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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. __89

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Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws on 1111 3 1 2008

Re: Senate Bill No. 2499.

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 943.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Legarda.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws to which was referred Senate Bill No. 943, introduced by Senator Legarda, entitled:

"AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF INCRIMINATORY MACHINATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 363 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE"

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. <u>2499</u>, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 363 AND 364 OF ACT NO. 3815 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE"

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 943, with Senators Legarda, Escudero and Gordon as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

<u>Chairmen:</u>

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Prepared and Submitted Jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws with Senators Legarda, Escudero and Gordon as authors thereof

AN ACT

AMENDING ARTICLES 363 AND 364 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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

SECTION 1. Article 363 of Act No. 3815, as amended, otherwise known as The
 Revised Penal Code, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Art. 363. Incriminating innocent persons. - Any person who, by any act not
 constituting perjury, shall directly incriminate or impute to an innocent person
 the commission of a crime, shall be punished by [arresto mayor] PRISION
 MAYOR IN ITS MINIMUM PERIOD."

SEC 2. Article 364 of the same Act, is likewise hereby further amended to read as
follows:

9 "Art. 364. Intriguing Against Honor. - The penalty of [arresto menor] PRISION
10 CORRECCIONAL IN ITS MINIMUM PERIOD or a fine not exceeding [200]
11 50,000 pesos shall be imposed for any intrigue which has for its principal
12 purpose to blemish the honor or reputation of a person."

13 **SEC. 3.** *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the 14 remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and 15 effect.

16 **SEC. 4.** *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, orders, decrees, rules and regulations, and 17 other parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, 18 amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
 in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

21 Approved,