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**SENATE**

**P.S. RES. NO. 599**

Introduced by **SENATORS**

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO UNILATERALLY PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE CONSTITUTION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL BY THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF THE SENATE VOTING SEPARATELY IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution states that any amendment to, or revision of, the Constitution may be proposed by Congress, upon a vote of three-fourths of all its members;

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution clearly declares that the Congress of the Philippines shall "consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives";

**WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 26, convening Congress as a Constituent Assembly to propose amendments to, or revision of, the 1987 Constitution, and transmitted the same to the Senate for adoption;

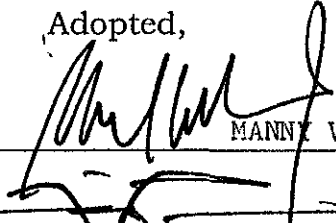
**WHEREAS**, to register its disapproval, the Senate of the Philippines has adopted Senate Resolution No. 75 expressing its sense that any proposed amendment to, or revision of the Constitution requires the approval of the Senate and House of Representatives voting separately;

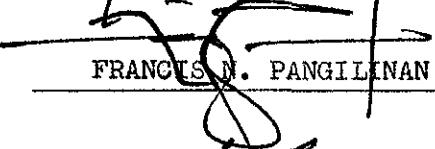
**WHEREAS**, despite strong objection from the Senate, there are reports that the House leadership intends to convene as a Constituent Assembly without the participation of the Senate;

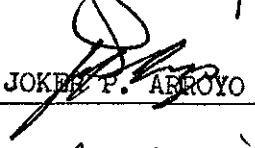
**WHEREAS**, as a response to recent developments in the House of Representatives, the Senate deems it necessary to reiterate its position that any proposal to amend or revise the Constitution should be done by Congress through bicameral voting: *Now therefore, be it,*

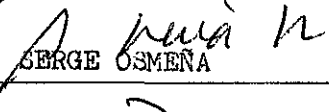
**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE,** To reiterate its position that any attempt by the House of Representatives to unilaterally propose amendments to, or revision of, the Constitution without the approval by three-fourths (3/4) of the Senate voting separately is unconstitutional.


Adopted,


  
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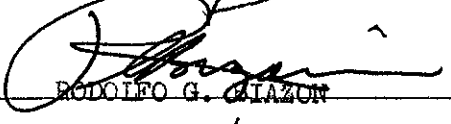
  
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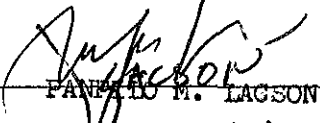
  
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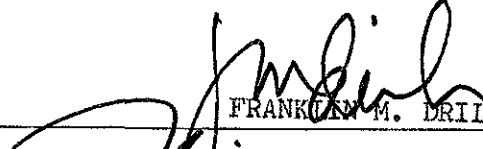
  
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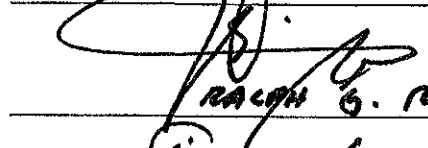
  
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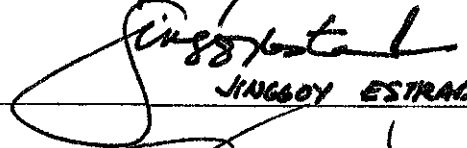
  
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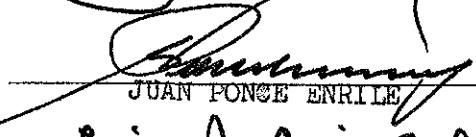
  
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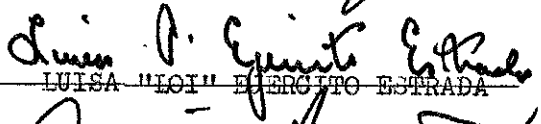
  
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