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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:20 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Teofisto D. Guingona III led the prayer, to wit:

We thank You, O Lord, for You are good and Your mercy forever endures.

Grant us, O Lord, that with peace of mind may we face all that this new week brings to us.

Help us to dedicate ourselves completely to Your Holy will – for our lives and for this nation.

For every hour of this week, instruct and support us in all things.

Govern our thoughts and feelings in all we do and say. When things unforeseen occur, let us not forget that everything comes from You.

Open our eyes to see Your loving kindness.

Help us see Your sovereign hand moving in our nation and allow us to move with You.

Enable us, through this institution and with President Noynoy's Administration, to work with Your hand that ushers the Jubilee Year of this nation – a year of renewal, of rebuilding, and of restoration.

Bestow upon us, our Lord, the strength to endure the fatigue of the week. Quicken our hearts and minds.

Guide our will and teach us to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive, to work and to love.

We ask all these things in the Name of the Father and of the Son Jesus Christ our Lord and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Wesleyan University Chorale led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered a medley, entitled "*Bayan Ko*."

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

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.	Legarda, L.
Arroyo, J. P.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Osmeña III, S. R.
Drilon, F. M.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Recto, R. G.
Enrile, J. P.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Sotto III, V. C.
Guingona III, T. D.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Honasan, G. B.	

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With 17 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Lapid arrived after the roll call.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senators Cayetano (A), Lacson and Villar were absent.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF SESSION NO. 9

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 9 (August 11, 2010) and considered it approved.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATE PRESIDENT ENRILE

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senate President Enrile delivered the following speech:

I rise this afternoon on a matter of personal and collective privilege to bring to the attention of this Chamber and to the entire leadership of the country a matter of serious national concern and urgency.

The typhoon season is here once again. For some time, we, Filipinos, seemed to have been accustomed to typhoons as annually recurring disasters and we took these events year in and year out with nonchalance. That was so until nature shook us up and we saw that things did not follow the usual seasonal pattern, the frequency and magnitude of the winds and torrents increased radically, the usual flood-safe areas were inundated. We had unusually long dry spells on our fertile lands, our wells and reservoirs were drying up, water levels were going unusually low, and the damage our people and our economy suffered from all these grew worse each time.

The country's vulnerability to natural hazards and extreme weather occurrences has taken a significant toll on the economy. Our people have seen and experienced the damage and loss of lives and property brought about by our repeated encounters with calamities over many years. The massive floods that occurred in

Metro Manila due to tropical storm *Ondoy* and the prolonged power outage after typhoon *Basyang* hit the country are just recent examples.

This season of disaster risk reminds us and the leaders of the nation of our urgent duty to put in place enduring measures that can help our country survive the onslaught of the global dilemma which is climate change. Climate change is both a condition and a problem which, though not attributable to small and developing countries such as ours, is nevertheless a reality we can ill-afford to ignore. Its dire effects are even more gravely experienced and felt, in fact, by small nations that are financially the worst or least-capable of coping with and adapting to the harshness of disasters and calamities.

So serious has the problem become that the government has adopted certain initiatives that were designed to develop and implement suitable responses to what now looms as an inevitable global crisis. These initiatives need urgent funding and at the rate the country's budget deficit has gone up, we must efficiently, wisely, and purposively use public finance as our vital tool to accomplish our adaptation and mitigation measures.

Last July 22, days before the State of the Nation Address of our new President, I delivered a message before the media on the climate crisis and the threats that global warming posed to our people. In the same message, I called for the urgent crafting of a National Survival Agenda anchored on public finance, which I believe is *the most essential, effective and meaningful tool* that we can wield to protect the poor and our fragile ecosystems from the disastrous climatic impact of climate change which is projected to worsen in severity and frequency in the days and years to come.

There is no doubt that rich countries are largely to blame for the climate crisis. Wealthy nations bear the historical responsibility for this problem. Great and powerful as they are, it is a fact that just as great is the responsibility they must bear for the global damage they have caused in the name of their own development, industrialization and economic advancement. They need to cut their greenhouse gas emissions drastically and dramatically, as has been the call from small countries.

But more importantly, we must challenge their financial might and power by pressing for the rapid dispatch and channeling of funds to developing countries like us, whose ability to

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cope with threats not of their making are severely impaired by their economic condition.

While we lay the blame squarely at the doorstep of developed nations and remind them of their responsibilities to us, we must not spare ourselves from criticism.

The Philippines is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. But this is not merely because of her archipelagic nature and economic state. To a great extent, our vulnerability has been exacerbated by the way the government has addressed the climate crisis.

Currently, governance chaos reigns over the administration of climate finance that has already entered the national coffers, and of funds we expect in the future as they are projected or programmed to come from abroad. More international climate finance has gone to *mitigation efforts instead of adaptation activities*. Worse, it appears that most of the resources allocated for adaptation programs and projects have come in the form of loans and not compensation. This is contrary to the position championed by the Philippine government abroad, which calls for climate finance to be channeled neither as aid nor charity, but in context and by design as *compensatory funding* for the damage done to us small nations of this planet.

Internationally, official delegations sent by the Philippines to negotiate the international climate treaty have taken strong positions to treat climate finance not as aid or charity but as compensation to be paid by countries responsible for the problem. This, I believe, is the correct stance we have to take.

In fact, legally, I would analyze and look at this matter as an international "tort", an act (conduct) done by the developed country to the damage and injury of the undeveloped countries of this planet. Harm was inflicted on our people, and more injury is expected in the future arising from impacts emanating from the profligate and polluting practices and lifestyle of developed countries. There is a climate debt that needs to be paid by them and reparations are in order from them.

Unfortunately, laudable positions taken by the Philippines abroad on climate-related finance are not reflected here at home. We still conduct our business with a beggar's bowl. We accept climate-related concessional loans from countries responsible for this climate crisis. We accept climate-related grants with conditions that are onerous and injurious to our financial health and

ultimately, to our people's welfare. We have exercised national leadership so poorly, particularly with the agency that is tasked to be leading and coordinating the national climate change effort.

I have received numerous reports and documents pointing to climate-related funds that our government has accepted in the wrong form and manner and which appear to have been misused or disbursed questionably. I have also received reports that the agency which Congress created and tasked with the responsibility of exercising leadership in handling the issue and the problem—none other than the Climate Change Commission — has been performing badly, with one commissioner unilaterally usurping the powers and dispensing the duties that the Commission should be exercising as a collegial body.

This afternoon, allow me to raise some very serious concerns about a climate finance-related arrangement that was reported to have been consummated between some government agencies such as the Department of Public Works and Highways and the World Bank, and which, on face value, appears to be extremely disadvantageous to our people's interest.

Among other efforts that need to be undertaken, I have committed to help our country tap untied finance from abroad from institutions lodged under the auspices of the United Nations such as the *Adaptation Fund* of the United Nations Organization.

The Adaptation Fund, established by the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), is mandated to finance concrete adaptation projects and programs in developing countries that are parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The resources of the Fund are generated from the shares in the proceeds from the so-called "Clean Development Mechanism" project activities and other sources of the funding. To date, the revenues of the monetization of certified emission reductions (CERs) carried out by the World Bank as the trustee of the Fund, amount to approximately US\$63 million.

A unique feature of the Adaptation Fund of the UN is to provide developing countries direct access to the Fund without having to pass through multilateral development banks such as the World Bank. Vulnerable developing countries can nominate local institutions for accreditation as National Implementing Entities

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(NIEs), which will be responsible for endorsing project and program proposals from their countries, and will be direct recipients of the funding. These NIEs must meet certain standards set by the Adaptation Fund Board of the UN to ensure sound fiduciary management and oversight over the use of the funds. Money, which is provided bilaterally by donor countries to the Adaptation Fund, ceases to become bilateral Official Development Assistance (ODA) once it enters the Adaptation Fund of the UN.

I strongly hold the view that it is in the best interest of the Philippines to access the Adaptation Fund, of which we are eligible to avail.

Unfortunately, documents and related information recently acquired by non-government organizations seem to contradict such position taken by the Philippine government, such that the World Bank allegedly is poised to deny the Philippine government the option to directly access resources from the Fund. Instead, it appears that the World Bank is reportedly ready to act as a conduit, middle man, that will access the Fund on our behalf. Why? I do not know why we have to allow this. There are now allegations that officials from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and PAGASA have either wittingly colluded with the World Bank or unwittingly succumbed to it, for a prospective US\$15 million Adaptation Fund "grant" which could burden our country with even more loans.

This development raises specific questions. The World Bank should be aware that the Philippines has long championed the Direct Access modality. By inserting itself as an intermediary, thereby pushing the Philippines to use the multilateral modality, it appears that the World Bank is undermining Philippine intentions to promote and operationalize the Direct Access modality in its efforts to gain access to or avail of the Adaptation Fund of the UN.

Related to this, more questions come to mind about the said project proposal submitted by the World Bank, in behalf of the Philippine government, to the Adaptation Fund Board, which beg for immediate attention and reply.

1. I am aware that the country is still in the process of formulating its adaptation action plan. On what basis, therefore, was the World Bank proposal made? Who initiated it? Who is pushing it? Did it favor one department over the others? Did it favor one sector over the others?
2. Why is the World Bank proposing to fund more feasibility studies? Do we not have concrete projects already in the pipeline that urgently require resources in order to be implemented? Do we have to get the initiative of the World Bank for projects to be funded by the Adaptation Fund? Is it true that the feasibility studies, which will cost US\$2 million from our pocket, will be used for priority investments the World Bank will identify under a World Bank-financed flood management plan? They identify their own projects instead of us identifying our own projects.
3. Is the proposal throwing new money on wasted programs? Under the proposal, the World Bank will allocate US\$1.514 million to rehabilitate projects that failed due to flawed designs — projects that probably should not have been financed in the first place.
4. The proposal allocates US\$1 million to pay for "consultancy services". For what? Are we that stupid people who do not have engineers here that can handle this for us? Under what criteria will these consultants be chosen? Are they Filipinos? Are they going to be white men, black men pretending to be more intelligent than we are? Who will choose these consultants? The Philippine government or the World Bank? Who will these consultants be accountable to? To the World Bank or to the Filipino people? How will the US\$1 million be used? Over what period and under whose workplan?
5. The total project cost of the World Bank proposal amounts to US\$13.85 million and allocates for the World Bank almost US\$2 million representing management costs. Why do we have to pay a management fee to the World Bank to install projects to relieve our people of their vulnerability to climate change? For heaven's sake, this brings the total financing proposal to US\$15 million! Is this really the rate? Even if the government allows a 10% "corruption" cost, under our system, sad to say, which is an absurd proposition, it will still be cheaper than paying a 15% World Bank management fee. I posit this question: Will management costs be lower if a Philippine government agency be assigned instead to undertake the Direct Access modality route as prescribed by UN Adaptation Fund Board instead of using the WB as a middleman, as a spokesman, as a conduit to access this Adaptation Fund which is free for us without condition?

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Having cited all these circumstances, I would like to appeal to my colleagues in this Chamber to support my urgent call for an exhaustive and thorough investigation to address the issues I have presented before you today precisely to shed light on the matter, or to correct and stop any misimpressions that have arisen in our study of this issue.

Personally, this Representation has nothing against the World Bank. What I am after is to make sure that our rights and interests as a nation and as a people are protected within the limits of both domestic and international laws, given the fact that we are a party to the Kyoto Protocol.

A review of existing laws is likewise in order. Is the law which we passed recently, being implemented with the same intent, fervor and in the same spirit with which it was enacted? Do we need remedial legislation to address any loopholes or weak points we may have missed when we crafted that law? Are we satisfied that the agency which we created and tasked under the present law to address this problem is able to carry out its mandate? Or have we made a mistake?

I urge the proper committees of the Senate—the Committees on Climate Change, Finance, and the Environment and Natural Resources—to urgently look into these complex issues, especially those which bear on the public finance aspect of addressing the reality of climate change in this country. Let us show our people that we, their elected representatives, can do much more and much better than planting or hugging trees. In addressing this global phenomenon and in proposing more effective remedies and means to protect our people, we are called upon to offer more than just the usual pro-environment rhetoric.

Ultimately, the government, through the Department of Finance and the Department of Budget and Management, should take the necessary steps to arrest the mismanagement which is getting in the way of moving speedily and judiciously, and in a direction that is consistent with our national position on the matter of climate change and climate finance.

I am confident that once completely apprised of the urgency of these issues and the gravity of their impact on our people and our nation, President Aquino will heed this call and view it as this humble Representation sees it.

This is a matter where the President's leadership is sorely needed—leadership in

seeing to it that the Philippines remains strong in asserting its right to secure compensation for the damage climate change has brought upon our land and people, the worst of which is yet to be seen; leadership to ensure that we do not allow any undue, unnecessary, and unfair financial burden for our people to bear, using climate change as a mere excuse or cover to divert funds to nonsensical or dubious projects or ventures.

Most importantly, we need real leadership in correcting the governance chaos and misdirection which is evident in no less than the government agency mandated by law to exercise effective and coordinative leadership over the country's climate action agenda, the Climate Change Commission.

Let us take our stand firmly along with poor nations in the global community as a country that rightly deserves compensation because we are the injured ones, not the villains. Let us demonstrate that our government agencies are manned by trustworthy and competent leaders who understand the problem and who will see to it that funds for climate change adaptation are spent judiciously and exactly for that purpose—no more, no less.

DEFERMENT OF INTERPELLATIONS ON THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body deferred the interpellations on the privilege speech of Senate President Enrile until the following day.

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. 801, entitled

**AN ACT REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL
APPROVAL IN THE DISPOSITION
OF REAL PROPERTIES SITUATED
ABROAD**

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Foreign Relations;
and Finance**

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Senate Bill No. 802, entitled

AN ACT TO ENFORCE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION BY STUDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate No. 803, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 804, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF RESERVATION AREAS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE CORAL REEFS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 805, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULLY-EQUIPPED SCIENCE LABORATORIES IN EVERY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 806, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE FAMILY OR BENEFICIARY OF ANY BARANGAY OFFICER, BARANGAY TANOD OR VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN COUNCIL KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE ON DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS OR HER OFFICE OR POSITION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 807, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE LOCAL HOUSING BOARD AND AMENDING SECTIONS 447 AND 458 OF R.A. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Senate Bill No. 808, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AMENDING SEC. 393 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. 809, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN

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AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 810, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR AUTISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate No. 811, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 812, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A P125.00 DAILY ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE SALARY RATES OF EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 813, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 814, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE LABELING OF IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 815, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 816, entitled

AN ACT FIXING THE RATES OF INTEREST UPON LOANS AND FORBEARANCES BY AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ACT NUMBER TWENTY SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE (ACT NO. 2655) AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 817, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE AKLAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Public Services; Ways and Means; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 818, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 135 AND 137 OF THE LABOR CODE (PD 442 AS AMENDED) SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITED ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ON ACCOUNT OF SEX, AGE, ETHNIC ORIGIN OR BELIEFS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 819, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 820, entitled

AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE BASIC SERVICE OF INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991," REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 821, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE VERNACULAR AND FILIPINO IN FUNCTIONAL LITERACY

AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS CLASSROOM USE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 822, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A WORKING TIME FLEXIBILIZATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLE 83, 85, AND 87 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE FOUR HUNDRED FORTY TWO (PD 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. 823, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY ONE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, AS AMENDED, INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR NON-REMITTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM BY THE EMPLOYER

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 824, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY

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READING CENTERS THROUGH-
OUT THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 825, entitled

AN ACT TO INSTITUTE THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE
FAMILY AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and
Family Relations; Civil Service and Govern-
ment Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 826, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
ARTICLES OF MILITARY JUSTICE
IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES REPEALING FOR
THAT PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH
ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED
EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE ARTICLES OF WAR, AS
AMENDED, OTHER SPECIAL LAWS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee on National Defense and
Security**

Senate Bill No. 827, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF
FOREST RESOURCES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; Ways and Means; and
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 828, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND GOVERN
THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOICE
OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL IN
THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee on Science and Tech-
nology**

Senate Bill No. 829, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE TWENTY
SEVENTH DAY OF JULY OF EVERY
YEAR A SPECIAL NATIONAL
HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF
THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY
OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO (INC)
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 830, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE XXII,
SECTION 261 (DD) OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS
ELECTION CODE, AS AMENDED,
TO INCLUDE OTHER FORMS OF
ELECTORAL FRAUD, PRESCRIBING
PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 831, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING NEWLY
APPOINTED GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO
UNDERGO ORIENTATION COURSES
UPON ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF

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Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 832, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING MOTHERS WHO TAKE COCAINE OR OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS DURING PREGNANCY AND THEREBY CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO THE UNBORN CHILD OR NEWBORN AND AMENDING ARTICLES 255 AND 264 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

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. 833, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING CHILDREN'S WELFARE FUND FOR THE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION OF ABANDONED, ABUSED AND SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 834, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1991" AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7917, EXPANDING THE

ALLOCATION OF REVENUES FROM THE SALE, LEASE, JOINT-VENTURE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING MILITARY BASES AND RESERVATIONS, ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 835, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT, CREATING A BASIC EDUCATION REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 836, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND 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. 837, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 838, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 839, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR INDIGENT PRE-KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 840, entitled

AN ACT TO COMBAT ABUSE AND ENHANCE PENALTIES FOR CRIMES AGAINST SENIORS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 841, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE CENTER FOR STUDIES ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Cultural Communities; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 842, entitled

AN ACT ACCREDITING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AS THE INTEGRATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 843, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE IDENTITY OF MILK AND REQUIRING THE LABELING THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 844, entitled

AN ACT TO PUNISH TRANSMISSION OF INDECENT MATERIAL BY COMPUTER TO MINORS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 845, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DISCLOSURES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INTERNATIONAL MONEY TRANSFER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 846, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM PERSONAL INTRUSION FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 847, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 848, entitled

AN ACT TO INTEGRATE IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING NON-FORMAL, INDIGENOUS LEARNING AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAMS, A COURSE ON PHILIPPINE SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 849, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY (NAMRIA)

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 850, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING UNLAWFUL THE COMMERCIAL USE OF TELEPHONES FOR MAKING INDECENT OR OBSCENE COMMUNICATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Public Services

RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ), THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TASKED TO ENFORCE PEACE AND ORDER TO ISSUE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON PRESENTATION OF SUSPECTS UNDER THEIR CUSTODY TO THE MEDIA

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 69, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO LOOK INTO THE ELEMENTS THAT INFLUENCE THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF TURKISH FLOUR BEING USED AS A MAIN INGREDIENT FOR BAKING BREAD AND PASTRIES, AND IN PREPARING OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS, AND TO INSURE THAT THE TURKISH FLOUR IS SAFE AND DOES NOT POSE A THREAT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 70, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING PURIFICACION QUISUMBING FOR BEING UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED CHAIRPERSON OF THE ADVISORY

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COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 71, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COAL SPILL INCIDENT IN BRGY. WAWA, NASUGBU, BATANGAS AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE ACTION

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 72, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO LOOK INTO THE CURRENT FRAGMENTATION OF WATER RESOURCES PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT GIVEN THE LACK OF A WATER REGULATORY BODY TO ADDRESS THE WATER ISSUES IN OUR COUNTRY TODAY

Introduced by Senator Cayetano P.

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 73, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE TEN (10) OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF THE 2010 SEARCH OF THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 74, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PROLIFERATION OF FAKE FLU VACCINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 75, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED SOCIAL NETWORKING DANGERS WITH A VIEW TO ENJOIN THE PUBLIC TO UNDERTAKE SUFFICIENT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST ALLEGED ILLICIT ACTIVITIES OF SO-CALLED CYBERCRIMINAL

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 76, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED UNDERPERFORMANCE OF THE AGRICULTURE INSURANCE PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO SUPPORT SMALLHOLDER FARMERS FROM THE SPATE OF TYPHOONS CAUSING ENORMOUS AGRICULTURAL DAMAGE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 77, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO REGULARIZE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF FULL-TIME GOVERNMENT PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 78, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFICIENCY OF THE POLICY OF DEVOLVING SLAUGHTERHOUSE OVERSIGHT AND MEAT INSPECTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS DUE TO REPORTS OF THE PRESENCE OF CHEMICALS AND TOXINS IN LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 79, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NECESSITY TO IMPROVE THE PHILIPPINES' HUMAN RESOURCE BASE THROUGH INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON SCIENCE, MATH, AND ENGINEERING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 80, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CREATE QUICKER AND MORE EFFICIENT MEANS ON THE APPLICATION FOR GOVERNMENT IDs AND CLEARANCES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 81, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE NEW BILIBID PRISONS BY ENCOURAGING MORE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPORT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Education, Arts and Culture

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 82, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT FOR IT TO BE COMPLIANT WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Justice and Human Rights

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

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BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 851, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES TO BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA DEVOTING AIR TIME AND SPACE TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND TO ADVERTISERS OR SPONSORS SUPPORTING SUCH PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Education, Arts and Culture; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 852, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING CENTER, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Services; Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 853, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL YOUTH CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 854, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NAVAL ACADEMY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 855, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY OFFICER AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO UNDERGO AN ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE CULTURE, LANGUAGE, DIALECT, WAY OF LIVING, HABIT, TRADITION AND THE LIKE OF THE CULTURAL COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE DEPLOYED OR TO BE POSTED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 856, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY (PIA), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 100 ALSO KNOWN AS "CREATING THE PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY" BY PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL FUNCTION, ESTABLISHING A NATIONWIDE WELFARE FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 857, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL MANPOWER DATA AND PLACEMENT CENTER, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

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Senate Bill No. 858, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING WORK ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON SECURITY OF TENURE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, ARTICLES 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164 AND 165 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER FOUR HUNDRED FORTY TWO (PD 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. 859, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE EXCEPTIONS FROM THE NIGHT WORK PROHIBITION OF WOMEN EMPLOYEES, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLE 131 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER FOUR HUNDRED FORTY TWO (PD 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. 860, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS, GRANTING ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES AND INCENTIVES TO DISABLED PERSONS SIMILAR TO THOSE ENJOYED BY SENIOR CITIZENS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 861, entitled

AN ACT TO INSTITUTE A NATIONAL BAKERY INDUSTRY POLICY AND TO CREATE THE NATIONAL BAKERY REGULATORY AGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 862, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING THE RATE OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY THROUGH EVALUATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 863, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PROCUREMENT AND TRANS-PLANT OF HUMAN ORGANS AND TISSUES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 864, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AND ESTABLISHING RIVERS, RIVER SYSTEMS, BEACHES, SHORES AND WATERWAYS AS ECOLOGICAL ZONES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 865, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE OPENING OF SUBDIVISION ROADS

TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO MAIN THOROUGHFARES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Works; and Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Senate Bill No. 866, entitled

AN ACT TO ABSOLUTELY PROHIBIT THE TRADE OR EXPORT OF WILDLIFE, BOTH FLORA AND FAUNA OF WHATEVER SPECIES, WHETHER DEAD OR ALIVE, PROVIDING PENALTY THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 867, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A PUBLIC CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AND TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND PURPOSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 868, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NEW LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 869, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 287 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY PROVIDING AN EARLIER AGE OF RETIREMENT FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 870, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 287 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO RELEASE THE RETIREMENT PAY OF EMPLOYEES WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS FROM SUBMISSION OF COMPLETE DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 871, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MOTORCYCLE LANES ALONG NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL ROADS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 872, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF MOBILE PHONE WHILE DRIVING, PROVIDING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada
To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 873, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING ALL CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF HUMILIATING OR DEGRADING PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN AND PROMOTING POSITIVE AND NON-VIOLENT DISCIPLINE OF CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 874, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE WORKERS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, REPEALING AND REPLACING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 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. 875, entitled

THE PHILIPPINE MARINE ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 876, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY RICE RESERVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 877, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING SHIPPING VESSELS COASTING PHILIPPINE WATERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHORES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Services; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 878, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATING TO ALL TYPES OF FAMILY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 879, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 952

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 880, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 941

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

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Senate Bill No. 881, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF IMITATION FIREARMS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 882, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PROSTATE CANCER

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 883, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, ALSO KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW, SECTION 3 (C)

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 884, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE RIGHTS TO BE ACCORDED VICTIMS OF CRIMES, DEFINING THE DUTIES OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 885, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION FROM REPRISALS TO EMPLOYEES OF CONTRACTORS FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO SUBSTANTIAL

VIOLATION OF LAW RELATED TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS INCLUDING THE COMPETITION FOR OR NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 886, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO KNOW WORK CONDITIONS AFFECTING THEIR HEALTH

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 887, entitled

AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE TEACHING OF COMPUTER AS PART OF THE ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 888, entitled

AN ACT UPHOLDING THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL AND PROVIDING GROUNDS FOR TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 889, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PROTECTION AND CERTAIN INCENTIVES TO AMBULANT VENDORS OR PEDDLERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 890, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PRIORITY TO HONOR GRADUATES OF STATE COLLEGES & STATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 891, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MUSLIMS AND TRIBAL FILIPINOS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 892, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE WORKERS COMPENSATION PROGRAM, THE WORK CONTINGENCY INSURANCE FUND, THE PHILIPPINE WORKERS COMPENSATION AUTHORITY AND DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 166 TO 288-A OF TITLE 2 BOOK IV OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES," AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 893, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PENAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO DELINQUENT PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 276, 277, AND 278 OF REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 894, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TOY SAFETY LABELING

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 895, entitled

THE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 896, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR JOURNALISTS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 897, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING JURISDICTION OVER LABOR CASES BETWEEN THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION AND THE REGIONAL OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, ARTICLES 129 AND 217 OF

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PRESIDENTIAL DECREE FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-TWO (PD 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. 898, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING SECURITY OF TENURE FOR AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES OVER LANDS AWARDED TO THEM UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE CANCELLATION OF EMANCIPATION PATENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARDS, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PUPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 899, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE BICOL POWER GRID TO ENSURE THE GRANT OF EQUITABLE PREFERENTIAL BENEFITS TO REGIONS HOSTING RELIABLE AND CHEAP GEOTHERMAL POWER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Energy; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 900, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A LOCAL PRINT MEDIA MONITORING BOARD IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES, TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF OBSCENE PUBLICATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media; and Local Government

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto placed on record the message of Senator Defensor Santiago indicating her intent to join the Majority bloc in the Senate. Likewise, he informed the Body that in her letter, Senator Defensor Santiago indicated her concurrence with the thinking that a new bill seeking to amend an existing law should be referred primarily to the committee which has topical jurisdiction over the bill rather than to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws which she chairs.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

In view of Senator Defensor Santiago's manifestation, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 355 was primarily referred to the Committee on Science and Technology, with the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws as the secondary committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

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

Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports

Vice Chair : Zubiri

Members :

Osmeña	Pangilinan
Honasan	Legarda
Revilla	Villar

Committee on Tourism

Vice Chair : Pangilinan

Members :

Trillanes	Zubiri
Lacson	Villar

Asked by the Chair if the Minority has nominated its members to said committees, Senator Sotto replied that the Minority has yet to identify its nominees.

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

Asked by Senator Zubiri whether Senate Bill No. 60 (*Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections*) has been referred instead to the Committee on Local Government as the primary committee as a consequence of Senator Defensor Santiago's earlier manifestation, Senator Sotto replied in the affirmative.


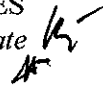
ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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 4:32 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate 

Approved on August 17, 2010