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SENATE BILLS

SBN 2213 "AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN OF THE GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002"

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs*

SBN 2214 "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE BIG DATA CENTER"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance*

SBN 2215 "AN ACT PROVIDING EMERGENCY WAREHOUSES IN AREAS DEVASTATED BY CALAMITIES TO ENSURE AFFECTED CONSUMERS ACCESS TO BASIC NECESSITIES AND PRIME COMMODITIES AT DISCOUNTED AND TAX FREE PRICES"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Ways and Means; and Finance*

SBN 2216 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

SBN 2217 "AN ACT EXEMPTING START-UP ENTERPRISES FROM TAXES ARISING FROM THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF OPERATION"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Ways and Means; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship*

SBN 2218 "AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE CREDIT SURETY FUND TO ENHANCE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTREPRENEURS TO THE CREDIT FACILITY OF BANKS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Ways and Means*

SBN 2219 "AN ACT TO IMPROVE AND TO PROMOTE QUALITY DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES IN BARANGAYS, ENACTING THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND SERVICES REFORM ACT OF 2014"

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance*

SBN 2220 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE ROAD TRANSPORTATION SECTOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; Public Works; and Ways and Means*

SBN 2221 "AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO"

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture*

SBN 2222 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR WORKERS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR OF THE PHILIPPINES, AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*

- *Referred to the Committees on Energy; Civil Service And Government Reorganization; and Finance*

SBN 2223 "AN ACT EXEMPTING MARGINAL INCOME EARNERS FROM INCOME TAX AND VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 22, 24, 109 (1) AND 236 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*

SBN 2224 "AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NATIONAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture*

SBN 2225 "AN ACT AMENDING TITLE I, CHAPTER 3, OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PRESCRIBING AN ADDITIONAL GROUND FOR ANNULMENT"

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Referred to the Committee on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality*

SBN 2226 "AN ACT PROTECTING THE AMATEUR NATURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY REGULATING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND PROHIBITING THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF STUDENT-ATHLETES"

- *Substituted by Committee Report No. 29*

SBN 2227 "AN ACT EXEMPTING MARGINAL INCOME EARNERS FROM INCOME TAX, VALUE ADDED TAX AND PERCENTAGE TAX AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*

- *Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*

SBN 2228 "AN ACT ALLOWING EXPENSES INCURRED AS PAYMENTS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION TUITION AND ALLIED EXPENSES AS DEDUCTIONS FROM GROSS INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 34 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*

SBN 2229 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW PASSPORT LAW, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. NO. 8239), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations*

SBN 2230 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE CORPORATION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance*

SBN 2231 "AN ACT PROHIBITING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES FROM IMPOSING AN EXPIRATION PERIOD ON THE VALIDITY OF PREPAID CALL AND TEXT CARDS AND THE FORFEITURE OF LOAD CREDITS THEREOF"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship*

SBN 2232 "AN ACT PROVIDING FREE PUBLIC WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PARKS AND NATIONAL ROADS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*

- *Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance*

SBN 2233 "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUGARCANE INDUSTRY BY ESTABLISHING THE SUGARCANE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Ways and Means; and Finance*

SBN 2234 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF FARM TOURISM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Tourism; and Ways and Means*

SBN 2235 "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 443, 454, 463 AND 477 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committees on Local Government; and Public Works*

SBN 2236 "AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF CARDIOMYOPATHY, EDUCATION, AWARENESS, AND RISK ASSESSMENT MATERIALS AND RESOURCES BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND THE DISSEMINATION OF SUCH MATERIALS AND RESOURCES BY EDUCATION AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY MORE AT-RISK FAMILIES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance*

SBN 2237 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MANGROVE REFORESTATION PROGRAM FOR COASTAL AREAS"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance*

SBN 2238 "AN ACT REQUIRING INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DELIVER A MINIMUM STANDARD FOR INTERNET CONNECTION SPEED"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Science and Technology*

SBN 2239 "AN ACT REQUIRING ALL FRANCHISE HOLDERS OR OPERATORS OF TELEVISION STATIONS AND PRODUCERS OF TELEVISION PROGRAMS TO BROADCAST OR PRESENT THEIR PROGRAMS WITH CLOSED CAPTIONS OPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Substituted by Committee Report No. 32*

SBN 2240 "AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 1773 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NEW CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES BY CLARIFYING THE LEGAL EFFECT OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE FORMAL REQUIREMENTS IN A CONTRACT OF PARTNERSHIP WHERE AN IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IS CONTRIBUTED"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Constitutional Amendments and Revision Of Codes*

SBN 2241 "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10361, OR THE DOMESTIC WORKERS ACT, BY CLARIFYING THAT THE FINE IMPOSED THEREIN SHALL INURE TO THE SOLE BENEFIT OF THE AGGRIEVED DOMESTIC WORKER, WHICH MAY BE AWARDED IN THE SAME LABOR, CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED BY THE DOMESTIC WORKER"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development*

SBN 2242 "AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIST OF PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN PROTECTED AREAS, INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND AMENDING FOR THESE PURPOSES"

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS ACT OF 1992 (NIPAS ACT OF 1992)”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

SBN 2243 “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO GOVERN SPECIAL USE AGREEMENTS IN PROTECTED AREAS”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

SBN 2244 “AN ACT REPEALING CHAPTER I OF TITLE III OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*

SBN 2245 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE SAFE OPERATIONS OF THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INDUSTRY, DELINEATE THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, DEFINE AND PENALIZE CERTAIN ACTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Energy; and Finance*

SBN 2246 “AN ACT SETTING THE LIMITS ON THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENT TO REAPPOINT BYPASSED NOMINEES”

- *Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Revision Of Codes*

SBN 2247 “AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1586”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

SBN 2248 "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 213 AND 215 OF P.D.NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

SBN 2249 "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PHILIPPINE MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Ways and Means; and Finance*

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

PSRN 640 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UTILIZATION AND AUDIT PROCESSES OF MONETARY DONATIONS GIVEN BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LOCAL NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO THE VICTIMS OF SUPERTYPHOON YOLANDA TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY IN THE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE FUND FOR THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

PSRN 641 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED MONOPOLY OF GAMCA PHILS ON MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF OFWS BOUND FOR GULF COUNTRIES SUCH AS KUWAIT, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA, BAHRAIN, OMAN AND U.E.A. IN

VIOLATION OF R.A. 10022 AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINO ACT OF 1995”

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

PSRN 642 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE MANDATORY REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A MORE RESPONSIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE”

- *Introduced by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

PSRN 643 “RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DONNIE AHAS NIETES FOR WINNING AND RETAINING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION LIGHT-FLYWEIGHT TITLE AT THE MALL OF ASIA ARENA”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 644 “RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VETERAN FILIPINO BROADCAST JOURNALISTS ANGELO CASTRO, JR. AND HARRY GASSER IN ELEVATING THE STANDARDS OF PHILIPPINE BROADCAST MEDIA”

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 645 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EL NINO-SOUTHERN OSCILLATION PHENOMENON AND DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION, WITH THE INTENT OF STRENGTHENING THE MANDATES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND ENSURING THE ADEQUATE, SAFE AND AFFORDABLE WATER SUPPLY”

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Climate Change; and*

Agriculture and Food

PSRN 646 "RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9004 OR THE ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000 AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS AND LOCAL ORDINANCES, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF INCREASING PENALTIES AGAINST OFFENDERS TO FURTHER PROTECT THE DECLINING STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ULTIMATELY AVERT A GARBAGE CRISIS"

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government*

PSRN 647 "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINUOUSLY INCREASING CRIMINALITY AND THE BRAZENNESS OF CRIMINAL/ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF CRAFTING SHORT-AND LONG-TERM PLANS AND POLICIES REGARDING CRIME PREVENTION AND ERADICATION"

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs*

PSRN 648 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF OLYMPIAN ANTHONY N. VILLANUEVA"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 649 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ESCALATION OF ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATES ENGAGED IN SEXTORTION IN THE COUNTRY"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights*

PSRN 650 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,

ON THE REPORTED INCIDENT IN CEBU OF A NEWBORN CHILD WHOSE MOUTH WAS COVERED WITH TAPE BY AN ATTENDING NURSE”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Youth*

PSRN 651 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE OF MINORS BY CYBERSEX SYNDICATES AND THE RAMPANT SPREAD OF ONLINE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY”

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights*

PSRN 652 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SEAWORTHINESS OF VESSELS TO ENSURE SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID MARITIME ACCIDENTS WHICH HAVE PLAGUED THE PHILIPPINE SEAS IN THE PAST DECADES”

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services*

PSRN 653 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF AZUCENA 'NENE' VERA-PEREZ”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 654 “RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE PROLIFERATION OF CYBER EXTORTION OR BLACKMAILING IN THE INTERNET WITH THE INTENTION OF STRENGTHENING AND TIGHTENING EXISTING RELEVANT LAWS AND PROTECTING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND INNOCENT VICTIMS”

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*

- *Referred to the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights*

PSRN 655 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE) TO RE-OPEN THE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE P728-MILLION FERTILIZER FUND SCAM IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND REVELATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING: (1) THE DISMISSAL BY THE OMBUDSMAN OF THE CASE AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO FOR THE ALLEGED MISUSE OF THE FERTILIZER FUND; (2) VITAL INFORMATION ON THE SCAM NEWLY REVEALED BY WITNESSES; AND (3) THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF JANET LIM-NAPOLES AND HER CO-CONSPIRATORS IN THE SCAM"

- *Introduced by Senator Alan Peter Companero S. Cayetano*
- *Referred to the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations*

PSRN 656 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTRY'S BOXING EVENTS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR FILIPINO BOXERS"

- *Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid*
- *Referred to the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports*

PSRN 657 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPENDING TUITION FEE INCREASES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS NATIONWIDE"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture*

PSRN 658 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN NORTH COTABATO"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

PSRN 659 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLINGS OF JUDGE REYNERIO G. ESTACIO, SR. AND OTHER JUDGES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING MEASURES TO SECURE THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY"

- *Introduced by Senator Aquilino Koko L. Pimentel III*
- *Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights*

PSRN 660 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT DENTAL CLINICS AND SCHOOL IN BAGUIO CITY EMIT HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF MERCURY"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

PSRN 661 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL THAT TORTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights*

PSRN 662 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN LAWS TO PREVENT AND MITIGATE THE OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN THE COUNTRY, CITING THE RECENT OUTBREAK IN NORTH COTABATO"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

PSRN 663 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DYNAMITE FISHING IN BADOZ, ILOCOS NORTE AND MASINLOC, ZAMBALES, RESULTING TO DAMAGE IN THE

MARINE ECOSYSTEM, AS EVIDENCED BY THE DISCOVERY OF TWO INJURED DOLPHINS FOUND IN THOSE AREAS”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Environment and Natural Resources*

PSRN 664 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL HAZARDS THAT POSES MAJOR THREAT IN THE COUNTRY”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Environment and Natural Resources*

PSRN 665 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON A REPORT CLAIMING THAT SCALPERS HAVE PROLIFERATED IN THE PORTS OF CAGAYAN DE ORO”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Services*

PSRN 666 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO ELIMINATE RED TAPE IN THE POWER SECTOR OF GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO HASTEN THE USE OF GENERATORS BY COOPERATIVES TO PREVENT THE POWER CRISIS IN MINDANAO”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Energy*

PSRN 667 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES CONCERNING PREGNANT DETAINEES AND PRISONERS”

- *Introduced by Senator Aquilino Koko L. Pimentel III*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality*

PSRN 668 "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING VICTORIA LUCIA TAULI-CORPUZ, THE FIRST INDIGENOUS WOMAN FROM THE PHILIPPINES TO BE APPOINTED AS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES BY THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL"

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 669 "RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA), THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA) AND OTHER LABOR RELATED AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, TO EXERCISE THE DOCTRINE OF PARENS PATRIAE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GUARDIAN OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE, IN PURSUING THE FILING OF CRIMINAL, CIVIL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST THE PRINCIPAL EMPLOYER, THE LOCAL PHILIPPINE AGENT AND SUCH OTHER PERSONALITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INHUMANE TREATMENT INFLICTED UPON OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKER PAHIMA ALAGASI PALACASI WHO APPARENTLY SUFFERED SECOND DEGREE BURNS WHEN HER EMPLOYER'S MOTHER DOUSED BOILING WATER ON HER"

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Referred to the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

PSRN 670 "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ANTI-WIRE TAPPING LAW UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200, TO COMBAT ELECTION FRAUD AND SIMILAR ELECTORAL VIOLATIONS"

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committees on Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs*

PSRN 671 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES

ON WAYS AND MEANS, HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY AND FINANCE TO ASSESS AND REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SIN TAX LAW (REPUBLIC ACT 10351) IN PARTICULAR ITS INTENDED OBJECTIVES OF FUNDING THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AND PROVIDING EFFICIENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ORDINARY CITIZENS”

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committees on Ways and Means; and Health and Demography; and Finance*

PSRN 672 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF PREGNANT WOMEN IN PHILIPPINE JAILS IN LIGHT OF THE REPORTED DEATH OF A DETAINEE'S NEWBORN CHILD ALLEGEDLY DUE TO LACK OF IMMEDIATE AND ADEQUATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES”

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality*

PSRN 673 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE STATUS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF CLASSROOMS, SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES DAMAGED BY SUPER-TYPHOON "YOLANDA", AND WHETHER THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE WERE RELEASED, IN ORDER TO RESTORE NORMALCY AND ENSURE THE WELFARE OF THE STUDENTS AND THE WHOLE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY IN THE AREA”

- *Introduced by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Works*

PSRN 674 “RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY AND ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONDITION OF FEMALE PRISONERS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTING MEASURES FOR THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF WOMEN IN PRISON AND TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEE AGAINST SUBSTANDARD OR INADEQUATE PENAL FACILITIES”

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality*

PSRN 675 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS AND ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INSTANCES OF RECRUITMENT AND USE OF CHILDREN BY ARMED GROUPS, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF CRAFTING EFFECTIVE POLICIES FOR ITS PREVENTION AND REVIEWING EXISTING MEASURES ON THE REINTEGRATION OF FORMER CHILD SOLDIERS IN MAINSTREAM SOCIETY"

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committees on Youth; and National Defense and Security*

PSRN 676 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLINGS OF ATTYS. ISAGANI GARCIA, NOEL D. ARCHIVAL, PROSECUTOR ISAAN SAWADJAAN, ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR SAIPAL ALAWI, SR., AND OTHER SLAIN LAWYERS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING MEASURES TO SECURE THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE BAR"

- *Introduced by Senator Aquilino Koko L. Pimentel III*
- *Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights*

PSRN 677 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION AS TO THE STATUS OF THE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND CLASSROOMS OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCS) IN THE YOLANDA-HIT REGIONS AND PROVINCES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING THE SLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ONGOING REHABILITATION PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Works*

PSRN 678 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REHABILITATION EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTICULARLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING AND/OR DECENT SHELTER FOR THE VICTIMS OF SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement*

PSRN 679 "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISION OF CODES TO CONDUCT AN OMNIBUS REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S SUFFRAGE LAW, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONTINUOUSLY ADVANCING AND EVOLVING TECHNOLOGIES AND PREVENTING FUTURE MORE SCHEMING ELECTION-RELATED FRAUD"

- *Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe*
- *Referred to the Committees on Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation; and Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes*

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CRN 27 Submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights on **SENATE BILL NO. 2108**, introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, entitled "AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ANDRAY BLATCHE"

- *Sponsor: Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 28 Submitted by the Committee on Public Services on **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10**, introduced by Representative Giorgidi B. Aggabao *et al.*, entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER, SALE OR ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTROLLING INTEREST OF ZEST AIRWAYS, INC., FORMERLY KNOWN AS ASIAN SPIRIT, INC. TO AIR ASIA, INC"

- *Sponsor: Senator Ramon A. Revilla Jr.*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 29 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and Games, Amusement and Sports on **SENATE BILL NO. 2226** with Senators Miriam Defensor Santiago, Pia S. Cayetano, Cynthia A. Villar and Members of the Committees as authors entitled "AN ACT PROTECTING THE AMATEUR NATURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY REGULATING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND PROHIBITING THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF STUDENT-ATHLETES"

- *Sponsor: Senator Pia S. Cayetano*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 30 Submitted by the Committee on Public Works on **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 436**, introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago, entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO STRENGTHEN LAWS TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENT DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL AID, FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT BUNKHOUSES BEING DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN LEYTE AND EASTERN SAMAR THAT ARE MEANT FOR THE VICTIMS OF SUPERTYPHOON YOLANDA ARE OVERPRICED AND DO NOT COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES" and **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 439**, introduced by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr., entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED SUBSTANDARD AND OVERPRICED BUNKHOUSES BUILT FOR THE SURVIVORS OF SUPERTYPHOON 'YOLANDA' IN THE VISAYAS REGION, AND TO INSTITUTE CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THOSE DISPLACED BY THE SAID CATASTROPHE"

- *Sponsors: Senators Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos and Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 31 Submitted jointly by the Committees on Local Government, Finance, Ways and Means and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development on **SENATE BILL NO. 12**, introduced by Senators

FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS Jr. and Cynthia A. Villar, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS A RETIREMENT BENEFIT"

- *Sponsors: Senators Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr., Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Jinggoy P. Ejercito-Estrada, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito and Cynthia A. Villar*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 32 Submitted by the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media on **SENATE BILL NO. 2239** with Senators Ramon A. Revilla Jr., Loren B. Legarda and Grace L. Poe as authors, entitled "AN ACT REQUIRING ALL FRANCHISE HOLDERS OR OPERATORS OF TELEVISION STATIONS AND PRODUCERS OF TELEVISION PROGRAMS TO BROADCAST OR PRESENT THEIR PROGRAMS WITH CLOSED CAPTIONS OPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Sponsor: Senator Grace Poe*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 33 Submitted by the Committee on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES on **SENATE BILL NO. 2159**, introduced by Senator Sergio R. Osmena III, entitled "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7721, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE ENTRY AND SCOPE OF OPERATIONS OF FOREIGN BANKS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Sponsor: Senator Sergio R. Osmena III*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 34 Submitted by the Committee on Finance on **SENATE BILL NO. 963**, introduced by Senator Jinggoy P. Ejercito-Estrada, entitled "AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTIONS THREE AND FOUR OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3456, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1177, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTERNAL AUDITING ACT OF 1962"

- *Sponsors: Senators Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero and Jinggoy P. Ejercito-Estrada*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 35 Submitted by the Committee on Finance on **SENATE BILL NO. 1657**, introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, entitled "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 53 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Sponsors: Senators Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero and Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 36 Submitted by the Committee on Finance on **SENATE BILL NO. 1872**, introduced by Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, entitled "AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TEN BILLION PESOS FOR THE AID, RELIEF, RESETTLEMENT, REHABILITATION AND LIVELIHOOD SERVICES AS WELL AS INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKE IN CENTRAL VISAYAS, CREATING THE CENTRAL VISAYAS ASSISTANCE, RESETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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