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RESOLUTION No. 3

RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 13 (35) RULE X OF THE SENATE RULES BY DIVIDING INTO TWO SEPARATE STANDING COMMITTEES THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS

WHEREAS, the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports during the past several Congresses forms part of the regular standing committees of the Senate as two separate committees, namely, the Committee on Games and Amusement, and the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;

WHEREAS, there has been a growing concern over matters and issues pertaining to both amateur sports and professional sports that should be taken independently to give full attention towards the upliftment of both disciplines; WHEREAS, with the dismal harvest of nine (9) medals in the Olympic Games since we started competing in 1928, an average rank of 14th to 18th place in the Asian Games since 1951, and a measly 4th position in the Southeast Asian Games being competed by ten (10) nations since 1977; it is high time for the Senate to provide its serious legislative attention to amateur sports affairs as an independent committee to drastically improve and leap-frog the stature of our sports delegation to become world class athletes;

WHEREAS, a full study should be conducted by the Senate to come up with a legislation that will put in place a comprehensive national sports program starting from grassroots sports identification to elite sports development;

WHEREAS, in the field of professional sports, Filipino athletes carrying the country's colors in the international arena have on several occasions contributed in landing the country in the sports map, bringing pride and glory to the nation in spite of limited resources;

WHEREAS, aspects pertaining to professional sports and amusement affairs of the committee covers wide array and very significant areas of jurisdiction that deserve to be treated with distinct attention as a stand alone committee: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, To amend Section 13 (35) Rule X of the Senate Rules by dividing into two separate standing committees, the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports, to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. After the organization of the Senate in the manner provided in Rule IX, the following permanent committees shall be formed, with the duties, powers and general jurisdiction specified hereunder:

- "1) Committee on Rules. x x x
- "2) Committee on Ethics and Privileges. x x x

"x x x

"x x x

"x x x

- "35) Committee on Games and Amusement. -Nine (9) members. All matters relating to games and amusement, such as, but not limited to, casinos, lotteries, jai-alai and horse-racing.
- Committee on Sports. Nine (9) members. All matters relating to the promotion of physical fitness, professional and amateur sports development.
- "37) Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations. - x x x
 - "38) Committee on Climate Change. x x x
- Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation. - x x x
 - "40) Committee on Youth. x x x."

Adopted,

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President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 1, 2016.

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