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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Joseph Victor G. Ejercito led the prayer, to wit:

God of light and hope,

We acknowledge Your presence today. We thank You for the gift of wisdom, serenity and faith. Let Your spirit guide us for the things that we need to accomplish today. Help us fill this session with grace and inspiration.

God Almighty, as we continue in our session today, may we always remember Your righteous ways for us to be the leaders that You want us to be. Ignite in us a fire burning with Your love to do our duties according to Your will. May You always cleanse our thoughts and purify our hearts for the good of our countrymen.

At this juncture, Senator Ejercito requested a minute of silent prayer for the victims of the recent bombings in Cagayan de Oro and Cotabato City.

All these we pray in Your Holy and Mighty Name.

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:

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

With 15 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Angara, Enrile, Escudero, Osmeña, Pimentel and Trillanes arrived after the roll call.

Senators Cayetano (P) and Guingona were on official mission.

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 reading of the Journal of Session No. 7 (August 5, 2013) and considered it approved.

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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. 501, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BRUCE DONALD MCTAVISH

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 502, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC OR MEDIA OF SUSPECTS PRIOR TO THE FILING OF FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST THEM

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Senate Bill No. 503, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING MECHANISM FOR DETERRENCE TO THE COMMISSION OF CRIME IN THE CONDUCT OF FRATERNITY, SORORITY, CONFRATERNITY AND ORGANIZATION INITIATION RITES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND AND FORTY NINE

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 504, entitled

ISANG BATAS NA NAGPAPALAGANAP NG KALINANGANG PILIPINO SA

PAMAMAGITAN NG MALAWAKANG PAGSASAMA NG PAGTUTURO NG KULINARYA AT PAGKAING PINOY SA MGA ASIGNATURANG ARALING PANLIPUNAN, HEKASI AT "HOME ECONOMICS" O GAWAING PANTAHANAN AT SA MGA PROGRAMANG TURISMO NG BANSA

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 505, entitled

AN ACT TO INCLUDE TRADITIONAL GAMES AND SPORTS IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.) COURSES IN ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND SPORT ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 506, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES TO INCLUDE A PORTION INDICATING THE BLOOD TYPE OF THE HOLDER THEREOF AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 507, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS

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Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 508, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN BOARD TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM FOR POST SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, 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. 509, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 510, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 511, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TEACHING SERVICE AS PAYMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL LOANS DRAWN FROM PUBLIC FUNDS, INCLUDING TUITION SUBSIDIES FOR STUDENTS

OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 512, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A PROGRAM FOR THE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS, AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7784, STRENGTHENING TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, CREATION OF TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 513, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND STREAMLINING THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 857 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 514, 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 Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 515, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN CASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Cultural Communities

Senate Bill No. 516, entitled

AN ACT TOTALLY BANNING LOGGING OPERATIONS FOR THE NEXT TWENTY- FIVE YEARS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 517, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE A LOW CARBON ECONOMY, ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE EMISSION CAP-AND-TRADE SYSTEM IN THE INDUSTRY SECTOR TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND CREATING THE CLIMATE REINVESTMENT FUND

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Climate Change; Trade and Commerce; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 518, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SHARI'A DISTRICT COURT SYSTEM IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) AND IN THE AREAS OUTSIDE THE SAID AUTONOMOUS REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1083 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MUSLIM CODE OF PERSONAL LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 519, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY DRUGSTORES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "BOTICA SA BARANGAY" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 520, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH MANDATORY TREE PLANTING AND ADOPTION OF A FOREST SANCTUARY BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 521, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 522, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE IMPORTATION OF SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 523, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE POSITION OF BARANGAY NUTRITION WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1569

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 524, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF RAPE CRISIS CENTERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8505

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 525, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS THE ECOLOGICAL TOURISM CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 526, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEMATIC AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND VIABILITY OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 527, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIME OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT BY INCLUDING UNWANTED TEXT MESSAGES, ELECTRONIC MAIL OR COMMUNICATIONS ADOPTING SIMILAR MEANS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVENTY EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT LAW

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Public Services; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 528, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 529, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FISCAL INCENTIVES TO MEDIA ENTITIES DEVOTING AIR TIME AND SPACE TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, AND TO ADVERTISERS OR SPONSORS SUPPORTING SUCH PROGRAMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Education, Arts and Culture; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 530, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERLY IN THE SANGGUNIAN AND LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES OF ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Local Government; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 531, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE GREENING AND FORESTLAND REHABILITATION AND PROTECTION IN THE BARANGAY LEVEL, SPURRING LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 532, entitled

AN ACT TO PUNISH THE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF INDECENT OR PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL TO MINORS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 533, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR A SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL TOURISM ZONE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 534, entitled

AN ACT TO INCLUDE ETHNIC ORIGIN IN THE NATIONAL SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Cultural Communities; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 535, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE DAYCARE FACILITIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN AGED FIVE (5) YEARS OLD AND BELOW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 OF THE LABOR CODE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

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Senate Bill No. 536, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE CATCHING, SALE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF ALL SHARKS AND RAYS OR ANY PART THEREOF IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 537, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2010, BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PENAL PROVISION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 538, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 107(A) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SEEKING TO EXEMPT FROM THE IMPOSITION OF VALUE ADDED TAX DONATED IMPORTATIONS OF ITEMS OR GOODS, WHICH ARE FOR NON-PROFIT, CHARITABLE, HUMANITARIAN, AND RELIEF PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 539, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULLY-EQUIPPED SCIENCE LABORATORIES IN EVERY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 540, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE FAMILY OR BENEFICIARY OF ANY BARANGAY OFFICER, BARANGAY TANOD OR VOLUNTEER AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN COUNCIL KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE ON DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS OR HER OFFICE OR POSITION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 541, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE LOCAL HOUSING BOARD AND AMENDING SECTIONS 447 AND 458 OF R.A. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 542, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AMENDING SEC. 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Local Government

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Senate Bill No. 543, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 544, entitled

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Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 545, entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE MEDICAL MISTAKES AND MEDICATION-RELATED ERRORS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 546, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE FOOD, MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED MATERIAL, BE LABELED ACCORDINGLY

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 547, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE

PREGNANT WOMEN WITH ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 548, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 155 AND 157 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, STRENGTHENING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE FAMILY HOME

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 549, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE ACT OF MONEYLENDING WITH INTEREST BY SALARY DISBURSING OFFICERS IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 550, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL IN THE DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTIES SITUATED ABROAD

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Finance

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of His Excellency, Reuben Levermore, ambassador of New Zealand to the Philippines, and Mr. Justin Allen, the deputy head of mission.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session to allow the senators to greet Senator Trillanes on the occasion of his birth anniversary.

It was 3:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:22 p.m., the session was resumed with Senate President Pro Tempore Recto presiding.

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. 551, entitled

AN ACT TO ENFORCE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION BY STUDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 552, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 553, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF RESERVATION AREAS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE CORAL REEFS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 554, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRIVATIZATION OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 555, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY ONE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, AS AMENDED, INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR NON-REMITTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM BY THE EMPLOYER

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 556, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING THE CODE OF

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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR
THE PRACTICE OF POLITICAL
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; and Constitutional Amend-
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 557, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE CIVIL CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 2180

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; and Constitutional Amendments,
Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 558, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINIS-
TRATIVE AND SUMMARY TITLING
OF REAL PROPERTIES USED AS
SITES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 559, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Government Cor-
porations and Public Enterprises; Science and
Technology; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 560, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING PRIVACY

PROTECTION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE
OWNERS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Constitutional Amend-
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public
Services**

Senate Bill No. 561, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT-
OWNED AND -CONTROLLED COR-
PORATIONS (GOCCs) AND AGENCIES
TO ASSIGN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT
OF THEIR ADVERTISING EXPENDI-
TURES FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN
THE REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL,
MUNICIPAL AND CITY PUBLICA-
TIONS AND RADIO STATIONS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Government Corpora-
tions and Public Enterprises; and Public Inform-
ation and Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 562, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING
VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION AS
THE PREFERENTIAL MODE OF
LABOR DISPUTE SETTLEMENT,
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
ARTICLES 217, 260, 261, 262-A, 262-
B, 263(G) AND ARTICLE 277(F), AND
INCORPORATING A NEW ARTICLE
262-D OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE
NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE LABOR CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 563, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING HIGHER EDUCA-
TIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
WOMEN, ESTABLISHING A WOMEN'S
HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLAR-

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SHIP FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 564, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ACCESS OF MINORS TO ALCOHOL AND PENALIZING ESTABLISHMENTS THAT FURNISH ALCOHOL TO MINORS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 565, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 566, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SOLAR INITIATIVE COMMISSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 567, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING PET FOOD MANUFACTURERS TO LABEL THEIR PRODUCTS PROPERLY, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LIABILITY OF MANUFACTURERS, PRODUCERS, IMPORTERS, TRADESMEN, AND RETAILERS FOR DAMAGES TO CONSUMERS

CAUSED BY THEIR DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 568, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING ARTICLE 247 OF ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, ON DEATH OR PHYSICAL INJURIES INFLICTED UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 569, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO ESTABLISH OBESITY TREATMENT TRAINING FOR HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 570, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE CHILD SAFETY IN MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 571, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CARRY HEALTH WARNINGS ON THEIR CONTAINERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

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Senate Bill No. 572, entitled

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 573, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF CONCUSSIONS CAUSED BY PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL SPORTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 574, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM OF RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," BY GRANTING THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO RETIREES WHO HAVE REACQUIRED PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 575, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING AN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL OF VALOR TO FILIPINO OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Amateur Sports Competitiveness; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 576, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING INFORMATION ON WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Science and Technology

Senate Bill No. 577, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE, ARTICLE 111, TO ALLOW EITHER SPOUSE TO MORTGAGE, ENCUMBER, ALIENATE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF HIS OR HER EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 578, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 180 OF ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR SITUATIONS WHERE THE ACCUSED, IMPLICATED BY THE FALSE TESTIMONY OF THE VIOLATOR OF ARTICLE 180, IS METED OUT A LIGHT PENALTY PURSUANT TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PENALTIES IN ARTICLE 25 OF THE SAME CODE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 579, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON

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VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 580, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING AN IMMEDIATE VALIDATION PROCESS WHICH SATISFIES INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED NUCLEAR POWER INDUSTRY NORMS TO DETERMINE THE BATAAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT'S OPERABILITY CULMINATING IN EITHER THE IMMEDIATE REHABILITATION, CERTIFICATION, AND COMMERCIAL OPERATION, OR THE IMMEDIATE PERMANENT CLOSURE AND SALVAGE VALUE RECOVERY OF THE BATAAN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Energy; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 581, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL WHO HAS ALREADY SERVED THE FULL TERM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 582, entitled

AN ACT TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE NATURE OF FOOD ALLERGENS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 583, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING NUTRITION LABELING FOR FOOD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 584, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT COUNCIL ON NUTRITION AND HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 585, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5180, AS AMENDED, "AN ACT PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BY PROVINCIAL AND CITY FISCALS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS, AND BY STATE ATTORNEYS OR THEIR ASSISTANTS"

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 586, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL, BY RE-DEFINING, EXPANDING, STRENGTHENING, RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

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Senate Bill No. 587, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ACT NO. 4103, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 588, entitled

AN ACT TO GRANT MONTHLY PENSION TO GOVERNMENT RETIREES UNDER R.A. 1616 WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF SEVENTY (70) YEARS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 589, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCREASE AND AN AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IN THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE (PERA) GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 590, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND PORTABLE COMPUTERS

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 591, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 359 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 592, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUGAR CANE INDUSTRY, ESTABLISHING THE SUGAR CANE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1890, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 593, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Works; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 594, entitled

AN ACT CONSTITUTING A CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON DEBT MANAGEMENT TO LOOK INTO ALL FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC BORROWINGS NEGOTIATED, CONTRACTED OR GUARANTEED BY THE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF THE PHILIPPINES AS WELL AS THOSE BY THE GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT

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OWNED AND CONTROLLED
CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 595, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 968,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PROBATION LAW OF 1976, AS
AMENDED, ON THE GRANT OF
PROBATION

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 596, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY
FOR THE CRIME OF CARNAPPING
AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE
SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 6539"

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Dangerous Drugs; and Constitutional Amend-
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 597, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN
THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR
GENERAL AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganiza-
tion; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 598, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A JUST
AND EQUITABLE DISPOSITION OF

THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEP-
STAKES OFFICE CHARITY FUND,
AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE
SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 1169, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Government Cor-
porations and Public Enterprises; and Health
and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 599, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 7, 10,
23, 30, 31, 42, AND 52 OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE GSIS ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Government
Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Civil
Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 600, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMATIC
PROMOTION OF GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
UPON RETIREMENT FROM
GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Civil Service and
Government Reorganization; Government Cor-
porations and Public Enterprises; and Finance**

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 61, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER
SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON FILIPINO SEAMEN
REPORTEDLY FAILING TO MEET
INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 62, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF HYGIENE AND SANITATION IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 63, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO REGULARIZE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF FULL-TIME GOVERNMENT PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 64, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED UNDERPERFORMANCE OF THE AGRICULTURE INSURANCE PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO SUPPORT SMALLHOLDER FARMERS FROM

THE SPATE OF TYPHOONS CAUSING ENORMOUS AGRICULTURE DAMAGE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Res. No. 65, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE NEW BILIBID PRISONS BY ENCOURAGING MORE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPORT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Education, Arts and Culture

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR THE CITY GOVERNMENT BY IMPOSING TAX ON E-CASINO SOFTWARE SUPPLIERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Local Government; and Games and Amusement

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 67, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CREATE FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENT MEANS OF APPLYING FOR GOVERNMENT IDs AND CLEARANCES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 68, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROGEN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES CONSISTENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Energy; and Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 69, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED USE OF THE DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS AN EXIT POINT IN THE TRAFFICKING OF FILIPINA WOMEN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 70, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PROJECTED POPULATION INCREASE IN METRO MANILA IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK TO ADDRESS THE IMPENDING DILEMMA

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 71, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GROWING THREAT OF MULTIDRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 72, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ILLEFFECTS OF GLUTATHIONE-BASED PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 73, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STRICTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WILDLIFE ACT TO PREVENT THE EXTINCTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 74, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CREATION OF INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS TO ADDRESS THE GENDER INEQUALITY IN LABOR MARKETS BY PROVIDING WOMEN WITH

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ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 75, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER
SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED
TO UNIFY JAIL SYSTEMS IN THE
PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 76, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED
TO PROPOSE AND IMPLEMENT
ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS TO
MINIMIZE AIR POLLUTION
BROUGHT BY MOTOR VEHICLE
EMISSIONS AND TO PREVENT THE
INCREASE OF RESPIRATORY AND
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 77, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED
TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES
UNDER ARTICLE 316 OF THE
PENAL CODE, PENALIZING ANY
PERSON WHO, PRETENDING TO

BE OWNER OF ANY REAL
PROPERTY, SHALL CONVEY, SELL,
ENCUMBER OR MORTGAGE THE
SAME TO ANOTHER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 78, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER
SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON THE CREATION OF
QUALITY JOBS WITH A STRONGER
LINK BETWEEN PRODUCTIVITY
GROWTH AND WAGE GROWTH

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 79, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER
SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED
TO ADDRESS THE INCREASE OF
STREET CHILDREN IN THE
COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Res. No. 80, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER
SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT
AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-
LATION, ON THE ALARMINGLY
INCREASING ACCIDENTS INVOLV-
ING TRUCKS, BUSES, AND LARGE
LOAD VEHICLES DUE TO FAULTY
ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL
COMPONENTS

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Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 81, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALARMING INCREASE OF INCIDENTS OF INCEST IN THE COUNTRY WHICH CAN BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FEMINIZATION OF LABOR MIGRATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 82, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS IN THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDING FOR HIGHER PENALTIES THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 83, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALARMING INCREASE OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) INFECTIONS AND THE NECESSITY OF FUNDING HIV PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO CURTAIL THE SPREAD OF THE CONCENTRATED EPIDEMIC

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 84, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF FORMAL INVESTIGATIVE TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 85, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CURTAIL THE PREVAILING PRACTICE OF LOANING COMPANIES AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF DELAYING COLLECTIONS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE INTEREST DUE ON A DEBTOR'S OBLIGATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CREATE MEASURES THAT WILL PROMOTE A "ZERO TOURISM WASTE" POLICY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Tourism

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 87, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT

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AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SHORTAGE OF PROFESSIONALS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES DUE TO THE LOW TURNOUT OF STUDENTS TAKING PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 88, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEPLORABLE SITUATION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN SAUDI ARABIA WHO ARE FORCED TO SELL THEIR BLOOD FOR DAILY SUBSISTENCE AND EARN EXTRA INCOME TO SEND REMITTANCES TO THEIR FAMILIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 89, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN CURRENT REGULATIONS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE USE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 90, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGIS-

LATION, ON THE LATEST REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO), WHICH CONCLUDED THAT CELLPHONES ARE POSSIBLY CARCINOGENIC

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 91, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ALARMING RISE OF LEPTOSPIROSIS CASES IN WESTERN VISAYAS IN 2011 TO FACILITATE THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS FOR THE DISEASE'S PREVENTION AND MITIGATION ESPECIALLY DURING TYPHOON SEASON

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 92, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON PHASING OUT OF DECORATIVE PAINTS WITH HIGH LEAD CONTENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 93, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRESERVATION OF CETACEAN ECOTOURISM HOTSPOTS IN THE COUNTRY

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Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Tourism; and Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 94, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INCREASING INGENUITY AND SOPHISTICATION OF SCAMS AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTS AGAINST USERS OF AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 95, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FORMULATION OF PROACTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE COUNTRY'S GARBAGE WOES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 96, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CLAIM THAT THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES OF ISSUING DISCOUNT CARDS IS DECEPTIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 97, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGED SEX-FOR-FLIGHT SCHEME OR THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF OFWs IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY PHILIPPINE EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN EXCHANGE FOR REPATRIATION

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 98, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT INSTANCES OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS REPORTEDLY PERPETRATED BY CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING AND UPGRADING THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WITH THE ULTIMATE END OF ENSURING ADHERENCE TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, AVOIDING PREMATURE AND PREJUDICIAL TRIAL BY PUBLICITY AND PROTECTING THE LIVES, PROPERTY AND HONOR OF OUR CITIZENS, INCLUDING OUR RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS

Introduced by Senators Honasan II and Sotto III

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Justice and Human Rights

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 99, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING GRANDMASTER WESLEY SO FOR BRINGING HONOR AND DISTINCTION TO THE COUNTRY BY WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN'S CHESS COMPETITIONS OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 27TH SUMMER UNIVERSIADE (WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES) AT THE KAZAN EQUESTRIAN COMPLEX IN KAZAN, RUSSIA THIS JULY 2013

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 100, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NATIONAL CONVERGENCE STRATEGY AND POLICY FOR ADDRESSING OBSTACLES TO ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS THE URGENT REALIZATION OF JOB CREATING, BROAD-BASED GROWTH THAT BENEFITS ALL FILIPINOS

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:50 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:51 p.m., the session was resumed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Ms. Hannah Smith and Ms. Becky Davis, law students from Oxford University;
- Mr. Agel Macapagal and Mr. Bien De Guzman, law students from De La Salle Law School and the president and auditor, respectively, of *The Government*; and
- Ms. Febe Sevilla, DPHIGOV Instructor, School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies (SDEAS) of the De La Salle College of St. Benilde.

The Senate President Pro Tempore Recto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR TRILLANES

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Trillanes delivered the following speech calling for a review of the taxes and expenses passed on to consumers by Maynilad and Manila Water:

I rise on a matter of utmost importance for poor countrymen who struggle each day to try to budget their meager salaries to pay for basic necessities.

I refer to the reported practice of our largest water concessionaires, Manila Water Company, Inc. (Manila Water) and Maynilad Water Service, Inc. (Maynilad), of passing on their corporate income taxes and other expenses to consumers.

During the first week of June, we were greeted by banner headlines reporting to the effect that consumers have been shouldering about P1.5 billion and P1.6 billion in taxes annually for Manila Water and Maynilad, respectively, over the past five years. This means that consumers have, thus far, shouldered a total of some P15 billion of Manila Water and Maynilad's corporate income taxes.

No less than MWSS Administrator Gerardo Esquivel confirmed this report, which, in fact, was originally sounded off by the consumer advocacy group – Water for People Network (WPN).

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Apart from their annual corporate income taxes, Manila Water and Maynilad have purportedly passed on other charges to consumers, including their travel and entertainment expenses, advertisements, donations, training expenses, expenses for flowers and purportedly even their expenses related to their corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities.

Moreover, Administrator Esquivel also admitted that both Manila-based water concessionaires were granted income tax holidays in 2009. Despite this, they reportedly persisted in making consumers pay for their supposed corporate taxes.

The practice of allowing water utilities to charge their corporate income taxes and other expenses to consumers can be traced from the earlier action of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) Regulatory Office when it issued Resolution No. 04-006-CA in July 2004, allowing Maynilad and Manila Water to recover corporate income tax expenses, among other expenses, by passing these on to customers.

The practice of privatized utility corporations of passing on the tax burden to consumers is not new. In fact, this practice has been ruled as *illegal* by the Supreme Court when it demanded for *income tax reimbursements* in favor of consumers from Meralco in the amount of some P29 billion in 2004. The High Court expressly declared that "*income tax should not be included in the computation of operating expenses of a public utility*" in the case, entitled *Republic of the Philippines, represented by the Energy Regulatory Board vs. Manila Electric Company*.

In the same decision of *Republic vs. Meralco*, the Highest Tribunal of the land opined that allowing the indiscriminate inclusion of income tax payments as operating expenses may create an undesirable precedent and serve as a blanket authority for public utilities to charge their income tax payments to operating expenses and unjustly shift the tax burden to the customer.

It appears that the previous action of the MWSS Regulatory Office of issuing Resolution No. 04-006-CA in July 2004 effectively runs in direct contravention of, and diametrically opposed to, the Supreme Court's landmark decision that the burden of paying corporate income taxes should not be unjustly borne by consumers but by the party maintaining the facility.

It is submitted that there is an urgent and imperative need to conduct an investigation into this very important matter, affecting as it does

millions of Filipino consumers, not only in order to enact remedial legislation but also to once and for all clarify whether or not the two water concessionaires are acting within the bounds of the law and their respective concession agreements with the MWSS.

Like most of our constituents here in Metro Manila, we, too, are consumers and clients of Maynilad and Manila Water and for my part, I would like to know and be clarified whether or not the water concessionaires' act of passing on to us the subject expenses is legal, reasonable and/or proper.

Indeed, when I went around these past few weeks, this was one of the issues frequently raised by the people I talked to, together with the supposed P10-billion pork barrel scam and the problem at the Bureau of Customs. As the elected representatives of the people in this august Chamber, I believe it is our duty to inquire, investigate and look into this legitimate concern.

The investigation is made more imperative because of the fact that the MWSS has reportedly rescinded the subject nine-year old resolution (i.e. Resolution No. 04-006-CA in July 2004) allowing these water utilities to pass on their corporate income taxes to consumers and has issued a new resolution superseding the former, which is currently pending approval and confirmation of the MWSS Board of Trustees.

It is our hope that in the course of the investigation, we will be able to conclusively ascertain whether or not the expenses being passed on to us by Maynilad and Manila Water are legitimate expenses which they could reasonably charge against their consumers and whether or not there is a need to enact remedial legislation to protect the interest of the public.

It is for this reason that I filed Proposed Senate Resolution No. 33 and it is my fervent hope that said resolution, together with this privilege speech, will be immediately referred to the Committee on Public Services and/or other appropriate committee or committees of the Senate for the conduct of the proper Senate investigation.

REFERRAL OF SENATOR TRILLANES' SPEECH TO THE COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair referred Senator Trillanes' privilege speech to the Committee on Public Services.

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:59 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:01 p.m., the session was resumed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of U. S. Embassy officials led by Mr. Brian Goldbeck, the deputy chief of mission; Mr. Eric Kneedler, political officer; and Mr. Robert Jakenhou, Head of the American Citizens' Service Center.

Senate President Pro Tempore Recto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE REFERRAL OF SENATOR TRILLANES' SPEECH

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the referral of Senator Trillanes' speech to the Committee of Public Services was reconsidered.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, the Chair recognized Senator Enrile for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ENRILE

Asked by Senator Enrile who has the legislative franchise to distribute water in Metropolitan Manila area, Senator Trillanes replied that the question was quite off from the main topic of his privilege speech which was about the passing on of the corporate income taxes of the concessionaires to the consumers.

Senator Enrile explained that he asked the question because he wanted to find out who truly was the franchise holder that distributes water—which is a public utility—in Metro Manila and how Maynilad and Manila Water were able to obtain the same privilege. He believed that all questions regarding expenses passed on to consumers would be spelled out in the franchise agreement.

Senator Trillanes said that while, indeed, the concession agreement was the basis for Maynilad and Manila Water to distribute water, the issue at hand was whether the incorporation of income taxes as part of the operating expenses is allowed, in light of the Supreme Court ruling in the case of Meralco that income taxes should not be included in the computation of the operating expenses of a public utility.

Senator Enrile stated that the Supreme Court ruling was correct because Meralco is the franchise holder and that the power not to pay income tax should have been spelled out in its franchise. But he asked where Manila Water and Maynilad drew their right to distribute water considering that they are not franchise holders.

Senator Trillanes reiterated that the question of Senator Enrile was "neither here nor there," because the issue at hand was whether the concessionaires were authorized to pass on their corporate income taxes to consumers.

Asked if there is a law that prohibits a corporation from passing on income taxes to its consumers, Senator Trillanes replied that the Supreme Court ruling on the case of Meralco should already be considered a law. He pointed out that the issue is a matter of public interest because it does not only involve corporate income taxes but also other expenses such as expenses related to corporate social responsibility, travel expenses, advertisements, donations and training expenses. And he cautioned that later on, other questionable issues might arise, for instance, if the two concessionaires would decide to provide housing units in Ayala, Alabang to each of their employees. He asked if the inclusion of such an expense in the concessionaires' operating expenses to be passed on later to consumers would be legal.

Asked whether Maynilad and Manila Water have any contract with any government entity to distribute water in Metro Manila, Senator Trillanes replied that the question was totally out of his area of concern.

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He said that as a representative of the people, he simply wanted to find out whether it was appropriate for the concessionaires to pass on their corporate expenses to the consumers which he believed should not be allowed even if they were authorized to do so.

Senator Enrile said that as a water consumer in Metro Manila and likewise a representative of the people, he was also interested in finding out where the two water concessionaires are drawing their right to distribute water and pass on expenses to their consumers.

Senator Trillanes stated that whether or not the concessionaires were granted authority by the MWSS in 2004, the Supreme Court has already ruled that corporate income taxes should not be passed on to consumers.

Senator Enrile said that, precisely, he wanted to find out whether the franchise of MWSS allows it to enter into a contract with the two concessionaires and, if so, whether there exists a provision in the contract that allows them to pass on the income tax to the water consumers. He pointed out that in the case of the Meralco franchise, there was no such provision requiring it to pay a franchise tax in lieu of all local and national taxes. He recalled, however, that in the old franchise law, every franchise holder was given a franchise tax of three percent on gross income of public utilities in lieu of all local and national taxes.

Asked whether the MWSS holds the franchise to distribute water in Metro Manila, Senator Trillanes replied that the question was totally irrelevant because even if Maynilad and Manila Water were granted authority to pass on their income taxes to consumers, such authority was already superseded by the Supreme Court ruling.

Senator Trillanes reiterated that all he was asking for was an inquiry on the matter, as he urged Senator Enrile to enlighten the public as regards the second paragraph of the concession agreement. Senator Enrile, however, replied that he was the one who was asking the questions. Senator Trillanes argued that nobody in the Chamber would know exactly the contents of the concession agreement, the reason why he was asking for an inquiry.

Senator Enrile remarked that if he were not a member of Congress and prohibited from practicing

law and if he were to handle the case, he would win it against Senator Trillanes in the courtroom. He then asked whether Congress has the power to change the terms and conditions of the contract of MWSS with the two concessionaires. Senator Trillanes replied that part of the inquiry would be to analyze and evaluate the implementation of a public policy that took effect in 1997.

Senator Enrile pointed out that one of the most sacred provisions of the Bill of Rights that governs the entire government and its agencies to protect the people is that Congress cannot pass a law that impairs the obligation of contracts. When queries regarding contracts are raised, he said that the proper remedy would be judicial and he urged Senator Trillanes to file a case in court where the issue could be resolved instead of bringing the matter before Congress, as he pointed out that Congress is powerless to intervene in matters of contractual agreements as it is constitutionally prohibited from enacting any law that would impair the obligation of contracts.

Senator Trillanes clarified that all he was asking for was an inquiry where the water concessionaires would have the opportunity to clear themselves. To the contention that the inquiry should be in aid of legislation, he argued that the inquiry would be part of the oversight functions of the Senate, specifically on the regulatory powers of the MWSS.

Senator Enrile said that if indeed the inquiry is part of the oversight functions of the Senate, then it is the Oversight Committee on Public Services that should conduct it instead of conducting an inquiry in aid of legislation. Senator Trillanes recalled that just the previous day, Senator Enrile was calling for the abolition of all oversight committees. He said he would leave the decision to the Body on whether to conduct the inquiry which he believed would not only allow the parties to explain their side but would also provide the senators a better understanding of the provisions of the agreements and impart the lesson that such pass-on provisions should be avoided in any concession agreement.

Senator Enrile asked if Senator Trillanes was of the position that Congress could just summon anybody to an inquiry that is not in aid of legislation and could hold the person in contempt for failure to attend such inquiry.

Senator Trillanes believed that the inquiry was part of legislation in the form of feedback of public policy, to determine whether the policy adopted more than a decade ago was still suitable at the present time. He posited that should government enter into a similar agreement in the future, the lessons previously learned from the experience could be considered for the new agreement.

**REFERRAL OF SPEECH
TO THE COMMITTEE**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the speech of Senator Trillanes and the interpellation thereon were referred to the Committee on Public Services.

**THIRD ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Atty. Regina Evangelista read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 601, 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 ENTREPRENEURSHIP THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8282 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 602, entitled

AN ACT GOVERNING CREDIT CARD AND OTHER ACCESS DEVICE TRANSACTIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 603, entitled

AN ACT CONDONING THE PENALTIES OF CAMARINES NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (CANORECO) ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS CHARGED BY THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY FIVE PESOS AND SEVENTY NINE CENTAVOS (P7,739,845.79) COVERING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1995 TO AUGUST 1997

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Energy; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 604, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 605, entitled

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

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Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 606, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING PLEDGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY COVERING A LOAN OF MONEY NOT EXCEEDING TEN THOUSAND PESOS FROM DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 199 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 607, entitled

AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE CRIMES OF RAPE, QUALIFIED SEDUCTION AND SIMPLE SEDUCTION INVOLVING MINOR CHILDREN AND RATIONALIZING THE PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 608, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5487, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY LAW

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Senate Bill No. 609, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWER AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 111, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 610, entitled

AN ACT ACCELERATING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BY EARMARKING THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE CHARITY FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1169, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 42

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 611, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE SPECIAL MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM SUPPORT FUND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND LONG-TERM FUNDING TO PRIORITY MASS TRANSIT PROJECTS IN THE GREATER METRO MANILA AREA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ACT OF 2000"

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

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Senate Bill No. 612, entitled

AN ACT REMOVING THE CONDITIONS FOR THE CONDONATION OF ALL UNPAID TAXES DUE FROM LOCAL WATER DISTRICTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 289-A OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE , AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 613, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE DIRECT REMITTANCE TO THE HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THEIR FORTY PERCENT (40%) SHARE DERIVED FROM THE NATIONAL WEALTH AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 293 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 614, entitled

AN ACT FINANCING THE "EDUCATION FOR ALL INITIATIVES" FROM THE ANNUAL VALUE-ADDED TAX COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 615, entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF MICRO ENTERPRISES AS BENEFICIARIES OF THE MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM

ENTERPRISES OR REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 8289 AND FURTHER AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 9501

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 616, entitled

AN ACT MODERNIZING HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, PROVIDING FUNDS FROM THE ANNUAL VALUE-ADDED TAX COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 617, entitled

AN ACT ADVANCING THE RIGHTS OF STREET CHILDREN BY STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC) AND ESTABLISHING AN INCENTIVES SYSTEM FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGED IN THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF STREET CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 618, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF THE CHARTER OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT"

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Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 619, entitled

AN ACT MODERNIZING AGRICULTURE, PROVIDING FUNDS FROM THE ANNUAL VALUE-ADDED TAX COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 620, entitled

AN ACT AUGMENTING THE PHIL-HEALTH FUND FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BY EARMARKING THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE CHARITY FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1169, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 42

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 621, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE SPECIAL MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM SUPPORT FUND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ACT OF 2000"

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 622, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS TO FURTHER PROTECT AND DEVELOP THE NURSING PROFESSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY-ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002"

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 623, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ACADEMY, ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 624, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING EMPLOYEES THREE DAYS PAID LEAVE TO ATTEND SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 625, entitled

AN ACT TO RECONSTRUCT AND REHABILITATE THE EXISTING 479-KILOMETER PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS LINE FROM SAN FERNANDO, LA UNION TO LEGAZPI CITY, ALBAY, PROVIDING FUNDS FROM THE ANNUAL

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TIONS, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE THE NATIONAL
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Ways and Means;
and Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 626, entitled

AN ACT INSTILLING FISCAL DISCI-
PLINE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR BY
ESTABLISHING PRINCIPLES OF
RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL MANAGE-
MENT AND PROMOTING FULL
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNT-
ABILITY IN GOVERNMENT
REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND
BORROWING PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Finance; Economics
Affairs; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 627, entitled

AN ACT SETTING A CEILING TO THE
INDEBTEDNESS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ENSURE
MACRO-ECONOMIC STABILITY
AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Finance; and Economic
Affairs**

Senate Bill No. 628, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE SECRETARY
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE
BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS
TO APPEAR BEFORE CONGRESS
SEMI-ANNUALLY TO REPORT ON
THE STATUS AND DIRECTIONS OF
THE FISCAL AND MONETARY
POLICIES OF THE STATE

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Finance; and Economic
Affairs**

Senate Bill No. 629, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING SUPPORT
FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE
COVERAGE BY ALLOCATING
SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) OF THE
PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEP-
STAKES OFFICE CHARITY FUND
FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEREBY
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1169,
AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBASA
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Introduced by Senator Recto

**To The Committees on Government
Corporations and Public Enterprises; and
Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 630, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE
AMUSEMENT AND GAMING
COMMISSION (PAGCOM), AUTHOR-
IZING THE APPROPRIATION OF
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Games and Amuse-
ment; Government Corporations and Public
Enterprises; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 631, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE CENTER
FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND STRATEGIC STUDIES TO
INCLUDE RESEARCH AND
FORMULA-TION OF STRATEGIC
OPTIONS FOR NATIONAL ECONO-
MIC AND SECURITY POLICIES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Economic Affairs;
and National Defense and Security**

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Senate Bill No. 632, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE SPECIAL GROUP TERM INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, INCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 352, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1965, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 633, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT BY ESTABLISHING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE WEBSITE

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 634, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING AND MAXIMIZING THE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), AND BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS TO THE FAMILY OR BENEFICIARY OF ANY POLICE OR MILITARY PERSONNEL OR FIREMAN KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED

WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS OFFICE OR POSITION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 635, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY IMPOSED AGAINST POLLUTERS OF NAVIGABLE WATERS BY AMENDING SECTION 7 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 979 PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 600 GOVERNING MARINE POLLUTION

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 636, entitled

AN ACT CREATING PLANTILLA POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 637, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

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Senate Bill No. 638, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 6948 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 639, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OPEN LEARNING SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 640, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL CONTRACTUAL AND CASUAL EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE BE PAID THEIR CORRESPONDING WAGES DURING SPECIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 641, entitled

AN ACT INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE EXCEPTIONS FROM THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCLOSURE OF OR INQUIRY INTO DEPOSITS WITH ANY BANKING INSTITUTION AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISION OF REPUBLIC

ACT NO 1405 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SECURITY OF BANK DEPOSITS LAW"

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institution and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 642, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF MINORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 643, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHO ARE KILLED, WOUNDED OR INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUMS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 644, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES IMPOSED AGAINST CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS WHO VIOLATE ANY MATERIAL PROVISION OF CONTRACTS INVOLVING PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO ALLOW SUCH VIOLATIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1759

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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To the Committees on Public Works; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 645, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OCEAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 646, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 647, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 648, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CHILDREN'S CANCER HOSPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 649, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Amateur Sports Competitiveness; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 650, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, AS AMENDED, 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 BY INCLUDING WITHIN ITS COVERAGE JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST, NEWS AGENCIES AND INTERNET PUBLICATIONS"

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

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 the following day.

It was 4:37 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on August 7, 2013