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**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

**SBN 2218** "AN ACT AMENDING PROMOTING THE USE OF MICROGRID SYSTEMS FOR THE TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION OF UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AREAS"

- *Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committee on Energy*

**SBN 2219** "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOS) IN THE PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION PROCESS OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL BUDGET, PROVIDING EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson*
- *Referred to the Committees on Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation; and Finance*

**SBN 2220** "AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL VEHICLES FROM PAYING TOLL FEES ON CERTAIN HOLIDAYS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1112, AS AMENDED"

- *Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Services*

## PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

**PSRN 1034** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING THE TARGETED AND CONTINUED KILLINGS OF FARMERS, PARTICULARLY IN NEGROS ORIENTAL, WITH THE END VIEW OF ENSURING ADHERENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF STATE LAW ENFORCERS TO BOTH INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS AND LOCAL OPERATING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES DURING THE CONDUCT OF POLICE OPERATIONS"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. de Lima*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Justice and Human Rights*

**PSRN 1035** "RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PRESENCE OF CHINESE VESSELS IN PHILIPPINE TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE DREDGER VESSEL IN LOBO, BATANGAS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING THE NECESSARY COURSE/S OF ACTION TO PROTECT PHILIPPINE INTERESTS, SOVEREIGNTY, AND LAND AND MARINE RESOURCES"

- *Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros*
- *Referred to the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Foreign Relations*

**PSRN 1036** "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DREDGING OF SAND AND OTHER AGGREGATES IN LOBO RIVER AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS TO ENFORCE PHILIPPINE MINING LAWS, SAFEGUARDING PHILIPPINE INTERESTS, AND MAINTAINING A BALANCED AND HEALTHFUL ECOLOGY FOR ALL"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

**PSRN 1037** "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE STRONG SENSE OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO REBUKE, FOR BEING AN AFFRONT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND AN UNDUE

INTERFERENCE ON ITS JUDICIAL PROCESS, PROPOSED RESOLUTION NOS. 233 AND 142 FILED BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS”

- *Introduced by Senators Vicente C. Sotto III, Panfilo M. Lacson, and Gregorio B. Honasan II*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 1038** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED RAMPANT VIOLATIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT AND OF THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS ACT AT THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NAIA) COMMITTED BY A SYNDICATE OF MIDDLE-LEVEL BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION (BI) OFFICIALS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING REMEDIAL MEASURES TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TASKED TO ENFORCE THEM”

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations*

**PSRN 1039** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CASE OF GIAN HABAL, WHO WAS KILLED DURING POLICE OPERATIONS IN CALOOCAN, AS WELL AS OTHER CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF ANTI-DRUG POLICE OPERATIONS UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION”

- *Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality*

## **THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES AS AN INSTITUTION**

The Senate of the Philippines is one of the pillars of the country's lawmaking body, the other one is the House of Representatives. It is composed of 24 elected Senators whose terms of office shall be six (6) years. This dynamic institution is established to balance our economic, social and political environment and whose concerns are national in scope.

As the bastion of democracy, its action is centered on consensus and consultation with the end purpose of serving the best interest of the Filipino people.

The SENATE also values the importance of having productive and harmonious relationship with other institutions, from the government and the private sector, to create an environment where rapport and goodwill among institutions prevail. Its main objective is the passage of good, implementable and doable laws in pursuit of democratic ideals that would truly serve the national interest and the welfare of the people.

*- Julieta Cervo -*

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