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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:03 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session.

It was 3:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:05 p.m., the session was resumed.

PRAYER

Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay led the prayer, to wit:

Muli Po kaming nagtitipon ngayon upang ipagpugay ang Inyong Pangalan, ipagpasalamat ang Inyong mga biyaya, at tuparin ang aming mga pangako sa taumbayang naghalal sa amin.

Nagsusumamo Po kami sa Inyo na kami ay Inyong gabayan sa aming pag-iisip, pananalita at gawa nang aming lubusang magampanan ang aming mandato sa bayan.

Tulongan Po Ninyong maunawaan namin ang bawat isa upang kami ay

magkabuklod-buklod para sa aming mga pamilya, para sa bawat Pilipino, at para sa bayan.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Oscar G. Yabes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, J. E. S.	Honasan, G. B.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Legarda, L.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Cayetano, P. S.	Poe, G.
Drilon, F. M.	Recto, R. G.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Enrile, J. P.	Sotto III, V. C.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Villar, C. A.
Estrada, J.	

With 19 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Guingona, Marcos, Osmeña and Trillanes arrived after the roll call.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A.), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the

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reading of the Journal of Session No. 2 (July 23, 2013) and considered it approved.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto inquired if it was in order to correct the multiple referral of Senate Bill No. 48 which, as reflected in the Journal, was referred to the Committees on Ways and Means; Finance; Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; National Defense and Security; and Education, Arts and Culture. He pointed out that pursuant to Section 15 of the Rules, the bill should be referred only to two committees aside from the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Finance. In reply, Senator Cayetano (A) suggested that the issue of multiple referral be taken up by the Committee on Rules or the Body, if it is the desire of the majority, could decide in plenary to limit the referral to two committees except in bills that have revenue and appropriation aspects, in which case they should also be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Finance. But he recalled that many times in the past, some of the committee chairmen wanted their respective committees to be included in the referral. He assured Senator Sotto that the Committee on Rules, once it convenes, would set a policy as regards the referral of bills.

Senator Sotto requested the Body to abide by the Rules as he also noted that there are other provisions in the Rules that need to be corrected.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE REFERRAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 48

Acting on the motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the referral of Senate Bill No. 48 was reconsidered.

The Chair directed the Committee on Rules to formulate policies to make the referrals of bills more manageable.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR SOTTO

Referring to the membership in the Committee on Agriculture and Food, Senator Sotto asked whether the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader, who are *ex-officio* members of all committees, are allowed to become the chairman or regular member even as he

acknowledged that the Rules of the Senate is silent on the issue and that even in the previous Congress, this was allowed. Senator Cayetano (A) replied that as a general rule, anything that is not prohibited in the Rules is allowed. For instance, he cited Senator Estrada, then Senate President Pro Tempore, who was also chair of the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development even as he should not have been elected chairman by virtue of his being an *ex-officio* member, and he believed that it would have been more appropriate for one to have been read as the committee's number one member, if he or she so desires, but not as an *ex-officio* member at the same time. He reiterated that there is no prohibition of an *ex-officio* member being read as a regular member except in the determination of the quorum since a regular member is included in the determination of the quorum while an *ex-officio* member, if not present, is not.

The Chair affirmed that the practice was carried from the 15th Congress, when Senator Estrada was Senate President Pro Tempore and concurrently chairman of the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

The Chair ruled that the practice of designating *ex-officio* members as regular members of committee continue as recommended by Senator Cayetano (A).

Senator Cayetano (A) affirmed that the practice had been passed on from the 15th Congress, as he pointed out that he too was an *ex-officio* member of all the committees by virtue of his being the Minority Leader but he was also a regular member of many committees because the Minority then had only three members.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 51, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING A UNIFORM
FRANCHISE TAX ON DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES ENJOYING LEGIS-

LATIVE FRANCHISE IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL TAXES COLLECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REDUCING THE COST OF ELECTRICITY BORNE BY CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Energy

Senate Bill No. 52, entitled

AN ACT DIRECTING THE REDUCTION OF ELECTRICITY RATES THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SHARE IN THE DISCOVERY, EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND/OR PRODUCTION OF INDIGENOUS SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOWERING THE COST OF ELECTRICITY

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committee on Energy

Senate Bill No. 53, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MAGNA CARTA FOR PHILIPPINE INTERNET FREEDOM, CYBERCRIME PREVENTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CYBERDEFENSE AND NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Science and Technology; Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 54, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC OFFICERS FROM CLAIMING CREDIT THROUGH SIGNAGE ANNOUNCING A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Public Works

Senate Bill No. 55, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Senate Bill No. 56, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR SHARING OF ORGANS FROM DECEASED DONORS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 57, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS IN THE CALL CENTER INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 58, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND UNIFIED SYSTEM OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, THEREBY RATIONALIZING ACCESS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 59, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR NEW GRADUATES OF COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS OFFERING TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BILL OF RIGHTS FOR NEW GRADUATES

Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny"
M. Angara

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 60, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING DISCOUNTS ON BASIC AND EDUCATION SERVICES TO UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS IN THE POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY LEVELS.

Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny"
M. Angara

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 61, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 19

Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny"
M. Angara

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 62, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FREE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS TO GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, COLLEGE ENTRANTS OR TRANSFEREES APPLYING FOR

ADMISSION IN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (EXCEPT FOR NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES) AND TO UNDERPRIVILEGED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BELONGING TO THE TOP TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE GRADUATING CLASS APPLYING FOR ADMISSION IN PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny"
M. Angara

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 63, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Honasan II

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 64, entitled

AN ACT FORTIFYING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP OVER INFORMATION HELD BY THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Honasan II

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 65, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FREE FOOD FOR CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DAY CARE CENTERS FROM PRODUCTS OF FARMERS PURCHASED BY THE GOVERNMENT OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LIBRE SI PAPA AT SI MAMA PROGRAM (LIBRENG SIGURADONG PAGKA-

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ING PAMBATA AT SIGURADONG
MAY KITA ANG MAGSASAKA
PROGRAM)

Introduced by Senator Honasan II

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 66, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL
SECURITY AND PLANNING
FRAMEWORK AND CREATING AN
INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS
FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Honasan II

**To the Committees on National Defense
and Security; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 67, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WIRE-
TAPPING, INTERCEPTION, SUR-
VEILLANCE AND RECORDING OF
COMMUNICATIONS OF PUSHERS,
MANUFACTURERS, CULTIVATORS,
IMPORTERS AND FINANCIERS OF
DANGEROUS DRUGS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 9165 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Honasan II

**To the Committee on Public Order and
Dangerous Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 68, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND
REFORMING THE SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN AMENDING FOR
THAT PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVI-
SIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF
1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G.
Ejercito

**To the Committees on Local Government;
Electoral Reforms and People's Participation;
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 69, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE PUBLIC
WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE AND
EDUCATION ON THE EFFECTS OF
EXPOSURE TO MERCURY THROUGH
THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH
ADVISORIES AND BY REQUIRING
THAT SUCH APPROPRIATE
ADVISORIES BE POSTED, OR
MADE READILY AVAILABLE, AT
ALL BUSINESSES THAT SELL
FRESH, FROZEN, AND CANNED
FISH AND SEAFOOD WHERE THE
POTENTIAL FOR MERCURY
EXPOSURE EXISTS

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G.
Ejercito

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 70, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OR
IMPORTATION OF PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS AND RAW MATERIALS
IN THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF
FROM THE EXPANDED VALUE
ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 109 (1) OF THE
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE (NIRC) OF 1997, AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9337,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G.
Ejercito

**To the Committees on Ways and Means;
Energy**

Senate Bill No. 71, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY
ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN THE
FORMULATION OF NATIONAL,

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REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 72, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND WELFARE

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 73, entitled

PHILIPPINE CROWDSOURCING ACT OF 2013

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 74, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 75, entitled

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 Guingona III

To the Committees on Finance; and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Senate Bill No. 76, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 65 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 77, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RULES ON PLEA BARGAINING AGREEMENT IN CRIMINAL CASES, PROVIDING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 78, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING FILM TOURISM IN THE PHILIPPINES, MARKETING THE INDUSTRY GLOBALLY AND PROVIDING NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE SECTOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Tourism; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 79, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A FREE NUTRIMENTALS PROGRAM TO CHILDREN

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ENROLLED IN ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS INCLUDING KINDERGARTEN AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTOR, PROVIDING FRAMEWORK FOR ITS MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate No. 80, entitled

AN ACT DIRECTING ESTABLISHMENTS TO SUPPORT THE INSTITUTION OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND GRANTING INCENTIVES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means

Senate No. 81, entitled

AN ACT CREATING PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 82, entitled

AN ACT INCORPORATING A SYSTEM OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, INSTITUTIONALIZING THE

BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, CREATING THE IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY THEREOF, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER INCENTIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 83, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND CRISIS ASSISTANCE CENTERS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 84, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS, INFIRMARIES AND PUERICULTURE CENTERS TO GIVE FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 85, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A MECHANISM

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FOR HEALTH PROVIDER'S INCENTIVES FOR THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACTUALLY PROVIDED TO THE POOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 86, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 87, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR FREE PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 88, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF AEROPONICS TECHNOLOGY TO BE APPLIED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF HIGH VALUE-ADDED CROPS AND VEGETABLE FARMING TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY CONCERNS OF THE COUNTRY AND JUDICIOUSLY UTILIZE SCARCE FERTILE LAND RESOURCES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 89, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Cooperatives; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 90, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 91, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF THE ORPHANED, ABANDONED, NEGLECTED AND VOLUNTARILY COMMITTED CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 92, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL PROGRAM TO SUPPORT AND CARE

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FOR ABANDONED, NEGLECTED AND VOLUNTARY COMMITTED CHILDREN, CREATING A SPECIAL TRUST FUND THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 93, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING ALL STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO CONFER AUTOMATIC ADMISSION AND PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO THE TOP TEN (10) PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THEIR GRADUATING CLASS, ANNUALLY, AND ALLOCATE FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 94, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 95, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 96, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE CASH AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY HUNDRED AND SIXTY FOUR, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Amateur Sports Competitiveness; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 97, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 98, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN THE WATER INDUSTRY, PROVIDING FOR THE RATIONALIZATION, ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SERVICE AREAS, PROVISION OF INCENTIVES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OR FOR NEW, CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND

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ECOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGIES, REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD AND CREATION OF LOCAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION COMPANIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PD 1067 AND OTHER LAWS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Public Services; Public Works; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 99, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM, CREATING THE LAND ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 100, entitled

AN ACT TO ADOPT INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT AS A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COASTAL AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES AND TO ESTABLISH SUPPORTING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture and Food; and Finance

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session was suspended.

It was 3:32 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:32 p.m., the session was resumed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

(Continuation)

Pursuant to Section 13, Rule X of the Rules of the Senate, upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, on the part of the Majority, the following senators were elected to the committees hereunder indicated:

Committee on Finance

Chairman: Escudero

Members:

Guingona	Marcos
Osmefa	Pimentel
Legarda	Poe
Revilla	Angara
Cayetano (P)	Villar

Senator Cayetano (A) reiterated that the designation of the vice chair would be left to the committee chair. He added that upon request of some of the committee chairmen, he would mention the designated vice chair for the record.

Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Chairperson: Cayetano (P), in lieu of Senator Escudero

Vice Chairman: Guingona

Members:

Legarda	Lapid
Angara	Revilla
Aquino	Marcos
Villar	Osmefa
Pimentel	

Committee on Cooperatives

Chairman: Lapid

Vice Chairman: Marcos

Members:

Revilla	Aquino
Angara	

Committee on Ways and Means

Chairman: Angara

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Members:

Legarda	Poe
Aquino	Revilla
Trillanes	Lapid
Escudero	Cayetano (P)
Pimentel	Guingona

Committee on Games and Amusement

Chairman: Angara

Members:

Pimentel	Trillanes
Lapid	Villar
Legarda	Aquino

Committee on Public Services

Chairman: Revilla

Members:

Legarda	Trillanes
Poe	Villar
Lapid	Aquino
Angara	Pimentel

Committee on Local Government

Chairman: Marcos

Vice Chairman: Trillanes

Members:

Aquino	Legarda
Cayetano (P)	Pimentel
Lapid	Villar

Committee on Public Works

Chairman: Marcos

Members:

Angara	Revilla
Cayetano (P)	Trillanes
Lapid	Villar

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Replying further to Senator Sotto's earlier inquiry, Senator Cayetano (A) explained that the referral of Senate Bill No. 48, a refiled bill, followed the referral of a similar bill in the previous Congress. Agreeing to Senator Sotto's observation that the referral of the bill to more than two committees was in violation of

Rule X, Section 15, he instructed the Secretariat to follow the *Rules* strictly, and he stated that at the proper time the Committee on Rules would discuss the issue of referral further and that the committee chairmen could also bring up their concerns in accordance with the *Rules*.

Senator Sotto explained that such referrals happened in the 15th Congress because some chairmen would request participation in bills that they were interested in. In such instances, he said that the bills were referred instead to the Committee on Rules which subsequently decided to which committees they should properly be referred.

Senator Cayetano (A) reiterated that the *Rules* would be followed strictly, and requests for additional committee referrals would be brought before the Committee on Rules which, in turn, will decide accordingly.

Asked by the Chair regarding the present status of the referral of Senate Bill No. 48, Senator Cayetano (A) stated that any referral made in violation of Rule X, Section 15 would be referred to the Committee on Rules, but henceforth, he said, referrals, including requests for additional referrals, should be made strictly in accordance with the *Rules*. He affirmed that the referral of Senate Bill No. 48 to the committees as indicated in the *Journal of July 23* was suspended for the meantime, and that instead it was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Chair underscored the need to review the overlapping jurisdictions of the various committees, after which the Committee on Rules would make recommendations at the appropriate time. Senator Cayetano (P) added that the Committee on Rules will consider a number of reform measures, including the streamlining of the jurisdiction of the committees.

The Chair stated that the Body should adhere to the definition of each committee's jurisdiction as stated in the *Rules*, rather than defer to the requests of the Members which cause confusion and open floodgates and difficulties particularly on the part of the Majority Leader.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

At the outset, Senator Cayetano (P) commended those involved in the change in the system of filing

of bills — from the “first come, first served” basis, which required the senators’ staff to wake up and line up early to get the lowest bill number, to drawing of lots for purposes of determining the order of senators in the filing of bills.

However, she noted that despite the system change, there remains no proper acknowledgment of the original author of the bills. She stated that some bills, which were not passed due to the author’s retirement or death, are refiled by a junior senator, which she acknowledged is actually good because the bill is continuously being supported. But she lamented that many times, there has been failure to give recognition to the original authors. She appealed to the Members to be as responsible as possible by checking the records and acknowledging the original author if that bill being refiled was simply copied from another bill.

Secondly, Senator Cayetano (P) recalled that during the 15th Congress, she recommended that the Senate go as paperless as possible in order to be environmentally friendly, and that she even commended the Office of the Majority Leader and the Secretariat when she noticed that the Reference of Business started to be reflected on the screen. However, she said that behind the screen were copies of the same Reference of Business which defeated the purpose as it did not reduce the volume of paper being used. She appealed to the Members, who are willing to go paperless, to inform the Secretariat or the Office of the Majority Leader not to give them a copy unless requested. She said that it would take only a few minutes to print documents for those who would prefer to have hard copies of the Reference of Business. She added that the Office of the Majority Leader could even send copies of the Reference of Business through e-mail.

Lastly, Senator Cayetano (P) recalled that during the previous Congress, she instructed the legislative pages and the Secretariat to serve the senators water in cups from water dispensers. She requested the senators not to be offended if she asks the pages to replace their pet bottles with cups.

Senator Cayetano (A) assured Senator Cayetano (P) that letters would be sent out to all the Members to get a consensus on whether they want the Reference of Business printed, shown on the screen, or e-mailed to them. He stated that a hard copy of the Reference of Business will be given to any

member upon request. He agreed that soft copies of the Reference of Business would move the Senate to a more efficient use of resources and at the same time help the environment by using less paper and ink. He encouraged the Body to give suggestions on how else such reforms could be realized in the 16th Congress.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Senate President Drilon stated that he would start the reform by asking that the Reference of Business and other documents be sent to him by e-mail which he would read from his laptop.

CLARIFICATION OF SENATOR OSMEÑA

Senator Osmeña clarified that he was not against a paperless system when he requested that a hard copy of the Reference of Business be given to him because it is on that hard copy where he writes his marginal notes to his staff.

Senator Cayetano (A) assured the Body that no Member will be denied a hard copy of the Reference of Business.

Asked by Senator Osmeña if the request for a hard copy would have to be done everyday, Senator Cayetano (A) replied in the negative.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

(Continuation)

Upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, on the part of the Majority the following senators were elected to the committees hereunder indicated:

Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon)

Chairman : Guingona
Members (partial list): Osmeña

Committee on Electoral Reforms and People’s Participation

Chairman: Pimentel

Members (partial list):

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session was suspended.

It was 3:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:58 p.m., the session was resumed.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 101, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MANDATORY NATIONWIDE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE CENTERS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 102, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE (1) HEALTH WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY, INCREASING THEIR SALARIES, HONORARIA AND BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 103, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND WELFARE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To The Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. No. 104, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF MORINGA OLEIFERA LAMK, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS *MALUNGGAY*, MANDATING THE CREATION OF A FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Trade and Commerce; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 105, entitled

AN ACT PRESERVING THE COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL FOLK ARTS AS PART OF ITS INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 106, entitled

AN ACT GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ACCREDITATION OF MICRO-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Ways and Means

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Senate Bill No. 107, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY INTO THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC FOOD RESERVE CORPORATION AND REDEFINING ITS POWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 108, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 461 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, BY INCREASING THE LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME REQUIREMENT FOR THE CREATION OF A PROVINCE

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 109, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 15

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 110, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 111, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT (UDHA) OF 1992

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 112, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONTINUING NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR HYBRID AND OTHER QUALITY SEEDS PRODUCTION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 113, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC APPROPRIATIONS AND RELEASE TO THE HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF ITS FORTY PERCENT (40%) SHARE OF THE GROSS COLLECTION DERIVED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FROM NATIONAL WEALTH TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 293 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 114, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 61 OF
REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 115, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING A CONTINUING
EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS IN
ALL LEVELS IN PUBLIC AND
PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PROVID-
ING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 116, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL
MARICULTURE PROGRAM, AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; Public Works; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 117, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
FIRST-CLASS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM OF PUBLIC ELEMEN-
TARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 118, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING INFLUENCE
PEDDLING AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Civil Service and
Government Reorganization; and Justice and
Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 119, entitled

AN ACT GOVERNING THE SYSTEM
OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION BY
PRESCRIBING STANDARDS AND
REGULATIONS OF PRESCHOOL
FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 120, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING LOCAL
TAXATION AMENDING FOR THAT
PURPOSE SECTION 150, CHAPTER 1,
TITLE ONE, BOOK II OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 121, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER EXTEND
ASSISTANCE TO SOLO PARENTS
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO
PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and
Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and
Rural Development; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 122, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUNONG BARANGAY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE OF ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 41 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Local Government; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 123, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE COMMITTED BY COMMON CARRIERS, FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 365 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OR THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 124, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH (A), SECTION 393, CHAPTER IV, TITLE I, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 125, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF EXTENDING NO-COLLATERAL, LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO GRADUATES OF ANY COURSES

OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS AUTHORITY OR DULY ACCREDITED LEARNING INSTITUTIONS WITH APPROVED OVERSEAS JOB CONTRACTS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 126, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 4 (c) (4), CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10175

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 127, entitled

AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING LIBEL BY MEANS OF WRITING OR SIMILAR REPEALING ARTICLE 355 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 128, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF WORKERS IN THE BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resource Development

Senate Bill No. 129, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL

for

DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 287-A REDUCING THE RETIREMENT AGE OF RACE HORSE JOCKEYS FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY-FIVE (55)

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resource Development; and Games and Amusement

Senate Bill No. 130, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 131, entitled

AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY (PNPA), THE POLICE NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (PNTI) AND THE NATIONAL POLICE COLLEGE (NPC) FROM THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC SAFETY COLLEGE (PPSC) TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AMENDING SECTIONS 24, 66 AND 67 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 132, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCES GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO FOUR THOUSAND PESOS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 133, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 16(A) AND 16(B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9231, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR AND AFFORDING STRONGER PROTECTION FOR THE WORKING CHILD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT"

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 134, entitled

AN ACT REDEFINING THE COMPOSITION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 387 AND 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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**To the Committees on Local Government;
and Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 135, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 137
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9520
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT
AMENDING THE COOPERATIVE
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO BE
KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE
COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Cooperatives

Senate Bill No. 136, entitled

AN ACT REFORMING THE NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
AND PROVIDING STANDARDS
FOR THE TRAINING AND EMPLOY-
MENT OF APPRENTICES, AND
REGULATORY STANDARDS FOR
ACCREDITATION OF APPRENTICE-
SHIP PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment
and Human Resource Development**

Senate Bill No. 137, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN
THE STANDARD OF PROTECTION
AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE
WELFARE OF SELF-EMPLOYED
WORKERS AND CRAFTSMEN AND
THE PROMOTION OF ENTREPRE-
NEURSHIP THEREBY AMENDING
FOR THIS PURPOSE, SECTION 8
OF REPUBLIC ACT 8282 OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment
and Human Resource Development; and
Cooperatives**

Senate Bill No. 138, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER PROTECT
PHILIPPINE CORALS AND OTHER
MARINE TREASURES, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 91
AND 97 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIP-
PINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 139, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE SCIENCE AND
MATHEMATICS EDUCATION BY
INSTITUTIONALIZING RESCUE
INITIATIVES IN SCIENCE AND
MATHEMATICS EDUCATION FOR
TEACHERS (RISMETs) PROGRAM,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Science and Technology; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 140, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO
EDUCATION THROUGH OPEN
LEARNING AND DISTANCE EDUCA-
TION IN POST SECONDARY AND
TERTIARY LEVELS IN THE
PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 141, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
LADDERIZED INTERFACE BETWEEN
TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND
HIGHER EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 142, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
PRESERVATION, REFORESTATION,
AFFORESTATION AND SUSTAIN-
ABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MAN-
GROVE FORESTS IN THE PHILIP-
PINES, PROVIDING PENALTIES
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committee on Environment and
Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 143, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, APPRO-
PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 144, entitled

AN ACT SETTING HIGHER STANDARDS
OF PROTECTION OF MIGRANT
WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES,
AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042 OTHER-
WISE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INSTI-
TUTE POLICIES OF OVERSEAS
EMPLOYMENT AND ESTABLISH A
HIGHER STANDARD OF PROTEC-
TION AND PROMOTION OF THE
WELFARE OF MIGRANT WORKERS,
THEIR FAMILIES AND OVERSEAS
FILIPINOS IN DISTRESS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment
and Human Resources Development; Foreign
Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 145, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING BROADER
PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS,
REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT 7394, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT
OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce;
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 146, entitled

AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE NUTRITION
LABELING FOR FOOD PRODUCTS,
AND PROVIDING FRAMEWORK
FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce;
and Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 147, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING INCLUSION OF
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A
SEPARATE SUBJECT IN THE HIGH
SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 148, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE
POLICY ON HIV AND AIDS
PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE
AND SUPPORT AND ESTABLISH-
ING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
HIV AND AIDS PROGRAM, REVIS-

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ING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 149, entitled

AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING LIBEL THEREBY REPEALING ARTICLES 353 TO 357 AND ARTICLES 360-362 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 150, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

MANIFESTATION OF CAYETANO (P)

Reiterating her earlier suggestion to the Majority Leader to look into the procedure for filing of bills, Senator Cayetano (P) recommended the system of paperless filing and that should there be a need for a hard copy, only one be required instead of three copies, which is consistent with the practice of other government agencies.

Senator Cayetano (A) took note of Senator (P) Cayetano's suggestion, saying that he would confer with the Secretariat regarding the matter.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

(Continuation)

Upon nomination of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, on the part of the Majority, the following senators were elected to the committees hereunder indicated.

Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation

Chairman: Guingona

Member: Pimentel

Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Chairman: Trillanes

Members (Partial List):

Marcos Guingona

Poe

Committee on Public Services

Senator Osmeña vice Senator Aquino

Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senator Poe vice Senator Revilla

The session was suspended and was resumed shortly thereafter.

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Chairperson: Legarda

Vice Chairman: Angara

Members:

Trillanes	Poe
Villar	Cayetano (P)
Aquino	Marcos
Escudero	Pimentel
Revilla	

Committee on Climate Change

Chairperson: Legarda

Vice Chairman: Trillanes

Members:

Poe	Cayetano (P)
Marcos	Pimentel
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Committee on Cultural Communities

Chairperson: Legarda

Vice Chairman: Trillanes

Members:

Angara	Aquino
Revilla	

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Mayor Rene Cordero as well as the councilors and department heads of Estancia, Iloilo.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

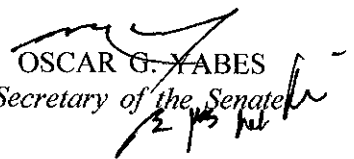
ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, July 29, 2013.

It was 4:21 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES
 Secretary of the Senate



Approved on July 29, 2013