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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 68

Submitted *jointly* by the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development, Health and Demography, Ways and Means and Finance on JUN 02 2008.

RE : SB No. 2362 prepared by the Committees.

Recommending its approval in substitution of S. B. Nos. 421, 938, 1000 and 1867.

Sponsor : Senator Ejercito Estrada

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development *jointly* with the Committees on Health and Demography, Ways and Means and Finance to which were referred Senate Bill No. 421, introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada, *entitled*:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO
WORKERS (OFWS) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

Senate Bill No. 938, introduced by Senator Legarda, *entitled*:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS
CONTRACT WORKERS (OCWS) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."**

Senate Bill No. 1000, introduced by Senator Villar, *entitled*:

**"AN ACT
CREATING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW)
MEDICAL CENTER DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES." and**

Senate Bill No. 1867, introduced by Senator Lapid, *entitled*:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS
CONTRACT WORKERS (OCW) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."**

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **SB No. 2362**, prepared by the Committees, *entitled*:


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FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

be approved in substitution of S. B. Nos. 421, 938, 1000 and 1867 with Senators Ejercito Estrada, Legarda, Villar, Lapid, P. Cayetano, Escudero and Enrile as authors thereof.


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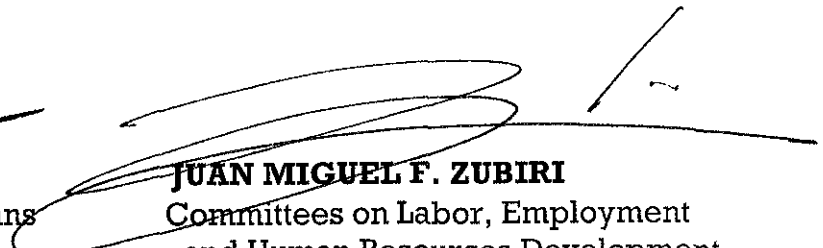
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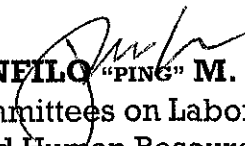
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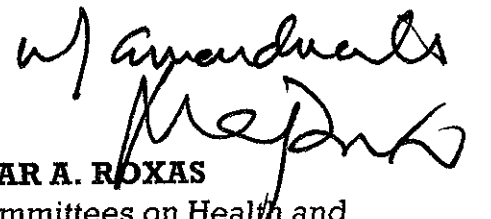
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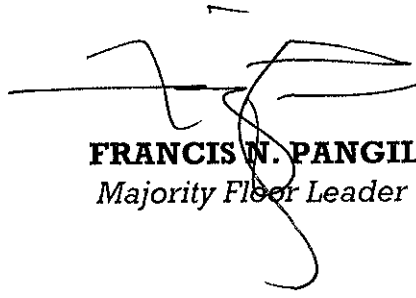
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Development jointly with the Committees on Health and Demography,
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421,938,1000, and 1867*

**“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO
WORKERS (OFWS) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title** – This Act shall be known as the “*Migrant*
2 *Workers Hospital Act of 2008*”.

3 **SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy** – It is the policy of the State to adopt an
4 integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall
5 endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available
6 to all people at affordable cost. Further, the State shall protect the interest
7 and promote the well-being of Filipino overseas workers including their
8 families and dependents through the provision of social and welfare services.

9 **SEC. 3. Creation of Special Hospital.** – To carry out the above policy,
10 there is hereby created a special hospital to be known as the Migrant
11 Workers Hospital which shall be under the supervision and control of the
12 Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA).

13 **SEC. 4. Objectives.** – To ensure the availability, accessibility and
14 affordability of quality health care, Migrant Workers Hospital shall:

- 1 **a)** Provide for a comprehensive/total health care services to
2 all migrant workers who are OWWA contributors
3 including their dependents;
- 4 **b)** Complement the existing package of services under the
5 Health Care Program so as to include preventive,
6 promotive, diagnostic, curative and rehabilitative
7 programs;
- 8 **c)** Conduct medical examination to ensure the physical and
9 mental capability of all the would-be overseas Filipino
10 workers duly covered by an approved job order;
- 11 **d)** Set-up a system that will effectively monitor the condition
12 of patients and to generate relevant information and data
13 in aid of policy formulation.

14 **SEC. 5. Administration and Composition of Board Members.** – Upon
15 the effectivity of this Act, the powers and the administration of the Migrant
16 Workers Hospital shall be vested in a Board, which is composed of the
17 following members:

- 18 **a)** The Secretary of the Department of Labor and
19 Employment as *Ex-Officio* Chairman;
- 20 **b)** The Administrator of the Overseas Workers Welfare
21 Administration as *Ex-Officio* Vice Chairman;
- 22 **c)** The Secretary of the Department of Health as *Ex-Officio*
23 Member;
- 24 **d)** The Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and
25 Development as *Ex-Officio* Member;
- 26 **e)** The Administrator of the Philippine Overseas Employment
27 Administration as *Ex-Officio* Member;

1 **SEC. 9. Assistance from Government Offices, etc.** – The Migrant
2 Workers Hospital may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or
3 instrumentality of the Government, including government owned or
4 controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need in the pursuit of its
5 purposes and objectives.

6 **SEC. 10. Exemption from Donor's Taxes, Customs and Tariff Duties.**
7 – All donations, contributions or endowments which may be made by persons
8 or entities to the hospital and the importation of medical equipment and
9 machineries, spare parts and other medical equipment not hereto mentioned
10 used solely and exclusively for the Migrant Workers Hospital shall be exempt
11 from income, gift, direct and indirect taxes, wharfage fees and other charges
12 and restrictions.

13 **SEC. 11. Annual Report.** – The Migrant Workers Hospital shall render
14 to the President of the Philippines, to the Senate and to the House of
15 Representatives an annual report of its activities and recommendations.

16 **SEC. 12. Congressional Oversight Committee.** – A Congressional
17 Oversight Committee, herein after referred to as the "Committee", is hereby
18 constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Act. The Committee shall
19 be composed of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor,
20 Employment and Human Resources Development and the Chairman of the
21 House of Representatives Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs and four
22 (4) additional members from each House to be designated by the President of
23 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives respectively. The
24 committee shall, among others in aid of legislation:

- 25 1) Monitor and ensure the proper implementation of this Act;
- 26 2) Review the performance of the hospital; and
- 27 3) Review the proper implementation of the programs of the Hospital
28 and the use of its fund.

1 In furtherance of the herein above cited objectives, the Committee is
2 empowered to require the hospital to submit all pertinent information
3 including but not limited to its performance data and its annual audited
4 financial statement certified by the Commission on Audit.

5 **SEC. 13. *Repealing Clause*** - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
6 and regulations or part thereof deemed inconsistent with the provisions of this
7 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

8 **SEC. 14. *Effectivity Clause*** - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15)
9 days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national
10 newspapers of general circulation.

11 **Approved,**