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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:44 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano led the prayer, to wit:

Let us all remember that we are in the holy presence of our Lord God.

Lord, Father God, we give You praise and honor. We humble ourselves before You. We thank You, Lord God, for a country that is rich in its people – our number one asset : people who are willing to and can easily learn but who have to go abroad to find good jobs.

We thank You, Lord, for a country full of natural resources. Everyday, new natural resources are discovered.

We thank You for a rich land. We thank You, Lord, for all the blessings. We pray, Lord, that we may convert all of these blessings into more blessings for our people especially the 70% who are poor and the one-third who are going hungry.

Lord, we ask that You use the Senate as Your instrument and that we will be able to work efficiently and effectively in providing for Your people.

We thank You for this opportunity as we pray for good health for each and every member of the Senate. We pray for the Judicial branch, the Executive branch, the Lower House, and all of our local government units.

We lift this up to You, Lord God, and give You praise and honor in everything that we do.

We thank You, Lord, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

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

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

Senators Escudero and Guingona arrived after the roll call.

Senators Recto and Villar were on official mission abroad.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senator Lacson was absent.

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

DEFERMENT OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

At the instance of Senator Pangilinan, upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body deferred the approval of the Journal of Session No. 22 (September 14, 2010) to a later hour.

At this juncture, Senate President Enrile 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:

- Cebu Congressman Benhur Salimbangon;
- AB Foreign Service students from New Era University(Diliman) headed by Professors Noe Pobadora and Princess Fame Pascua; and
- Political Science students of the Ateneo de Davao University.

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

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. 2101, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMATIC

PROMOTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES UPON RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2102, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Senate Bill No. 2103, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Works; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2104, 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 Escudero

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

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Senate Bill No. 2105, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF EXTENDING NO-COLLATERAL, LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO GRADUATES OF ANY COURSES OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS AUTHORITY OF DULY ACCREDITED LEARNING INSTITUTIONS WITH APPROVED OVERSEAS JOB CONTRACTS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 2106, entitled

AN ACT TO GRANT MONTHLY PENSION TO GOVERNMENT RETIREES UNDER R.A. 1616 WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF SEVENTY (70) YEARS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2107, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 177 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 2108, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PLUMBING ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2109, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 544, AS AMENDED, OR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 2110, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING DISOBEDIENCE TO THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 2111, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2112, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2113, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ANY MEMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,

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OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE WHO
FAILS OR REFUSES TO TESTIFY
AS WITNESS IN ANY CRIMINAL
PROCEEDINGS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2114, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN
LAND ADMINISTRATION

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; Civil Service and Govern-
ment Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2115, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 98 OF
ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2116, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2117, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 359 OF
ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2118, entitled

AN ACT CONDONING THE PENALTIES
OF CAMARINES NORTE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. (CANORECO)
ON OVEDUE ACCOUNTS CHARGED
BY THE NATIONAL POWER CORP-
ORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF
SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT
HUNDRED FORTY FIVE PESOS
AND SEVENTY NINE CENTAVOS
(P7,739,845.79) COVERING THE
PERIOD OCTOBER 1995 TO
AUGUST 1997

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2119, entitled

AN ACT CONSTITUTING A CONGRES-
SIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
ON DEBT MANAGEMENT TO
LOOK INTO ALL FOREIGN AND
DOMESTIC BORROWINGS NEGO-
TIATED, CONTRACTED OR
GUARANTEED BY THE PRESIDENT
ON BEHALF OF THE PHILIPPINES
AS WELL AS THOSE BY THE
GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT
OWNED AND CONTROLLED
CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 2120, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CIVIL
ACTION FOR A MINOR INJURED
BY EXPOSURE TO AN ENTERTAIN-

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MENT PRODUCT CONTAINING MATERIAL THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2121, entitled

AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIMES OF RAPE, QUALIFIED SEDUCTION AND SIMPLE SEDUCTION INVOLVING MINOR CHILDREN AND RATIONALIZING THE PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2122, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL USE OF AFP (ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES) AND PNP (PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE) UNIFORMS, INSIGNIA OR DRESS AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE ARTICLE 179 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2123, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2124, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9189 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OVERSEAS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT OF 2003

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2125, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY SECURITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS (BSDO'S), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 393 (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT 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. 2126, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING MECHANISMS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995," AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 2127, entitled

AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A SYSTEM OF PERFORMANCE

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PLANNING AND REPORTING
IN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 2128, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
TAKEOVER, LIQUIDATION AND
WINDING UP OF A CLOSED
BANKING INSTITUTION

Introduced by Senator Angara

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 2129, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE REPRESENT-
ATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND ALLOWING ONE
BOARD SEAT FOR A GOVERN-
MENT EMPLOYEE WITH A KNOWN
EXPERTISE IN FINANCE THEREBY
INCREASING THE COMPOSITION
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE
INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) AMEND-
ING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC-
TION 42 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE GSIS ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Government Corp-
orations and Public Enterprises**

Senate Bill No. 2130, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE TREAT-
MENT AND ERADICATION OF
TUBERCULOSIS, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS AN ACT INSTITUTING A
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

PROGRAM FOR ALL FILIPINOS
AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIP-
PINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORP-
ORATION FOR THE PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 2131, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT
OF A FULL CROP INSURANCE
COVERAGE TO QUALIFIED BENE-
FIICIARIES OF THE COMPREHEN-
SIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14 OF R. A. 9700 OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE COMPRE-
HENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM
PROGRAM EXTENSION WITH
REFORMS

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Agrarian Reform;
and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of
Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 2132, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 290 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 2133, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPRE-
HENSIVE SCREENING PROGRAM
FOR MOTHERS AFTER CHILDBIRTH
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; Youth, Women and Family Relations;
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2134, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MANDATE ON THE INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN AND AMONG PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATION ENTITIES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 2135, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GREATER FISCAL AUTONOMY IN FAVOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGU's) IN THE CHOICE OF DEPOSITORY BANKS, AMENDING SECTION 311 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 2136, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 2137, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE ACADEMY (PAFA), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 2138, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE BOOK III, ARTICLES 141, 142, 143, 148 AND 151 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES" BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PROTECTION TO THE DOMESTIC HOUSEHELPERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 2139, entitled

AN ACT REMOVING THE LIMITATION IN THE NUMBER OF ALLOWABLE DEPENDENTS COVERED BY THE ADDITIONAL PERSONAL EXEMPTION FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9504

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2140, entitled

AN ACT REMOVING FIFTH AND SUBSEQUENT NORMAL OBSTETRICAL DELIVERIES AMONG THE EXCLUDED PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9241

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

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Senate Bill No. 2141, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ACADEMY AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 2142, entitled

AN ACT HARMONIZING THE GRANT AND ADMINISTRATION OF FISCAL AND NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Trade and Commerce; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2143, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BESSANG PASS NATURAL MONUMENT/LANDMARK IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CERVANTES, ILOCOS SUR AS A PROTECTED AREA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2144, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PASONANCA WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE SITUATED IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AS A PROTECTED AREA, UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2145, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE APO REEF IN SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AS PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK AND ITS PERIPHERAL WATERS AS BUFFER ZONES, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2147, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EL-NIDO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF EL NIDO AND TAYTAY, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2148, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING TURTLE ISLANDS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN THE PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI AS PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2149, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MT. BALATUKAN RANGE LOCATED IN

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THE CITY OF GINGOOG AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CLAVERIA, MEDINA, AND BALINGASAG, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AS A PROTECTED AREA, UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2150, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AREA COVERED BY THE NORTHERN NEGROS FOREST RESERVE SITUATED IN THE CITIES OF TALISAY, SILAY, VICTORIAS, CADIZ, SAGAY AND SAN CARLOS AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF E.B. MAGALONA, MURCIA, TOBOSO, CALATRAVA AND DON SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AS A PROTECTED AREA PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT PURSUANT TO R.A. 7586 (NIPAS ACT OF 1992) AND SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE NORTHERN NEGROS NATURAL PARK

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 3, submitted jointly by the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance, on Senate Bill No. 138, introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.), entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION SERVICES AGAINST HEPATITIS-B FOR INFANTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 996 AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

recommending its approval without amendment, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 377.

Sponsor: Senator Cayetano (P.)

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 168, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE WORSENING CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY'S CORAL REEFS AND THE OCCURRENCE OF CORAL BLEACHING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 169, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO AUDIT THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA) FUND

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 170, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT

AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COUNTRY'S DISMAL PERFORMANCE IN ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs) PARTICULARLY IN POVERTY REDUCTION AND MATERNAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 171, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AND PARLIAMENTS AROUND THE WORLD IN CELEBRATING THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 WITH THE THEME, *POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY: FORGING LINKS BETWEEN PARLIAMENTS AND CITIZENS*

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 172, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO INQUIRE AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT REPORTS OF ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OSCAR V. CRUZ ALLEGING THAT HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE AQUINO ADMINISTRATION ARE RECEIVING PAYOFFS FROM JUETENG

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 173, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED FRAUDULENT HOUSING LOANS APPLICATIONS AMOUNTING TO SEVEN BILLION PESOS (P7B) OBTAINED BY THE GLOBE ASIATIQUE REALTY HOLDINGS CORPORATION FROM THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), AND INSTITUTE REMEDIAL MEASURES TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF PAG-IBIG MEMBERS

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Urban, Planning Housing and Resettlement

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 22 and considered it approved.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 171, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AND PARLIAMENTS AROUND THE WORLD IN CELEBRATING THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2010 WITH THE THEME, "*POLITICAL ACCOUNTABILITY: FORGING LINKS BETWEEN PARLIAMENTS AND CITIZENS.*"

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

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SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR DRILON

In sponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 171, Senator Drilon delivered the following speech:

CELEBRATING THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY: FOSTERING A CULTURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Today is the *Third International Day of Democracy*. Thirteen years ago the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) adopted a Universal Declaration on Democracy which affirms the principles, elements, exercise and the universality of democracy.

Under the IPU Declaration, democracy is defined as a universal goal and ideal based on common aspirations shared by all peoples in the world community regardless of cultural, political, social and economic differences. It is intrinsically anchored on the right of each citizen to exercise certain basic privileges and duties under the reign of freedom, equality, transparency and responsibility while always respecting the diversity of views brought about by cultural and religious affiliations.

In September 2007, ten years after the IPU Declaration, the United Nations proclaimed September 15 of every year as the International Day of Democracy to underscore the value and importance of democracy. The United Nations rallied all member-states and organizations to commemorate the day through meaningful activities.

For this year's celebration, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) adopted the theme "*Political accountability: Forging links between parliaments and citizens.*"

As stated in the IPU Declaration, public accountability is essential to democracy and "applies to all those who hold public authority whether elected or non-elected and to all bodies of public authority without exception." The IPU Declaration further states that "accountability entails a public right of access to information on the activities of government and the right to petition government and seek redress through impartial administrative and judicial mechanisms. Accountability also requires "officeholders to meet certain standards of performance and integrity in the conduct of their office."

In the context of our bicameral legislature, political accountability means that senators and

members of the House of Representatives are accountable to the 90 million Filipinos and must protect the national interest and promote the welfare of the Filipino people.

Transparency is an important element in the relation between the parliament and the people. The lines of communication should be open at all times. As often stated in the IPU, Parliament or Congress is the voice of the people and "allows a dialogue between the government and the governed." By opening our doors to the public, our people will have a better appreciation of what we are doing in Congress. Through our website and the public hearings covered by the media, we are heightening our people's awareness of the Senate. An accountable and transparent Parliament or Congress will surely earn the trust and respect of our people.

The same culture of openness and accountability should also permeate our Executive and Judicial branches of government.

As a member of this august Chamber, I am proud that in the last Congress the Senate passed the Freedom of Information Act. However, it is lamentable that the House of Representatives failed to do so. It could have been a landmark legislation for it would have upheld our people's right to information and would have promoted a culture of transparency and accountability in government.

For the lawmakers who have zealously conducted investigations into the scandalous government transactions, it was frustrating and regrettable that we could not go to the bottom of the truth because access to information was limited. Despite mounting evidence, the members of the Senate could not probe deeper into the case of the North Rail Contract and the ZTE-NBN Broadband deal, for example because Secretary Romulo Neri was hiding under the cloak of executive privilege. Moreover, former President Gloria Arroyo issued Executive Order 464 which further sealed the door to information since it prevents cabinet members, military and police generals, senior national security officials and other officials as may be determined by the President to attend congressional hearings without the President's permission. In a democracy, it is essential that the people's right to know is upheld. With EO 464, the people were denied that right.

Three years ago, I stood before this Chamber deeply saddened by the state of the nation. The previous administration's utter disregard for the rule of law and its unbridled

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defilement of our democratic institutions caused pain and anguish among democracy-loving Filipinos.

Our country has been hailed as the first democracy in Asia. However, at some points in our nation's history, democracy was at its lowest. Our people's morale was at its lowest too. We have to remember that by keeping democracy alive, we are also nurturing our people's faith in government and in themselves. Political liberty and the freedom to fully participate in the nation's economic decision-making contribute to a people's quality of life. As the 1998 Nobel Prize winner Amartya Sen correctly pointed out, "no substantial famine has ever occurred in any independent and democratic country with a free press."

With a new Congress and a new administration, our people's faith in democracy has been restored. President Aquino in his inaugural speech underscored political accountability. He said and I quote: "*Papaigtingin namin ang proseso ng konsultasyon at pag-uulat sa taumbayan. Sisikapin naming isakatuparan ang nakasaad sa ating Konstitusyon na kinikilala ang karapatan ng mamamayan na magkaroon ng kaalaman ukol sa mga pampublikong alintana.*"

Today, I stand before this Chamber, proud and honored to be part of this institution that is often regarded as the last bastion of democracy. As we mark the Third International Day of Democracy, let us not forget that in a democracy, the will of the governed is the bedrock of a strong government. Let us continue to uphold democratic ideals and principles as we exercise our duties and functions. Let us work together in our quest for real change and reform in our society, and in the restoration of decency, transparency and accountability in government the key tenets of democracy.

We should help one another within the framework of our Constitution and within the realm of our international obligations to push for the institutionalization of basic elements of good governance. Only through this concerted effort can we make a difference in the lives of our people – a difference that allows everyone to be free, to live decently, and to be equally protected under the law.

I submit that democracy is not the panacea to political, economic and social ills. Democracy may have institutional flaws but still it is the best for our country.

I would like to end this speech by quoting a giant of a man, Mr. Winston Churchill, who

once said that "democracy is the worst form of government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time."

I reiterate my motion that this Chamber adopt Proposed Senate Resolution No. 171, expressing the sense of the Senate to join the community of nations and parliaments around the world in celebrating the Third Day of Democracy on September 15, 2010.

ALL SENATORS AS COAUTHORS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, all senators were made coauthors of the resolution.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 171 was unanimously adopted by the Body.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 4:15 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:16 p.m., the session was resumed.

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 3 on Senate Bill No. 138 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3 ON SENATE BILL NO. 138

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 138 (Committee Report No. 3), entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY BASIC IMMUNIZATION SERVICES AGAINST HEPATITIS-B FOR

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INFANTS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE
NO. 996 AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, 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.

The Chair recognized Senator Cayetano (P) for the sponsorship.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)**

Senator Cayetano (P) presented for plenary consideration Senate Bill No. 138 as she delivered the following speech which highlights the alarming state of the Philippines in terms of combating the deadly illness called "Hepatitis-B."

Hepatitis-B is a liver disease caused by infection with the Hepatitis-B virus, otherwise known as HBV. The virus can cause lifelong infection cirrhosis which is scarring the liver, liver cancer, liver failure, and ultimately death.

Around the world, Hepatitis-B is a public health problem.

Statistics from the World Health Organization (WHO) indicates that as many as two billion people globally have been infected with the virus. This disease claims the lives of close to 1,000 people per day or 20 to 22 deaths per 100,000 population.

In the Philippines, the Hepatitis-B virus infection continues to be a public health problem.

Recent studies have shown that Hepatitis-B is endemic in the Philippines and affects one of eight or around 16% of Filipinos. A lot of people do not realize this but the disease is found to be 100 times more infectious than AIDS. A single virus particle can cause the disease. It is transmitted through infected blood and other body fluids like seminal fluid, vaginal secretions, tears, saliva, and open sores. Once infected with the Hepatitis-B virus, approximately 10% of the carriers develop a chronic permanent infection. Only a blood test can determine if one is infected with the virus. There are people who are infected but may show no symptom at all as the virus will manifest only when the carrier is at the prime of

his life. Worse, a person might be infected with HBV and could be spreading the virus without knowing it.

Vaccination is the best protection against Hepatitis-B. Research shows that immunizing a newborn within 24 hours after birth is the most effective preventive measure against the Hepatitis-B virus.

Health experts all agree that only an immunization or vaccine program, which is implemented at the ground level, can effectively decrease the number of Hepatitis-B infections.

The Background of the Bill:

In 1976, Presidential Decree No. 996 (*Providing for Compulsory Basic Immunization for Infants and Children Below Eight Years of Age*) was enacted. In 1994, this was amended by R. A. No. 7846, which expanded the scope of basic immunization services to include Hepatitis-B immunization.

However, that law limited the coverage only to newborn infants of women with Hepatitis-B. During our hearings in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses, and in the recent hearings on the bill for this Congress, liver experts have reiterated the need to immunize all infants whether or not born of mothers who are positive with Hepatitis-B, given the fact that a single dose of the vaccine will only cost around P15 and the urgency of immunization within 24 hours from birth. As such, this bill will simply expand the coverage of R. A. 7846 to mandate the immunization of all newborns as unanimously recommended by health experts.

However, because there is still a considerable number of mothers who give birth in their homes or with traditional *hilots*, instead of availing themselves of the services of health professionals in health institutions, we have included a provision that for infants born outside of health institutions, they should be immunized against Hepatitis-B within 24 hours after birth but not later than seven days as is likewise recommended by the experts.

In the bill, we further emphasized the need for the infant to be given the complete three doses that are needed for protection and prevention as well as the obligation of health professionals and healthcare workers to educate the mothers of the importance of immunization and its possible effects.

Conclusion:

The case of Hepatitis-B in the Philippines is

alarming. We have to act now to prevent the further spread of the disease. Prevention is always the cheaper and better alternative. Through this bill, it is hoped that more lives will be saved. Through this, we can further prevent victims and spare possible patients and family members from the unnecessary grief and anguish.

Hepatitis-B is a debilitating disease which inflicts emotional and physical pain on the patient. Family members likewise suffer from seeing their loved ones in pain. Treatment of this disease is also financially draining. All this I have personally experienced, as my father, the late Sen. Rene Cayetano, who was a former colleague of many of you here today, had Hepatitis-B which led to liver cancer and eventually his death. Thus, I see the need, as I hope the Chamber sees the need, to prioritize this bill.

Before I end, I would like to put on record that this is the third Congress that I will sponsor this bill. This was the first bill that I sponsored as a neophyte senator in the Thirteenth Congress. Although it was unfortunate that the bill was not enacted into law then, I am pleased to report and put on record that because of the work that we have done, and the sponsorships and the awareness that we raised, the Department of Health actually included in its budget the full coverage of the basic immunization services to include Hepatitis-B. But, of course, we would like this to be enacted into law to ensure that this does not change and that we continue to receive support for the immunization program that includes Hepatitis-B.

Hepatitis-B is a fatal but curable and preventable disease. Prevention and early detection are the keys to saving lives from Hepatitis-B. We no longer want our children in the next generation to suffer from this disease. Let us not wait for another five years. We can do something now. Let us join hands in support of the urgent passage of Senate Bill No. 138 under Committee Report No. 3.

COSPONSOR

Senator Cayetano (P) manifested that Senator Escudero is a cosponsor of Senate Bill No. 138.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 138

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUEST

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Mayor Salvacion Cimat of Bangui, Ilocos Norte.

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

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 174, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLIGHT OF VICTIMS OF TROPICAL STORM ONDOY AND TYPHOON PEPENG, IN ORDER TO BUILD THE RESILIENCE OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS TO FUTURE DISASTERS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Climate Change

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 175, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE VULNERABILITY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SECTOR TO THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTING ROBUST ADAPTATION STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY AND ALLEVIATE RURAL POVERTY

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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**To the Committees on Climate Change;
and Agriculture and Food**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 176, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF TRICYCLES AND PEDICABS RUNNING ALONG OUR MAJOR THOROUGHFARES AND ARTERIAL ROADS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUTING PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Public Services; and
Local Government**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 177, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE SEVEN-DELEGATE FILIPINO BOXING TEAM OF THE AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR EMERGING VICTORIOUS, AFTER WINNING FIVE GOLD AND TWO SILVER MEDALS, IN THE 2010 ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD BOXING TOURNAMENT AT THE MAYWOOD CITY SPORTS COMPLEX IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM 2-5 SEPTEMBER 2010

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 178, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO CUE ARTISTS DENNIS "ROBOCOP"

ORCOLLO AND ROBERTO "PINOY SUPERMAN" GOMEZ FOR FINISHING SECOND IN THE 2010 PARTY-POKER.NET WORLD CUP OF POOL ON 7 TO 12 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 179, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE THAT THE UNFORTUNATE RECENT MANILA HOSTAGE EVENT SHOULD BE SETTLED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW WITHOUT NEED OF PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS FROM A CERTAIN OFFICIAL OF THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 180, entitled

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PARTICULAR THE BOARD OF INVESTMENT, PHILIPPINE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE AUTHORITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO REVIEW THE LIST OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR INCENTIVES VIS-À-VIS THE FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING TELEVISION, FILM, THEATER AND DIGITAL ARTS SECTORS TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF CREATIVE MEDIA IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 181, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ANTI-BLINDNESS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ADOPTING A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS AND TO REINFORCE EYE HEALTH CARE IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 182, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES WITH REGARD TO THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST ON CONDUCTING AUTOPSIES IN THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE, AND DRAFT A LAW ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR MANDATORY AUTOPSY IN CERTAIN CASES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 183, entitled

RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE UNITED NATION CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONS FROM ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES AND TRANSMIT IT TO THE SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 184, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FISCAL IMPRODENCE AND VIOLATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LAW COMMITTED BY SOME OFFICIALS OF THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACCORDING TO FINDINGS BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 185, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH (150TH) BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 186, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE MAGUINDANAO MASSACRE TRIAL SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC THROUGH RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE COURT PROCEEDINGS

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 187, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF

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PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO INQUIRE INTO AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) WITH BAGGERWERKEN DE CLOEDT EN ZOON AMOUNTING TO PHP18.7 BILLION FOR THE LAGUNA LAKE REHABILITATION PROJECT IN VIOLATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 9184 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ACT

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigation; and Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 188, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE DIRECTING THAT, IN CASES OF TERRORIST ATTACKS OR HOSTAGE-TAKING INCIDENTS, IT SHALL BE PART OF THE PROTOCOL AND TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONNEL TO REFRAIN FROM DOING LIVE INTERVIEWS OF THE TERRORIST OR HOSTAGE-TAKER WHILE THE INCIDENT IS IN PROGRESS

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 189, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE HOUSING LOAN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE

PAG-IBIG FUND AND GLOBE ASIATIQUE REALTY HOLDINGS CORPORATION

Introduced by Senator Osmeña III

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Adverting to Proposed Senate Resolution No. 185 on the celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Senator Pangilinan said that after conferring with the Chair of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to which said resolution was referred, it was agreed to consider and adopt the same within the day, with the permission of the Body.

Senator Sotto did not object.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred Proposed Senate Resolution No. 185, which was originally referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, instead to the Committee on Rules.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 185

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 185, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH (150TH) BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

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

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Pangilinan for the sponsorship.

**SPONSORSHIP REMARKS
OF SENATOR PANGILINAN**

Senator Pangilinan believed that it is fitting and necessary to have a series of celebrations, to be coordinated by the DepEd, CHED and the National Historical Institute, to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal on June 19, 2011. Noting that there is less than a year to prepare, he urged the Body to adopt the resolution.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 185**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 185 was adopted by the Body.

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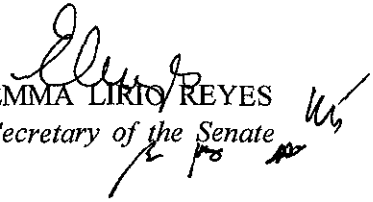
Upon his request, Senator Escudero was made coauthor of Senate Bill No. 1435.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 20, 2010.

It was 4:34 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 20, 2010