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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:17 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. Ralph. G. Recto led the prayer, to wit:

Almighty God, we thank You for showering us with Your abiding love, Your enduring protection, and Your grace despite our many occasions of weakness and failing.

We ask Your forgiveness for the people that we have hurt, for the promises that we have failed to keep, and for a strong nation that we have yet to build;

We earnestly commend to You this day as we gather and discern the right response to the challenges of the latest tragedy that gripped our country;

For this, Lord, we seek Your divine intervention in comforting and healing those who still weep for their loss and are crying out for justice, and internal peace. We trust in Your strength, O Lord, as we struggle to

move forward and value the lessons learned even as we hope for the soonest closure of this unfortunate event.

We implore You to sustain the leaders of our nation with resolve and wisdom, so that they are not distracted from the equally important tasks at hand – like providing food, shelter and jobs to Your people.

Lord, we pray that the many who are suffering from material poverty would be able to rise from their circumstances and become our partners in nation-building, thus, sharing the responsibility and fruits of development.

Benevolent God, help us realize that You, our Lord, will look kindly on us not for any single piece of legislation, not so much for stirring and powerful speeches, not necessarily for the worthiness and depth of the debates, not truly for any monumental project; but our Lord, You will judge us by how much we have touched hearts and how we have made a difference in the lives of our countrymen.

Amen.

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## ROLL CALL

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

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

With 13 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Cayetano (A), Guingona, Lapid and Osmeña arrived after the roll call.

Senators Pangilinan and Villar were on official mission.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senators Lacson and Revilla were absent.

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

## MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto informed the Body that Senator Cayetano (A) had requested the deferment of the approval of the Journal so that he could introduce some amendments to the membership of the oversight committees. However, he pointed out that the Body can only approve or disapprove the Journal but not amend its contents.

## DEFERMENT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

At the instance of Senator Cayetano (P), upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body deferred the consideration and approval of the Journal of Session No. 16 (August 31, 2010) to a later time.

## MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ARROYO

Senator Arroyo spoke on the Senate inquiry into the recent hostage crisis, arguing that the joint

committees ought to continue its probe, at least, into the pivotal role of the broadcast media in the outcome of the hostage drama that was played out on international radio and television. He said that the hearing ought to address the following crucial questions, among others:

- Did the broadcast media influence the behavior and ultimate action of hostage-taker Mendoza?
- Did the live broadcast of the event compromise security measures and movement of law enforcers?
- Is there a protocol in place for media involvement in conflict situations as in the last hostage crisis?
- What are the rules of engagement between media and law enforcers in similar situations?

He stressed that Congress cannot abdicate its responsibility to conduct an independent inquiry into the incident because under the uniform terms of the franchises it gives broadcast media, it has the duty to conduct a review. He pointed out that unlike print media which are immune to prior licensing, broadcast media can operate only if they are granted legislative franchises and the Executive assigns them frequencies subject to certain conditions that do not impair the constitutional right of press freedom. He said that being grantees of legislative franchises, they are subject to the oversight powers of Congress.

Moreover, Senator Arroyo asserted that the continuation of the joint committee inquiry would not conflict with the investigation of the Executive department as the former would only concentrate on the role of the broadcast media in the outcome of the hostage crisis. He said that the investigation ought to determine whether the conduct of the broadcast media somehow aggravated the problem since it would appear that the detailed coverage of the incident that Mendoza watched on TV inside the bus influenced his ultimate acts and elicited the negative reaction of the international community.

Senator Arroyo recalled that following the Hotel Peninsula siege on November 29, 2007, the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, chaired by Senator Honasan, and the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, chaired by Senator Escudero, conducted joint hearings on the incident and the committee report recommended that media and the police should lay down the rules of engagement in such a situation.

He clarified that he was not prejudging broadcast media but unlike print media, the decision of what to air lies with the central office. He argued that the issue of press freedom, in the case of broadcast media, cannot be completely operative because being licensed by Congress, they follow uniform conditions. He recalled that Senator Pimentel had introduced an amendment to franchise bills that any right given to a new applicant would retroactively apply to other broadcast media.

Senator Arroyo explained that he was proposing the continuation of the joint investigation not to pinpoint blame but to help lay down ground rules for the conduct of the broadcast media and the police in critical situations like a shooting war where media should not be allowed to roam freely in conflict areas. He pointed out that Congress has a continuing responsibility over the broadcast media being the grantor of their license to operate.

#### REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this juncture, the Chair said that the Senate has not abdicated its function to investigate the hostage incident. It clarified that the joint committees merely wanted to suspend the hearing to allow the executive department, which has the primary responsibility, to conduct the investigation and thus pinpoint responsibility prior to the filing of any charges. But, it stressed, this does not rescind the power of Congress to investigate the same in aid of legislation.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of parliamentarian David Amess of the United Kingdom and representatives of the Philippine Nurses Association headed by PNA president Teresita Barcelo, and members Maristela Abenojar and Rachel Malus.

Senate President Enrile welcomed the guests to the Senate.

#### MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR HONASAN

Primarily, Senator Honasan sought leave to respond to the statement of Senator Arroyo and to enter into the *Record of the Senate* certain considerations that the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs took into account in arriving at its

decision to continue the hearing. He said that the Committee, in consultation with the Senate leadership and the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, went ahead with its investigation on the Quirino Grandstand hostage crisis last August 23, 2010. Considering that the victims were foreign tourists, he felt that the government should have been more sensitive to the prevailing situation, adding that it would be best that the Filipino people, through its government, speak with one voice. He said that the original agenda for the August 23, 2010 hearing included torture and the alarming incidence of crimes against foreign nationals, local government officials and even members of media; however, in the course of events, the hostage incident took place, thus, it was included in the agenda. As regards the DOJ investigation, he informed the Body that DILG Secretary Jess Robredo had stated during the hearing that the final report could be released within two to three weeks.

Given the fact that lives were lost and families were hurt, Senator Honasan stated that the primary concern of the Committee is to arrive at a speedy but careful resolution of the case. He asserted that the inquiry would be more cost-effective and sensitive to the loss of the victims' families if the Committee prudently waited for facts and continued the inquiry at the proper time. He agreed to the proposal of Senator Arroyo that the investigation answer certain crucial questions on the participation of the media in the hostage crisis.

One positive aspect of the incident, Senator Honasan stated, is that it prompted the Filipino people to do a lot of soul-searching, noting that the government has already condemned the incident in the strongest term, it has apologized to the people of Hong Kong and China, and it has declared a national day of mourning for the victims. The investigation, he cautioned, must be undertaken with a certain amount of moderation so that Filipinos would not lose their self-confidence, self-respect and pride. Also, he noted that the concerned agencies have assumed responsibility for the lack of management of public information during the incident, more specifically on the tactical and the negotiation aspects. He bared that the Committee, in consultation with the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, planned to invite Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim, the driver of the bus, the brother of the hostage-taker, the chief investigator, representatives from the crime laboratory, independent forensic experts and media representatives to solicit

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their views on the matter so that the Committee would have complete information when it resumes the investigation. Further, he said that he and DILG Secretary Jess Robredo had agreed to update each other on the progress of the parallel investigations.

On a related matter, Senator Honasan agreed to the perception of media that the Senate was reacting to the gag order issued by the DOJ Secretary to the members of the PNP and others who were directly involved in the incident. But he asserted that the Committee is not covered by the gag order which, as intimated in some quarters, is not another version of EO 464.

For his part, Senator Arroyo clarified that his speech has nothing to do with the investigation but with the role of the broadcast media in a conflict situation even as he pointed out that the media are a self-governing institution. He stated that Senate Resolution No. 284 (Committee Report 246) on the Peninsula Hotel siege, submitted in February 2008, recommended, among others, that media and the PNP lay down rules as regards the roles they are supposed to play in crisis situations, unfortunately, both institutions never implemented them. He asked that a little more sense be put in place to guide broadcast media on what they can report.

At this juncture, Senator Honasan stated that initial findings gathered in the first hearing was that some agencies and media people seemed to be ignorant about the guidelines, more specifically PNP Memorandum Circular No. 2006-022 on the basic rules for media coverage during crisis situations, the salient features of which are as follows:

- Media should limit live telecast;
- Media should stay out of the line of fire and to keep in mind the security and success of the operations;
- Media should not telephone a hostage-taker;
- Media should limit close-ups of police positions;
- Media should not describe the positions of snipers and activities of police operatives; and
- Media should not release information until it is safe for the operation to do so.

He stated that in the hostage incident, the crisis management committee attempted to find out what the situation was inside the bus as he assumed that

the hostage-taker was able to see what was going on outside through the television inside the bus.

Adverting to the PNP memorandum, Senator Arroyo assumed that the broadcast media failed to follow it, saying that the media were not supposed to do anything to jeopardize the operation of the PNP but they did. He noted that Congress has continuing oversight powers over the broadcast media because it has the power to give and withdraw their licenses, and it has the power to suspend broadcast media entities, though he would advise against it. On the part of the PNP, he assumed that they knew the rules but did not implement them and, in fact, allowed them to be violated. For instance, he said that the 2008 resolution (committee report) says that media cannot operate in such a way as to obstruct the operations of the uniformed services but in the hostage incident, while media did not obstruct operations, they gave away the positions and plans of the police. He stated that a separate inquiry can determine why media never followed the guidelines.

Still on the memorandum, Senator Arroyo noted that media failed to follow the guidelines and aired live on TV the 12-hour hostage crisis which he assumed everyone watched, including the international media, who were outraged by its outcome.

So as not to prolong the hearing, Senator Arroyo stated that broadcast media and the police could be asked to answer written questions like why the police allowed media to go beyond the yellow line that nobody was supposed to cross.

Thereafter, Senator Arroyo appealed to the Body to consider his proposal, hoping that the Committee would be ready with an answer in the next session.

## REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reiterated that the Senate was not abdicating its responsibility to conduct inquiries in aid of legislation. It explained that the joint investigation was suspended to give the Executive department a chance to finish its own investigation so that proper charges or disciplinary actions could be taken against those who erred, without prejudice to the Senate hearings at a later date.

## REMARKS OF SENATOR ARROYO

Senator Arroyo clarified that the thrust of his

manifestation is that the inquiry should be continued, if Senator Honasan agrees, but only on the aspect of the media's participation in the incident. He agreed that expanding the inquiry to other matters might overlap the investigation of the Executive Department. He said that it was fortunate Senator Honasan also chaired the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media as this would make a separate inquiry easier.

Senator Honasan stated that the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, and Public Information and Mass Media would consider Senator Arroyo's proposal and schedule an inquiry accordingly.

### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)**

Senator Cayetano (A) expressed confidence in the integrity and independence of the Committee and Senator Honasan. However, he disputed the manifestation of Senator Honasan about consulting the Senate leadership, saying that the Minority were not consulted about the suspension of the investigation which apparently was decided by the Majority. He clarified that the Minority did not agree to the suspension of the investigation, especially in light of the sensitivity of the issue. He stated that he has always taken the position that on the part of the Executive Department, the purpose of the investigation is to look into the administrative and criminal aspect of an issue; and on the part of the Senate, it is always in aid of legislation. Moreover, he said that the Senate has always been careful so as not to impede or cause damage to the investigation of the Executive Department.

Senator Cayetano (A) believed that stopping or suspending the Senate investigation would not help the Executive branch but rather do it and the Filipino people damage. He observed that during the hearing, Senate President Enrile, Senators Sotto and Ejercito Estrada came out with good questions that elicited answers that were vital to the issue. He stated that right now, it is important to assure the international community that there would be no whitewash in the government investigation. Government, he noted, was still recovering from an administration that had deeply weakened its institutions and as of the moment, the Senate's independence plays a very important role in strengthening it.

Senator Cayetano (A) maintained that on the part of the Minority, the Committee ought to continue

its investigation and coordinate with the Executive branch with respect to the appearance of witnesses.

As regards the assurance of Senate President Enrile that the Senate will not abdicate its power to investigate and will not stop its inquiry, Senator Cayetano (A) emphasized that the public has a different perspective and wanted to know what happened; how similar situations could be avoided; who should handle a similar incident; and who should be in the crisis management committee. He cautioned, however, that the Executive branch and the Senate might end up with different findings. He also believed that the parallel investigations would be helped by the live coverage of the incident which could be studied in-depth by both sides.

### **INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR**

Asked by the Chair to clarify if it was his perception that the investigation would be whitewashed, Senator Cayetano (A) stated that in the Philippines, when a government undertakes an investigation into an issue, there is a public perception that the whole thing would be whitewashed. To avoid that, he said that the Senate can assure the people that the investigation would be transparent and the guilty would be made to account for their misdeeds. With respect to the criminal and administrative aspects, he said that DOJ and the other task force the President may create would have to do it their way.

Asked by the Chair if it his perception or suspicion that there would be a whitewash, Senator Cayetano (A) believed that there is a public perception that investigations involving rich, powerful and influential people are whitewashed. He said that precisely, he was doing service to the Senate by asking that the hearings continue at the soonest possible time as he pointed out that a public investigation is participative in the sense that it allows the public to see or hear the event live on TV, radio and the internet, allowing them to judge the conduct of the investigation for themselves.

Senator Cayetano (A) stated that for nine years, the country was under a virtual dictatorship and President Aquino has yet to put in place all his promised reforms. He stressed that the Senate has to be careful because perception equals reality in the public eye. Like Senator Arroyo, he appealed to the Committee to coordinate with the agencies conducting

their own investigations so that they could schedule the witnesses and continue the hearings next week.

#### REMARKS OF SENATOR HONASAN

On the matter of consultation, Senator Honasan stated that he would not debate the issue further. He said that the Committee did its best to get the consensus of the Members and would take full responsibility for any breakdown in communication.

Further, Senator Honasan assured Senator Arroyo that the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, and Public Information and Mass Media would schedule the hearing at the soonest possible time and it would focus on the issues the Senator raised.

#### REFERRAL OF THE MANIFESTATION TO THE COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senator Arroyo's manifestation to the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media, and Public Services with respect to the franchise of broadcast media.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the members of the Visayan Forum Foundation headed by Ms. Cecilia Flores-Oebanda; and the students and faculty members of the Batangas State University.

The Senate President welcomed the guests to the Senate.

#### MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon manifested that in compliance with the request made when the Body adopted, subject to style, the resolution urging the President to suspend the excessive and unwarranted allowances, bonuses and incentives to members of the governing boards of GOCCs and GFIs, he had furnished the Members with copies of Senate Resolution No. 17 and he indicated his desire to introduce amendments thereto.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no

objection, the Body reconsidered the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 17, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT TO ORDER THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE EXCESSIVE AND UNWARRANTED ALLOWANCES, BONUSES, INCENTIVES AND OTHER PERKS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Drilon, Sponsor of the resolution, for his amendments.

#### DRILON AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Drilon, there being no objection, the following amendments were approved by the Body, one after the other:

1. Reword the third "Whereas" clause, as follows:

WHEREAS, AMONG THE IRREGULAR AND ABUSIVE PRACTICES UNCOVERED DURING THE INQUIRY ARE: (A) THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION (SSC) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PHILEX MINING EARNED, IN ADDITION TO THEIR BONUSES, SOME P55 MILLION BY WAY OF STOCK OPTIONS; (B) THE SSC REPRESENTATIVES IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNION BANK EARNED P46 MILLION IN BONUSES IN 2009, OR AROUND P15 MILLION EACH; (C) THE MWSS, DESPITE INCURRING A LOSS OF P3.5 BILLION IN 2008, DECLARED A BONUS OF P5 MILLION TO ITS BOARD MEMBERS IN 2009 AND GRANTED 25 BONUSES IN ONE YEAR; AND (D) GOCCs HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF R.A. NO. 7656 TO REMIT 50% OF ITS NET EARNINGS TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.;

2. Reword the fourth "Whereas" clause, as follows:

WHEREAS, ALARMED BY THE FINDINGS, THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE EXPRESS THEIR DEEP CONCERN OVER THE EXCESSIVE, IMMORAL AND ABUSIVE GRANT OF SALARIES AND BONUSES TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE GOCCs

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AS WELL AS THE GFIs AND WILL PROPOSE AND ENACT A LEGISLATIVE MEASURE THAT WILL CURB THE PREVAILING PRACTICES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF GIVING EXORBITANT COMPENSATION, BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THEMSELVES;

3. On the sixth "Whereas" clause, delete the phrase "which are part of the Executive Branch";
4. On seventh "Whereas" clause, after the word "attend," insert the word BOARD;
5. Amend the eighth "Whereas" clause, as follows:

WHEREAS, SOME OF THEM SIT AS BOARD MEMBERS IN PRIVATE CORPORATIONS REPRESENTING THEIR AGENCIES' INTEREST OR INVESTMENTS THEREIN, AND FOR WHICH THEY RECEIVE DIRECTORS' FEES, BONUSES, STOCK OPTIONS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL BENEFITS WHICH GIVE UNWARRANTED BENEFITS TO THEMSELVES TO THE TUNE OF MILLIONS OF PESOS WHICH SHOULD REASONABLY GO TO THE AGENCY THEY REPRESENT;

6. Delete the last "Whereas" clause; and
7. Reword the final resolatory portion to read as follows: *RESOLVED, FINALLY, THAT THE DIRECTOR'S FEES, BONUSES, STOCK OPTIONS, ALLOWANCES, AND OTHER BENEFITS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOCCs AND GFIs IN THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND PRIVATE CORPORATIONS WHERE THE SAID GOCCs AND GFIs HAVE INVESTMENTS OR OUTSTANDING LOANS BE TURNED OVER TO THE CONCERNED GOCC AND GFI.*

## ANGARA AMENDMENTS

Senator Angara said that he supports the resolution but he urged changing some of the wordings that seem to conclude that the Committee has already arrived at a conclusion. While noting that the investigation was ongoing, he stated that on the basis of the documents, the resolution can already say in a preliminary way the allowances were excessive and unwarranted.

On the suggestion of Senator Drilon to insert words to the effect that the Committee had made some preliminary conclusions, Senator Angara stated

that to be fair to everyone concerned, words like "abusive" and "immoral" have to be replaced with words like "unusually large," which he opined is an objective description.

Senator Drilon agreed to the suggestion, and expressed willingness to incorporate the proposed individual amendments.

## INQUIRY OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Preliminarily, Senator Cayetano (A) congratulated Senator Drilon for pursuing the issue and the Senate for taking action after President Aquino mentioned in his State of the Nation Address (SONA) the allegedly abusive and fat paychecks of the members of the board of directors of the GOCCs and the GFIs, as some papers put it.

Senator Cayetano (A) asked whether the resolution took into consideration the issue of whether or not the President can do anything about the pay of the officers of GOCCs and the GFIs. He recalled that in the past, the officers of GOCCs and the GFIs argued that the President does not have the authority to set a cap of their pay and allowances, claiming that only the boards can do it pursuant to their charters.

Senator Drilon replied that: 1) the Constitution provides that the President has control and supervision over the entire Executive Department including the GOCCs and GFIs; and 2) the President appoints the members of the governing boards of the GOCCs and the GFIs. Should the board members defy the President, he said, the President can always change them and thus ensure that his policies will be followed by the board.

Senator Cayetano (A) said that he was more than satisfied with the answer of Senator Drilon, adding that the GOCC board members serve at the pleasure of the President although the GOCCs have charters that allow them to be independent. He agreed with Senator Drilon that if the board members cannot follow the President, for one reason or another, they can either resign or be fired.

## INQUIRY OF SENATOR LEGARDA

At the outset, Senator Legarda expressed support for the initiative of Senator Drilon in coming out with the resolution.

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Asked by Senator Legarda whether the resolution covers all GOCCs and GFIs, including those that were not invited to the public hearings, Senator Drilon replied in the affirmative. He explained that while it is true that not all 157 GOCCs and GFIs were invited to the hearings, the Committee sent them a questionnaire that they must answer and send back to the Senate, based on which the Committee would be able to know their situation insofar as bonuses are concerned.

Further, Senator Drilon underscored the urgency of the resolution as he bared that as the resolution was being debated on the floor, two more bonuses were due to be granted to the MWSS board members very soon. He said that the Body has to ask the President to suspend the grant of bonuses except for reasonable *per diem*. He clarified that the Senate was not touching the salary of the management or the executives of the GOCCs and GFIs who perform day-to-day management functions. He said that there are GOCCs that have representatives in the governing boards of private corporations where they have investments, and these representatives receive fat bonuses, stock options running to millions of pesos every year that ought to be turned over to their respective GOCCs or GFIs.

Senator Drilon stated that as Senator Arroyo has pointed out, the resolution was just a temporary stop-gap measure, something like a restraining order issued by the court, to prevent further damage to the government coffers. He asserted that there is no harm if the President suspended the bonuses of the board members first because if Congress, at a certain point in the future, enacts the legislation that entitles them to the bonuses, they would probably be given the bonuses retroactive to the time of the suspension.

Senator Legarda asked whether there is still a need to pass a legislation putting a cap on the bonuses of the members of the governing boards of the GOCCs and the GFIs as she recalled that the previous administration tried to do it.

Senator Drilon replied that indeed, there have been issuances in the past to address the matter. He said that in 2001, President Arroyo issued Memorandum Order No. 20 which set the maximum of the bonuses and compensation of the GFIs and the GOCCs to the extent of double the salary of a department secretary. He lamented that this order

was never followed because GFIs and GOCCs, especially those which had their own charters and were exempted from the Salary Standardization Law (SSL), claimed that they need not go to the President for their corporate operating budget which, he asserted, is a totally wrong position. He said that the GOCCs and GFIs have this mistaken notion that they are independent republics so their boards simply appropriated for their members and employees huge bonuses and allowances. He noted that in the case of the MWSS board, the members voted for themselves 25 bonuses in one year, without securing the approval of the President as required by Memorandum Order No. 20. He concluded that this was the situation confronting the Senate and he believed that a new legislation is needed to settle and stop the abuses once and for all.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no other amendment, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

#### **ADOPTION OF SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being objection, the Body unanimously adopted Senate Resolution No. 17.

#### **COAUTHORS**

Senator Drilon manifested that all senators present were coauthors of Senate Resolution No. 17.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of representatives from the following organizations:

- Akbayan Youth;
- Movement for the Advancement of Student Power;
- Student Council Alliance of the Philippines;
- SK Reform Coalition;
- Coalition for Students' Rights and Welfare;
- Student Councils, Student and Community Organizations;

- Sanngunniang Kabataan Federation Officers of the NCR Youth Summit 2010; and
- National Youth Commission Chairman Christopher Arnuko

Senate President Enrile welcomed the guests to the Senate.

## MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Senator Cayetano (A) objected to the phrase "with the consent of the Minority" on page 443 of the Journal of Session No. 16 (August 31, 2010). He pointed out that following Senate tradition, the Minority is represented in oversight committees and it is up to the Minority to name their own representatives. He disclosed that Senator Arroyo was given first choice; Senator Cayetano (P), second choice; and himself, third choice among the oversight committees.

He stated that when he gave the list to Senator Sotto, he was under the impression that the Minority would name their own members but the Journal did not reflect the list that he gave Senator Sotto. He believed that the list in the Journal was altogether a different list and it was unacceptable to him.

## REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair explained that there are two types of oversight committees in the Senate: 1) those created by law wherein the ratio of participation of the Majority-Minority is stated; and 2) those created through resolutions whose members the Senate President has the prerogative to designate.

The Chair said that it exercised this prerogative in the case of the last category in order to make the distribution of membership in the oversight committees equitable.

At this juncture, the Chair read the number of oversight committee memberships of each senator, to wit:

All the senators,	
except the Senate President	— 5 each
Minority Leader	— 5
Majority Leader	— 5
President Pro Tempore	— 5
Senator Drilon	— 7

Senator Recto	— 6
Senator Pangilinan	— 6
Senator Guingona	— 4
Senator Villar	— 6
Senator Arroyo	— 17

Senate President Enrile cited the number of committee memberships of senators, to wit:

Cayetano (A)	— 5
Cayetano (P)	— 14
Defensor Santiago	— 3
Marcos	— 4
Lapid	— 7
Angara	— 6
Legarda	— 7
Revilla	— 6
Zubiri	— 7
Ejercito Estrada	— 5
Honasan	— 7
Sotto	— 5
Lacson	— 2
Trillanes	— 2
Escudero	— 6
Osmeña	— 6

Senator Cayetano (A), however, said that he saw no problem on equitable distribution but on the independence of the Minority, considering the tradition in the Chamber wherein the Senate President delegates to the Minority Leader the power to decide on the distribution of its share of memberships to the committees, whether provided by law or created by resolution. He pointed out that in the incumbency of Senator Villar as Senate President, the determination of chairmanships of seven committees, most of them major committees, were turned over to Senator Pimentel. He said that after discussing among themselves, the Minority came up with their list of nominees and, eventually, the Body approved the chairmanship by Senator Biazon of the Committee on National Defense and Security and Senator Roxas of the Committee on Trade and Commerce.

The Chair said that it stands corrected if there were precedents in the case of oversight committees, but maintained its view in the case of the regular committees.

Senator Cayetano (A) pointed out that the precedent in the case of oversight committees was when Senate President Enrile turned over to Senator Pimentel the determination of the share of

the Minority on committee chairmanships. He said that he was privy to the fact because he was Senator Pimentel's *de facto* secretary then and Senator Pimentel would instruct him to consult each member of the Minority about the matter.

Senator Cayetano (A) expressed apprehension about the Minority not being effectively represented considering the fact that Senator Arroyo refuses to become a member of 17 oversight committees but only of five to seven committees. He said that after having discussed the matter of committee memberships with Senator Sotto, he was under the impression that the tradition in the Chamber would be followed, that of the Majority simply telling the Minority how many memberships it is allowed and the latter discussing among themselves who will sit in the committees.

The Chair expressed confidence that Senator Cayetano (A) and Senator Sotto could work on the distribution of the memberships among themselves. Senator Cayetano (A), however, stated that the Minority would not want to be a company union, with the Majority telling them who will sit in which committee.

The Chair declared that the Majority was not making the Minority a company union, and it cautioned Senator Cayetano (A) against his choice of language. Senator Cayetano (A) hoped that the Majority would also be careful not to dictate on the Minority who will sit in the committees. The Chair reiterated that the Majority was not dictating on the Minority. Senator Cayetano (A), however, said that he and Senator Sotto had a gentlemen's agreement, and he was under the impression that as in all past Congresses, the Minority would decide on the membership among themselves. However, he said that he was surprised to read in the *Journal* the memberships of the members of the Minority, without the benefit of consultation. He said that he does not mind whether or not he gets a committee, only that he wants to make sure that the two members are in committees whose meetings they can commit to attend. He said that he would rather air his opinion on the floor than hear any backbiting from anyone outside of it.

## REMARKS OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto opined that the confusion might have arose because of the efforts of the Secretariat to reconcile the number of memberships per senator.

He admitted that it was an oversight on their part not to have considered the senators' affiliation as they were more focused on the equitable distribution of the number of memberships. Thereupon, Senator Sotto expressed willingness to discuss the matter with Senator Cayetano (A) and to allow the Minority to decide on the memberships.

Senator Cayetano (A) said that if the Majority would respect the Minority and would allow them to decide on their memberships, then he would submit their list of nominees. He said that he would accede to the decision of the Majority if they have changed the rule and are allowing the Minority to decide on the assignment of its members. Senator Sotto disputed any attempt on his part to dictate on the Minority.

The Chair recalled that it has been the practice in the Chamber for the chairmen of the respective committees to decide on the membership and the Minority could only propose their nominees thereto. It said that it would do the Chamber good if the Majority and Minority Leaders thresh the problem out among themselves instead of airing it on the floor.

Senator Cayetano (A) argued that it is not the chairman of the committee who decides on the membership but the Majority Leader, on the part of the Majority, and the Minority Leader, on the part of the Minority. He reiterated that the Minority care less about the seats but more about establishing a good relationship with the Majority, with each respecting their own boundaries. That way, he said that the Minority could fulfill the job of fiscalizing by being in the committees whose hearings they would want to attend.

Senator Cayetano (A) also clarified that he did not stand to insult anyone but to air his sentiments on a matter that has been cropping up all the time. Nonetheless, he expressed willingness to talk to the Majority Leader so long as the ensuing agreements would be followed.

Senator Sotto said that he was being misunderstood by Senator Cayetano (A) as his real intent was to sit down with the Minority and ask them in which committees they would want to be, after which, their choice would be communicated to the chairs of the various committees. He said that he saw nothing wrong with such intent.

**RULING OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair ruled that the Minority should decide which committees they would want to become members of.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the *Journal* of the previous session and considered the same as approved, subject to the correction of Senator Drilon on page 342, paragraph 4, to change the figure "P40,000" to P14,000.

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

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1401, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHT, ENTITLED "LAW REGULATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1402, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1536, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS

THE METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING LAW OF 1978, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1403, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF MINING ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR (R.A. NO. 4274), AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MINING ENGINEERING LAW OF THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1404, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL SEAFARERS COMMISSION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1405, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A PHILIPPINE INVESTORS COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES THAT WILL ENCOURAGE THE GENERATION, DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURE, PROMOTION AND MARKET OF THE PHILIPPINE INVENTIONS

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Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1406, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1407, entitled

AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY START-UP COMPANIES BY PROVIDING AN IT VENTURE CAPITAL FUND

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1408, entitled

AN ACT TO PROFESSIONALIZE THE PRACTICE OF PRISON MANAGEMENT AND SET FOR THAT PURPOSE THE QUALIFICATION FOR SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE NATIONAL PRISON SYSTEM AND OF WARDENS OF PROVINCIAL, CITY OR MUNICIPAL JAILS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1409, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS

OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309, ENTITLED, AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF CLAIMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1410, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER AND DATE OF ELECTION OF SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LOCAL SANGGUNIAN

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1411, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1412, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIME OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT BY INCLUDING UNWANTED TEXT MESSAGES, ELECTRONIC MAIL OR COMMUNICATIONS ADOPTING

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SIMILAR MEANS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAW

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Public Services; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1413, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE BUSINESS REGISTRY DATABANK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1414, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1415, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE REPRESENTATION OF COOPERATIVES IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3844, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Cooperatives; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 1416, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION AND REGULATION OF SPORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1417, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADOPT A BOY SCOUTING AND GIRL SCOUTING RECOGNITION DAY

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1418, entitled

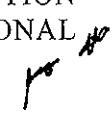
AN ACT MANDATING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERLY IN EVERY SANGGUNIAN AND LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1419, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DIRECT REMITTANCE TO THE HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ITS FORTY PERCENT (40%) SHARE OF THE GROSS COLLECTION DERIVED BY THE NATIONAL



GOVERNMENT FROM NATIONAL WEALTH TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 293 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1420, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS IN THE CITY COUNCIL OF VALENZUELA, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8526, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF VALENZUELA

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Rules**

Senate Bill No. 1421, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN JOLO, SULU, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SULU SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1422, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN SOUTHERN PALAWAN, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN ECOZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1423, entitled

AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING CERTAIN ACTS OF VAGRANCY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 202 OF ACT NO. 3815 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1424, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 341 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1425, entitled


AN ACT PROHIBITING THE MISAPPROPRIATION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION IN DATABASE AND COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION, PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR PROTECTION AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Science and Technology**

Senate Bill No. 1426, entitled

AN ACT QUALIFYING THE KILLING OF MEMBERS OF BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA IN THE



LAWFUL EXERCISE OF THEIR  
FUNCTIONS AS SUCH, AS A CRIME  
OF MURDER PUNISHABLE UNDER  
ARTICLE 248 OF THE REVISED  
PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1427, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FREE AND  
SUITABLE PUBLIC EDUCATION  
FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1428, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRES-  
SIONAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL  
LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY  
READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT  
THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1429, entitled

AN ACT REGIONALIZING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PAYROLL SYSTEM AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1430, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS  
TO PROVIDE DAYCARE FACILI-  
TIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES'  
CHILDREN AGED FIVE (5) YEARS  
OLD AND BELOW, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 OF THE  
LABOR CODE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1431, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
INCLUSION IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY  
BOOKS THE LIVES AND HEROISM  
OF FILIPINO COMFORT WOMEN  
DURING THE JAPANESE OCCU-  
PATION AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1432, entitled

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


Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1433, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE PENAL  
PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO  
DELINQUENT PARENTS, AMEND-  
ING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES  
276, 277, AND 278 OF THE REVISED  
PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Legarda





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

Senate Bill No. 1434, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1435, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND WELFARE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1436, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF RAPE CRISIS CENTERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8505

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1437, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL STRATEGIC MISSING CHILDREN RECOVERY PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1438, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CRISIS CENTER FOR STREET CHILDREN IN ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND IN EVERY HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1439, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2010, BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PENAL PROVISION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1440, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

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## Senate Bill No. 1441, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL FRANCHISE HOLDERS OR OPERATORS OF TELEVISION STATIONS, PRODUCERS OF TELEVISION PROGRAMS, HOME VIDEO PROGRAMS AND MOTION PICTURES TO BROADCAST OR PRESENT THEIR PROGRAMS AND FILMS WITH CLOSED-CAPTION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media**

## Senate Bill No. 1442, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY, 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 Legarda

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

## Senate Bill No. 1443, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FISCAL INCENTIVES TO MEDIA ENTITIES DEVOTING AIR TIME AND SPACE TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, AND TO ADVERTISERS OR SPONSORS SUPPORTING SUCH PROGRAMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

## Senate Bill No. 1444, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE MEDICAL TOURISM BUREAU WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Tourism; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 1445, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND IMPORTATION OF HYBRID VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Trade and Commerce**

## Senate Bill No. 1446, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN CONSUMER PROTECTION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Ways and Means**

## Senate Bill No. 1447, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF RA 6770 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMBUDSMAN ACT OF 1989

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1448, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE FORFEITURE POWERS OF THE STATE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT DECLARING FORFEITURE IN FAVOR OF THE STATE ANY PROPERTY FOUND TO HAVE BEEN UNLAWFULLY ACQUIRED BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEEDINGS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1449, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR TEACHER'S EXCELLENCE ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 1450, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS CONTRACTORS AND AWARDEES OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; 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. 1451, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION BY ESTABLISHING HUMAN RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 1452, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERNANDO MAGALLANES IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 1453, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING BARANGAY JUSTICE BY AMENDING ARTICLE ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OF

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REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE  
HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revi-  
sion of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1454, entitled

PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganiz-  
ation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1455, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING  
ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY  
DISAPPEARANCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revi-  
sion of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1456, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL  
COURT OF LABOR RELATIONS  
(RCLR) UNDER THE SUPERVISION  
OF THE SUPREME COURT, THEREBY  
ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL LABOR  
RELATIONS COMMISSION (NLRC)

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1457, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT  
SEVENTY NINE FORTY ONE,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
PARTY LIST SYSTEM ACT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amend-  
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1458, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING MEDIUM  
DENSITY FIBERBOARDS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1459, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING TANNING  
FACILITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1460, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE  
OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE  
OR NATUROPATHY IN THE  
PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1461, entitled

AN ACT MAKING THE MALVERSA-  
TION OF RECLAIMED LANDS A  
CRIME, AMENDING FOR THIS  
PURPOSE ARTICLE 217 OF ACT  
NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Environment and  
Natural Resources; and Constitutional Amend-  
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

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## Senate Bill No. 1462, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, ON THE LEVEL OF THE POSITION OF SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Local Government**

## Senate Bill No. 1463, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COMPUTER INNOVATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1464, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES OF TRAVELING SALES CREWS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1465, entitled

AN ACT CURBING THE PRACTICE OF IMPOSING UNFUNDED MANDATES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Local Government**

## Senate Bill No. 1466, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR HEALTH AND WORK SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL BOXERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports**

## Senate Bill No. 1467, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE APPROPRIATION, ENCROACHMENT, REGISTRATION AND TITLING OF CREEKS, ESTEROS, STREAMS, CANALS, RIVER BANKS AND OTHER PUBLIC WATERWAYS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

## Senate Bill No. 1468, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING RELIEFS FROM AN EXECUTION OF FINAL DECISIONS AND AWARDS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION AND THE LABOR ARBITERS, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE ARTICLES 223 AND 224 OF THE LABOR CODE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1469, entitled

AN ACT LIMITING THE PRACTICE OF COSMETIC DERMATOLOGY TO LICENSED AND QUALIFIED PHYSICIANS WITH RESIDENCY TRAINING IN DERMATOLOGY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1470, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM RESIGNATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1471, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF FOOD PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1472, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH WORKERS TO ADVISE PREGNANT WOMEN OF THEIR OPTION TO DONATE UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD AND ESTABLISHING CORD BLOOD STORAGE FACILITIES IN ALL HOSPITALS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1473, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO ENSURE COMPULSORY LABELING AND FAIR PACKAGING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1474, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1475, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM COMPUTER GRAYWARE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1476, entitled

AN ACT PREVENTING THE DANGERS OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN CAUSING FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME IN MOTHERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1477, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1478, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE MONITORING COMMISSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1479, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 212 AND 214 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Local Government;  
and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1480, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NO. 1869, EXPRESSLY  
EXCLUDING JAI-ALAI GAMES  
FROM THE FRANCHISED ACTIVITIES  
OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT  
AND GAMING CORPORATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Rules**

Senate Bill No. 1481, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL  
REVENUE AUTHORITY, PROVID-  
ING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1482, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FAMILY AND  
TEMPORARY MEDICAL LEAVE  
UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1483, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE FUNDA-  
MENTAL RIGHT OF ADULT  
PERSONS TO DECIDE THEIR OWN  
HEALTH CARE, INCLUDING THE  
DECISION TO HAVE LIFE-SUS-  
TAINING TREATMENT WITHHELD  
OR WITHDRAWN IN INSTANCES  
OF A TERMINAL CONDITION OR  
PERMANENT UNCONSCIOUS  
CONDITION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Constitutional Amendments, Revi-  
sion of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1484, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
MANNER AND DATE OF ELECTION  
OF SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES  
TO THE LOCAL SANGGUNIAN  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1485, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE ADVERTISE-  
MENT, PACKAGING, LABELING,  
DISPLAY, SALE, PREPARATION,  
AND SERVING OF HALAL FOOD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1486, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 8750, ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
SEAT BELTS USE ACT OF 1999,  
SECTIONS THREE AND FIVE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1487, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NO. 442 ALSO KNOWN  
AS THE LABOR CODE, ART. 248,  
MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR  
EMPLOYERS TO THREATEN  
TO CONTRACT OUT SERVICES  
BEING PERFORMED BY UNION  
MEMBERS

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Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1488, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6506, ALSO KNOWN AS "AN ACT CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES," SECTION 23 AND 24 ON CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGISTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1489, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR DRIVERS OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1490, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE CRIME AWARENESS AND SECURITY IN CAMPUSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1491, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A COLLECTION AGENCY REGULATORY BOARD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1492, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REGULAR ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION OF CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES AS PROVIDED IN THE PENAL CODE AND AMOUNT OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY A CRIME OR QUASI-DELICT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1493, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF VOLCANOLOGY AND SEISMOLOGY (PHIVOLCS) AND THE PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (PAGASA) TO ESTABLISH THE NATURAL CALAMITIES' HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1494, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR EVERY BARANGAY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1495, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S STANDING IN BOXING SPORTS, ENSURE THE WELFARE OF ITS BOXERS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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**To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1496, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BREAST-FEEDING CENTER IN EVERY BARANGAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1497, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONALS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1498, entitled

AN ACT TO PENALIZE MALICIOUS USE OF A TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Services; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1499, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING LEGITIMATE CHILDREN TO BEAR THE SURNAME OF THE FATHER OR THE MOTHER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND NINE (E.O. 209), AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 174, PARAGRAPH 1

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1500, entitled

AN ACT CRIMINALIZING INCESTUOUS SEXUAL RELATIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

**SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Director of the Committee Affairs Bureau, Eduardo C. Garvida, read the following resolutions which the Chair referred to the committees hereunder indicated:

**RESOLUTIONS**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION INCREASING THE SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) FROM NINETY PESOS (P90.00) TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PESOS (P150.00) PER DAY

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 142, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; TRADE AND COMMERCE; AND PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTS OF THE TELEVISED HOSTAGE-TAKING INCIDENT AT

THE QUIRINO GRANDSTAND TO  
THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT,  
INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND TO  
THE ECONOMY IN GENERAL

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Economic Affairs;  
and Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 144, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
AND COMMENDING FILIPINO  
ANIMATOR JOSEPH ANDREW  
"JOE" P. MATEO FOR BAGGING  
THE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL  
ACHIEVEMENT IN ANIMATION  
AWARD ALONG WITH FOREIGN  
ANIMATORS ANDY HARKNESS  
AND WILLIAM GEORGE III FOR  
"DISNEY PREP & LANDING" AT  
THE 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL – CREATIVE ARTS  
AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT  
PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS ON  
21 AUGUST 2010 AT THE NOKIA  
THEATRE IN LOS ANGELES,  
CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 145, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES; AND  
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO  
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE  
REPORTED PRACTICE OF UPLAND  
FARMING IN MOUNT MAKILING  
WITH THE END IN VIEW OF  
FORMULATING SUSTAINABLE  
STRATEGIES FOR THE PROTEC-  
TION OF THE FOREST RESERVE

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 146, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
DEMOGRAPHY TO LOOK INTO,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE  
EXISTING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS  
TO ADDRESS THE EMPLOYMENT  
PROBLEM OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
HEPATITIS-B INFECTION

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; and Labor, Employment and Human  
Resources Development**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 147, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
DEMOGRAPHY TO LOOK INTO,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE  
GENERAL STATE OF LIVER  
DISEASES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 148, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
INTO THE RISING MORBIDITY  
AND MORTALITY RATE CAUSED  
BY DENGUE INFECTION IN THE  
COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN  
VIEW OF PROVIDING A PROACTIVE  
INTERVENTION THAT WILL PRO-  
TECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE  
OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 149, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE  
OF THE SENATE TO CONDEMN

**THE GRUESOME MASSACRE OF 72  
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN  
MIGRANTS ALLEGEDLY PERPE-  
TRATED BY DRUG CARTELS**

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 150, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION,  
ARTS AND CULTURE TO INVESTI-  
GATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE POOR PERFORMANCE  
OF ELEMENTARY AND HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LANGUAGE  
SUBJECTS, PARTICULARLY IN  
FILIPINO, AS SHOWN IN THE  
RESULTS FROM THE RECENT  
NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and  
Culture**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 151, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERN-  
MENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
NEED TO CREATE MEASURES  
THAT WILL ADDRESS THE  
DIMINISHING NUMBER OF FIRE  
FIGHTERS IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 152, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND  
COMMENDING REESE FERNANDEZ  
FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2010  
ROLEX AWARDS FOR ENTERPRISE  
– YOUNG LAUREATES PROGRAMME  
UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT  
CATEGORY

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 153, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
AND COMMENDING JOHANN  
RANDALL ABRINA FOR WINNING  
SILVER MEDAL IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> UK  
INTERNATIONAL OPEN MEMORY  
CHAMPIONS HELD AT PADDINGTON,  
CENTRAL LONDON LAST AUGUST  
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Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 154, entitled

RESOLUTION CREATING AN OVER-  
SIGHT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
EXPENDITURES

Introduced by Senator Drilon

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 155, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN  
AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO  
CONDUCT A REVIEW, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, OF THE PROVI-  
SIONS OF THE FAMILY CODE  
THAT MAY NEED AMENDMENT  
OR REPEAL GIVEN THE  
CHANGING TIMES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and  
Family Relations; and Constitutional Amend-  
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 156, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE  
COMMITTEES ON CULTURAL  
COMMUNITIES; AND ENVIRON-  
MENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE "ECOSYSTEM APPROACH" OF THE IKALAHAN TRIBE IN NUEVA VIZCAYA WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF INDIGENOUS PRACTICES AND THE WIDESPREAD UTILIZATION OF ITS APPROACH TO PROTECT PHILIPPINE FORESTS AND TO HELP KEEP THE BALANCE IN OUR ECOSYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 157, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DESTRUCTION OF THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAIN RANGE ON ACCOUNT OF DOCUMENTED DEVELOPMENTAL AGGRESSIONS CARRIED AGAINST IT

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

#### **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 154**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 154, entitled

RESOLUTION CREATING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

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

#### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto stated that the proposed resolution was introduced by Senator Drilon, Chair of the Committee on Finance, and it is the first time that an oversight committee is being created for the Committee on Finance.

#### **ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 154**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 154 was adopted by the Body.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Nominated by Senator Sotto, on the part of the Majority, there being no objection, the following senators were elected members of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws which is chaired by Senator Defensor Santiago:

Drilon	Angara
Lacson	Zubiri
Lapid	Pangilinan
Trillanes	Marcos
Villar	

Senator Sotto said that the Minority will nominate later their representative to the committee.

#### **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS/MEMBERSHIPS**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the following senators were designated chairs/members of the oversight committees hereunder indicated:

##### *Oversight Committee on Automated Elections*

Chair : Defensor Santiago

Members :

Drilon	Arroyo
Osmeña	Cayetano (P)
Pangilinan	Cayetano (A)

##### *Oversight Committee on Overseas*

##### *Absentee Voting*

Chair : Defensor Santiago

## Members :

Guingona	Arroyo
Angara	Cayetano (A)
Pangilinan	Cayetano (P)
Marcos	

*Oversight Committee on Public Expenditures*

Chair : Drilon

## Members:

Recto	Marcos
Villar	Escudero
Defensor Santiago	

Senator Sotto said that the Minority will nominate later their representatives to the oversight committees.

**COAUTHORS**

Upon their request, the following senators were made coauthors of the bills/resolution hereunder indicated:



Senator Escudero – Senate Bill Nos. 1104, 1202, 1212 and 1222; and  
 Senator Trillanes – Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.

**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 Monday, September 6, 2010.

*It was 5:17 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
 EMMA LIRIO REYES  
 Secretary of the Senate  


Approved on September 6, 2010