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COMMITTEE REPORT NO: 5

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food on
SEP 26 2007.

Re: S. No. 1648 Prepared by the Committee

Recommending its approval in substitution of SB Nos. 38, 1538 and 1617

Sponsor: Senator Edgardo J. Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food, to which were referred Senate Bill No.38, introduced by Senator Biazon, entitled:

AN ACT

EXTENDING THE UTILIZATION PERIOD OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178, ENTITLED "AN ACT REPLACING QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT RICE, WITH TARIFFS, CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Senate Bill No. 1538, introduced by Senator Gordon, entitled:

AN ACT

EXTENDING THE UTILIZATION PERIOD OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178, ENTITLED "AN ACT REPLACING QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT RICE, WITH TARIFFS, CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

and Senate Bill No. 1617, introduced by Senator Villar, entitled:

AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND VETERINARY MEDICINE EDUCATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

has considered the same and has the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached S. No. 1648, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

AN ACT
EXTENDING THE UTILIZATION PERIOD OF THE AGRICULTURAL
COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND, AMENDING FOR
THIS PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178,
ENTITLED "AN ACT REPLACING QUANTITATIVE IMPORT
RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT RICE,
WITH TARIFFS, CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL
COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND" AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

be approved in substitution of SB Nos. 38, 1538 and 1617 with Senators Biazon, Gordon, Villar and Angara as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


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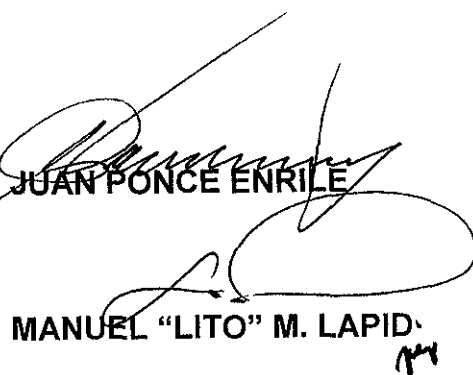

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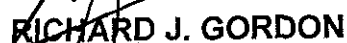

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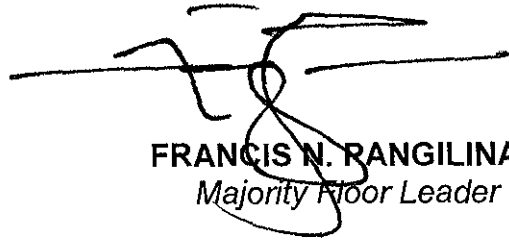

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S. No. 1648
(In Substitution of SB Nos. 38, 1538 and 1617)

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**AN ACT
EXTENDING THE UTILIZATION PERIOD OF THE
AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND,
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 8178, ENTITLED "AN ACT REPLACING QUANTITATIVE
IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,
EXCEPT RICE, WITH TARIFFS, CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL
COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND," AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 8 of Republic Act No. 8178, entitled "An Act Replacing
2 Quantitative Import Restrictions on Agricultural Products, Except Rice, with Tariffs, Creating
3 the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, and for Other Purposes," is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "SEC. 8. *Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund.* - To implement the
6 policy enunciated in this Act, there is hereby created the Agricultural
7 Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, hereinafter referred to as the Fund. THE
8 FUND SHALL CONSIST OF ALL DUTIES COLLECTED FROM [The proceeds of]
9 the importation of AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS UNDER THE minimum access
10 volume (MAV) MECHANISM, TO BE CREDITED TO THE FUND. [shall accrue to
11 the General Fund and shall be deposited in the national Treasury.]

12 The FUND [entire proceeds] shall CONTINUE TO be set aside UP
13 TO THE YEAR 2015, AFTER WHICH THE REMAINING BALANCE(S)
14 SHALL REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND. [and earmarked by
15 Congress for irrigation, farm to market roads, post-harvest equipment and

1 facilities, credit, research and development, other marketing infrastructure,
2 provision of market information, retraining, extension services, and other
3 forms of assistance and support to the agricultural sector.]

4 THE FUND SHALL CONTINUE TO BE USED TO ENHANCE THE
5 COMPETITIVENESS OF PHILIPPINE AGRICULTURE.

6 [The Committees on Agriculture and Food, Appropriations and Finance of both the
7 Senate and House of Representatives shall conduct a periodic review of the use of the
8 Fund. The Fund shall have a life of nine (9) years], after which all remaining balances shall
9 revert to the General Fund.]

10 **Sec. 2.** The Department of Agriculture in consultation with the Congressional
11 Oversight Committee on Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization (COCAFAM) shall forthwith
12 revise and reform its processing and approval procedures in order to speed up the
13 disbursement process.

14 **Sec. 3. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive issuances, rules and
15 regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified
16 accordingly.

17 **Sec. 4. Separability Clause.** – The provision of this Act are hereby declared to be
18 separable, and in the event one or more of such provision are held unconstitutional, the
19 validity of the other provision shall not be affected thereby.

20 **Sec. 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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