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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:29 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Loren Legarda led the prayer, to wit:

O heavenly Father, we bow down before You, humbled and grateful. As our voices reach heavens, we exalt You to the highest stages of the universe. O Lord, You are forever merciful and kind. And You have never wavered.

Holy Father, see our hearts. Cleanse us of all deeds that displease You. Touch us, Lord, that we may see and do things in a way that glorify and gratify You.

Bestow upon us the wisdom to make godly decisions for the peace and well-being of our beloved country. Help us act out of humility and morality, and not of selfish ambition. Grant us the courage to stand against evil, because even though we are alone, You are with us.

As lawmakers, make us live within the ones we make but above all, make us live within the ones You make. We rebuke the wicked. Touch their hearts that they may yield to the path of righteousness.

O Lord, we offer You another week of progress and productivity. Whatever may

be harvested in the Senate, it is You we glorify. May Your loving hand govern the corners of this hall. May Your words be materialized within our midst. May Your eternal love be embodied in our actions.

All these things we pray in the Holy Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Angelos Quartet led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered a medley of Filipino songs, entitled *Umagang Kay Ganda* and *Magsimula Ka*.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

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Senators Angara and Villar arrived after the roll call.

Senator Cayetano (P) was on official mission.

Senator 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 JOURNALS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journals of Session No. 11 (August 17, 2010) and Session No. 12 (August 18, 2010) and considered them approved.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

Nominated by Senator Sotto, on the part of the Majority, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the Commission on Appointments:

Drilon	Ejercito Estrada
Recto	Honasan
Defensor Santiago	Sotto
Angara	Escudero
Revilla	Osmeña

Nominated by Senator Cayetano (A), on the part of Minority, there being no objection, Senator Arroyo and himself were elected to the Commission on Appointments.

REMARKS OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Senator Cayetano (A) stated that while it was still the stand of the Minority that no one can claim a fraction of a seat in the Commission on Appointments (CA), he acknowledged the agreement reached in a caucus following consultations with the Members to adopt groupings to determine representation in the CA. In that agreement, he said that the Majority would have 10 members, including some of the Nacionalista Party members who decided to join the Majority bloc, and the Minority would have two members. He emphasized that it was never about who would sit in the CA but how the senators would arrive at the number of seats to be given to each group.

SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

Nominated by Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the Senate Electoral Tribunal:

Pangilinan	Legarda
Lapid	Honasan
Cayetano (P)	Angara

Senator Sotto stated that Senators Honasan and Angara will be replaced by Senators Escudero and Guingona on July 1, 2011.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Mayor Violeta Unite and Vice Mayor Vincent Unite of Ballesteros, Cagayan;
- Board Member Charrie Bersamin and Mayor Eduarte of Tayum, Abra;
- Philippine Ambassador to Papua New Guinea Shirley Ho-Vicario;
- Former Mayor Bong Vicario of San Isidro, Northern Samar; and
- Members of the Dagupan City Council headed by Councilor Brian Lim.

Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Availing herself of the privilege hour, Senator Legarda delivered the following speech on the celebration of three important days during the month of August in the field of International Humanitarian Law:

This month of August, we celebrate three important days in the field of International Humanitarian Law or IHL – the World Humanitarian Day on the 19th, International Humanitarian Law Day on the 12th, and the entry into force of the Convention prohibiting cluster

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munitions on the 3rd. One with the nation and world in these events, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has organized and launched this afternoon, with the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Philippine Red Cross, and the Department of Foreign Affairs a photo exhibit that offers a first-hand look at what war and armed violence can do to human lives.

As I speak today, armed conflicts continue inexorably, to cause death, injury, destruction, suffering and loss. The media brings us news of the plight of the hundreds of thousands of civilians affected by warfare, frequently subjected to attacks, forced displacement, abuses against their personal dignity, sexual violence and the destruction of civilian property.

The images on exhibit depict such reality and brutality. In fact, five photo journalists, all from the New York-based VII Agency, travelled to eight countries, including the Philippines, where they met countless displaced families, prisoners, orphaned children, war surgeons, poor and widowed mothers, disabled volunteers, rebel fighters, rape victims, counselors, midwives and other affected by armed conflict.

The aim of the International Humanitarian Law or IHL is precisely to limit suffering. It protects those who do not, or no longer, take an active part in hostilities, and limits the choice of methods and means of warfare.

State institutions bear primary responsibility for fostering awareness of IHL and for promoting the establishment of such a legal framework.

In particular, the Senate plays a vital role in the process of ratification of instruments of International Humanitarian Law, an indispensable first step, and in ensuring their effective application by adopting the requisite implementing laws.

Legislators, for our part, not only oversee the Executive's action in applying the law, but we have the capability and authority to transmit the rules of IHL to the people and to ensure that the competent institutions, the armed and security forces, receive adequate instructions in them.

In this regard, we would like to reaffirm our commitment to ensuring respect for International Humanitarian Law. During the last Congress, we enacted Republic Act No. 9851 or the Philippine Act on Crimes Against IHL, Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity. This 15th Congress, we resolve to pursue the long-overdue resolution of important IHL instruments, namely:

- The 1977 First Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, relating to the

protection of victims of international arm conflict;

- The 1954 Hague Convention on the protection of cultural property and its first protocol;
- Bills defining the use and protection of the Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Crystal Emblems; and
- Other bills improving the criminal justice process for inmates.

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate our commitment to uphold and develop international humanitarian law to minimize human suffering and protect the most vulnerable amongst us.

We would also like to recognize on the floor today the officials of the Red Cross, International Committee on the Red Cross in the Philippines.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto also acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Assistant Secretary Leslie Gatan, Department of Foreign Affairs;
- Jean Daniel Tauxe, ICRC Head of Delegation; and
- Board Member Angelica Jones Alarva from the 3rd District of Laguna.

Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri narrated that a delegation of Korean diplomats visited him early this morning to inform him that a group of newly arrived Koreans — Cho Tae Hwan, a pastor, and two of his companions, Mr. Kim Hyoung Gun and Kim Hyoung Sik — were abducted at the boundary of Pasig City and Cainta, Rizal by still unknown members of a crime syndicate.

He said that according to news reports, the three Koreans boarded a Chevrolet van upon their arrival at the airport but while negotiating the C5 road, it was blocked by another vehicle and the three Koreans were taken hostage and their

belongings stolen. Unfortunately, he said that the pastor was shot and killed during the incident and his two companions were released only after a hefty ransom was paid. Apparently, he noted, this has been the *modus operandi* of a crime syndicate that preys on arriving passengers.

Senator Zubiri recalled that a similar incident along C5 happened to Mr. Jorge Bernas, brother-in-law of presidential daughter Luli Arroyo, a few years ago who fortunately was not killed when he was shot by hijackers; and a Chinese-Filipino who, on his way home to Binondo from the airport, was shot and all his belongings stolen. He expressed alarm over the activity of the group as he asked what the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other law enforcement agencies were doing about it.

Senator Zubiri narrated that at that very moment, there was a former police superintendent by the name of Reynaldo Mendoza who took over a busload of Hong Kong nationals who were on their way to the Manila Ocean Park. He expressed concern on the impact of the hostage-taking, which was being covered live by all networks, on the country's image.

Senator Zubiri requested the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, chaired by Senator Honasan, in light of the impending arrival of the Foreign Minister of Korea, to conduct a hearing inviting the law enforcement officials to shed light on particular crimes that have tarnished the image of the country. He said that he had no plan of delivering a speech that day, however, the Korean delegation relayed to him their concern over their safety while being in the country because of what had happened to their fellow citizens.

He lamented that criminals have been using the same *modus operandi* or method of attack these last few months including the killing of a Korean national which was also covered by CNN. He hoped that the proper committee could investigate the matter at the soonest possible time.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Zubiri to the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84 (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 84, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ANEW
THE SENSE OF THE SENATE FOR
SEN. ANTONIO "SONNY" F.
TRILLANES IV BE ALLOWED TO
ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN
THE SESSIONS AND OTHER
OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE
SENATE AND REQUESTING THE
JUDICIARY, THROUGH THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF
MAKATI-BRANCH 148, TO RECTIFY
THE APPARENT INJUSTICE BY
ALLOWING THE TEMPORARY
TRANSFER OF THE CUSTODY OF
SENATOR TRILLANES TO THE
SENATE AND FOR OTHER
RELATED PURPOSES.

Senator Sotto stated that the parliamentary status was the period of interpellations. However, he said that Senator Arroyo had agreed that when the Body resumes consideration of the resolution, the period of interpellations would be terminated immediately so that it can proceed with the period of amendments to refine the text of the resolution which would be considered as the committee amendment.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of amendments.

AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION

As per the earlier request of Senator Arroyo, Senator Sotto explained that instead of introducing piecemeal amendments, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 84 would be amended in its entirety by substitution. He recalled that on August 19, 2010, the Committee on Rules distributed copies of the proposed amendment to the offices of the senators so that they can thoroughly go over the draft.

Thereafter, Senator Sotto moved for the substitution of the entire text of the resolution with the proposed amendment which was presented to the Body.

The proposed substitute resolution reads:

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE FOR THE TRANSFER OF CUSTODY OF SEN. ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV TO THE SENATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, IN ORDER THAT HE MAY BE ABLE TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSIONS AND OTHER OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE, AND CAUSING THIS RESOLUTION TO BE MANIFESTED BEFORE THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF MAKATI – BRANCH 148

WHEREAS, in May 2007, Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV was elected Senator of the Republic, garnering more than twelve million votes, indicating the clear mandate of the electorate for him to serve in the Philippine Senate;

WHEREAS, on 25 July 2007, the Senate adopted **Senate Resolution No. 3**, entitled, *"Expressing the Sense of the Senate that Senator Antonio Trillanes IV be Allowed to Participate in the Sessions and other Functions of the Senate in Accordance with the Rule of Law"*;

WHEREAS, on 11 November 2008, a majority of Senators filed then proposed **Senate Resolution No. 765**, entitled, *"Amending The Rules of the Senate By Incorporating A Rule To Allow Senators to Participate in Senate sessions, Hearings and/or Meetings Through Remote or Electronic Means"*, which sought to enable Senator Trillanes IV to participate in the sessions and other official functions of the Senate;

WHEREAS, the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**, an international organization founded in 1889 composed of One Hundred Fifty-Five (155) of the World's Legislature, of which the Philippines is an active member, has formally adopted at least five (5) official *decisions* urging the Government of the Philippines to either release Sen. Trillanes pending trial of his cases or to allow Senator Trillanes IV *"to attend Senate sessions and to grant him any such facilities as*

to enable him to exercise his mandate in a meaningful way";

WHEREAS, Senator Antonio Trillanes IV is charged with political offenses and may thus be classified as political prisoner in accordance with International Law;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a party to the **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**, which enshrines fair trial guarantees; and is likewise a member of the **United Nations Human Rights Council** which upholds the highest standards of human rights;

WHEREAS, Senator Trillanes IV has been under detention for more than seven (7) years now, which period, in the light of international jurisprudence, may well violate his fundamental rights under Article 9, paragraph 3, and Article 14, paragraph 3 (c), of the ICCPR as pointed out by the **Inter-Parliamentary Union**;

WHEREAS, his Excellency, **President Benigno S. Aquino III**, in a number of instances, has expressed his personal belief that the continued incarceration of Senator Trillanes IV needs to be properly addressed;

WHEREAS, former Senator **Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.**, who was President of the Committee on Human Rights of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union** in 2009, pointed out that in a number of countries, legally detained parliamentarians are allowed and permitted to attend parliament and participate in its work, particularly in Japan, Canada, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Turkey, and that in countries like Pakistan and Cameroon, a mere request of the National Assembly is sufficient to enable detained legislators to attend sessions of their legislatures;

WHEREAS, as previously submitted by the Legal Counsel of the Senate: *"[T]he collective wisdom and judgment of the Senate and the Senators is greatly diminished if not impaired even if only one seat in the Senate is made unnecessarily vacant, and the inability of Senator Antonio F. Trillanes IV, a member of the Senate, to attend Senate sessions, hearings and meetings necessarily affects and impairs the capability of the Senate as a whole to discharge its role and functions in the Legislature, accordingly depriving the 11 million citizens who voted for him of representation in parliament can only have a detrimental effect on the democratic process"*;

WHEREAS, as can be seen from all the foregoing, the continuing inability of Senator

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Trillanes IV to participate in the Sessions and other official functions of the Senate unduly deprives the more than twelve million Filipinos of representation in the Senate;

WHEREAS, this situation can be addressed if the Judiciary, through the Honorable Trial Court, will allow the temporary transfer of the custody of Senator Trillanes IV from the PNP Custodial Center in Camp Crame, Quezon City, to the Senate, particularly to the Office of the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms (OSAA), with the understanding that the OSAA shall ensure the attendance of Senator Trillanes IV when required by the court; and

WHEREAS, Senator Trillanes IV should not be placed outside the reach of the other branches of government, and the temporary transfer of the custody of Senator Trillanes IV would not amount to a release and is not an impairment of the doctrine of separation of powers among the great branches of government, it not amounting to an infringement of the judiciary's prerogatives and its power of commitment. *Now therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to express anew the sense of the Senate of the Philippines that **Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV** be transferred to the custody of the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms in order to allow him to attend and participate in the sessions and other official functions of the Senate, in accordance with the mandate clearly bestowed upon him by the more than twelve million Filipinos who voted for him in the May 2007 Elections;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copy of this Resolution be manifested to the Honorable Regional Trial Court of Makati (Branch 148), to allow the temporary transfer of the custody of Senator Trillanes from the Philippine National Police (PNP) Custodial Center to the Senate, particularly, the Office of the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms (OSAA).

REQUEST OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Senator Pangilinan requested that he be given a copy of the proposed amendment.

Senator Sotto said that copies would be again provided to the Members. He informed the Body that Senator Pangilinan authored Proposed Senate Resolution No. 19, filed ahead of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 84, which basically touches on the same concern. He hoped to adopt the substitute resolution, taking into consideration the Pangilinan Resolution.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR DRILON

In reply to Senator Drilon's query, Senator Sotto affirmed that the resolution does not ask for the release of Senator Trillanes but only the transfer of his custody from the Armed Forces of the Philippines to the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms.

Senator Drilon said that the clarification should be spread into the record to avoid confusion as to the intention of the Senate.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Senator Pangilinan manifested that he was not objecting to the resolution even as the Rules of the Senate and precedents provide that an earlier resolution takes precedence over a resolution filed later because he agreed in essence to the thrust of the resolution at hand.

Nonetheless, he thanked Senator Sotto for having manifested his authorship of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 19, which was filed ahead of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 84.

REMARKS OF SENATOR ARROYO

At the outset, Senator Arroyo commended Senator Sotto for having gone out of his way to revise or refine the resolution. However, he noted that while the new version was a big improvement from the original one, it failed to meet the standards of a doctrine laid down by the Supreme Court on June 27, 2008, with all justices participating in a unanimous decision penned by Justice Carpio Morales. Specifically, he cited the penultimate paragraph of the decision, to wit:

xxx Allowing accused-appellant to attend congressional sessions and committee meetings for five (5) days or more in a week will virtually make him a free man with all the privileges appurtenant to his position. Such an aberrant situation not only elevates accused-appellant's status to that of a special class, it also would be a mockery of the purposes of the correction system.

He added that in his statement last August 17, 2010, he also quoted the Supreme Court saying that:

The performance of legitimate and even essential duties by public officers has never

been an excuse to free a person validly in prison. The duties imposed by the "mandate of the people" are multifarious xxx Never has the call of a particular duty lifted a prisoner into a different classification from those others who are validly restrained by law.

However he may sympathize with Senator Trillanes, Senator Arroyo emphasized that the Supreme Court was specific in its decision that it would not grant bail or special classification, for instance, even in the case of a detained poor tricycle driver with a family of three who asks for bail so that he could work and provide food for his family.

On the point of view of human rights, Senator Arroyo expressed concern over the claim of Senator Trillanes that his request should be granted because he was elected by millions of people; therefore, he should be allowed to perform his duties in accordance with the mandate of the people.

Senator Arroyo explained that unless one can treat people equally, regardless of one's status in life, there would be a mockery of the equal protection clause. He added that in the equal protection clause, not even the President can claim a certain privilege which an ordinary person cannot claim. He registered his negative vote on the resolution.

REMARKS OF SENATE PRESIDENT ENRILE

With due respect to the decision of the Supreme Court and the opinion of Senator Arroyo, Senate President Enrile clarified that the resolution does not grant freedom to Senator Trillanes because he would be confined within the Senate under the control of the Sergeant-at-Arms. He explained that Senator Trillanes would still be a prisoner and his transfer, if the court allows it, would only be for the purposes of his duties as a senator elected by the Filipino people to perform the job. He maintained that Senator Trillanes would not go anywhere else beyond the performance of his duties as senator, e.g., eating in a restaurant and even in the Senate lounge.

Commenting on the equal protection law that Senator Arroyo invoked, Senate President Enrile explained that Senator Trillanes, unlike the tricycle driver in the example of Senator Arroyo, received almost 12 million votes of the sovereign people. He added that this valid distinction can also be applied in the case of Senator Lacson to differentiate

his situation from an ordinary citizen charged with a crime.

Senate President Enrile pointed out that Senator Trillanes has not been convicted and is still presumed to be innocent until the prosecuting officers of the government can prove beyond reasonable doubt that, indeed, he is liable to be punished for a crime for which he was charged.

Senate President Enrile stressed that the resolution does not give Senator Trillanes any special privilege but only transfers him from one area of confinement to another. He pointed out that if the court would allow Senator Trillanes to go out on furlough to attend his birthday party celebration, to attend the wake of someone dear to him, or to go to baptisms and other functions, he saw no reason why the court cannot authorize the performance of duty of a duly elected senator. He stated that the resolution was not for the Members of the Senate nor for Senator Trillanes himself, but for the people who are actually paying for his salary and for his staff.

Senate President Enrile clarified that the proposed resolution would not give Senator Trillanes any special privileges, as he was still, in every sense, a prisoner. He also surmised that the Supreme Court was unaware that Senator Trillanes was involved in various legislative activities. He said that he supported the move to have Senator Trillanes perform his duties as a legislator because the Senate—which is supposed to be composed of 24 senators—only has 21 members performing their functions. However, he said that despite being overworked, the senators still want to address the legislative issues brought to their attention in the interest of the nation.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, with majority of the senators voting in favor, Senator Arroyo voting against, and no abstention, the Body adopted Proposed Senate Resolution No. 84, as amended by substitution, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 19 authored by Senator Pangilinan.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

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BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1001, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP GRANT TO DESERVING NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1002, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1003, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1004, 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 Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1005, 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 Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1006, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING FOREST MANAGEMENT, UTILIZATION, CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION CENTERS IN PROVINCES INHABITED PREDOMINANTLY BY MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND UPLAND FAMILIES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Cultural Communities; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1007, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 7 (C) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6982, ENTITLED "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM IN THE SUGAR INDUSTRY, PROVIDING THE MECHANICS FOR

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**ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES"**

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1008, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
OPEN HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM
(OHSS) IN THE PHILIPPINES,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1009, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL INDEPENDENT
POWER PRODUCERS, GENERATION
COMPANIES OR ENERGY RESOURCE
DEVELOPERS TO REMIT THE
AMOUNT THEY ARE REQUIRED
TO SET ASIDE AS FINANCIAL
BENEFIT DIRECTLY TO THE HOST
COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Energy; and Local
Government**

Senate Bill No. 1010, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL
BENEFITS TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO
WORKERS (OFWS) AND THEIR
FAMILIES THROUGH VALUE ADDED
TAX (VAT)-FREE PURCHASES OF
CONSUMER GOODS IN ALL LEAD-
ING STORE OUTLETS NATIONWIDE,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1011, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERN-
MENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS,
MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS,
INFIRMARIES, PUERICULTURE
CENTERS TO EXTEND FREE
MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSIST-
ANCE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1012, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAN-
DATORY COVERAGE OF ALL
PUBLIC UTILITY DRIVERS IN THE
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
PROGRAM (NHIP) UNDER THE
PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE
CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH)

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-
graphy**

Senate Bill No. 1013, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
ENABLING MECHANISMS FOR
THE PREVENTION OF SIGHT
AND VISUAL IMPAIREDNESS IN
THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1014, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 163,
164 AND 165 OF THE REVISED
PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 1015, 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 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1016, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MANDATORY LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFF CONTAINING SODIUM TETRABORATE DECAHYDRATE (BORAX), PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1017, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING INTERNET CAFES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WITH INTERNET ACCESS TO INSTALL A SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY FOR BLOCKING INTERNET WEBSITES DISPLAYING OBSCENE AND VIOLENT MATERIALS PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1018, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL SCREENING PROGRAM TO COMBAT PROSTATE CANCER, IMPLEMENTING A NATIONWIDE INFORMATION, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1019, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND RATIONALIZING THE CAREER SERVICE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE CAREER SERVICE, PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Accounts; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1020, entitled

AN ACT DEVOLVING THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER CITY AND MUNICIPAL JAILS FROM THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1021, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING PREFERENCE OF EMPLOYMENT TO ANY

ONE CHILD OF VETERANS IN THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1022, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JOSE RIZAL LIBRARY OF CONGRESS," APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1023, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT COMMITTED BY ANY PERSON WITHOUT LICENSE OR AUTHORITY, AMENDING TITLE II, ARTICLE 7 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OVERSEAS MIGRANT WORKERS' ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1024, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR BASIC EDUCATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, INSTITUTING A FRAMEWORK FOR GOVERNANCE, DEFINING THE

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BUILDING AND CONSTANTLY IMPROVING AN EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT ENABLES THE FILIPINO CHILDREN, OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH AND ADULT LEARNERS TO BECOME CARING, SELF-RELIANT, PRODUCTIVE AND NATIONALISTIC CITIZENS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1025, entitled

AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF A CONDOMINIUM UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4726, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONDOMINIUM LAW, TO APPLY TO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Senate Bill No. 1026, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HIGH-VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995, BY ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION OF COOPERATIVES SYSTEMS IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF SMALL LANDHOLDINGS AND PARTICIPATION OF THE CORPORATE SECTOR IN THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH VALUE CROPS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Agrarian Reform

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Senate Bill No. 1027, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO COVERED EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1028, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION IN COMMERCE OF CHILDREN'S FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS COMPOSED OF BISPHENOL A, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1029, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL PROGRAM TO MITIGATE AND COMBAT AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION, IMPLEMENTING A NATION-WIDE INFORMATION, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1030, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL REGISTERED VOTERS WHOSE BIOMETRICS HAVE NOT BEEN CAPTURED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ELECTION OFFICER OF THEIR PLACE OF REGISTRATION FOR PURPOSES OF HAVING THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS,

FINGERPRINTS AND SIGNATURES CAPTURED THROUGH THE METHOD OF BIOMETRICS, FOR PURPOSES OF ENSURING THAT THE AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS) CAN BE UTILIZED TO CLEANSE THE RECORDS OF DOUBLE OR MULTIPLE REGISTRANTS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1031, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A CACAO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1032, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH AND INFORMATION PROGRAM ON LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1033, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ADVERTISEMENTS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BEAR HEALTH WARNINGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

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Senate Bill No. 1034, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MANDATORY LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFF CONTAINING INDUSTRIALLY PRODUCED TRANS-FATTY ACIDS (IP-TFA)/TRANS-FATS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1035, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HOLISTIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON ORPHAN OR RARE DISEASES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1036, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO REVIVE THE LOCAL FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL FOOTWEAR TRAINING ACADEMY (NFTA), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1037, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTE FOR AGING, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1038, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A POLICY FOR NATIONAL ROAD ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND SAFETY AWARENESS SCHEME FOR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1039, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1040, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1041, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A COFFEE

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND
EXTENSION CENTER, AUTHORIZ-
ING THE APPROPRIATION OF
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1042, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING NON-DETECT-
ABLE FIREARMS, PROVIDING
PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1043, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFAC-
TURE AND SALES OF GUN
REPLICAS, PROVIDING PENALTIES
THEREOF AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1044, entitled

AN ACT MAXIMIZING THE FULL
POTENTIALS AND EXPERTISE OF
ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
AND SUPERVISORS BY REQUIRING
THEM TO HAVE TEACHING
LOADS ESPECIALLY ON MAJOR
SUBJECTS IN THE CURRICULUM
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1045, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
OVERSEAS WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1046, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING
A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM
OF GOVERNMENT EDUCATION/
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO
DESERVING NATIONAL AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Civil Service and
Government Reorganization; Education, Arts
and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1047, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK
FOR THE TRANSFER OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE
PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONS IN
THE PHILIPPINES BY OVERSEAS
FILIPINO PROFESSIONALS

Introduced by Senator Villar

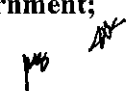
**To the Committees on Science and Tech-
nology; and Labor, Employment and Human
Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 1048, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Local Government;
and Finance**



Senate Bill No. 1049, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCE FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1050, entitled

AN ACT IMPROVING PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY MECHANISMS FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE OCCURRENCE AND PROTECTION FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

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. 1051, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, REDEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS FOR THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION, REGULATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVES

IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Cooperatives; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1052, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 26 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1053, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MADRASAH EDUCATION SYSTEM AND PROVIDING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO MADRASAH EDUCATION THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND FOR ASSISTANCE TO MADRASAH EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1054, entitled

AN ACT TO ALLEVIATE THE CONDITIONS OF THE MARGINALIZED SECTORS OF SOCIETY BY PROVIDING A FOOD SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

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Senate Bill No. 1055, entitled

AN ACT ORDAINING A BILL OF
RIGHTS FOR THE FILIPINO
CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1056, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE ACCOUNT-
ABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY
ON FOREIGN LOANS OBTAINED
BY THE COUNTRY CREATING FOR
THE PURPOSE A COUNCIL FOR
DEBT RELIEF TO REVIEW AND
ASSESS BILATERAL AND MULTI-
LATERAL LOAN AGREEMENTS,
TREATIES AND CONTRACTUAL
OBLIGATIONS ENTERED INTO BY
THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Finance; and
Economic Affairs**

Senate Bill No. 1057, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIP-
PINE AIR FORCE ACADEMY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1058, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GUIDELINES
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND
OPERATION OF LOCAL COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1059, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOOKS
FOR THE BARRIOS PROGRAM
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1060, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
OPEN LEARNING SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE
PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1061, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CORREC-
TIONAL NURSERY PROGRAM IN
ALL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
FOR WOMEN, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs; Youth, Women and Family
Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1062, entitled

AN ACT TO FULLY DEVELOP RIZAL
PARK, MANILA INTO A WORLD-
CLASS PARK BY STRENGTHENING
THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF
THE NATIONAL PARKS DEVELOP-
MENT COMMITTEE (NPDC), APPRO-
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1063, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1064, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1065, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MARITIME AND OCEAN AFFAIRS CENTER AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1066, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE HALAL ACCREDITATION AND REGULATORY BOARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1067, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1068, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY MANDATING BANKS TO PROVIDE FIVE PER CENT (5%) OF THEIR LOANABLE FUNDS TO NEW GRADUATES AND FULL-TIME STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 1069, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF MULCTING OR *KOTONG*, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1070, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar



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

Senate Bill No. 1071, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DAY CARE WORKERS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1072, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION, DOMESTIC SALE OR USE OF GOODS, THE MANUFACTURE, SALE OR USE OF WHICH IS BANNED IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1073, entitled

AN ACT INTEGRATING EDUCATION ON WOMEN, GIRLS AND GENDER RIGHTS, EQUALITY AND WELFARE IN ALL LEVELS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1074, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TRAVEL ALLOWANCE TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE

BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995" AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1075, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FIXED MONTHLY HONORARIA AND OTHER BENEFITS TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7883 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS ACT OF 1995

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1076, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIALS OF THE FILIPINO YOUTH TOWARD NATION-BUILDING, PRESCRIBING THE FREE EXERCISE OF CERTAIN RIGHTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 1077, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY SCHOOL INSPECTIONS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Health and Demography

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Senate Bill No. 1078, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY OF OBSCENE AND/OR DISTRACTIVE MOTION OR STILL PICTURES ALONG MAJOR THOROUGHFARES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1079, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1080, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND PROPAGATE FOSTER CARE FOR ABUSED, ABANDONED, NEGLECTED AND OTHER CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1081, entitled

AN ACT PREVENTING AND PENALIZING COMPUTER FRAUD ABUSES AND OTHER CYBER-RELATED FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES AND CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE CYBER CRIME INVESTIGATION AND COORDINATING CENTER PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND

FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1082, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS NON-WAGE BENEFITS IN THE FORM OF FREE TERTIARY EDUCATION IN ANY STATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR ONE (1) DEPENDENT CHILD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1083, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH SYSTEM MANDATING SELECTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ALLOCATE PERCENTAGES OF THEIR GROSS ANNUAL INCOME OR CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) ACTIVITIES

Introduced by Senator Villar

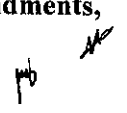
To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1084, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND TWO, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws



Senate Bill No. 1085, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING FOR THE PURPOSE THE CRIME OF PSEUDO-INVESTMENTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1086, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1087, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TEACHING OF ECOLOGY IN ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1088, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7183, ENTITLED "AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES" BY PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Senate Bill No. 1089, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE CREATION OF GREEN COLLAR JOBS, PROVIDING A STRATEGIC INITIATIVE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1090, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THEFT, ROBBERY AND DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1091, entitled

AN ACT TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT PHILIPPINE PUBLIC FORESTS, MANGROVES AND WILDLIFE THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OF RENEWAL, REPLANTING AND REFORESTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

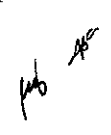
Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1092, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar



To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1093, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF MOBILE LIBRARIES, PROVIDING TACTICAL AND INGENIOUS INITIATIVES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1094, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS THAT MAY BE ENJOYED BY THE TEACHERS IN RELATION THERETO

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1095, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE UNION RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1096, entitled

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THEFT OR ROBBERY COMMITTED WITHIN THE PREMISES OF CHURCHES, TEMPLES AND MUSEUMS

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1097, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1098, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 75 OF TITLE IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1099, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 1100, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES



Introduced by Senator Villar

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

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Committee Affairs Bureau Director, Eduardo Garvida, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION REMOVING THE LIMITATIONS TO THE GRANT OF SALARY OR WAGE ADJUSTMENTS TO OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PARAGRAPH (7) OF JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED RISE IN CASES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AMONG TEENAGERS AS YOUNG AS TWELVE AND THIRTEEN YEARS OLD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 103, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXODUS OF GOVERNMENT GEOLOGISTS FROM

THE MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 104, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO RE-EVALUATE POLICE PROCEDURES ON APPREHENDING SUSPECTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 105, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE FINANCIAL DISBURSEMENTS OF THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Energy

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 106, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON VAT REFUND FOR GOODS PURCHASED BY FOREIGN AND BALIKBAYAN TOURISTS FROM RETAIL STORES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 107, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED EXCESSIVE AND IMPRACTICAL PENALTIES IMPOSED ON MOTORISTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 108, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO CURTAIL THE OPERATIONS OF SYNDICATES BY INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS BY THE CREATION OF AN ONLINE DATABASE OF CRIMINALS AND SYNDICATES AND THEIR OPERATIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 109, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR THE CITY GOVERNMENT BY IMPOSING TAX ON E-CASINO SOFTWARE SUPPLIERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Local Government;
and Games, Amusement and Sports**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 110, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO LIMIT OR TOTALLY BAN THE PROLIFERATION OF BANNERS, STREAMERS, BILLBOARDS, POSTERS, TARPAULINS, AND FLAGS BEARING CONGRATULATORY OF POLITICIANS REMARKS AND WELL-WISHES ADVERTISING THE NAMES AND PICTURES OF POLITICIANS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Accountability of
Public Officers and Investigations; and Local
Government**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 111, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO UNIFY JAIL SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 112, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED RISING INSTANCES OF CHILD-ORGAN TRAFFICKING IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; and Health and Demography**

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 113, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO MONITOR AND CONTROL THE USE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS IN PRODUCTS SOLD IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 114, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED LACK OF BARANGAY HEALTH CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 115, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED BIAS IN FAVOR OF RICH AND INFLUENTIAL INMATES AT BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY FACILITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 116, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD 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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 117, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY 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. 118, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK'S ACQUISITION OF BANKWISE, INC., A THRIFT BANK, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVISITING OR AMENDING THE GENERAL BANKING LAW OF 2000 AND OTHER RELATED LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY ON BANK ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS

Introduced by Senator Escudero



To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 119, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO FEASIBLE MITIGATING MEASURES THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CAN PURSUE IN ORDER TO CUSHION THE DIRE EFFECTS ON THE MOTORING PUBLIC OF THE 250-PERCENT INCREASE IN TOLL FEES AT THE SOUTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (SLEX)

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 120, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE APPARENTLY HIGH PRICES OF MAJOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU COMPARED TO THOSE IN METRO MANILA AND OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSURING THAT THE STATE POLICY EXPRESSED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 8479 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT DEREGULATING THE DOWNSTREAM OIL INDUSTRY IS APPLIED EQUALLY TO THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Energy; and Trade and Commerce

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 121, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC ORDER AND

ILLEGAL DRUGS; AND JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REPORTED TORTURE OF A ROBBERY SUSPECT BY A POLICE OFFICER THAT WAS SHOWN IN AN EXCLUSIVE VIDEO CLIP BY ABS-CBN NEWS ON AUGUST 17, 2010, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF LOOKING INTO AND REVIEWING THE MANNER AND PROCEDURES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE IN HANDLING DETAINEES UNDER ITS CUSTODY IN LIGHT OF THE ANTI-TORTURE ACT OF 2009, OTHER RELATED LAWS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS TO WHICH THE PHILIPPINES IS A SIGNATORY, AND COME UP WITH REMEDIAL LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

Introduced by Senator Honasan II

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 122, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN RELATIONS; PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SPATE OF ARRESTS OF FILIPINO NATIONALS, PARTICULARLY OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BEING USED AS "DRUG MULES" BY INTERNATIONAL DRUG SYNDICATES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 123, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; AND TRADE AND

COMMERCE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON SO-CALLED MONOPOLIES AND CARTELS THAT POSE UNDUE ADVANTAGE OVER OUR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENCOURAGING FAIR MARKET AND HEALTHY COMPETITION AMONG ALL INDUSTRIES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Economic Affairs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 124, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF RICE SUPPLY IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF OBTAINING A TRANSPARENT RICE IMPORTATION PROGRAM TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL THE CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS - PARTICULARLY THE CONSUMERS AND FARMERS ALIKE

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Honasan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:22 p.m., the session was resumed

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Nominated by Senator Sotto, on behalf of the Minority, there being no objection, Senator Cayetano (P) was elected member to the committees hereunder indicated:

- Agrarian Reform;
- Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and
- Public Information and Mass Media.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP

Nominated by Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Senator Cayetano (A) was elected chair of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges.

COAUTHOR

Senator Sotto manifested that Senator Lapid was coauthor of Senate Bill Nos. 457, 434, 417, 410 and 404.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 94, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICEMEN IN SERVICE (C.O.P.S.) OF 2010 AWARDED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA EAST, METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC., AND PSBANK.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its text into the Record of the Senate.

ALL SENATORS AS COAUTHORS

At the instance of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, all senators were made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 94.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 94 was adopted by the Body.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 73, entitled

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

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its text into the Record of the Senate.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 73**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 73 was adopted by the Body.

ALL SENATORS AS COAUTHORS

At the instance of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, all senators were made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 73.

REMARKS OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri stated that he had the opportunity to chair the board of judges for this year's Search for Outstanding Teachers, an experience that opened


his eyes to the need to support and honor the teachers. He said that in terms of public service, many of the teachers put the senators to shame. For instance, he said, one teacher has handled the last class of a particular grade for the last 36 years, and handling children with special needs, he added, would inspire everyone.

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 5:28 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on August 24, 2010