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CALL TO ORDER

At 2:40 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Manny Villar, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada led the prayer, to wit:

Panginoong Diyos na makapangyarihan sa lahat, narito Po kami upang magpasalamat sa pagtitipon na ito ng mga hinirang ng bayan upang gampanan ang mahalagang tungkulin para sa bayan – ang pag-akda ng mga batas na magsisilbing gabay at sukatan ng kaayusan at katarungan sa aming bayan.

Opo, Panginoon, ang lahat ng aming ginagawa, ang aming tinatalakay at pinagtatalunan, sinusuri at iniimbestigahan na mga panukalang batas ay para sa kapakanan ng aming mga kababayan.

Narito kami upang hilingin sa Iyong dakilang kapangyarihan ang lakas ng loob upang walang takot, walang pag-aalindangan naming gampanan ang tungkulin na sa aming balikat ay iniatang ng bayan.

Nagpapasalamat din kami, Panginoon, na matapos ang maraming taon ay dumatal sa aming pamilya ang minimithi naming kalayaan para sa aking ama at nawa'y ito ang maging daan upang matamo ng aming bayan ang katiwasayan.

Panginoon, nawa'y palagian Mo kaming gabayan upang mangibabaw sa aming lahat ang kaisipang unahin ang kapakanan ng aming mga kababayan at ng aming bansa.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The De La Salle-Lipa Voices led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song entitled, *Isang Dugo, Isang Lahi, Isang Musika*.

DEFERMENT OF THE ROLL CALL

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the roll call was deferred to a later hour.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF SENATOR EJERCITO ESTRADA**

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

**PRESIDENT ESTRADA AND THE AGENDA
OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND REFORM**

With your kind indulgence, I rise on a matter of personal privilege with regard to the unfounded speculations and insinuations that continue to be attached to the executive clemency granted to President Joseph Ejercito Estrada last October 26.

First of all, I take this opportunity to convey our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all our people who expressed concern on the well-being of President Estrada while under detention, visited and comforted him there, and now continue to wish him well upon his release.

We acknowledge and thank this administration for the grant of executive clemency, and convey likewise our gratitude to those who supported the decision of President Estrada to accept executive clemency. We thank our people who patiently waited to warmly and openly welcome him upon his release.

There were also members of this Chamber who supported his release through executive clemency and I wish to thank them. And for those who opposed it, I hope that history will prove them wrong and that we will be vindicated. *AK*

Marami sa ating mga kababayan ang nagtiis na naghintay, nalipasan ng gutom at nabilad sa init ng araw para salubungin si Pangulong Estrada.

At ito po ay nagpapataba at nagpapagaan hindi lamang sa kanyang puso, kundi para sa amin na rin. Gumagaan ang damdamin niya kahit mahigit na anim na taon siyang nakulong.

Kaya sa pagkakataong ito, sa inyong pahintulot at sa pahintulot ng kapulungang ito, ipinaaabot ko po, sa ngalan ng Pangulong Estrada, ang taos-pusong pasasalamat sa lahat ng ating mga kababayan sa mainit na pagtanggap sa kanya.

For us, it is of no moment now whether there are those who opposed or supported the grant of pardon. What is important now is that there is closure of this case. Equally important is that he is now free, reunited with his loved ones, especially with his ailing mother, my grandmother, and prepared to resume the pro-poor programs he left behind.

Several surveys by reputable research institutions in fact have confirmed the collective perception of many of our people to see President Estrada released.

We remain confident and optimistic that history will render a favorable verdict on his choice to accept executive clemency.

It is unfortunate, however, that the rumor and gossip mills are working overtime to cast aspersions and other unfounded innuendos on the acceptance of executive clemency by President Estrada.

It is on this note that I make the manifestation before you, before our distinguished colleagues, and before our people, that no deals or compromises were made with the grant and acceptance of the pardon of President Estrada.

The grant and acceptance of pardon was granted and accepted in accordance with the powers vested in the presidency by the Constitution, and well within the prerogatives allowed by our system of law and procedures.

If there was any deal at all, it could only be in terms of President Estrada's choice to dedicate his remaining years in the service of our people. His commitment to our countrymen remains, especially in the fight against poverty, against corruption, and against the violation of the democratic and human rights of our people.

President Estrada remains united with our people in the quest for truth, in the defense of the Constitution, in the preservation of the rule of law, and in the pursuit of good governance.

Like President Estrada, this humble Representation shall pursue the covenant I have made with our people. We have not wavered nor will we ever waver in this commitment. Contrary to some loose talks, I remain in the Opposition; I shall not abandon the Opposition because our people elected me as a member of the Opposition.

I do not believe that the sanctity of justice, the majesty of the rule of law, and the nobility of good governance can or should be allowed to be compromised. These can never be the subject or objects of the commerce of men and women.

In fact, even as I stand here today, I have been informed, and this I seek to confirm, that the justices responsible for the conviction of President Estrada are now being considered to become associate justices of the Supreme Court.

We are convinced, then and now, that the special court created to exclusively try the case of President Estrada was established precisely to convict him, which is what exactly happened.

While criminal cases in our country are generally raffled in existing divisions, our case was assigned to a specially created one.

It is a known fact in many instances in the past that special courts were designed to convict than to impartially try special cases.

It is for this reason that President Estrada accepted the pardon, knowing fully well that elevating the case to the Supreme Court will not change anything, considering that the present chief justice was the brain behind that questionable dictum of "constructive resignation" which legitimized President Estrada's removal in office.

If it be true that these justices will be rewarded with a position in the Supreme Court, I will oppose this, hopefully, with other righteous citizens who believe that justice must not be subject to bargaining, to wheeling and dealing, or to horse-trading. This runs smack of reward for securing a guilty verdict.

Is this the prize they now stand to receive for promulgating a guilty verdict?

It is also disconsoling that recently President Fidel Valdez Ramos declared that the pardon of President Joseph Estrada is a threat to this administration and that it is a terrible calamity. *AB*

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The real threats to this administration are the scandals and anomalies that hound it.

And the real calamity are the 28 independent power producer (IPP) contracts entered by President Ramos, all with sovereign guarantees, amounting to U.S.\$7.4 billion, and which the Filipino people must pay for, whether they use it or not.

The real calamity is the sale of earning government corporations like Petron which could have been used today to alleviate the unbridled increases in the price of oil.

The real calamity is the sale of government assets such as Fort Bonifacio, the proceeds of which remain unaccounted for and which should have been used to modernize our military.

The real calamity is the sale of so many government properties like the National Steel Corporation, the Alabang Stock Farm and many more which could have been used to help alleviate poverty in the country.

The real calamity is the unaccounted PEA-Amari and the centennial project deals which run into billions of pesos and now buried somewhere in the archives of government inaction.

These are the real deals that they bury in the mud while pontificating against the charges against President Estrada.

Whether this administration remains in power up to 2010 or not, there will be much for us to do.

We are faced today with an overpowering and overwhelming agenda of reform, of rehabilitation of our institutions, of recovery of our economic system, of the restoration of our people's faith in government and in the electoral process.

We are confronted with the rising incidence of poverty, of the continued and unabated migration of both professional and manual labor to other countries, of the lack of opportunities here, of declining basic services, of the collapse of our health system, of so many things.

On several occasions, President Estrada, when he was in detention, lamented to me, and to anyone else who cared to listen, of his frustration of not being able to help people who come and visit him, who write letters, who convey their troubles, seeking his assistance. In detention, he not only felt alone, but helpless to respond to the many pleas for help that was sent to him.

Wala raw siyang magawa para man lamang makatulong sa mga kababayan nating ito. Sa loob ng anim na taon, hindi nabawasan o napatid ang kanyang pagmamahal sa ating mga kababayan. At lalo itong naging mabigat na pasanin nang maratay sa kritikal na kondisyon ang kanyang ina.

It is for these reasons that President Estrada opted to accept the pardon, on the understanding that there will be nothing to be asked in exchange.

Today, President Estrada stands to be counted in that difficult agenda that I have identified, the agenda of the fight against poverty, the fight against corruption, the rehabilitation and reform of the nation, and the recovery of our identity and pride.

I remain optimistic today that we can continue to be at the forefront of the struggle for good government, for good governance and for a better society for our people. There is much to do today, as we find ourselves with an overpowering and overwhelming agenda of reform.

I suggest that we leave President Estrada to bask and enjoy his freedom so that he can serve our people and be a constructive part of these efforts. For the sake of the latecomers, I would like to repeat that I will not abandon the cause of the Opposition. I will always remain to be with the Opposition. I will still be active in participating in all hearings, in all investigations and I will continue to expose all anomalies of this present administration.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Emma Lirio-Reyes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Aquino III, B. S. C.	Lacson, P. M.
Arroyo, J. P.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Legarda, L.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Roxas, M.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Villar, M.
Honasan, G. B.	

With 13 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Biazon, Enrile, Gordon, Madrigal, Revilla and Zubiri arrived after the roll call.

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

Senators Defensor Santiago and Pimentel were on official mission abroad.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 29 and considered it approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

APPROVAL OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on October 2, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the resolution, to wit:

JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER AGENCIES TASKED TO ENFORCE PEACE AND ORDER TO ISSUE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PRESENTATION OF SUSPECTS UNDER THEIR CUSTODY TO THE MEDIA.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Arroyo	Lapid
Cayetano (A)	Legarda
Cayetano (P)	Pangilinan
Ejercito Estrada	Revilla
Escudero	Roxas
Gordon	Villar
Honasan	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1647 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1647, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on October 2, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCES (GCTA) TO DETENTION PRISONERS AND THOSE SERVING SENTENCE BY VIRTUE OF FINAL JUDGMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting. *ABC*

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RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquíno	Lacson
Arroyo	Lapid
Cayetano (A)	Legarda
Cayetano (P)	Pangilinan
Ejercito Estrada	Revilla
Escudero	Roxas
Gordon	Villar
Honasan	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1647 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1658 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1658, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on October 3, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR QUALITY AFFORDABLE MEDICINES.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Arroyo	Lapid
Biazon	Legarda
Cayetano (A)	Pangilinan
Cayetano (P)	Revilla
Ejercito Estrada	Roxas
Escudero	Villar
Gordon	Zubiri
Honasan	

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 17 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1658 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1662 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1662, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on October 3, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PROTECTION TO THE HOUSEHELPERS THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 141, 142, 143, 148 AND 151 OF CHAPTER III OF P.D. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Arroyo	Lapid
Biazon	Legarda
Cayetano (A)	Pangilinan
Cayetano (P)	Revilla
Ejercito Estrada	Roxas
Escudero	Villar
Gordon	Zubiri
Honasan	

Against

None

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Abstention

None

With 17 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1662 approved on Third Reading.

COAUTHOR

Upon her request, Senator Cayetano (P) was made coauthor of Senate Bill No. 1646.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1646 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1646, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on October 4, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY STRENGTHENING DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Arroyo	Lapid
Biazon	Legarda
Cayetano (A)	Madrigal
Cayetano (P)	Pangilinan
Ejercito Estrada	Revilla
Escudero	Roxas
Gordon	Villar
Honasan	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1646 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1697 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1697, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on October 4, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Arroyo	Lapid
Biazon	Legarda
Cayetano (A)	Madrigal
Cayetano (P)	Pangilinan
Ejercito Estrada	Revilla
Escudero	Roxas
Gordon	Villar
Honasan	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None *AK*

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With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1697 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1698 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1698, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on October 4, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROMOTION OF BREASTFEEDING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7600, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HEALTH INSTITUTIONS WITH ROOMING-IN AND BREASTFEEDING PRACTICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Arroyo	Lapid
Biazon	Legarda
Cayetano (A)	Madrigal
Cayetano (P)	Pangilinan
Ejercito Estrada	Revilla
Escudero	Roxas
Gordon	Villar
Honasan	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1698 approved on Third Reading.

COAUTHOR

Upon his request, Senator Zubiri was made coauthor of Senate Bill No. 1699.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1699 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1699, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on October 4, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Secretary Reyes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, STRENGTHENING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 53 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1152, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Secretary Reyes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Arroyo	Lapid
Biazon	Legarda
Cayetano (A)	Madrigal
Cayetano (P)	Pangilinan
Ejercito Estrada	Revilla
Escudero	Roxas
Gordon	Villar
Honasan	Zubiri

Against

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Abstention

None

With 18 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1699 approved on Third Reading.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR ROXAS

Asked by Senator Roxas how the vote of Senator Trillanes on a measure is recorded since his name is always called during nominal voting, Senator Pangilinan clarified that under the Rules of the Senate, a senator must be present in the session hall for his vote to be counted.

Asked whether Senator Trillanes is included in the computation of the required majority vote on a measure, Senator Pangilinan stated that Senator Trillanes would be included in determining the majority vote on certain measures, for instance, a treaty which requires the vote of two-thirds of all the Members; but if a simple majority vote of senators present, there being a quorum, is required, then Senator Trillanes would not be included in the computation of the required number of votes.

Senator Roxas observed that Senator Trillanes is therefore deemed to have entered upon the exercise of his functions as senator except that he is unable to attend the sessions because he is prevented from doing so by a third party which is the court.

REMARKS OF SENATOR ESCUDERO

Still on the same subject matter, Senator Escudero pointed out that there are Supreme Court decisions that if a senator cannot be compelled by the Senate to attend the session as he is outside its jurisdiction, then he is not included in the computation of the quorum or the required votes on a measure.

Senator Escudero requested that the Committee on Rules study the potential legal implications of the matter, particularly in light of the treaties that the Senate would be ratifying in the course of the Congress. He also suggested that in lieu of the phrase "unable to attend," the Secretariat should find a new classification to be inserted in the Journal to reflect the unique situation of Senator Trillanes and explain the legal process that prevents his attendance from the sessions.

Senator Roxas agreed that the matter should be referred to the Committee on Rules so that a clear and unequivocal position could be rendered in the case of controversial votes.

REFERRAL OF INQUIRY OF SENATOR ROXAS

With the permission of the Body, the Chair referred the inquiry of Senator Roxas and the related remarks of Senator Escudero to the Committee on Rules.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR ROXAS

Senator Roxas asked whether the Office of the Senate President had received official communication from Senator Defensor Santiago regarding her mission abroad for the International Court of Justice as this action would also affect the voting requirements of the Body.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMARKS OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Senator Pangilinan said that according to the Senate Secretary, Senator Defensor Santiago has communicated the matter to Senate President Villar, along with her request that she be considered to be on official mission abroad. Therefore, as in the case of members who are on official mission abroad, he stated that Senator Defensor Santiago would not be factored in when computing the number of Members to establish either a quorum or a majority vote.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:24 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:24 p.m., the session was resumed. *MS*

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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. 1700, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Introduced by Senator "Compañera" Pia S. Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 1701, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN

Introduced by Senator "Compañera" Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 1702, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS ONE (1) AND TWO (2) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY-ONE EIGHTY-EIGHT (R.A. 9188), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSIONALISM IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES BY INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF GENERALS/FLAG OFFICERS IN THE AFP TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1703, entitled

AN ACT REDEFINING THE THIRD LEVEL POSITIONS IN THE CAREER CIVIL SERVICE

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1704, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICANTS TAKING THE BOARD EXAMINATION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUING SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AND UPGRADING THE SUNDRY PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1705, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMATIC PROMOTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES UPON RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1706, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO A GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHOSE STATUS OF APPOINTMENT IS CASUAL OR CONTRACTUAL AND WHO HAS

RENDERED A TOTAL OF TEN (10)
YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F.
Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Civil Service and
Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1707, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERN-
MENT OFFICES TO ENSURE THE
RELEASE OF THE RETIREMENT
BENEFITS OF ITS EMPLOYEES
WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS FROM
RETIREMENT

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F.
Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1708, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HEALTH
RESEARCH SYSTEM, ESTABLISH-
ING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
HEALTH RESEARCH FUND PROVID-
ING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F.
Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1709, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE MISSING
PERSONS COUNCIL, PRESCRIBING
ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND
DUTIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1710, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE RE-APPOINT-
MENT OF A REGULAR MEMBER OF
THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL
(JBC) WHO HAS ALREADY SERVED
THE FULL TERM

Introduced by Senator Benigno S. Aquino III

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1711, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOP-
MENT, UTILIZATION AND COM-
MERCIALIZATION OF RENEWABLE
ENERGY SOURCES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator "Compañera" Pia S.
Cayetano

**To the Committees on Energy; Public
Services; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1712, entitled

AN ACT ENABLING FILIPINO WOMEN
TO REALIZE THEIR FULL
POTENTIALS IN THE SERVICE OF
THE NATION AND ENSURING
THEIR EQUALITY WITH MEN,
ORDAINING A MAGNA CARTA OF
FILIPINO WOMEN THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

**To the Committee on Youth, Women and
Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1713, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE BUREAU
OF IMMIGRATION HEREINAFTER
TO BE KNOWN AS THE COM-
MISSION ON IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION, DEFINING ITS
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE,
AND THE POWERS AND FUNC-
TIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 167, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FILIPINO RING SENSATION MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR DEFEATING FORMER WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (WBC) SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA IN THEIR BOXING REMATCH DUBBED AS "WILL TO WIN", HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2007 AT THE MANDALAY BAY RESORT AND CASINO IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Introduced by Senator Gregorio B. Honasan II

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 168, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8423 OR THE TRADITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE ACT (TAMA) OF 1997

Introduced by Senator "Compañera" Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 169, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FILIPINO BOXING ICON MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR A UNANIMOUS DECISION VICTORY OVER MEXICAN BOXER MARCO

ANTONIO BARRERA IN THEIR SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT SHOW-DOWN HELD LAST OCTOBER 7, 2007 IN MANDALAY BAY EVENTS CENTER IN LAS VEGAS, U.S.A.

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 170, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE BRUTAL SLAYING OF ENVIRONMENTALIST COUNCILOR ARMIN MARIN OF SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON, AS WELL AS THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INQUIRE INTO THE ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, UNDER FORMER SECRETARY ANGELO REYES, OF ALL LOGGING PERMITS IN THE ISLAND OF SIBUYAN, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CAUSING THE CANCELLATION OF THESE PERMITS

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Environment and Natural Resources

COMMUNICATION

Letter from Assistant Governor and General Counsel Juan De Zuñiga Jr. of the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, furnishing the Senate with certified copies of BSP Circular Nos. 581 and 582, both series of 2007, dated 14 and 17 September 2007, respectively, in compliance with Section 15(a) of Republic Act No. 7653 (The New Central Bank Act).

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

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

Letter of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, dated 8 October 2007, certifying to the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 1658, entitled

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR QUALITY
AFFORDABLE MEDICINES,**

to address public emergency arising from the urgent need to amend certain provisions of the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines in order to protect public health by creating an environment that will lower the prices of, as well as ensure open and adequate access to, drugs and medicines particularly by the poor and underprivileged who can hardly afford to purchase patented drugs and medicines because of exorbitant and prohibitive prices.

To the Committee on Rules

Letter of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, dated 9 October 2007, submitting to the Senate for its ratification and concurrence the *Protocol Additional to the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, and Relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I)* which was signed by the Philippines on 12 December 1977.

To the Committee on Foreign Relations**MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Letter from the Secretary General of the House of Representatives, dated 15 October 2007, informing the Senate that on 12 October 2007, the House of Representatives passed House Bill No. 2845, entitled

**AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
AS THE NATIONAL STATE
UNIVERSITY,**

in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance****BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1714, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LA MESA
WATERSHED IN THE CITIES OF
QUEZON AND CALOOCAN AND
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL
AS A WATERSHED RESERVATION
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator "Compañera" Pia S. Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 1715, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT
INFORMATION BUREAU SYSTEM,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1716, entitled

**AN ACT RENAMING CIRCUMFEREN-
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TO COMMONWEALTH AVENUE)
IN METRO MANILA IN HONOR OF
PRESIDENT EMILIO AGUINALDO,
THE PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-
IN-CHIEF OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE
REPUBLIC TO BE KNOWN AS
PRESIDENT EMILIO AGUINALDO
AVENUE**

Introduced by Senators Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV and Mar Roxas

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 1717, entitled

**AN ACT TO DEVELOP ENTREPRE-
NEURSHIP AMONG GOVERNMENT**

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EMPLOYEES FOR AN INNOVATION-INSPIRED CORPS OF CIVIL SERVANTS AND A PRODUCTIVE POST-SERVICE CITIZENRY

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1718, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY TO ALL PERMANENT EMPLOYEES, WHO HAVE RENDERED 15 STRAIGHT YEARS OF SERVICES BY THE YEAR 2008

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1719, entitled

AN ACT LIMITING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES BY-PASSED BY THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS (CA)

Introduced by Senator Benigno S. Aquino III

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

Senate Bill No. 1720, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT FILIPINO AUTHORSHIP

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 1721, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE FRAMEWORK AND SUPPORT SYSTEM

FOR THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, USE, AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GENERATED FROM RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDED BY GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE TRUE INTENT OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE IMPOSITION OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX PARTICULARLY ON THE THEATER INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 171, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARY GRACE TAN AND KENNETH RAY AGUSTIN OF THE PHILIPPINE PRACTICAL SHOOTING ASSOCIATION (PPSA) FOR WINNING THE GOLD (LADIES DIVISION) AND THE BRONZE (MEN'S OPEN JUNIOR) RESPECTIVELY IN THE EUROPEAN HANDGUN CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL 4 IN CHEVAL-BLANC, FRANCE

Introduced by Senator Benigno S. Aquino III

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 172, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S OF THE SENATE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE PURPORTED DISTRIBUTION OF CASH GIFTS BY

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MALACAÑANG TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN LIGHT OF THE NEW IMPEACHMENT BID AGAINST THE PRESIDENT, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF OUR CRIMINAL LAWS DEALING WITH BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 173, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE NAVAL SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP, OR NAVSOG, OF THE PHILIPPINE NAVY, NAMELY GUNNERSMATE THIRD CLASS JAY SOGUITAN, FIREMAN FIRST CLASS MACHINERY REPAIRMAN MICHAEL ABRIO, SEAMAN SECOND CLASS QUARTERMASTER RUEL PERALTA, AND SEAMAN SECOND CLASS RADARMAN JOE VINCENT PRESTOZA, WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION DURING AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE ABU SAYYAF ON OCTOBER 1, 2007 IN LANJIL ISLAND, BASILAN

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Rules

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters from Assistant Governor and General Counsel Juan De Zuñiga Jr. of the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, dated 2 and 8 October 2007, respectively, furnishing the Senate with certified copies of BSP Circular Nos. 583 and 584, s-2007, dated 24 and 28 September 2007, in compliance with Section 15(a) of Republic Act No. 7653 (The New Central Bank Act).

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Letter from Executive Director Pio Jose S. Josen of the Commission on Elections, dated 3 October 2007, furnishing the Senate with a copy of Commission on Elections Resolution No. 8306, dated 2 October 2007, entitled

IN THE MATTER OF THE MEMORANDUM OF THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN S. ABALOS SR. ADVISING THE COMMISSION OF HIS IRREVOCABLE RESIGNATION AS COMELEC CHAIRMAN

To the Archives

Letters from Executive Secretary Eduardo R. Ermita of the Office of the President of the Philippines, both dated 9 October 2007, transmitting to the Senate the letter of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, certifying to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 2844, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CHEAPER MEDICINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

and House Bill No. 2845, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE PREMIER STATE UNIVERSITY,

pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26(2) of the 1987 Constitution.

To the Committee on Rules

Letter from Ambassador and Head of Delegation, Alistair MacDonald, of the Delegation of the European Commission to the Philippines, European Union, dated 10 October 2007, thanking the Senate for providing him with a signed copy of Senate Resolution No. 19, concerning the current violent repression carried out by the military junta in Burma/Myanmar and informing the Senate that the same was passed to the authorities in Brussels and UK.

To the Archives

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Letter from Executive Director Pio Jose S. Josen of the Commission on Elections, dated 11 October 2007, furnishing the Senate with a copy of Commission on Elections Minute Resolution No. 07-1541, dated 2 October 2007, entitled

IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER RESURRECCION Z. BORRA AS ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION IN VIEW OF THE IRREVOCABLE RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN BENJAMIN S. ABALOS SR. EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 2007

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

In the course of the reading of the Additional Reference of Business, Senate President Villar relinquished the Chair to Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada.

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Letter of Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, dated 23 October 2007, submitting to the Senate for its ratification and concurrence the *TREATY ON THE TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN*, which was signed on 18 May 2007 in Madrid, Spain.

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 3:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 167, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FILIPINO RING SENSATION MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR DEFEATING FORMER WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (WBC) SUPER FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION MARCO ANTONIO BARRERA IN THEIR BOXING REMATCH DUBBED AS "WILL TO WIN II," HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2007 AT THE MANDALAY BAY RESORT AND CASINO IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA,

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 169.

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.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 167

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 167, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 169, was adopted by the Body.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 171, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARY GRACE TAN AND KENNETH RAY AGUSTIN OF THE PHILIPPINE PRACTICAL SHOOTING ASSOCIATION (PPSA) FOR WINNING GOLD (LADIES DIVISION) AND THE BRONZE (MEN'S OPEN JUNIOR) RESPECTIVELY IN THE EUROPEAN HANDGUN CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL 4 IN CHEVAL-BLANC, FRANCE.

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. *MS*

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**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 171 was adopted by the Body.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 173, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE NAVAL SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP, OR NAVSOG, OF THE PHILIPPINE NAVY, NAMELY GUNNERSMATE THIRD CLASS JAY SOGUITAN, FIREMAN FIRST CLASS MACHINERY REPAIRMAN MICHAEL ABRIO, SEAMAN SECOND CLASS QUARTERMASTER RUEL PERALTA, AND SEAMAN SECOND CLASS RADARMAN JOE VINCENT PRESTOZA, WHO WERE KILLED IN ACTION DURING AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE ABU SAYYAF ON OCTOBER 1, 2007 IN LANJIL ISLAND, BASILAN.

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.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 173**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 173 was adopted by the Body.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 3:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:47 p.m., the session was resumed.

**THIRD ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1722, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF FRANKING PRIVILEGES BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1723, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE CRIME AWARENESS AND SECURITY IN CAMPUSES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1724, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FIREARMS ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO TERRORISTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 1725, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REGULAR ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION OF CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES AS PROVIDED IN THE PENAL CODE AND AMOUNT OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY A CRIME OR QUASI-DELICT

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1726, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 1161, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, AS
AMENDED, INCREASING THE
PENALTIES FOR NON-REMIT-
TANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
BY THE EMPLOYER

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment
and Human Resources Development; and
Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes
and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1727, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DRUG AND
ALCOHOL TESTING FOR DRIVERS
OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1728, entitled

AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE NUTRITION
LABELING FOR FOODS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1729, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO
POST TRANSACTION FEES FOR
EACH AUTOMATED TELLER
MACHINE TRANSACTION; AND

**RESTRICTING TRANSACTION FEES
FOR AUTOMATED TELLER
MACHINES**

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1730, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
LICENSURE AND REGULATION
FOR NANNY PLACEMENT OR
EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1731, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE
OF "ASPARTAME" ON FOOD,
BEVERAGES, AND DRUGS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1732, entitled

AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE
DEVELOPMENT OF MICROBICIDES
TO PREVENT SEXUALLY TRANS-
MITTED DISEASES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1733, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PEOPLE'S
INITIATIVE TO AMEND THE
CONSTITUTION

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws;
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1734, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE OFFICE-
BASED INVASIVE PROCEDURES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1735, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING HIGHER PENAL-
TIES FOR THE ACT OF THREATEN-
ING OR INJURING A MEMBER OF
A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S
FAMILY IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE,
IMPEDE, OR RETALIATE AGAINST
HIM

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs; and Constitutional Amendments,
Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1736, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
CARRY OUT PROGRAMS AND
GRANTS REGARDING THE
PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT
OF ASTHMA AND RELATED
RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS FOR
LOW-INCOME FAMILIES AND
COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1737, entitled

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CARDIO-
PULMONARY RESUSCITATION
(CPR) TRAINING IN THE PHYSICAL
EDUCATION CURRICULUM OF
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECOND-
ARY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs; and Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1738, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON
VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO
PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK
WITH CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1739, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE FUND-
AMENTAL RIGHT OF ADULT
PERSONS TO DECIDE THEIR OWN
HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING THE
DECISION TO HAVE LIFE-SUS-
TAINING TREATMENT WITHHELD
OR WITHDRAWN IN INSTANCES
OF A TERMINAL CONDITION OR
PERMANENT UNCONSCIOUS
CONDITION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Constitutional Amendment,
Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1740, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 1185, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "FIRE CODE OF *AB*

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THE PHILIPPINES", PROVIDING
FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1741, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER
AND DATE OF ELECTION OF
SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE LOCAL SANGGUNIANs AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws;
and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1742, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE ADVER-
TISEMENT, PACKAGING, LABEL-
ING, DISPLAY, SALE, PREPARATION,
AND SERVING OF HALAL FOOD

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1743, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING FOOD ESTABLISH-
MENTS TO COMPLY WITH
SANITATION STANDARDS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1744, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE UNSAFE
STORAGE OF WEAPONS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1745, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING ART. 351 OF ACT
NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE PENAL CODE, ON PRE-
MATURE MARRIAGES IN ORDER
TO CORRECT ITS INHERENT DIS-
CRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1746, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FLEXIBLE
WORKING SCHEDULE IN THE
PRIVATE SECTOR, THEREBY
AMENDING ARTICLES 83, 85 AND
87 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO.
442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1747, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 131 OF
ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS
THE PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED,
TO UPHOLD THE RIGHT OF
RESIDENTS TO PRIVACY FROM
MASS OR CONCERTED ACTIONS
NOT DIRECTED TO THE PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1748, entitled

AN ACT CLASSIFYING CYBERSEX OPERATIONS AS A FORM OF PROSTITUTION AND IMPOSING PENALTIES ON CYBERSEX DEN OPERATORS, PERSONNEL, AND PROTECTORS/CODDLERS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1749, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING BUSINESSES WHICH SHOW AN EXEMPLARY COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATING WITH SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE EDUCATORS' TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES AND TO MAKE EVERY STUDENT TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1750, entitled

AN ACT SECURING THE PHILIPPINES' BORDERS TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE ENTRY OF ILLEGAL DRUGS INTO THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1751, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE YOUTH SUICIDE EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION EXPANSION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1752, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE AND SALES OF IMITATION FIREARMS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1753, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, SECTION 248, TO DEFINE AND PENALIZE THE CRIME OF MURDER COMMITTED UNDER EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1754, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE BODY PIERCING AND TATTOOING

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1755, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES OF DRIVERS AND OPERATORS OF COMMON CARRIERS OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1756, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE POSSESSION, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1757, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS FOR COMMERCIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1758, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING UNLAWFUL THE COMMERCIAL USE OF TELEPHONES FOR MAKING INDECENT OR OBSCENE COMMUNICATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1759, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 68, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION CODE, SECTION 37, GRANTING STOCKHOLDERS THE RIGHT OF APPRAISAL WHEN THE TERM OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE IS EXTENDED

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 3:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:56 p.m., the session was resumed.

FOURTH ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1760, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 40 (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, ON DUAL ALLEGIANCE AS A DISQUALIFICATION FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ANY ELECTIVE LOCAL POSITION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Local Government; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 1761, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

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Senate Bill No. 1762, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SAFETY MEASURES FOR CULVERTS OR OTHER SIMILAR FLOOD OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Works; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1763, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OR SHIPMENT OF MAMMALS, BIRDS, FISH (INCLUDING MOLLUSKS AND CRUSTACEA), AMPHIBIA, AND REPTILES, THAT MAY BE INJURIOUS TO THE PHILIPPINE ECOSYSTEM, PROVIDING PENALTIES AND EXCEPTIONS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 1764, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING OLD-AGE PENSION FOR LIFE TO SENIOR CITIZENS-RA 1616 RETIREES AS WELL AS SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THEIR SURVIVORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 12(c) OF COMMONWEALTH ACT 186, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1765, entitled

AN ACT TO MANDATE A COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FOR THE

PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1766, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1767, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1768, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE MONITORING COMMISSION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1769, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS TO RELEASE VEHICLE REPAIR INFORMATION TO VEHICLE OWNERS

for
pro

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1770, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815,
ALSO KNOWN AS THE PENAL
CODE, ARTICLE 98 ON SPECIAL
TIME ALLOWANCE FOR LOYALTY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1771, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT AND
FEE PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE
AND PROMOTE THE RECYCLING
OF USED COMPUTERS AND TO
PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR THE RECYCLING OF USED
COMPUTERS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Environment and
Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 1772, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY
OF NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORT-
ATION, INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN
AND BICYCLE SAFETY, IN THE
VICINITY OF SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1773, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING WILLFUL
FAILURE TO PAY LEGAL CHILD
SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Youth, Women and
Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1774, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 180 OF
ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS
THE PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, TO
PROVIDE FOR SITUATIONS WHERE
THE ACCUSED, IMPLICATED BY
THE FALSE TESTIMONY OF THE
VIOLATOR OF ARTICLE 180, IS
METED OUT A LIGHT PENALTY
PURSUANT TO THE CLASSIFIC-
ATION OF PENALTIES IN ARTICLE
25 OF THE SAME CODE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1775, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 145 OF
ACT NO. 3815 ALSO KNOWN AS
THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS
AMENDED, ON THE DURATION OF
THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME
WHICH A MEMBER OF CONGRESS
HAS COMMITTED BEFORE HE OR
SHE CAN BE PREVENTED FROM
ATTENDING SESSIONS OF CONGRESS,
IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SAME
CONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTI-
TUTION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1776, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY
SECURITY INSPECTION AND USE
OF OTHER SAFETY MEASURES IN
SHOPPING MALLS AND OTHER

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PUBLIC PLACES THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1777, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 39 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL
CODE, AS AMENDED, ON THE
DAILY RATE OF THE SUBSIDIARY
PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT IN
CASE OF INSOLVENCY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1778, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 209 KNOWN AS THE
FAMILY CODE, ARTICLE 111, TO
ALLOW EITHER SPOUSE TO
MORTGAGE, ENCUMBER, ALIENATE
OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF HIS
OR HER EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1779, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1780, entitled

AN ACT GOVERNING ABANDONED
AND DERELICT MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1781, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 6539, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972,
SECTION 14 ON THE PENALTIES
FOR CARNAPPING

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1782, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE CHILD SAFETY
IN MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1783, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES CARRY HEALTH
WARNINGS ON THEIR CONTAINERS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1784, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT HEALTH
PLANS PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR
A MINIMUM HOSPITAL STAY FOR
MASTECTOMIES, LUMPECTOMIES,

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AND LYMPH NODE DISSECTION
FOR THE TREATMENT OF BREAST
CANCER AND COVERAGE FOR
SECONDARY CONSULTATIONS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1785, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MECHANISM
TO ENSURE THE UTMOST SAFETY
OF FOOD FOR HUMAN AND PET
CONSUMPTION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1786, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FAMILY LEAVE
TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1787, entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF
REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICA-
TION FOR SEX OFFENDERS AND
PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR NON-
COMPLIANCE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1788, entitled

AN ACT TO PUNISH DEPICTION OF
ANIMAL CRUELTY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 1789, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT
INCENTIVE AND HEALTH CARE
BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL
FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO HAVE
WON WORLD TITLES OR WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F.
Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Games, Amusement
and Sports; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1790, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL
CONTRACTUAL AND CASUAL
EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERN-
MENT SERVICE BE PAID THEIR
CORRESPONDING WAGES DURING
SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F.
Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1791, entitled

AN ACT ENABLING RETIREES WHO
HAVE NOT RECEIVED PENSIONS
EITHER BY CHOICE OR OPERA-
TION OF LAW TO RECEIVE PEN-
SIONS AT AGE SEVENTY YEARS
OR OVER, AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F.
Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Government Corpo-
rations and Public Enterprises; Civil Service
and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1792, entitled

AN ACT ADOPTING AN OMNIBUS JOB CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STANDARDIZATION SYSTEM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, PROVIDING PENAL SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1793, entitled

AN ACT SUBJECTING TREATIES, INTERNATIONAL OR EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS INVOLVING FUNDING IN THE PROCUREMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, GOODS, AND CONSULTING SERVICES, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF PHILIPPINE PROCUREMENT LAWS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 1794, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING SAFEGUARDS IN CONTRACTING LOANS CLASSIFIED AS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8182, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8555, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1996, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Finance

RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 174, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO INQUIRE, INVESTIGATE, AND LOOK INTO IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE RECENT EXPLOSION THAT OCCURRED LAST OCTOBER 19, 2007 IN GLORIETTA 2, MAKATI CITY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING THE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF SECRETARY NORBERTO GONZALES AND GEN. HERMOGENES ESPERON

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and National Defense and Security

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Secretary Jesus G. Dureza of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, dated 9 October 2007, acknowledging receipt of the letter designating Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. as representative of the Senate to the ARMM Devolution Oversight Committee as provided for under Section 3, Article XVIII of Republic Act No. 9054 (The Expanded Organic Act of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao).

To the Archives

Letter from Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., dated 18 October 2007, submitting to the Senate his report regarding the 117th IPU Assembly/ Meetings of Committee on Human Rights of Parliamentarians held at Geneva, Switzerland on 4-10 October 2007.

To the Archives *AK*

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:06 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:08 p.m., the session was resumed.

**REFERRAL OF SPEECH
TO COMMITTEE**

Senator Pangilinan manifested that Senators Honasan and Madrigal had withdrawn their reservation to interpellate Senator Legarda on the privilege speech that she delivered on October 1, 2007.

In view thereof, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Chair referred the


privilege speech of Senator Legarda to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the President Pro Tempore declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of the following day.

It was 4:09 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate
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Approved on November 6, 2007