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Presented in this issue of the **Linkages Update** are the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries In Aid of Legislation lifted from the Rules of the Senate and laws passed covering the period July 23, 2007 to May 6, 2009.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION

Presented below is Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation lifted from the Rules of the Senate amended in May 22, 2000.

Section 1. Power of Conduct Format Inquiries or Investigations.

The Senate or any of its Committees may conduct formal inquiries or investigations in aid of legislation in accordance with these Rules.

Such inquiries may refer to the implementation or re-examination of any law or appropriation, or in connection with any proposed legislation or the formulation of, or in connection with future legislation, or will aid in the review or formulation of a new legislative policy or enactment. They may also extend to any and all matters vested by the Constitution in Congress and/or in the Senate alone.

Section 2. Initiation of Inquiry.

Inquiries may be initiated by the Senate or any of its Committees if the matter is within its competence, or upon petition filed or upon information given by any Senator or by any person not a member thereof.

Section 3. Jurisdictional Challenge.

If the jurisdiction of the Committee is challenged on any ground, the said issue must first be resolved by the Committee before proceeding with the inquiry.

If the Committee, by a majority vote of its members present there being a quorum, decides that its inquiry is pertinent or relevant to the implementation or re-examination of any law or appropriation or in connection with any pending or proposed legislation or will aid in the review or formulation of a new legislative policy or enactment, or extends to any and all matters vested by the Constitution in Congress and/or in the Senate alone, it shall overrule such objection and proceed with the investigation.

Only one challenge on the same ground shall be permitted.

The filing, or pendency or any prosecution of criminal or administrative action shall not stop or abate any inquiry to carry out a legislative purpose.

Section 4. Quorum.

One third of all the regular members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum but in no case shall it be less than two. The presence of ex officio members may be considered in determining the existence of a quorum.

Section 5. Petition by Senators.

A petition filed or information given by a Senator shall set forth the facts upon which it is based. It need not be under oath but may be accompanied by supporting affidavits.

Such petition or information shall be addressed to the President, who shall refer the same to the appropriate Committee.

Nothing in this provision shall preclude the Senate from referring to any Committee or Committees any speech or resolution filed by any Senator which in its judgment requires an appropriate inquiry in aid of legislation.

Section 6. Petition by Non-Members.

A petition filed or information given by any person not a Member of the Senate shall be under oath, stating facts upon which it is based, and shall be accompanied by supporting affidavits.

If the President finds the petition or information to be in accordance with the requirements of this Section, he shall refer the same to the appropriate Committee.

Section 7. Inquiry by One or More Committees.

The President shall determine the Committee or Committees to which a speech, resolution, petition or information, as the case may be, shall be referred: Provided, however, that in case referral is made to two Committees, a joint investigation shall be held.

Section 8. Preliminary Determination.

Except in cases of bills and resolutions (which do not call for an investigation or inquiry) file for consideration, the Committee to which a speech, resolution, petition, or information has been referred by the President shall meet within five (5) days after such referral, with proper notice to all its members, in an executive meeting to determine the action it would take thereon.

A decision to conduct an inquiry shall require the concurrence of a majority of the members present provided there is a quorum.

The decision of a Committee, whether or not to conduct an inquiry, shall be reported to the Committee on Rules. The Committee on Rules shall then regularly inform the Senate of such action taken by the Committee.

Section 9. Internal Rules.

A Committee which decides to conduct an inquiry may adopt internal rules of procedure for such inquiry subject to these Rules.

Section 10. Rule of Evidence.

Technical rules of evidence applicable to judicial proceedings which do not affect substantive rights need not be observed by the Committee.

Section 11. Executive Session and Public Hearing.

(1) If the Committee believes that the interrogation of a witness in a public hearing might endanger national security, it may, *motu proprio* or upon motion of any interested party, conduct its inquiry in an executive session for the purpose of determining the necessity or advisability of conducting such interrogation thereafter in public hearing; (2) Attendance at executive sessions shall be limited to members of the Committee, its staff, other Members of the Senate, and other persons whose presence is requested or allowed by the Chairman; and (3) Testimony taken or material presented in an executive session, or any summary thereof, shall not be made public, in whole or in part, unless authorized by the Committee.

Section 12. Testimony Under Oath.

All witnesses at executive sessions or public hearings who testify as to matters of fact shall give such testimony under oath or affirmation.

Witnesses may be called by the Committee on its own initiative or upon the request of the petitioner or person giving the information or any person who feels that he may be affected by the said inquiry.

Section 13. Transcript of Testimony.

A complete and accurate record shall be kept of all testimonies and proceedings at hearings, both in public and in executive sessions.

Any witness or his counsel, at his expense, may obtain a transcript of any public testimony or the witness from the Committee Secretary.

Any witness or his counsel may also obtain a transcript of his testimonies given in executive sessions under the following conditions:

- (1) When a special release of said testimony prior to public release is authorized by the Chairman; or
- (2) After said testimony has been made public by the Committee.

Section 14. Right to Counsel.

(1) At every hearing, public or executive, every witness shall be accorded the right of having a counsel of his own choice;

and (2) Except as provided in the Internal Rules of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges, the participation of counsel during the course of any hearing and while the witness is testifying shall be limited to advising said witness as to his legal rights. Counsel shall not be permitted to engage in oral argument with the Committee, but shall confine his activity to the area of legal advice to his client.

Section 15. Conduct of Counsel.

Counsel for a witness shall conduct himself in a professional, ethical and proper manner. His failure to do so shall subject such counsel to disciplinary action which may include a warning, censure, removal from the hearing room, or punishment for contempt.

In such case of such removal of counsel, the witness shall have a reasonable time to obtain another counsel. Should the witness deliberately or capriciously fail or refuse to obtain the services of another counsel, the hearing shall continue and the testimony of such witness shall be taken.

Section 16. Statement of Witness.

(1) Any witness desiring to make a prepared or written statement for the record shall file a copy of such statement with the Committee Secretary not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the hearing at which the statement is to be presented; and (2) All such statements or portions thereof so received which are relevant and germane to the subject or investigation may, at the conclusion of the testimony of the witness, be inserted in the official transcript of the proceedings.

Section 17. Powers of the Committee.

The Committee shall have the powers of an investigating committee, including the power to summon witnesses and take their testimony and to issue subpoena and subpoena *duces tecum*, signed by its Chairman, or in his absence by the Acting Chairman, and approved by the President. Within Metro Manila, such process shall be served by the Sergeant-at-Arms or his assistant. Outside of Metro Manila, service may be made by the police of a municipality or city, upon request of the Secretary.

Witnesses who are not government officials summoned by the Committee shall be entitled, upon request, subject to the approval of the President, to reasonable transportation expenses, plus such amounts as may be deemed necessary to defray the cost of his stay in Metro Manila on a day-to-day basis.

Section 18. Contempt.

The Committee, by a vote of a majority of all its members, may punish for contempt any witness before it who disobeys any order of the Committee or refuses to be sworn or to testify or to answer a proper question by the Committee or any of its members, or testifying, testifies falsely or evasively. A contempt of the Committee shall be deemed a contempt of the Senate. Such witness may be ordered by the Committee to be detained in such place as it may designate under the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms until he agrees to produce the required documents, or to be sworn or to testify, or otherwise purge himself of that contempt.

Section 19. Privilege Against Self-Incrimination.

A witness can invoke his right against self-incrimination only when a question which tends to elicit an answer that will

incriminate him is propounded to him. However, he may offer to answer any question in an executive session.

No person can refuse to testify or be placed under oath or affirmation or answer questions before an incriminatory question is asked. His invocation of such right does not by itself excuse him from his duty to give testimony.

In such a case, the Committee, by a majority vote of the members present there being a quorum, shall determine whether the right has been properly invoked. If the Committee decides otherwise, it shall resume its investigation and the question or questions previously refused to be answered shall be repeated to the witness. If the latter continues to refuse to answer the question, the Committee may punish him for contempt for contumacious conduct.

Section 20. Subcommittees; Delegation of Authority.

The Chairman of a Committee may create subcommittees as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of performing any and all acts which the Committee as a whole is authorized to do and perform, except the power to punish for contempt under Section 18 hereof.

Section 21. General Counsel.

The following committees shall have their respective counsel: Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; Committee on Ethics and Privileges; Committee on Justice and Human Rights; and the Oversight Committee on Government Operations.

Section 22. Report of Committee.

Within fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of the inquiry, the Committee shall meet to begin the consideration of its Report.

The Report shall be approved by a majority vote of all its members. Concurring and dissenting reports may likewise be made by the members who do not sign the majority report within seventy-two (72) hours from the approval of the report. The number of members who sign reports concurring in the conclusions of the Committee Report shall be taken into account in determining whether the Report has been approved by a majority of the members; Provided, That the vote of Member who submits both a concurring and dissenting opinion shall not be considered a s part of the majority unless he expressly indicates his vote for the majority position.

The Report, together with any concurring and/or dissenting opinions, shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate, who shall include the same in the next Order of Business.

Section 23. Action on Report.

The Report, upon inclusion in the Order of Business, shall be referred to the Committee on Rules for assignment in the Calendar.

Section 24. Effectivity.*

These Rules shall take effect seven (7) days after publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Adopted, August 21, 1955

LAWS PASSED COVERING THE PERIOD
JULY 23, 2007 TO MAY 6, 2009
(Covers Republic Act Numbers 9491 – 9547)

Provided below are the laws passed covering the period July 23, 2007 to May 6, 2009) approved during the 14th Congress.

Republic Act No. 9491

“An Act Converting the Municipality of Naga in the Province of Cebu Into a Component City to Be Known as the City of Naga”

- Lapsed Into Law on July 15, 2007

Republic Act No. 9492

“An Act Rationalizing the Celebration of National Holidays Amending for the Purpose Section 26, Chapter 7, Book 1 of Executive Order No. 292, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Administrative Code of 1987”

- Approved into Law on July 24, 2007

Republic Act No. 9493

“An Act Recognizing Southville International School as an Educational Institution of International Character, Granting Certain Prerogatives to Hasten its Growth as such, and For Other Purposes

- Approved into Law on July 25, 2007

Republic Act No. 9494

“An Act Declaring the Mimbilisan Watershed Located in the Municipalities of Balingoan and Talisayan, Province of Misamis Oriental, as a Protected Area Under the Category of Protected area under the category of Protected Landscape, Providing for its Management and For Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on August 22, 2007

Republic Act No. 9495

“An Act Creating the Province of Quezon Del Sur”

- Lapsed Into Law on July 30, 2007

Republic Act No. 9496

“An Act to Extend the Utilization Period of the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, Amending Republic Act No. 8178, Entitled An act Replacing Quantitative Import Restrictions on Agricultural Products, Except Rice, With Tarriffs, Creating The Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, and For Other Purposes”

- Approved Into Law on February 28, 2008

Republic Act No. 9497

“An Act Creating the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved Into Law on March 4, 2008

Republic Act No. 9498

“An Act Appropriating Funds for the Operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines From January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand and Eight, and For Other Purposes”

- Approved Into Law on March 11, 2008

Republic Act No. 9499

“An Act Allowing Filipino World War II Veterans to Continue Receiving Philippine Government Pensions and Benefits Notwithstanding Similar Pensions and Benefits Provided by the United States Government, Thereby Amending Republic Act No. 6948, As Amended”

- Approved Into Law on April 9, 2008

Republic Act No. 9500

“An Act to Strengthen the University of the Philippines as the National University”

- Approved Into Law on April 29, 2008

Republic Act No. 9501

“An Act to Promote Entrepreneurship by Strengthening Development and Assistance Programs to Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6977, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the “Magna Carta For Small Enterprises” and For Other Purposes”

- Approved Into Law on May 23, 2008

Republic Act No. 9502

“An Act Providing for Cheaper and Quality Medicines, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8293 or the Intellectual Property Code, Republic Act No. 6675 or the Generics Act of 1988, and Republic Act No. 5921 or the Pharmacy Law and For Other Purposes”

- Approved Into Law on June 6, 2008

Republic Act No. 9503

“An Act Further Expanding the Organizational Structure of the Court of Tax Appeals, Amending for the Purpose Certain Sections of the Law Creating the Court of Tax Appeals, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on June 12, 2008

Republic Act No. 9504

“An Act Amending Sections 22, 24, 34, 35, 51 and 79 of Republic Act No. 8424, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the National Internal Revenue Code of 1987”

- Approved Into Law on June 17, 2008

Republic Act No. 9505

“An Act Establishing a Provident Personal Savings Plan, Known as the Personal Equity and Retirement Account (PERA)”

- Approved into Law on August 22, 2008

Republic Act No. 9506

“An Act Creating the Bacolor Rehabilitation Council and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on September 28, 2009

Republic Act No. 9507

“An Act to Establish a Socialized and Low-Cost Housing Loan Restructuring and Condonation Program, Providing the Mechanisms Therefor, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on October 13, 2008

Republic Act No. 9508

“An Act Providing for the Reapportionment of the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Agusan Del Sur”

- Approved into Law on October 20, 2008

Republic Act No. 9509

“An Act Establishing Livelihood and Skills Training Centers in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class Municipalities, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on October 21, 2008

Republic Act No. 9510

“An Act Establishing the Credit Information System, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on October 31, 2008

Republic Act No. 9511

“An Act Granting the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines a Franchise to Engage in the Business of Conveying or Transmitting Electricity Through High Voltage Back-Bone

System of Interconnected Transmission Lines, Substations and Related Facilities, and For Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on December 1, 2008

Republic Act No. 9512

“An Act to Promote Environmental Awareness Through Environmental Education and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on December 12, 2008

Republic Act No. 9513

“An Act Promoting the Development, Utilization and Commercialization of Renewable Energy Resources and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on December 16, 2008

Republic Act No. 9514

“An Act Establishing a Comprehensive Fire code of the Philippines Repealing Presidential Decree No. 1185 and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on December 19, 2008

Republic Act No. 9515

“An Defining the Liability of Ship Agents in the Tramp Service and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on December 19, 2008

Republic Act No. 9516

“An Act Further Amending the Provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1866, as Amended, Entitled Codifying the Laws on Illegal/Unlawful Possession, Manufacture, Dealing In, Acquisition or Disposition of Firearms Ammunition or Explosives or Instruments Used in the Manufacture of Firearms, Ammunition, or Explosives, and Imposing Stiffer Penalties for Certain Violations Thereof, and For Relevant Purposes”

- Approved into Law on December 22, 2008

Republic Act No. 9517

“An Act Granting Southeast Asian Airlines (SEAIR) Inc. a Franchise to Establish, Operate and Maintain Domestic and International Air Transport Services, with Clarkfield, Pampanga as its Base”

- Lapsed Into Law on December 27, 2008

Republic Act No. 9518

“An Act Granting the Metro Kidapawan Telephone Corporation (MKTC) a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Local Exchange Network in the Province of North Cotobato”

- Lapsed Into Law on December 27, 2008

Republic Act No. 9519

“An Act Converting the Mindanao Polytechnic State College in Cagayan De Oro City, Province of Misamis Oriental into a State University to be known as the Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on January 7, 2009

Republic Act No. 9520

“An Act Amending the Cooperative Code of the Philippines to be Known as the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008”

- Approved into Law on February 17, 2008

Republic Act No. 9521

“An Act Creating a National Book Development Trust Fund to Support Filipino Authorship”

- Approved into Law on March 5, 2009

Republic Act No. 9522

“An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 3046, as Amended by Republic Act No. 5446, to Define the Archipelagic Baselines of the Philippines, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on March 10, 2009

Republic Act No. 9523

“An Act Requiring the Certification of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to Declare a Child Legally Available for Adoption as a Prerequisite for Adoption Proceeding, Amending for this Purpose Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 8552, Otherwise Known as the Domestic Adoption Act of 1998, Republic Act No. 8043, Otherwise Known as the Inter-Country Adoption Act of 1995, Presidential Decree No. 603, Otherwise Known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on March 12, 2009

Republic Act No. 9524

“An Act Appropriating Funds for the Operation of the Government of the Philippines From January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand Nine, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on March 12, 2009

Republic Act No. 9525

“An Act Appropriating the Sum of Eleven Billion Three Hundred One Million Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Pesos (P11,301,790,000.00) as Supplemental Appropriations for an Automated Election System and For Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on March 23, 2009

Republic Act No. 9526

“An Act Converting the Eulogio Rodriguez Elementary School in the City of Mandaluyong Into an Integrated School To Be Known as the Eulogio Rodriguez Integrated School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9527

“An Act Converting the Highway Hills Elementary School in the City of Mandaluyong Into An Integrated School to Be Known as

the Highway Hills Integrated School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9528

“An Act Separating the Nueve De Febrero Elementary School-Pleasant Hills Annex in Barangay Pleasant Hills, City of Mandaluyong From the Nueve De Febrero Elementary School, Converting It Into an Independent Elementary School To Be As the Pleasant Hills Elementary School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9529

“An Act Establishing a National high School in Barangay Tinagacan, General Santos City to Be Known as the Tinagacan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9530

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Magdaup, Municipality of Ipil, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay to Be Known as Magdaup National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9531

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Southern Davao, City of Panabo, Province of Davao Del Norte to Be Known as Southern Davao National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9532

“ An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Camaman-An, city of Cagayan De Oro, Province of Misamis

Oriental to Be Known as Camaman-An National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9533

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Guinhawa, Municipality of Tuy, Province of Batangas to Be Known as Tuy National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9534

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Vega, Municipality of Bongabon, Province of Nueva Ecija to be Known as Vega National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9535

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Dangay, Municipality of Roxas, Province of Oriental Mindoro to be Known as Dangay National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9536

“An Act Amending Section One (1) of Republic Act Numbered Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Nine, Entitled An Act Establishing a National High School in the Municipality of Catagbacan, Loon, Province of Bohol, to Be Known as the Gov. Jacinto C. Borja National High School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9537

“An Act Establishing a National Science High School in the Municipality of Prosperidad, Province of Agusan Del Sur to be

Known as Agusan Del Sur National Science High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9538

“An Act Establishing An Integrated National High School in Barangay Rizal, City of Sorsogon, Province of Sorsogon to be Known as Rizal Integrated National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9539

“An Act Establishing a National High School in the Municipality of Bayugan, Province of Agusan Del Sur to be Known as Mount Carmel National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9540

“An Act Establishing a National High School in the Municipality of Padada, Province of Davao Del Sur to be Known as Padada National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9541

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Del Pilar, Municipality of Cogdianao, Province of Dinagat Islands to be Known as Del Pilar National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9542

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Dinapa, Municipality of Castilla, Province of Sorsogon to be Known as Dinapa National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9543

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay San Roque, Municipality of Bulalacao, Province of Oriental Mindoro to be Known as San Roque National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9544

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Ganao, Municipality of Dupax Del Sur, Province of Nueva Vizcaya to be Known as Ganao National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9545

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet to be Known as Tuba Central National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9546

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Guinoman, Municipality of Diplahan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay to be Known as Guinoman National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9547

“An Act Strengthening and Expanding the Coverage of the Special Program for Employment of Students, Amending for the Purpose Provisions of R.A. No. 7323, Otherwise Known as the Special Program For Employment of Students”

- Approved into Law on April 1, 2009

Republic Act No. 9548

“An Act Establishing An Arts and Culture High School in the Capital Town of Pili, Province of Camarines Sur to be Known as

as the Bikol High School for the Arts and Culture and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9549

“An Act Establishing a Comprehensive National High School in Barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of Lakewood, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur to be Known as Poblacion Comprehensive National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9550

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Minoyan, Municipality of Murcia, Province of Negros Occidental to be Known as Minoyan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9551

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Bogayo, Municipality of Kumalarang, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur to be Known as Bogayo National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9552

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Boliwong, Municipality of Lagawe, Province of Ifugao to be Known as Lagawe National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9553

“An Act Establishing An Integrated National School in Barangay Buhatan, Municipality of Sorsogon, Province of Sorsogon to Be

Known as Buhatan Integrated National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9554

“An Act Establishing An Integrated National High School in Barangay Binalian, Municipality of Kayapa, Province of Nueva Vizcaya to Be Known as Binalian Integrated National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9555

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Balete, Municipality of Kayapa, Province of Nueva Vizcaya to Be Known as Napo-Tuyak National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9556

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Sagucan, Municipality of Vincenzo Sagun, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur to Be Known as Sagucan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9557

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Salcedo, Municipality of Bansud, Province of Oriental Mindoro to Be Known as Felimon M. Salcedo Sr. Memorial National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9558

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay San Antonio, City of Ozamiz, Province of Misamis Occidental to Be Known as San Antonio National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9559

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Bululawan, Municipality of Lakewood, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur to Be Known as Bululawan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9560

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Handumon, Municipality of Getafe, Province of Bohol to Be Known as Handumon National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9561

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Panlayaan, West District, City of Sorsogon, Province of Sorsogon to Be Known as Panlayaan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9562

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Bayasong, Municipality of Pilar, Province of Sorsogon to Be Known as Bayasong National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9563

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Togoron, Municipality of Monreal, Province of Masbate to Be Known as Togoron National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9564

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Libayoy, Municipality of Tigbao, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur to Be Known as Libayoy National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9565

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Picanan, Municipality of Kumalarang, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur to Be Known as Handumon National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9566

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay San Jose, Municipality of Libjo, Province of Dinagat Islands to Be Known as San Jose National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9567

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Mabunao, City of Panabo, Province of Davao Del Norte to Be Known as Mabunao National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9568

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Katipunan, Municipality of Sigalo, Province of Southern Leyte to Be Known as Katipunan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9569

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Bunawan, City of Davao to Be Known as Bernardino B. Bosque National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9570

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Bannawag, Municipality of Maria Aurora, Province of Aurora to Be Known as Dimampudso National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9571

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Catmon, Municipality of Sta. Maria, Province of Bulacan to Be Known as Catmon National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9572

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Ozamiz (GUBA), Municipality of Clarin, Province of Misamis Occidental to Be Known as Congressman Hilarion J. Ramiro, Jr. Memorial High School Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 17, 2009

Republic Act No. 9573

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Bulihan, City of Malolos, Province of Bulacan to Be Known as Bulihan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9574

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Solo, Municipality of Mabini, Province of Batangas to be Known as Mabini National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9575

“An Act Establishing a National High School in the Municipality of Picong, Province of Lanao Del Sur to be Known as Picong National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9576

“An Act Increasing the Maximum Deposit Insurance Coverage, and in Connection Therewith, to Strengthen the Regulatory and Administrative Authority, and Financial Capability of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC), Amending for This Purpose Republic Act Numbered Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-One, As Amended, Otherwise Known as the PDIC Charter, and for Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on April 29, 2009

Republic Act No. 9577

“An Act Establishing a National High School in the Municipality of Lianga, Province of Surigao Del Sur to be Known as Lianga National Comprehensive High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 30, 2009

Republic Act No. 9578

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Judi, Municipality of Gubat, Province of Sorsogon to be Known as Judi National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on April 30, 2009

Republic Act No. 9579

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Gate, Municipality of Bulan, Province of Sorsogon to be Known as Gate National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

- Approved into Law on March 24, 2009

Republic Act No. 9580

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Naneng, City of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga to be Known as Naneng National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9581

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Recodo, City of Zamboanga to be Known as Recodo National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9582

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Salawao, Municipality of Talaingod, Province of Davao Del Norte to be Known as Datu Jose A. Libayao Memorial National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9583

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Mesaoy, Municipality of New Corella, Province of Davao Del Norte to be Known as Mesaoy National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9584

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Sagayen, Municipality of Asuncion, Province of Davao Del Norte to be Known as Sagayen National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9585

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Semong, Municipality of Kapalong, Province of Davao Del Norte to be Known as Semong National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9586

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Marayag, Municipality of Lupon, Province of Davao Oriental to be Known as Marayag National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9587

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Maihi, City of Baybay, Province of Leyte to be Known as Maihi National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9588

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Sinubong, City of Zamboanga to be Known as Sinubong National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9589

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Cadandanan, Municipality of Bulan, Province of Sorsogon to be Known as Cadandanan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9590

“An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Lajong, Municipality of Juban, Province of Sorsogon to be Known as Lajong National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor”

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Republic Act No. 9591

“An Act Amending Section 57 of Republic Act No. 8754, Otherwise Known as the Charter of the City of Malolos”

- Lapsed Into Law on May 1, 2009

Republic Act No. 9592

“An Act Extending for Five (5) Years the Reglementary Period for Complying with the Minimum Educational Qualification and Appropriate Eligibility for Appointment in the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Amending for the Purpose Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9263, Otherwise Known as “The BFP and BJMP Professional Professionalization Act of 2004” and For Other Purposes”

- Approved into Law on May 8, 2009

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