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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:15 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada led the prayer, to wit:

Panginoon, ang Kapulungang ito ay nagsisimula sa paglikha ng mga panukala at batas na gagabay sa aming bayan, lalo na't may bagong simulain at bagong administrasyon. Gabayan nawa kami ng Espiritu Santo, bigyan ng talino at pag-alabin Mo ang aming mga puso ng tapang upang ipaglaban ang katotohanan.

Nawa'y sa kabila ng aming pagka-kaiba ay magkaroon kami ng pagka-kaisa, upang maging malinaw kaming halimbawa sa sambayanang Pilipino.

Umaasa kami, Panginoon, na sa mga susunod na pagtitipon, Ikaw ang lagi naming magiging gabay sa lahat ng aming ipapanukala, pag-uusapan, pagtatalunan at ipapasa bilang batas na siya namang gagabay sa pamamalakad ng aming sambayanan.

Maraming salamat Po, Dakilang Diyos, sa Iyong Banal na Espiritu at sa Iyong Anak na si Jesus.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The PLM Chorale Society led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song, entitled *Tagumpay Nating Lahat*.

ROLL CALL

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

Angara, E. J.	Honasan, G. B.
Arroyo, J. P.	Legarda, L.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Drilon, F. M.	Recto, R. G.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Enrile, J. P.	Sotto III, V. C.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Villar, M.

With 16 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Guingona, Osmeña and Zubiri appeared after the roll call.

Senator Lapid was on official mission abroad.

Senators Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senator Lacson was absent.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session as he was under detention.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 6 and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Assistant Secretary and former Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam Virginia Benavidez and Assistant Secretary Jaime Victor Ledda of the Office of Consular Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto led the Body in greeting Senator Trillanes on the occasion of his birthday last Friday, August 6, 2010.

Senator Sotto likewise informed the Body that at a later hour, Senator Legarda would deliver a speech in celebration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

At this juncture, Senate President Enrile relinquished the Chair to Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada.

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. 501, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT,

DELIVERY AND USE OF CONVERGENT SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 502, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING FAMILY PRIVACY PROTECTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 503, entitled

AN ACT TO RECRUIT, HIRE, AND TRAIN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL-BASED GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 504, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE MUSIC INDUSTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 505, entitled

AN ACT CRIMINALIZING NECROPHILIA AND IMPOSING APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREFOR, INCORPORATING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 335-A INTO ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

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REVISED PENAL CODE, AS
AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 506, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM OF RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES BY GRANTING THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO RETIREES WHO HAVE REACQUIRED PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 507, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SARANGANI PROVINCE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAASIM, KIAMBA AND MAITUM, CREATING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE MAASIM-KIAMBA-MAITUM INDUSTRIAL TRIANGLE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (MITSEZA), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 508, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE PUBLIC SOLICITATION PROVIDING FUNDS

THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 509, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION ON THE FAMILY

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 510, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 511, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 512, entitled

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE AND ALLOW PRIVATE COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO DONATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT (ITE) TO EDUCATIONAL AND/OR RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS BY PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 34 AND 101 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (NIRC) AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 513, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH A PERMANENT COUNCIL ON NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 514, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT (NCITD), DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 515, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING AN INCENTIVE PAY SYSTEM, BASED ON PRODUC-

TIVITY AND PERFORMANCE, FOR ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 516, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOR FILIPINO INFANTS AND CHILDREN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 517, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Works; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 518, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 186 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 519, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AUTHORITY,

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DEFINING ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIAT-
ING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment
and Human Resources Development; Civil
Service and Government Reorganization; and
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 520, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISH-
ING THE INSTITUTE FOR STRA-
TEGIC STUDIES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 521, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND
MAINTAIN THE OFFICE OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS IN THE
PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on National Defense
and Security; Foreign Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 522, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 179 OF
THE REVISED PENAL CODE (ACT
NO. 3815 AS AMENDED) BY
INCREASING THE PENALTY
PROVIDED THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 523, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 426 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, "THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF
1991," BY MANDATING THE
SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TO
IMPLEMENT AN ENVIRONMENT-
AL PROTECTION PROGRAM IN
THEIR RESPECTIVE BARANGAYS,
PROVIDING THE MECHANISM FOR
THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Local Government;
and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 524, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 OF
BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF
THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 525, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 264
OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF
THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 526, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 251
AND 252 OF BATAS PAMBANSA
BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS



THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF
THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 527, entitled

AN ACT ALLOCATING THE TRAVEL
TAX COLLECTION TO THE PHILIP-
PINE TOURISM AUTHORITY,
AMENDING THEREBY PRES-
IDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1183, AS
AMENDED, AND REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7722, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Ways and Means;
Tourism; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 528, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A
NATIONAL ECOTOURISM POLICY,
ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK
FOR ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION,
PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS
FOR ITS APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENT-
ATIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 529, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PHILIP-
PINE INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SYSTEM
AND FOR THAT PURPOSE,
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO.
442 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 530, entitled

AN ACT IMPROVING PHILIPPINE
COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS
PROMOTION AND PROTECTION
BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY
MECHANISMS FOR THE PREVEN-
TION OF THE OCCURRENCE AND
PROTECTION FROM THE ADVERSE
EFFECTS OF INTERNAL DISPLACE-
MENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural
Development; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 531, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE TECH-
NOLOGY MANAGEMENT CENTER
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE
PHILIPPINES IN DILIMAN, QUEZON
CITY, INTO A NATIONAL CENTER
OF EXCELLENCE FOR TECHNOL-
OGY ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT
AND FORECASTING AND APPRO-
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Science and
Technology; Education, Arts and Culture; and
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 532, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT OLDER
OR DISABLED PERSONS ARE
PROTECTED FROM INSTITUTIONAL,
COMMUNITY AND DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
AND TO IMPROVE OUTREACH
EFFORTS AND OTHER SERVICES
AVAILABLE TO OLDER OR
DISABLED PERSONS VICTIMIZED
BY SUCH VIOLENCE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 533, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIABILITIES OF INDIRECT EMPLOYERS IN JOB CONTRACTING, COVERING OTHER BENEFITS DUE THEIR EMPLOYEES, FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING ARTICLE 106 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 534, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 535, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AN ELECTIVE OFFICIAL *IPSO FACTO* RESIGNED FROM HIS OFFICE UPON THE FILING OF HIS CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 536, entitled

AN ACT CODIFYING THE ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 537, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER INCENTIVES TO LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES TO THE END THAT BOTH PRODUCTIVITY AND INCOME WILL BE INCREASED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 538, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AMBULANCES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 539, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 540, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 80 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 705, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED FORESTRY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1775

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 541, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM, OR SALE OF TICKETS TO ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 542, entitled

AN ACT STREAMLINING THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS BUREAUCRACY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 543, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF HIRED FOREIGN CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION, PERKS, AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 544, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 545, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING TITLES V AND VI, SECTIONS 102 AND 107 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 546, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 107 (A) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SEEKING TO EXEMPT FROM THE IMPOSITION OF VALUE ADDED TAX ON DONATED IMPORTATIONS OF ITEMS OR GOODS, WHICH ARE FOR NON-PROFIT, CHARITABLE, HUMANITARIAN, RELIEF PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 547, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 19, 28, 30, 37, 38 AND 65 OF REPUBLIC

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ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Services; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 548, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE HEALTH AND EDUCATION ACCELERATION PROGRAM CORPORATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 549, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT EVERY FILIPINO IS GRANTED WITH BASIC HEALTHCARE SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE A MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE COVERAGE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 550, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE DAY ON WHICH CHINESE NEW YEAR FALLS EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL AND AMITY BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

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. 551, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING DIFFERENT PENALTIES FOR POLITICAL AND PRIVATE LIBEL, AMENDING ARTICLE 354 AND 361 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, FOR THIS PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 552, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT ON INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 553, entitled

AN ACT DEVOLVING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991," REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990," REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION

AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 2004," REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9592 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT EXTENDING FOR FIVE (5) YEARS THE REGLEMENTARY PERIOD FOR COMPLYING WITH THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND APPROPRIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 554, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FORMER PRISONERS' EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUND THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Labor, Employment and Human Resources; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 555, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CELLPHONE NETWORK COMPANIES FROM SENDING UNSOLICITED MATERIAL TO THEIR SUBSCRIBERS VIA TEXT OR SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE (SMS)

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 556, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEMBERS

OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN CASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To The Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Cultural Communities

Senate Bill No. 557, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS BY GRANTING THEM INCENTIVES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 558, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE V OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 559, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LAND MANAGEMENT BUREAU TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF CADASTRAL LOTS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 560, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

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GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT, WITHDRAWING FROM ITS APPLICATION ALL REFERENCES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 561, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE FRONTLINE SERVICES TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION ON HOW TO ACCESS SUCH SERVICES FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 562, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING LINE ITEM BUDGETING IN THE BUDGETARY PROCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1177, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 563, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 564, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL

CENTER (JRRMMC) INTO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRAUMA, CANCER AND DERMATOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 565, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WITHIN THE NATIONAL BILIBID PRISONS (NBP) RESERVATION AND THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN (CIW), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 566, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE GOVERNMENT FROM ALLOWING ANY NON-GOVERNMENT ENTITY FROM OCCUPYING ANY BUILDING, OFFICE OR OTHER PREMISES WHERE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS ARE BEING PERFORMED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 567, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS MANDATORY IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 568, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING A SPECIAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF FIFTEEN (15) DAYS A YEAR WITH FULL PAY TO ALL LEGITIMATE SPOUSES OF OVERSEAS WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 569, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE MEDICINE AND OTHER BASIC MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ANY PRIVATE PERSON OR INDIVIDUAL INJURED OR WOUNDED DURING A MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT OPERATION

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 570, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 571, entitled

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THROUGH THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY, TOGETHER WITH

THE NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL, TO IDENTIFY LOW-LYING AREAS OF THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY VULNERABLE TO RISING SEA LEVELS AS A RESULT OF GLOBAL WARMING, AND AREAS AT HIGH RISK FOR NATURAL DISASTERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 572, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC, GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 573, entitled

AN ACT CHANGING THE CRIME OF CONCUBINAGE INTO MARITAL INFIDELITY, AMENDING ARTICLE 333 AND ARTICLE 334 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, FOR THIS PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 574, entitled

AN ACT TO INDEX FINES OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND VARIOUS PENAL LAWS TO ADJUST TO INFLATION

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Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 575, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING TRANSPARENCY OF INFORMATION IN EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS FOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 576, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 385 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1460, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1455, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Bank, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 577, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1829, PENALIZING OBSTRUCTION OF APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 578, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM REAL PROPERTY TAX THE TREES AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON LANDS COVERED BY CERTIFICATES OF STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS UNDER THE INTEGRATED SOCIAL FORESTRY PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 579, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMONSTRATION, PERFORMANCE OR EXHIBITION IN PUBLIC OF CERTAIN SEXUAL ACTS, AND THE PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION, SALE OR DISTRIBUTION, OR PUBLIC SHOWING OR DISPLAY OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 580, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF WORKERS IN CASES OF MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS, CONSOLIDATION, SALE OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL ASSETS, BUSINESS ENTERPRISE TRANSFER, OR TRANSFER OF A GOING CONCERN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 581, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE BAKERY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD AS ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE TITLE X, BOOK IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 582, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MOVEMENT TO HELP ERADICATE RAPE AND OTHER FEMALE ABUSES ("MOTHER"), MANDATING THE COMPULSORY TEACHING OF SELF-DEFENSE TO ALL FEMALE CONSTITUENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 583, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARIES OF HEALTH AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO ISSUE REGULATIONS TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE THE SIGNIFICANT RISK OF NEEDLESTICK INJURY TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 584, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND INDIGENTS A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT ON THE SALE OF MEDICINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Ways and Means; and
Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 585, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING AD INTERIM AUTHORITY TO THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RECEIVE

PAYMENTS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM MONTHLY PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO FACILITATE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS, PROCEEDS, AND CLAIMS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 586, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING PALLIATIVE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 587, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MATURE OR OLDER WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment
and Human Resources Development; and
Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 588, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LABOR REPRESENTATION IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Government
Corporations and Public Enterprises; and**

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Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 589, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BY MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER MANDATORY FOR PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 484 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 590, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 591, entitled

AN ACT TO RESTORE THE TAX EXEMPTION PRIVILEGES OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES CREATED UNDER P.D. 269, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREE," AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 193 AND 234(d) OF R.A. NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Cooperatives; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 592, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING STRICTER PENALTIES ON THE CRIME OF DELIVERING PRISONERS FROM JAIL AND INFIDELITY IN THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 156, 223 AND 224 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 593, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS FROM EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 594, entitled

AN ACT REVISING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND STUDENT YOUTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 595, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 42 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1981,

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EXEMPTING AFFECTED MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY AS MAY HEREIN BE QUALIFIED FROM THE CONTINUOUS SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 596, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, STABILIZE PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, RATIONALIZING AND RESTRUCTURING FOR THE PURPOSE, ALL EXISTING GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, MARKETING AND OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 597, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF DISASTER AWARENESS AND DISASTER MITIGATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 598, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL

AND/OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN MILITARY CAMPS AND RESERVATIONS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE MILITARY REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; National Defense and Security; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 599, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM OF RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 600, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH HOME VISITING PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE COMBAT DUTY PAY OF

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OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM (25%) OF THE BASE PAY OF A PRIVATE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, entitled

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 51, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE PROCEEDS DISTRIBUTION OF THE INCOME OF BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BCDA) AND DETERMINE IF THEY WERE PROPERLY DISTRIBUTED TO ITS MANDATED RECIPIENTS AS PROVIDED IN ITS CHARTER

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Finance; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 52, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184 OR THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT WITH THE END VIEW OF AMENDING THE LAW IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE IN CURBING CORRUPTION IN THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 53, entitled

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE LIVE STREAMING OF SENATE PROCEEDINGS IN THE PLENARY AS WELL AS HEARINGS AND MEETINGS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION IN REAL TIME TO THE PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 54, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ALLEGED EXCESSIVE PURCHASE AND IMPORTATION OF RICE BY THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY, THE RICE SPOILAGE AND WASTAGE IN NFA WAREHOUSES DUE TO OVER IMPORTATION, AND OTHER ALLEGED CORRUPT PRACTICES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF FOOD SUPPLY AND PURCHASE AND IMPORTATION PROTOCOLS OF THE NFA

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Agriculture and Food

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 55, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO LOOK INTO THE OVER IMPORTATION OF RICE AND TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF PAST ANOMALOUS SITUATION

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 56, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PLIGHT OF INMATES IN MUNICIPAL, CITY, PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL JAILS, WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF RECOMMENDING LONG-TERM AND IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF CONGESTION, INADEQUATE FACILITIES, INHUMANE CONDITIONS AND OTHER PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE WELFARE OF INMATES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 57, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SERIES OF INCREASES IN ELECTRICITY RATES REPORTEDLY DUE TO THE STRANDED DEBTS OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORA-

TION (NAPOCOR) THAT ARE BEING PASSED ON TO POWER END-USERS, WITH THE END VIEW OF ENSURING A RELIABLE AND SECURE SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC POWER AT REASONABLE AND AFFORDABLE RATES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Energy; and Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 58, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED LOOMING INCREASE IN FARE RATES AT THE METRO RAIL TRANSIT 3 (MRT 3) AND THE TWO LINES OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT), WITH THE END VIEW OF DETERMINING THE PROPRIETY OF SUCH PLANNED HIKES AND ENSURING A SAFE, RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 59, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE RECENT RESIGNATION OF 13 CAPTAINS AND 12 FIRST OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) CAUSING THE CANCELLATION OF SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AFFECTING A NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AS WELL AS OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Public Services; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 60, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LABOR DISPUTE AT THE PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) THAT HAS RESULTED IN THE DISRUPTION OF SERVICES OF THE COUNTRY'S FLAG CARRIER TO THE DETRIMENT OF THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS, WITH THE END VIEW OF PREVENTING SIMILAR OCCURRENCES IN THE FUTURE

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Public Services; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 61, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES TO REQUEST ALL GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCS) AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (GFIS), IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, INFORMATION ON COMPENSATION PACKAGE AND THE LATEST FINANCIAL STATEMENT IN CONSONANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ON ALL MATTERS THAT AFFECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Finance; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 62, entitled

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE SPECIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS UNTIL THE END OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Economic Affairs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 63, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MASS RESIGNATION OF PILOTS OF THE COUNTRY'S FLAG CARRIER, PHILIPPINE AIRLINES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING THE LABOR SHORTAGE VIS-À-VIS ITS EFFECTS ON TOURISM, BUSINESSES AND THE GENERAL RIDING PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Public Services; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 64, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF EXISTING LAWS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED DISCRIMINATORY TO WOMEN, NECESSITATING THEIR AMENDMENT OR REPEAL PURSUANT TO THE MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P).

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 65, entitled

RESOLUTION CREATING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO MONITOR AND OVERSEE THE COUNTRY'S COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND NATIONAL LAWS ADDRESSING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND CULTURAL COMMUNITIES' RIGHTS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE, AND GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED EXCESSIVE AND UNWARRANTED SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, BONUSES, OTHER EMOLUMENTS AND PERKS OF TOP OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Finance; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 67, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS SINGERS FOR THEIR LAUDABLE VICTORY AND CONTRIBUTION TO FILIPINO MUSIC AND CULTURE

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committee on Rules

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 68, entitled

RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, only the title of the proposed resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto informed the Body that the proposed resolution adopted the same rules that had been used from the Eleventh to the Fourteenth Congress with the exception of Section 24 (*Effectivity*) which provides that these *Rules* would be effective even in subsequent congresses without need for re-publication.

He read Section 24, to wit:

Sec. 24. *Effectivity* – These Rules shall take effect after seven (7) days following complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation and shall remain in force until amended or repealed. A copy hereof shall be posted on the official website of the Senate.

Senator Sotto explained that Section 24 was so worded based on the Supreme Court ruling in the case of *Neri v. Senate*.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 68

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 68 was adopted by the Body.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, entitled

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE

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CALENDAR OF THE FIRST
REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
PHILIPPINES.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto stated that the Members were earlier furnished with copies of the proposed legislative calendar as part of the consultation process. He informed the Body that the House of Representatives already started discussing in plenary its version of the legislative calendar last Wednesday, August 4, 2010. He added that the proposed schedule shortened the number of session days with March 25 as the adjournment of session and Congress going into recess the entire month of April.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)**

Senator Cayetano (P) suggested that the legislative calendar be made more sensitive to the needs of female legislators such as herself particularly insofar as allowing the congressional recess to coincide with school vacation. She informed the Body that the issue of having management allow women to perform their responsibilities as parents has been a topic of international debates. She also pointed out that the calendar ought to take into consideration the international commitments that many Members have with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).

Senator Sotto gave assurance that the congressional breaks for 2011 and the Christmas recess for the current year coincide with those set by the school calendar. However, he explained that although the House of Representatives did away with proposed breaks in September and early October to allow time to submit its version of the proposed national budget to the Senate by November, the proposed calendar would accommodate the holding of the International Parliamentary Union scheduled from October 4 to 6, 2010, and other international commitments. He said that Senator Cayetano (P) would be given a copy of the schedule of international conferences for the year.

For the information of the Body, Senator Cayetano (P) stated that she and Senator Legarda attended past IPU meetings in accordance with the IPU requirement for a female legislator of each member-country to be present during the annual conference. She warned that noncompliance with this requirement carries a penalty. She also noted that other meetings of the IPU depended on the particular interest of the senators concerned. Senator Sotto replied that any Member would be considered "on official business" when he or she attends the conference. He suggested that the Body await the passage of the resolution on the part of the House of Representatives before it acts on the same.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
OF SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 2**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the resolution.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Nominated by Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the committees hereunder indicated:

*Committee on Civil Service
and Government Reorganization*

Members :

Honasan	Marcos
Lapid	Pangilinan
Legarda	Cayetano (P)

Committee on Economic Affairs

Members :

Marcos	Zubiri
Honasan	Cayetano (P)
Defensor Santiago	Lapid
Legarda	Arroyo

Committee on Trade and Commerce

Members :

Defensor Santiago	Revilla
Arroyo	Legarda
Cayetano (P)	Marcos
Angara	Zubiri

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Committee on Agriculture and Food

Members :

Guingona	Recto
Zubiri	Escudero
Osmeña	Lapid
Legarda	Drilon

Congressional Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization

Members :

Lapid	Honasan
Recto	Osmeña
Angara	

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Availing herself of the privilege hour, Senator Legarda delivered the following speech in celebration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, to wit:

At this juncture, Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada relinquished the Chair to Senator Zubiri.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

As we celebrate the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, we are reminded of our more than 14 million indigenous brothers and sisters who are still fighting for the barest of entitlements, those which are supposed to be accepted as inherent and natural rights.

For the right of education – let us remember the deprivation experienced by our indigenous cultural communities and how we must work to provide more schools, teachers and more means of preserving and transmitting their customary and indigenous knowledge, which form the basis of their identity and cultural integrity.

For the right to life – let us not forget that laws have been passed not to award, but to acknowledge their rightful ownership of their ancestral lands since time immemorial. Not only do these lands serve to give them food; the land itself is what gives them life. Let us work to help them fulfill this right and to give them support in the sustainable development of natural resources and their ancestral lands and domain.

Right to self-determination – let us remember that they have the right to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development using their customary laws. They also have a right to take part in decision-making in matters affecting their rights and the obtainment of their free, prior and informed consent in the development or extractive projects to be implemented in their area.

Right to security and liberty – let us remember the lands that they have been dispossessed of during the Spanish and American colonization up to the dispossession they are still experiencing from mining and other development projects implemented in their areas today. Let us remember the violence inflicted upon them and how their lives are threatened. Let us work to protect them and provide them support, in the event of displacement and forced relocation due to development projects as well as natural and man-made disasters.

Right to be free from discrimination – may we push for legislation to prevent religious and ethnic discrimination, not only in the workplace, but also in society and fulfill our international commitments, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

In the world today, the word “indigenous” should not even exist, for we are one and the same – we are all Filipinos. Let us remember that there is nothing that distinguishes us from the peoples that quietly live the way they and their ancestors have always known, except for our own willingness to open ourselves to our differences.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

With the permission of the Body, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Legarda to the Committee on Cultural Communities.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 4:09 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:54 p.m., the session was resumed with the Senate President Pro Tempore presiding.

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on Local Government so that these could be acted upon immediately.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO


Senator Sotto manifested that because of some concerns, the Body would hold in abeyance nominations to the various oversight committees.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 5:02 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate
per [initials]

Approved on August 10, 2010