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COMMITTEE REPORT NO.	27		

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights on DEC 1 8 2007

Re: Senate Bill No. 1966.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 256.

Sponsor: Senator Escudero

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Justice and Human Rights to which was referred Senate Bill No. 256, introduced by Senator Roxas, entitled:

"AN ACT

TO PROVIDE A PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES DERIVED FROM THE ANTI-CORRUPTION CASES PROSECUTED BY THE OMBUDSMAN TO BE EARMARKED FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 6 REPUBLIC ACT 1379 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE"

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. $\underline{1966}$, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

"AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE LAW, TO PROVIDE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES IN CORRUPTION CASES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 256 with Senators Roxas and Escudero as authors thereof.

Respectfully Submitted:

FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO Chairman

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

1 SECTION 1. Sec. 6 of Republic Act No. 1379 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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3 "Section 6. Judgment. If the respondent is unable to show to the satisfaction of the court that he has lawfully acquired the property in question, 4 then the court shall declare such property forfeited in favor of the State, and by 5 virtue of such judgment the property aforesaid shall become property of the 6 State: Provided, That THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE VALUE OF SUCH 7 PROPERTY FORFEITED IN A FINAL AND EXECUTORY ORDER OF THE 8 COURT SHALL BE EARMARKED AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN FAVOR 9 OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IF 10 THE PROPERTY IS NOT IN CASH IT SHALL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC 11 AUCTION AND THE PROCEEDS THEREOF, AFTER DEDUCTING THE 12 THIRTY PERCENT (30%) FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, SHALL 13 ACCRUE TO THE GENERAL FUND. No judgment shall be rendered within six 14 months before any general election or within three months before any special 15 election. The Court may, in addition, refer this case to the corresponding 16 Executive Department for administrative or criminal action, or both." 17

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SEC. 2. Separability Clause. ~ Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be
declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions

and provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist 1 2 and be given effect in their entirety 3 Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations and SEC. 3. 4 administrative regulations, or any parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby 5 revoked, repealed or modified accordingly. 6 7 Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its 8 SEC. 4. publication in at least two (2) national papers of general circulation. 9 10 Approved, 11

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