senator Tulfo

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 578, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES PROCURED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MADE UNUSABLE DUE TO WATER LEAKS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel

To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 579, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PANAY ISLAND POWER SITUATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Poe

To the Committee on Energy

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 580, entitled

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE AVIAN INFLUENZA, WITH THE INTENT OF DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION TO PREVENT AND CONTROL THE OUTBREAK OF TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES IN THE COUNTRY CONTINGENT ON THE UNABATED IMPORTATION OF POULTRY PRODUCTS THAT WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO ADVERSE PUBLIC HEALTH EFFECTS AND DEMISE OF LOCAL POULTRY

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 581, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM FOR CAPTURING SEVEN (7) GOLD, FOUR (4)

SILVER, AND ONE (1) BRONZE MEDALS AT THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL WEIGHTLIFTING FEDERATION (IWF) WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN DURRES, ALBANIA ON MARCH 25 TO APRIL 1, 2023

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 582, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE ICE HOCKEY TEAM FOR BAGGING THE GOLD MEDAL AT THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION (IIHF) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS DIVISION IV HELD ON MARCH 23-26, 2023 IN ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 583, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL KARATE TEAM FOR CAPTURING SIX (6) GOLD, FIVE (5) SILVER, TWENTY-THREE (23) BRONZE MEDALS AT THE 10TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN KARATE FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES ON MARCH 13-19, 2023

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 584, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO PUSH FOR THE AMENDMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY (MDT) WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OTHER ANCILLARY TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS IN RELATION THERETO

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 585, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DELAYED ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel

To the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 586, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO

CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED INAPPROPRIATE ISSUANCE BY THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY (PPA) OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 04-2021 PRESCRIBING THE POLICY ON THE REGISTRATION AND MONITORING OF CONTAINERS, WHICH IS BEING VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED BY SEVERAL BUSINESS GROUPS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel

To the Committee on Public Services

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 21 March 2023, the House of Representatives passed the following House bills, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

House Bill No. 7387, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE SERVICES OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION AND ENCOURAGING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE, FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION, AS AMENDED

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform

House Bill No. 6772, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THE POWER TO SUSPEND AND ADJUST THE PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEDULED INCREASE OF PREMIUM RATES FOR DIRECT CONTRIBUTORS OF THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "*UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT*"

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

House Bill No. 4605, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHT OF MARRIED WOMEN TO RETAIN THEIR MAIDEN SURNAMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 370 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NEW CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

House Bill No. 7363, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABLE FINANCING PROGRAM FOR MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES

THROUGH THE PONDO SA PAGBABAGO AT PAG-ASENSO PROGRAM,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

House Bill No. 7370, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A TRIPARTITE COUNCIL TO ADDRESS UNEMPLOYMENT,
UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE JOB-SKILLS MISMATCH PROBLEM IN
THE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

**To the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Labor, Employ-
ment and Human Resources Development; and Finance**

House Bill No. 7400, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN ENTERPRISE-BASED EDUCATION AND
TRAINING PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

**To the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Labor, Employ-
ment and Human Resources Development; Ways And Means; and Finance**

House Bill No. 7414, entitled

AN ACT RENAMING THE LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL TO NATIONAL
LITERACY COUNCIL, STRENGTHENING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
EXPANDING ITS MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND SUPPORT MECHANISMS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7165, AS AMENDED

To the Committees on Basic Education; and Finance

House Bill No. 7426, entitled

AN ACT PROCLAIMING THE FIRST MONDAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR
AS LINE WORKERS APPRECIATION DAY

To the Committee on Energy

House Bill No. 7525, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REINVESTMENT FRAMEWORK FOR REAL ESTATE
INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) SPONSORS OR PROMOTERS, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3, 8, AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9856,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT)
ACT OF 2009"

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

House Bill No. 7499, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY
OF ZAMBOANGA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 3672, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 7424, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 7498, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 7500, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AQUACULTURE FEED MILL PLANT IN BARANGAY BAHIT, MUNICIPALITY OF PANAY, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 7501, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY TO INCLUDE THE PRODUCTION OF CRABS, SHRIMPS AND LOBSTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 7502, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARGAO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 7503, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARINGAY, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

and House Bill No. 7504, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

House Bill No. 7577, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN ZAMBOANGA CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 1043, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

and House Bill No. 7508, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

To the Committees on Public Works; and Finance

House Bill No. 7413, entitled

AN ACT RENAMING THE AGHAM ROAD AND THE BIR ROAD, STRETCHING FROM NORTH AVENUE, TRAVERSING THROUGH QUEZON AVENUE, UP TO EAST AVENUE, ALL LOCATED IN QUEZON CITY, AS SENATOR MIRIAM P. DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO AVENUE

To the Committee on Public Works

House Bill No. 7324, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PANQUI TARLAC ECO-FARM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

House Bill No. 7361, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY FORESTS IN THE CITY OF DIGOS AND MUNICIPALITIES OF SULOP, STA. CRUZ, PADADA, MATANAO, MALALAG, MAGSAYSAY, KIBLAWAN, HAGONoy, AND BANSALAN IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

House Bill No. 7528, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING KITI-CALAO FALLS, LOCATED IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, MUNICIPALITY OF MAYANTOC, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, AN ECOTOURISM SITE;

House Bill No. 7545, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ANDRES, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA;

and House Bill No. 7556, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING TIMANGGUYOB FALLS, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, AN ECOTOURISM SITE

To the Committees on Tourism; Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; and Finance

House Bill No. 7009, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 14 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, IN COMMEMORATION OF "ARAW NG CALAMBA"

To the Committee on Local Government

and House Bill No. 7315, entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TABAYON EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TABAYON, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE TABAYON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

To the Committees on Basic Education; and Finance

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 20 March 2023, the House of Representatives designated Representatives Romulo, De Venecia, Escudero, and Castro as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5110, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF PHILIPPINE CULTURAL HERITAGE THROUGH CULTURAL MAPPING AND AN ENHANCED CULTURAL HERITAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10066, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009."

and Senate Bill No. 1841, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF OUR NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE, THROUGH AN ENHANCED CULTURAL POLICY AND CULTURAL MAPPING PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10066 OR THE "NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009"

To the Committee on Rules

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 20 March 2023, the House of Representatives designated Representatives Tupas, Alvarez, Bustos, Yu, Romualdo, Colada, and Paduano as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6517, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING PROFESSIONALISM AND PROMOTING THE CONTINUITY OF POLICIES AND MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES,

and Senate Bill No. 1849, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11709 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STRENGTHENING PROFESSIONALISM AND PROMOTING THE CONTINUITY OF POLICIES AND MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR KEY OFFICERS THEREOF, INCREASING THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE OF GENERALS/FLAG OFFICERS, PROVIDING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ATTRITION SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR."

To the Archives

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 20 March 2023, the House of Representatives designated Representatives Chungalao, Salceda, Barba, Ortega V, Estrella, Recto, and Espares as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6336, entitled

AN ACT EMANCIPATING AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM FINANCIAL BURDEN BY CONDONING UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS AND INTERESTS AND EXEMPTING PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAX ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS AWARDED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM,

and Senate Bill No. 1850, entitled

AN ACT CONDONING ALL PRINCIPAL AND INTERESTS OF LOANS ARISING FROM THE AWARD OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 22 March 2023, the House of Representatives ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions on House Bill No. 6517, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING PROFESSIONALISM AND PROMOTING THE CONTINUITY OF POLICIES AND MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

and Senate Bill No. 1849, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11709 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STRENGTHENING PROFESSIONALISM AND PROMOTING THE CONTINUITY OF POLICIES AND MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR KEY OFFICERS THEREOF, INCREASING THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE OF GENERALS/FLAG OFFICERS, PROVIDING FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE ATTRITION SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 22 March 2023, the House of Representatives ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions on House Bill No. 6336, entitled

AN ACT EMANCIPATING AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM FINANCIAL BURDEN BY CONDONING UNPAID AMORTIZATIONS AND INTERESTS AND EXEMPTING PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAX ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS AWARDED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM,

and Senate Bill No. 1850, entitled

AN ACT CONDONING ALL PRINCIPAL AND INTERESTS OF LOANS ARISING FROM THE AWARD OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Letter from the House of Representatives informing the Senate that on 22 March 2023, it concurred with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 4635, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ADIONG MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "HIGHER EDUCATION MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997," AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8651, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR EJERCITO

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Ejercito delivered the following speech on the relocation of the historic monuments in San Juan City:

Walang kalayaan kung walang Pinaglaban! Ito po ang laging bigkas ng mga San Juaneño tuwing sasapit ang ika-30 ng Agosto, ang tinaguriang "Araw ng Pinaglaban." Sa makasaysayang araw na ito, taong 1896, buong tapang na sinugod nina Gat Andres Bonifacio at Heneral Emilio Jacinto, sampu ng kanilang mga kasamahang Katipuneros, ang imbakan ng tubig ng Maynila: ang El Deposito. Kasabay ding nilusob ng ating mga bayani ang El Polvorin o imbakan ng mga armas at pulbura. Ang El Deposito at El Polvorin po ay parehong matatagpuan sa San Juan del Monte. Ang pangyayaring ito na tinawag na Labanan sa San Juan Del Monte ang unang pangmalawakang pakikibaka laban sa mga mananakop na Espanyol sa pagnanais na makamit ang ating kalayaan.

Taong 2002, isang taon makalipas ang aking unang termino bilang Punong Bayan, sa bisa ng Municipal Ordinance No. 34 at 35 ay naipatayo natin ang mga bantayog nina Gat Andres Bonifacio sa panulukan ng mga lansangan ng Pinaglaban at Valenzuela; at Emilio Jacinto sa panulukan ng Pinaglaban. Ang pagsasagawa ng mga proyektong ito ay bunsod ng pagnanais ng inyong lingkod na imulat at ipaalala sa aming mga kababayan, lalong lalo na sa mga kabataan, ang napakahalagang partisipasyon ng aming munting Bayan ng San Juan sa ating pambansang kasaysayan at kalayaan.

Marahil ay hindi batid ng ilan nating mga kababayan na malaki ang naging bahagi ng Lungsod ng San Juan sa ating kasarinlan. Ito po ang aking naging motibasyon upang maipaalala ang kabayanihan at mahalagang kontribusyon ng dalawang haligi ng hindi lamang ng Katipunan ngunit maging ang Himagsikan ng 1896. Sila po ay sina Gat Andres Bonifacio, ang Ama ng Katipunan, at Heneral Emilio Jacinto, ang Utak ng Katipunan. Sinikap ng iyong lingkod na maipatayo ang mga dambanang ito sa stratihikong mga lugar kung saan mas

makikita ito ng mas marami nating mga kababayan. Ang pagpaparantal pong ito sa ating mga bayani ay hindi lamang para magsilbing inspirasyon para sa mga taga-San Juan kundi para rin sa sino man na mapapadaan sa aming makasaysayang lungsod.

Noong taong 2006, sa pagnanais natin na mas lalong makilala ng mga kabataan ang mga bayani ng Katipunan, tayo po ay nakipagtulungan sa noon ay National Historical Institute (NHI) upang maipatayo ang Museo ng Katipunan. Ito po ngayon ay matatagpuan sa Dambana ng Pinaglabanan o Pinaglabanan Shrine. Ang Museo ng Katipunan ang nagsisilbing tahanan ng mga mahahalagang "artifacts" ng Katipunan at ng Rebolusyon. Sa pamamagitan ng mga ito ay mas mauunawaan at mabibigyang pagpapahalaga ng mga kabataan ang Kasaysayan ng Labanan sa San Juan del Monte o Battle of Pinaglabanan.

Pinangunahan naman po ng aking ina na si Mayor Guia Gomez noong kaniyang termino ang pagsasaayos ng Museo ng El Deposito at ang El Deposito Underground Reservoir. Ang El Deposito po ay hindi lamang imbakan ng tubig kundi bukal at daluyan din ng mga kuwento ng kabayanihan.

Ipinatayo naman po ang Pinaglabanan Shrine upang gunitain ang kabayanihan ng mga Katipunerong nagbuwis ng buhay sa unang rebolusyon. Sila po ay mga bayaning mga walang pangalan ngunit karapat-dapat na tumanggap ng katumbas na pagkilala ng tulad sa mga mas kilalang mga bayani.

Ipinagmamalaki po natin na ang centerpiece ng dambana na tinawag na Spirit of Pinaglabanan ay nilikha ng tanyag na eskultor na si Eduardo Castrillo. Napuno po ng pag-asa ang inyong lingkod na sa mga munting pagkilala sa mga bayani ng Katipunan ay manunumbalik ang interes ng ating mga kabataan sa pag-aaral ng kasaysayan. Sa pagpapatayo po natin ng mga dambana para sa ating mga bayani, layon po natin na alalahanin ang mga yumao, ngunit nais din natin paalalahanan tayong mga nabubuhay pa: may nagbuwis ng buhay para sa atin.

Ang mga monumento po ni Gat Andres Bonifacio at Heneral Emilio Jacinto ay munti pong ambag ng inyong lingkod sa pagpapatibay ng pundasyon ng ating kasaysayan. Ngunit kamakailan lang, tila niyanig at biglang gumuho ang mga pundasyon na ating sinikap na maitayo. Noong nakaraang linggo po ay nagising na lamang ang mga taga-San Juan na nawawala na ang bantayog ni Gat Andres Bonifacio at Hen. Emilio Jacinto sa orihinal nilang kinatitirikan. Pati na rin ang monumento ng ating pambansang bayani na si Dr. Jose Rizal sa Plaza ng San Juan ay tinanggal. May mga nakapagsabi lamang po sa inyong lingkod na ang mga ito raw ay inilipat sa magkabilang sulok ng Pinaglabanan Shrine.

Tumindig po tayo ngayon upang maghanap ng mga kasagutan: ano po kaya ang dahilan kung bakit ginambala ang mga nananahimik na bantayog ng ating mga bayani? Bakit po kaya sila ililipat sa mga lugar kung saan mistulang nakatago sa ating mga kababayan? Nawala po ang esensya at layunin ng mga bantayog na ito: ang makapagpaalala ng kabayanihan at pagmamahal sa bayan.

Ang pagpapatayo at pagpapagawa ng dalawang bantayog na ito ay pinondohan at ginastusan ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng San Juan noong termino ng inyong lingkod bilang mayor. Noong 2020, sa kasagsagan ng pananalasa ng pandemya, naglabas ng resolusyon ang City Council ng San Juan na naglalayon na i-relocate ang mga monumento nila Gat Andres Bonifacio at Hen. Emilio Jacinto. Batay sa City Resolution No. 76, Series of 2020, ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ay humingi ng pondo mula kay dating Representative Ronnie Zamora sa paglilipat ng mga bantayog na nabanggit. Sa bisa ng City Ordinance No. 55, Series of 2021, pinagtibay ang pagpapalipat ng mga bantayog sa Pinaglabanan Shrine. Samakatuwid, parehong buwis ng mamamayan ang ginamit sa pagpapatayo at paglilipat ng mga bantayog nina Gat Andres Bonifacio at Hen. Emilio Jacinto.

Sa panahon po na nasa proseso pa rin ng pagbangon ang ating mga kababayan mula sa hagupit ng pandemya, sana po ay ibinuhos ang salapi ng pamahalaan sa mas makabuluhang mga bagay kaysa sa pagbulabog sa mga nananahimik na monumento ng mga bayani.

Para po sa kaalaman ng lahat, ang mga bantayog na ito ay gawa ng yumao at kilalang Pilipinong eskultor na si Eduardo Castrillo. Kung halaga ang magiging sukatan, mas tumaas

na ang halaga ng kanyang mga obra, kasama ang mga nabanggit na mga bantayog na pag-aari ng pamahalaang lungsod.

Ang Pinaglabanan Shrine ay pinamamahalaan ng National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP). Ano po ang kasunduan sa pamamahala ng mga bantayog na ilipat sa Pinaglabanan Shrine? Totoo nga ba na ang NHCP ang nagmungkahi na ilipat sa loob ang shrine na kung saan hindi na ito makikita ng mga dumadaan?

Hindi ko po mapigilan na hindi tumayo sa Bulwagang ito upang ibahagi ang aking pagkalungkot bilang isang tagahanga ng ating bayaning si Gat. Andres Bonifacio. Lingid sa kaalaman ng ating kababayan, ang paghanga at pagdakila kong ito ay ipinaukit ko na sa aking balat. Ang marka pong ito ay tulad ng bantayog ni Gat Andres: hindi lamang palamuti kundi isang paalaala na sa araw-araw ay paglingkuran ang sambayanan.

Araw-araw po ay pinapaalalahanan ako na mayroon tayong digmaan na dapat pagwagian. Ngunit hindi na po ito pakikidigma laban sa mga mananakop kundi pakikidigma laban sa kahirapan at pagsasamantala. Lumalaban tayo para sa maayos na serbisyong pangkalusugan; disenteng hanapbuhay; at isang maunlad at payapa na bansang Pilipinas.

Kung kaya't lubos po ang aking pagkadismaya na makitang tila ipinagwawalang-bahala ng kasalukuyang pumunuan ng Lungsod ng San Juan ang ating mga kontribusyon sa pagkilala sa kabayanihan ni Gat Andres Bonifacio at Hen. Emilio Jacinto.

Nawa po ay ang isyung ito na kinasasangkutan ng bantayog ni Gat Andres Bonifacio ay hindi pagsimulan ng pagkakahati, bagkus ay magsilbing mitsa ng malayang talakayan at sa huli ay mas manaig sa puso ng bawat isa ang pagmamahal sa bayan.

Hindi po isang theme park ang Pinaglabanan Shrine kung saan basta-basta na lamang itatambak ang iba't ibang mga karakter. Ibigay po sana natin mga bayani ang espasyo na nararapat para sa kanila, sa ating mga lungsod at bulawagan, ngunit higit sa lahat, hayaan natin silang manahan sa ating mga puso.

Ang mga bantayog po ay "landmarks," palatandaan ng isang mahalagang kaganapan. Ang mga landmarks po na ito ay "symbols of pride" at pagkakakilanlan o "identity." Sa ibang bansa nga po ay pinahalalagan nila ang kanilang mga landmarks, sana po ay ganoon din tayo. Hindi lamang po ito simpleng mga bantayog o landmarks kundi maituturing din pong mga "milestones" sa pagpapaunlad at pagpapahalaga sa ating kasaysayan.

Respeto. Pagpapahalaga. Mahirap po ba iyong ibigay?

Bilang pagtatapos, sa ngalan ng mga San Juaneñong tulad ko, nais po sana naming maliwagan sa isyung ito sapagkat ang mga mahalagang bantayog na ito ay mula sa bayan at para sa bayan!

Muli, walang kalayaan kung walang Pinaglabanan!

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PADILLA

Senator Padilla expressed his support for Senator Ejercito's privilege speech and his sadness over the action taken by the local government of San Juan to relocate Andres Bonifacio's monument. As a *Katipunero*, he stated that he could not believe that the national hero would not receive the justice he deserved. Although debates assert that Andres Bonifacio died on April 16, 1897, he argued that the hero perished on May 10 of the same year.

He lamented that Andres Bonifacio had been cast aside and neglected while he was alive and up to that day. Despite the fact that politics was responsible for Andres Bonifacio's death, he hoped that the local government of San Juan would put politics aside because Pinaglabanan symbolizes the country's freedom. He believed that the best location for the public to view democratic symbols is not within park walls, but on the main streets of San Juan.

Moreover, he expressed his disappointment with the removal of national heroes from the new banknotes. He argued that the presence of the martyrs on the banknotes serves as a daily

reminder to the people of the struggles they endured to obtain the freedom and democracy that the Filipinos now enjoy. He also asserted that relocating the heroes' monuments was the same as concealing them from the public. He reminded everyone of what Dr. Jose Rizal once said, that the person who never looks back at where he came from will never reach his destination.

In support of Senator Ejercito's grievance on the removal of the monuments honoring Andres Bonifacio, Emilio Jacinto, and Dr. Jose Rizal from their respective original locations in San Juan City, Senator Padilla opined that the Philippine national heroes should be given due recognition by proudly installing their statues in publicly visible locations instead of "hiding" them. He then urged the Body to support the call to render the recognition that the country's heroes, such as Andres Bonifacio, deserve.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

Senator Pimentel recalled that in the recent plenary discussion on the Cultural Mapping Bill (Senate Bill No. 1841), which was sponsored by Senator Legarda, the historical or cultural value of such sites as the Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine was highlighted. He then asked whether there are mechanisms under the existing laws that require the permission or clearance from either the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) or the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) before implementing any changes on monuments that symbolize or represent a historical or cultural event.

Senate President Zubiri recalled that the Senate passed during the 14th Congress an applicable law that was sponsored by the late Sen. Edgardo J. Angara.

At this point, Senator Angara informed the Body that the two laws that might be applicable on monuments were Republic Act No. 10086 (*Strengthening Peoples' Nationalism Through Philippine History Act*), which converted the National Historical Institute into the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and Republic Act No. 10066 (*the National Heritage Act of 2009*). Senate President Zubiri averred that the National Heritage Act of 2009 was the law that protects particular heritage sites from destruction. He said that infrastructures that have been installed with a historical marker by the National Historical Institute, such as the house of the national hero, should not be destroyed or be relocated.

Senator Angara added that structures dating at least 50 years old are protected against exportation, modification, or demolition unless permitted by the NHCP. He said that a structure that is a work of national artist for architecture, for instance, is also protected under the law. He admitted, however, that there have been many cases where the protection of such structures was not observed due to the lack of coercive measures under the law.

Asked by Senate President Zubiri if the removed structures in San Juan City were built by a national artist, Senator Ejercito replied that all three structures were made by the renowned sculptor Eduardo Castrillo. He said that the Spirit of Pinaglabanan sculpture was the very first and main sculpture depicting the Battle of San Juan Del Monte and was done during the term of his father, former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, as mayor of San Juan City in 1972. He added that the monuments of Emilio Jacinto and Dr. Jose Rizal were installed during the term of his mother, Guia Gomez, as San Juan City Mayor. He explained that the three monuments and the *Museo ng Katipunan* were built because San Juan City was a historical town where the first battle of the *Katipunan* started. He stated that he, his father, and his mother, as former San Juan City mayors, deemed it necessary to capitalize on the city's strengths by putting up the said landmarks and the museum as dedications to the sacrifices of the *katipuneros* led by Andres Bonifacio.

In addition, Senator Ejercito stated that Dr. Jose Rizal has a shrine in Calamba City, Laguna and many monuments all over the country, while Emilio Aguinaldo has a shrine in Kawit, Cavite and many monuments, all built in their honor. With Andres Bonifacio, however, Senator Ejercito recalled that the “*Ama ng Katipunan*” has monuments then but not a single shrine in his honor; hence, the *Museo ng Katipunan* at that time became a repository of artifacts and items pertaining to the *Katipunan*. He said that he wanted the people and its youth to know about Pinaglabanan, to always see Andres Bonifacio’s statue, and to feel proud, patriotic and have a sense of nationalism by honoring the sacrifices of the *katipuneros*.

At this point, Senate President Zubiri cited Article III, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 10066 on important cultural properties, to wit:

“SEC. 5. Cultural Property Considered Important Cultural Property. — For purposes of protecting a cultural property against exportation, modification or demolition, the following works shall be considered important cultural property, unless declared otherwise by the pertinent cultural agency:

Unless declared by the Commission,

- (a) Works by a Manlilikha ng Bayan;
- (b) Works by a National Artist;

Unless declared by the National Museum,

- (c) Archaeological and traditional ethnographic materials;

Unless declared by the National Historical Institute,

- (d) Works of national heroes;
- (e) Marked structure;
- (f) Structures dating at least fifty (50) years old; and

Unless declared by the National Archives,

- (g) Archival material/document dating at least fifty (50) years old.

The property owner may petition the appropriate cultural agency to remove the presumption of important cultural property which shall not be unreasonably withheld.”

Anticipating that the privilege speech of Senator Ejercito would be referred to the proper committee for a hearing, Senator Pimentel expressed hope that the committee would be able to establish the facts for its Members to see how the law was being implemented. He stated that he was aware that there is a certain level of protection granted to important historical or cultural properties such that clearances are required prior to implementing any changes to it.

In reply, Senator Ejercito noted and expressed his envy at how other countries, particularly in Europe, give importance to their history, landmarks, and events that led to their struggle and progress as a nation. He also noted how every house in Turkey displays the Turkish flag. In contrast, he said, monuments in the Philippines were no longer appealing, prominent, and as well-lit as before. He expressed hope that the country could preserve symbols of pride as a nation by revisiting the law and how it is protecting or not protecting the Philippines’ national treasures and national pride.

On the point raised by Senator Padilla on the removal of heroes from Philippine bank notes and coins, Senator Pimentel stated that he had filed Proposed Senate Resolution No. 3, calling for an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the frequent changes in the Philippine bank notes and coins initiated by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), which was heard once by the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies. Aside from the removal of Philippine heroes in the P1,000 bill, he noted that the abaca-cotton bank note had been replaced by polymer banknotes, even as the country is a renowned producer and source of abaca. Relative thereto, he expressed the need to validate the BSP’s claim in its press release that the new bank note has earned

commendations and praises as he opined that it is the people using it who should be the judge on the practicality and the usefulness of the change in the design. Senate President Zubiri stated that he supported the said resolution of Senator Pimentel.

As to Senator Ejercito's privilege speech, Senator Pimentel reiterated his interest in attending the hearing on it, noting that the removal of monuments of the three national heroes in San Juan City was not merely a local matter but actually falls under the National Heritage Act of 2009, which was being amended by Senate Bill No. 1841 (Cultural Mapping Bill), awaiting the bicameral report to reach the plenary.

Senator Ejercito stated that the subject of his speech was of national significance, even as it seemed a local matter, because the Battle of San Juan Del Monte played a major role in Philippine history and displayed the heroic deeds and sacrifices of the country's heroes. Senate President Zubiri noted that the said battle was the first major battle that started the revolution against Spain, a very important time in history.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PADILLA

Senator Padilla noted that the next day would be the death anniversary of Andres Bonifacio. He pointed out that first battle in Pinaglabanan gave life to the true Philippine revolutionary movement, with members mostly coming from the masses who died during the fight.

In reply, Senator Ejercito recalled how he felt proud upon watching the movie "Bonifacio," where Senator Padilla played the lead role, and which used the *Museo ng Katipunan* in shooting many scenes.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR TOLENTINO

Senator Tolentino joined Senators Ejercito, Padilla, Angara and other senators in sympathizing with the plight of Andres Bonifacio. Also expressing his belief on the need to strengthen the National Heritage Act of 2009, he informed the Body that the biggest public school in Naic, Cavite houses a small room that had served as a *bartolina* of Andres Bonifacio. He recalled how he mistook the said room as a restroom but soon found out that a statue in the likeness of the hero lay on the ground.

He also recalled that during his stint as former Metro Manila Development Authority chairperson, the Department of Public Works and Highways had a plan to erect several big posts for the Skyway 3 in the rotunda in front of the area of the Philippine Columbian in Paco, Manila and to relocate the monument of Takayama Ukon, which he opposed saying that Takayama was a Japanese samurai who fled to the Philippines to escape religious persecution in Japan and now a beatified martyr. He said that if he was able to help save the monument of Takayama, the same could be done to restore the glory, honor and dignity of the country's hero, Andres Bonifacio.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

At the outset, Senator Cayetano (P) recalled that during the Sixteenth Congress, the Rizal monument was the subject of a controversy when a building was constructed about a kilometer away from the park and created an obstructed view of the monument. In the case of the monuments in Pinaglabanan shrine in San Juan, she noted that one issue was that the markers indicated that the structures were constructed less than 50 years ago and it was argued that those do not fall under the jurisdiction of the NCCA and the NHCP. She then inquired on the authority of the LGUs over the national agencies on matters relating to monuments which could even be inside a private property.

Senator Ejercito lamented that significant historical artifacts have to give way to development or progress. He agreed with the earlier observation made by Senator Pimentel that there was a need to revisit the laws which were previously passed and to find out whether these actually protect the historical artifacts. He said that he received information that the incumbent mayor of San Juan claimed that the NHCP gave its blessings for the removal of the monuments located in the Paglabanan shrine.

He regretted that the monument of national hero Jose Rizal was replaced by another piece of sculpture which looked like a snake or a worm. He added that the old monuments were constructed in areas where these would not be obstructing traffic or get in the way of future road expansion; the monuments of Andres Bonifacio and Emilio Jacinto were a fitting remembrance to the venue of the battle of San Juan del Monte.

Adverting to Section 5 of RA 10066 otherwise known as the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009, Senator Cayetano (P) asked whether there has been a declaration of the Pinaglabanan Shrine Heroes' Monuments as important cultural properties, Senator Ejercito replied that the Museo ng Katipunan was under the auspices of the NHCP and he surmised that it should have declared the monuments as vital pieces of history.

On whether the monuments were created by a Manlilikha ng Bayan or National Artist, Senator Ejercito said that the sculptures were created by Ed Castrillo, a renowned Filipino sculptor.

Senator Cayetano (P) expressed concern over the removal of the monuments in Paglabanan shrine and stated that she would be expecting explanations during the public hearing on the relocation of the monuments. She averred that it would likewise be an opportunity to revisit the law and what else could be done to protect the cultural heritage and structures of the country.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Senator Legarda lauded the efforts of Senator Ejercito for having brought to the attention of the Body some violations of existing laws with the end in view of amending, revising or updating the current laws. She said that she was struck by the statement made by Senator Ejercito that it was the NHCP which allowed the movement of the significant historical and cultural structures in the city of San Juan and that the project was funded under the General Appropriations Act.

Senator Ejercito affirmed that the Pinaglabanan shrine was under the supervision of the NHCP and that according to the Mayor of San Juan City, the relocation of the monuments was done with the blessing of the NHCP. He said that the beautiful sculptures were the centerpiece of the whole shrine which symbolized and captured the spirit of 1896, particularly the Battle of San Juan del Monte.

Asked by Senator Legarda whether the monuments of Bonifacio, Jacinto and the others which came from the Pinaglabanan shrine were all relocated, Senator Ejercito replied in the affirmative, reiterating that it was a project of the LGU but with the blessing and approval of the NHCP.

On whether the Pinaglabanan Shrine was designated as national historical site or treasure by the NHCP, Senator Ejercito said that the actual battle of San Juan took place in the area and that the El Deposito was located in the area and the El Pulvorin was nearby.

Senator Legarda stated that she would be happy to help culturally map all the areas around the country which were designated by the NHCP as to historical ones as well as other areas designated by the National Museum and the NCCA with cultural significance. She informed the Body that biodiversity areas have also been included in the cultural mapping bill, which she hoped would be

passed by the bicameral conference committee in May, a heritage month. She stressed the need to determine the metes and bounds of the Pinaglabanan shrine so that it would be marked as a historical landmark and part of the country's national heritage and patrimony. She said that any declaration of a monument or shrine as a historical landmark would provide the reason for its preservation.

As to the Rizal monument in San Juan, Senator Ejercito stated that such historical landmark which was in N. Domingo Street and was also made by sculptor Eduardo Castrillo, would be similarly relocated to the Pinaglabanan Shrine complex, but that he was not aware who made the abstract sculpture that replaced the monument on N. Domingo. Senator Legarda recalled that ten years ago, on June 12, she was standing before the Rizal Monument in San Juan as Mayor Guia Gomez' guest of honor.

Senator Legarda believed that there are rules to follow before transferring pieces of art or landmarks from one location to another because they hold meaning and purpose. In fact, she noted that declaring an object as a national cultural treasure (NCT) or a certain area as a historical site, is a long and tedious process. Thereafter, she suggested that Senator Ejercito's privilege speech be referred to the Committee on Culture and the Arts in order to set the guidelines on how cultural treasures and sites should be valued and protected, besides recognizing the oversight functions of the National Museum (NM), the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

Senate President Zubiri remarked that listening to Senator Legarda's interpellation was like watching her documentary series "Dayaw" every night on ANC.

REMARKS OF SENATOR HONTIVEROS

Senator Hontiveros cited three points as a follow-up to Senator Legarda's interpellation, to wit: 1) the Pinaglabanan Shrine was declared as a national shrine by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 260 on August 1, 1973; thus, validating the national value of the shrine per historical record.; 2) according to Item No. 10 of the *Guidelines on Monuments Honoring National Heroes, Illustrious Filipinos and Other Personages*, national monuments cannot be relocated without prior written permission of the Chairman of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines; and 3) the subject of Senator Ejercito's privilege speech was covered by Article 7 of the International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (Venice Charter), which codified the internationally accepted standards in conserving and restoring monuments and historic buildings.

Noting the local government of San Juan's claim that it had the NHCP's blessing to relocate the historical landmarks inside the Pinaglabanan Shrine complex, Senator Ejercito mused what prompted the NHCP chairperson to do so. He stressed that he only wanted to protect the historical artifacts and structures which are of national significance.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Ejercito and the interpellations and manifestations thereon to the Committee on Culture and the Arts.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, the session was suspended.

It was 4:32 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:27 p.m., the session was resumed with Senator Ejercito presiding.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 63 ON SENATE BILL NO. 2035

(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 2035 (Committee Report No. 63), entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT MASTER PLAN,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE "TRABAHO PARA SA BAYAN PLAN,"
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senator Villanueva stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Villanueva, sponsor of the measure, and Senator Angara for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ANGARA

Senator Angara began by recalling when, in the fourth quarter of 2022, President Marcos tasked Senator Villanueva with overseeing the national employment strategy, prioritizing the same in the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) meetings and conducting extensive hearings. He then inquired about the rationale behind the Trabaho Para Sa Lahat Plan, given that other government agencies, such as the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in addition to the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), already had plans in place.

Senator Villanueva responded that despite the existence of the plans mentioned by Senator Angara, no agency was currently responsible for job generation within the context of the country's pandemic recovery. He explained that while the DOLE was concerned with facilitating employment, the TESDA with conducting training programs, and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) with maintaining an attractive business environment for investors, no agency had yet ensured that a master plan governing the various existing and emerging industries of the country was in place beyond the PDP's six-year coverage.

He viewed the formulation of AmBisyon Natin 2040 as a positive development, despite Senator Binay's earlier concern in one of the hearings on the subject, that changes in the country's administration have an impact on its employment strategy. In addition, he remarked that there was no comprehensive document detailing the country's labor and employment policies in relation to its industries and workforce development. He added that the government's labor and employment programs would often be separate and distinct from its policies on skills development.

To illustrate his point, he stated that while the DTI has its own skills development framework, TESDA also has its own National Technical Education and Skills Development Plan (NTESDP). He also said that along with other industry development programs, it was Senator Angara who would be very familiar with the NTESDP as he annually defends its budget in his capacity as chairperson of the Committee on Finance. In addition, he informed the Body that various government agencies in charge of executing the plans, whether manufacturing, agri-business, or construction, would likely do so independently of other departments.

He informed the Body that the proposed measure was consistent with the rightsizing initiative of the Marcos administration and that the objective was to consolidate the various extant councils

into one. He stated that with the Trabaho Para Sa Bayan Master Plan, various plans and roadmaps would be coordinated. He added that the plan aimed to place employment at the center of economic and social policies, in accordance with the country's commitment to the International Labour Organization (ILO), specifically, on Convention No. 122 of 1964, or the Employment Policy Convention, which was ratified by the government in 1976. He also noted that once implemented, the plan would govern all efforts toward employment creation and recovery, resolving dynamic labor issues, and fostering an environment conducive to quality and decent work. Additionally, he said that once the Philippines has made its commitment to ILO Convention No. 122 through its employment master plan, the country's employment policy could extend beyond six years, incorporating issues such as youth employment and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), among others, into a single synergized package administered by a single council.

As to whether other countries, particularly Southeast Asian governments with observed low unemployment rates, have legislated employment plans and corresponding time frames, he stated that the need for such a policy in the country was emphasized by the DOLE Secretary and other agency heads during the LEDAC meeting. He then informed the Body that 75 countries have national employment policies, including Cambodia, China, Fiji, South Korea, Mongolia, Nepal, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam. Moreover, he stated that 130 countries also have their own national youth employment strategies.

He stated that seven employment policies have been outlined for the Philippines, namely: 1) the 2016 Philippine Labor and Employment Plan (LEP); 2) the National Employment Recovery Strategy (NERS), adopted through Executive Order 140, which strengthened initiatives such as job generation through the National Employment Recovery Strategy (NERS) Task Force, from April to May 2022; 3) the Philippine Youth Development Plan (PYDP), 2017 to 2022; 4) National Technical Education and Skills Development Plan (NTESDP), 2018 to 2022; 5) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Plan (MSMEDP), 2017 to 2022; 6) Philippine Development Plan (PDP), 2017 to 2022; and 7) Career Guidance Advocacy Plan (CGAP), 2018 to 2022. He reiterated, however, that the government has not yet submitted a master plan.

He then cited a portion of Section 2 (*Declaration of Policies*) of the proposed measure, to wit: "To promote the employability, competitiveness, wellness, and productivity of workers through efficient, effective, and timely delivery of industry-relevant skills training and enhancement programs, reintegration pathways, active labor market activities, and other services to allow workers to gain access to and maximize opportunities in the labor market."

With the passage of the bill, he believed the government would be able to save a significant amount of money by merging councils with nearly identical employment-related functions. Relative thereto, he informed the Body that based on the documents submitted to the committee, at least seven councils have been identified as performing similar duties.

Regarding skills training, he identified the following government agencies which have comparable programs, as well as their respective budget allocations: 1) TESDA's Tulong Trabaho Skills Scholarship Program, P1 billion; 2) TESDA's Training for Work Scholarship, P3.85 billion; 3) TESDA's Special Training for Employment Program, P2.78 billion; and 4) Department of Education's In-service Training for Public School Teachers, P777.53 million. Similarly, he mentioned that the DOLE has similar programs, including the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP), Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD), and JobStart.

He also mentioned the following programs that may benefit from the prospect of synergy: DOST's Community Empowerment Thru Science and Technology (CEST); DOLE's Government Internship Program (GIP); DTI's Mentor ME Project, Negosyo Center, and Linking Smallholder Farmers to Markets (LinkSFarm); DAR's Farm Business School; and DICT's Expanded Tech4ED Project.

Despite positive economic developments, such as a rising Gross Domestic Product (GDP), he believed that having an employment master plan would help elucidate strategies to address unemployment, underemployment, and job creation issues in the country. He noted that the plan would be larger than the NERS because it would involve the country's economic managers to look beyond current concerns; to assess whether the government training and education curriculum would be able to match the requirements of various industries. He emphasized the importance of staying abreast with technological advancements, stating that while the Philippines was facing the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution, other countries such as Singapore were already experiencing technological breakthroughs such as barista robots capable of making 200 cups of coffee in one hour.

Considering that approximately 1.5 million individuals graduate from college and technical-vocational institutions each year, he expressed hope for a system that would provide employment and livelihood opportunities for Filipinos in the future years.

At this juncture, Senator Angara mentioned the Trabaho Para sa Bayan Inter-Agency Council, and the need to establish plans with multi-year horizons including three, six, and 10-year development time plans. He then inquired whether there is a mechanism for amending the aforementioned plans to accommodate economic development and changes.

Senator Villanueva responded affirmatively and emphasized the importance of synergizing the efforts of government agencies with similar functions. He also underscored the need to synchronize government policies, programs, activities, and initiatives to optimize job creation and economic recovery. He clarified that no specific government agency was responsible for employment generation.

He explained that the measure aims to ensure the efficient mobilization and distribution of employment resources, identify key employment generators by region and by local government unit, maximize industries, and provide technical assistance. He expressed optimism that government would be able to project the number of jobs that would be created annually so that funds could be allocated for this purpose during national budget deliberations.

Referring to the data presented onscreen, he noted that from 2017 to 2020, employment was primarily concentrated in the service industries, while agricultural, manufacturing, and construction industries lagged consistently behind. He observed that the number of agricultural workers was progressively decreasing, from 10.26 million in 2017 to 9.75 million in 2020.

He also underscored the importance of addressing supply-side disparities by identifying effective interventions for unemployment and mismatched job skills. He surmised that it could be accomplished through provisions on income support, investments, incentives to employers, and private sector organizations that engage the unemployed and the youth in training, technology, knowledge and skills transfer, upskilling, and enterprise-based training.

He then cited data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) indicating that majority of unemployed individuals are male and young workers between the ages of 15 and 24. He believed that effective interventions targeting such groups ought to be ramped up.

He stated that the measure would also address the seasonality of employment and unemployment by ensuring the implementation of active employment interventions. He observed that the employment rate, which typically increases in August to December due to the Christmas season, decreases in January and February of the following year. He reiterated that the measure would not only address unemployment, but also underemployment, a reflection of the quality of jobs being created by the economy.

He added that the proposed inter-agency council would harmonize and maximize the national government's contribution to the LGUs. He said that cooperatives and small and micro enterprises should be given priority in being given concrete programs because they help generate employment opportunities at the local level. Additionally, he believed that the minimal youth participation in the country's economy must be addressed.

At this juncture, Senator Angara commended Senator Villanueva for his advocacy of job creation and expressed his full support for the bill's passage.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PADILLA

Senator Padilla lamented, after meeting with several agriculture Filipino students studying advanced agricultural farming techniques in Israel, that most graduates are unable to fully utilize their valuable training and skills in the Philippines due to the country's lagging technology. As a result of the lack of employment opportunities, he noted that other agriculture graduates opt to work abroad. He then expressed optimism that the government would utilize new technologies to transform the country's agricultural sector.

Senator Villanueva concurred with Senator Padilla's observations and noted that the measure seeks to promote technology transfer not only from Filipinos who have acquired such knowledge, but also by providing investors with additional incentives to bring the technology into the country. He stated that such significant provisions must be included in the master plan.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 2035

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, the session was suspended.

It was 5:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:11 p.m., the session was resumed.

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 587, entitled

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MARLON TAPALES FOR
WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) & INTERNATIONAL
BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) WORLD SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT TITLES**

Introduced by Senator Go

To the Committee on Rules



Proposed Senate Resolution No. 588, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE EMERGING USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN DIFFERENT SECTORS AND/OR INDUSTRY, AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAMEWORK RELATED TO THE ADOPTION, PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND FAIR-USE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committee on Science and Technology

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 589, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINUED PROLIFERATION OF BANK-RELATED SCAMS AND FRAUDS

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 590, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING HEAT INDEX MONITORING FOR PURPOSES OF CREATING AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT ALERT SYSTEM SIMILAR TO ALERT SYSTEM USED DURING OTHER CALAMITIES

Introduced by Senator Villar (M)

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 591, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPACT AND EFFECTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ON JOB DISPLACEMENT IN THE BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) AND ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM) SECTOR

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 592, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED

**MASSIVE FRAUDULENT REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE 2023
BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS**

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 593, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE USE AND PROVISION OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH AN END IN VIEW TO IMPROVE THE POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) IN THE USE OF NON-LETHAL FORCE, ENSURING THAT THE USE OF FORCE IS PROPORTIONATE TO THE THREAT PRESENTED, AND THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS ARE PROTECTED

Introduced by Senator Tulfo

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Justice and Human Rights

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 595, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AND INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CYBER FRAUD OPERATIONS AT THE CLARK SUN VALLEY HUB CORPORATION INSIDE THE CLARK FREEPORT ZONE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ELIMINATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN CYBER FRAUD INDUSTRIES IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Upon motion of Senator Villanueva, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of Senate Bill Nos. 2069 and 1888 from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Public Works.

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 the following day.

It was 6:14 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

Atty. RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on May 10, 2023