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**Senate Bill No. 1601** "AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS FROM EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on YOUTH; HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on COOPERATIVES; and WAYS AND MEANS

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; and WAYS AND MEANS

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

**Senate Bill No. 1609** “AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING”

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; and WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA

- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; YOUTH; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA
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- Referred to the Committee(s) on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; and WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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**Senate Bill No. 1619** "AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN PRACTICES INVOLVING COMMERCIAL USES OF TELEPHONE FACSIMILE MACHINES"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SERVICES

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES

**Senate Bill No. 1621** "AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO DISCLOSE PARTICIPATION AND PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENDITURES IN COLLEGE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1623** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BEST PRACTICES GUIDELINES IN THE EFFORTS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator PIA S. CAYETANO
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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA

- Referred to the Committee on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

**Senate Bill No. 1626** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (NAATEI)"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1630** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REASONABLE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE LOSS OF LIVES, INJURIES AND DAMAGES TO PROPERTY SUFFERED BY NON-COMBATANT INDIVIDUALS IN THE COURSE OF OPERATIONS BY THE MILITARY, POLICE AND/OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

**Senate Bill No. 1632** "AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS TO BE OPEN AT ALL TIMES TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1633** "AN ACT LIMITING EXPOSURE OF CHILDREN TO VIOLENT PROGRAMMING ON TELEVISION AND CABLE SYSTEMS"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA

**Senate Bill No. 1634** "AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR, COLUMNIST OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA

**Senate Bill No. 1635** "AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 90 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, PROHIBITING AND LIMITING THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSION BY ELECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Senate Bill No. 1636** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 144 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 68, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES BY INCREASING THE RANGE OF PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP



**Senate Bill No. 1637** "AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY REPORTING OF MARINE CASUALTIES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC SERVICES; and JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Senate Bill No. 1638** "AN ACT FIXING THE MINIMUM STANDARD FOR DEATH BENEFITS TO FILIPINO SEAFARERS EMPLOYED OVERSEAS AND ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM AT THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS REGULAR REVIEW AND REALIGNMENT TO PREVAILING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; and SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**Senate Bill No. 1639** "AN ACT AUTHORIZING BARANGAYS TO ENTER INTO OFFICIAL CONTRACTS WITH NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO UNDERTAKE THE DELIVERY OF BASIC SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT TO BARANGAY RESIDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Senate Bill No. 1640** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY DRUGSTORES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'BOTICA SA BARANGAY', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Senate Bill No. 1641** "AN ACT REQUIRING MOVIE, TELEVISION, AND RADIO PRODUCERS, INCLUDING PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING AGENCIES, AND OTHER LIKE ENTITIES, EMPLOYING UNEMANCIPATED MINORS TO DEPOSIT THEIR TALENT FEES OR INCOME IN A TRUST FUND, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA; and YOUTH

**Senate Bill No. 1642** "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8479, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DOWNSTREAM OIL INDUSTRY DEREGULATION ACT'"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENERGY; TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1643** "AN ACT DECLARING THE MT. BALATUKAN RANGE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF GINGOOG AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CLAVERIA, MEDINA AND BALINGASAG, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AS A PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator VICENTE C. SOTTO III
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- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

**Senate Bill No. 1648** "AN ACT ENSURING THE FUNDAMENTAL EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN ON LAWS RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST CHASTITY, AMENDING FOR THIS

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- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

**Senate Bill No. 1649** “AN ACT ENSURING THE SECURITY OF WOMEN CONFINED IN DISTRICT, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL JAILS BY REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF SEPARATE DETENTION FACILITIES FOR WOMEN PRISONERS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; and WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

**Senate Bill No. 1650** “AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT 9160 OR THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9194, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10167 AND REPUBLIC ACT 10365”

- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee(s) on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES; and JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Senate Bill No. 1651** “AN ACT ENHANCING PROTECTION FOR LEGITIMATE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT ACTS IN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS”

- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Senate Bill No. 1652** “AN ACT PROHIBITING COURTS FROM ISSUING RETRAINING ORDERS OR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIONS IN CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING EXTRA-JUDICIAL AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Senate Bill No. 1653** “AN ACT RECOGNIZING SWISS CHALLENGE OR PRICE MATCHING SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT PROJECTS NOT COVERED BY THE BOT LAW AS AMENDED”

- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee on FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

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- Introduced by Senator GRACE L. POE
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA

**Senate Bill No. 1657** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 53 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committee(s) on FINANCE; and NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

**Senate Bill No. 1658** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 (B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7898, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AFP MODERNIZATION ACT, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10349, ESTABLISHING THE 'REVISED AFP MODERNIZATION PROGRAM', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committee on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA

- Referred to the Committee on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC SERVICES; and WAYS AND MEANS

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC WORKS; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; and HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Senate Bill No. 1670** "AN ACT PROVIDING FREE AND SUITABLE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; YOUTH; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1671** "AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS WARD OR UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1672** "AN ACT TO DECLARE THE UNIVERSITY BELT AREA IN MANILA AND ALL OTHER SCHOOL SITES OR CAMPUSES IN THE COUNTRY WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AS DRUG-FREE AND CHILD PROTECTION ZONES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; YOUTH; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1673** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE ACADEMY (PAFA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1674** "AN ACT TO REGULATE PESTICIDE CHEMICAL RESIDUES IN FOOD"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD; and HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

**Senate Bill No. 1675** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MINIMUM CONTENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO CONGRESS BY THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

**Senate Bill No. 1676** "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PYRAMID PROMOTIONAL SCHEMES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Senate Bill No. 1677** "AN ACT PROVIDING A MAGNA CARTA FOR DAY CARE WORKERS"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1678** "AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS WORKERS BANK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES; LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; and WAYS AND MEANS

**Senate Bill No. 1679** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH CENTER IN THE FIFTEEN (15) REGIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on YOUTH; SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1680** "AN ACT DECLARING AS AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY THE RELEASE OR INTRODUCTION OF GENETICALLY-MODIFIED ORGANISMS INTO THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**Senate Bill No. 1681** "AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1682** "AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1683** "AN ACT CREATING A COMMISSION ON MISSING PERSONS"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1684** "AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, CREATING A



**NATIONAL BARANGAY BENEFITS AUGMENTATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1685 "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 325 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Senate Bill No. 1686 "AN ACT TO PROFESSIONALIZE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY SERVICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

**Senate Bill No. 1687 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH A PERMANENT COUNCIL ON NUTRITION AND HEALTH"**

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1688 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SARANGANI PROVINCE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAASIM, KIAMBA AND MAITUM, CREATING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE MAASIM-KIAMBA-MAITUM INDUSTRIAL TRIANGLE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (MITSEZA), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1689 "AN ACT ADOPTING AN OMNIBUS COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND THE BASE PAY SCHEDULE OF MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1690 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTER FOR EACH SCHOOL DIVISION AND AT LEAST THREE (3) SPED**

**CENTERS IN BIG SCHOOL DIVISIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSN), PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

- Introduced by Senator JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1691 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE THROUGH REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS"**

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1692 "AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT LEAVE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES"**

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

**Senate Bill No. 1693 "AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 337 OF THE PENAL CODE, ELIMINATING GENDER BIAS IN QUALIFIED SEDUCTION AND INCREASING THE IMPOSABLE PENALTY"**

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

**Senate Bill No. 1694 "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SYNCHRONIZED ELECTION LAW OF 1991', ON THE PARTICULAR OFFICE WHERE CANDIDATES SHALL FILE THEIR STATEMENTS OF ELECTION CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF SAID SECTION"**

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION

**Senate Bill No. 1695 "AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"**

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

- Referred to the Committee on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Senate Bill No. 1696** "AN ACT TO ENABLE PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS TO USE COMPUTER HARDWARE TO INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WORKPLACE"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1697** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO PROMOTE AND STRENGTHEN RESPONSIBLE TOURISM"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Committee(s) on TOURISM; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1698** "AN ACT PROMOTING RESEARCH ON DYSTONIA"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1699** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 40 (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,' AS AMENDED, ON DUAL ALLEGIANCE AS A DISQUALIFICATION FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ANY ELECTIVE LOCAL POSITION"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION

**Senate Bill No. 1700** "AN ACT SECURING THE PHILIPPINE'S BORDERS TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE ENTRY OF ILLEGAL DRUGS INTO THE COUNTRY"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1701** "AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION DESIGNED TO HELP ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AVOID INVOLVEMENT WITH ILLEGAL DRUGS"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

**Senate Bill No. 1702** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CIVIL LIABILITY OF DRUG DEALERS IN FAVOR OF PERSONS INJURED BY ILLEGAL DRUGS"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

**Senate Bill No. 1703** "AN ACT EMPOWERING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO REGULATE ABUSIVE TELEMARKEETING ACTIVITIES"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Senate Bill No. 1704** "AN ACT PROHIBITING CREDIT CARD DEBT-COLLECTION HARASSMENT"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES

**Senate Bill No. 1705** "AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,' ARTICLE 280, ON PROJECT EMPLOYMENT"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

**Senate Bill No. 1706** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR MINOR CHILDREN AND DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED OR SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1707** "AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE MUSIC INDUSTRY BY ESTABLISHING A MUSICAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, IMPOSING CONTENT QUOTA ON PARTICULAR ESTABLISHMENTS, AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO THE LOCAL MUSIC INDUSTRY"

- Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1708** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) AS THE SINGLE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS/COVENANTS GOVERNING MARITIME GLOBAL PROFESSIONALS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator FRANKLIN M. DRILON
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; PUBLIC SERVICES; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1709** "AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF COOPERATIVES OFFICERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 487 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

- Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
- Referred to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Senate Bill No. 1710** "AN ACT PRESCRIBING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY STANDARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Introduced by Senator GRACE L. POE
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC SERVICES; and EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

**Senate Bill No. 1711** "AN ACT FORTIFYING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP OVER INFORMATION HELD BY THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT"

- Introduced by Senator RAMON A. REVILLA JR.
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA; CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1712** "AN ACT DEFINING THE RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF PARTIES IN ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES

**Senate Bill No. 1713** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1714** "AN ACT REQUIRING CREDIT CARD CORPORATIONS TO GIVE THEIR CONSUMERS NINETY DAYS NOTICE BEFORE CHANGING THEIR ANNUAL

CREDIT PERCENTAGE RATE OF INTEREST APPLICABLE OF ANY CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT OR BEFORE CHANGING THE INDEX USED TO DETERMINE SUCH RATE”

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES

**Senate Bill No. 1715** “AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7157, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1991,' TITLE 111, SECTION 30, BY DELETING THE REQUIREMENT OF CONFIRMATION BY THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS WHO JOIN THE FOREIGN SERVICE THROUGH LATERAL ENTRY”

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS

**Senate Bill No. 1716** “AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE,' SECTION 6, ON FAILURE OF ELECTIONS”

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION

**Senate Bill No. 1717** “AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,' ARTICLE 1723, ON THE LIABILITY OF ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS OR CONTRACTORS ARISING FROM NON-OBSERVANCE OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OR THE USE OF MATERIALS OF INFERIOR QUALITY”

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC WORKS

**Senate Bill No. 1718** “AN ACT MANDATING COMPUTER EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE”

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1719** “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MINIMUM CONTENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AND TO CONGRESS BY THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS”

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION

**Senate Bill No. 1720** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF POLITICAL PUBLIC RELATIONS"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA

**Senate Bill No. 1721** "AN ACT PRESCRIBING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTIONS"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1722** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY; SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1723** "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO ELEMENTARY INCLUDE A COMPONENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

**Senate Bill No. 1724** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SAFETY MEASURES FOR CULVERTS OR OTHER SIMILAR FLOOD OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC WORKS

**Senate Bill No. 1725** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE LAW, TO PROVIDE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES IN CORRUPTION CASES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Senate Bill No. 1726** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM FOR PROSECUTORS IN THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1727** "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL, BY RE-DEFINING, EXPANDING STRENGTHENING, RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1728** "AN ACT TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA CARE"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

**Senate Bill No. 1729** "AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR DRIVING AND/OR OPERATING COMMON CARRIERS WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND/OR SIMILAR SUBSTANCES"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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**Senate Bill No. 1730** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUMMARY TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES"

- Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO;
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 1731** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHTS OF FOREIGNERS TO LEASE PRIVATE LANDS, THEREBY REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7652, ENTITLED 'AN ACT ALLOWING THE LONG-TERM LEASE OF PRIVATE LANDS BY FOREIGN INVESTORS', AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 471, ENTITLED FIXING A MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR THE DURATION OF LEASES OF PRIVATE LANDS TO ALIENS"

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Senate Bill No. 1732** "AN ACT GRANTING THE SUPREME COURT THE POWER TO REASSIGN TRIAL COURT JUDGES TO OTHER BRANCHES OF THE SAME LEVEL,



THEREBY AMENDING SECTIONS 17, 28, 30 AND 31 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980"

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Senate Bill No. 1733** "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND HONESTY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator(s) GRACE L. POE, ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV, FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO and ALAN PETER COMPANERO S. CAYETANO
- Approved on Third Reading

**Senate Bill No. 1734** "AN ACT PROMOTING THE CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS AND FACILITATING THEIR REINTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS IN EACH REGION OF THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS
- Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and FINANCE

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