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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. Francis Joseph G. Escudero led the prayer to wit:

*Dakilang Panginoon, nagkakatipon kami sa hapon na ito na puno ng pagpupuri at pasasalamat sa kadakilaan ng Inyong pagmamahal. Sa aming pagpupuri sa Inyo sa araw na ito, isinasabay Po namin ang aming taimtim na panalangin para sa aming mga kababayan na kasalukuyang sinasalanta ng bagyong Labuyo. Inihahabilin Po namin sa Inyo ang kanilang kaligtasan. Nawa ay isilong ng Inyong kapangyarihan ang mga nawalan ng bubong at tahanan, ikubli mula sa kapahamakan ang mga nasa daan, aliwin ng Inyong pagmamahal ang mga naulila, at palakasin ang Inyong patnubay at kapangyarihan para muling makabangon ang mga naulila at nawalan ng ari-arian at kabuhayan.*

*Panginoon, Ikaw ang aming tahanan at kanlungan. Itinataas namin ang aming mga gawain at boses dito sa Senado sa*

*Inyo na may buong paniniwala at pagtitiwala na kaming lahat at ang buong bansa ay hindi Mo pagkukublihan ng Inyong paningin at pagpapala.*

*Ang lahat ng ito ay aming hinihiling sa Pangalan ni Hesus.*

*Amen.*

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Senate Choir led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song, entitled *Senadong Marangal*.

**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, 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.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
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.	Trillanes IV, A. F.
Estrada, J.	Villar, C. A.
Guingona III, T. L.	

With 21 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Pimentel arrived after the roll call.

Senators Defensor Santiago and Osmeña were 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. 9 (August 7, 2013) and considered it approved.

### 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. 751, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP PARTICULARLY COPYRIGHT LAW AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND TERTIARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 752, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS, GENERATION COMPANIES OR ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPERS TO REMIT THE AMOUNT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SET ASIDE AS FINANCIAL BENEFIT DIRECTLY TO THE HOST COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Energy; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 753, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY BY ENSURING IMPARTIALITY IN THE INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING IMPEACHABLE PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THEIR RELATIVES WITHIN THE 6TH CIVIL DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY, MANDATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SPECIAL AND INDEPENDENT PROSECUTOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 754, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A HOUSING PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 755, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY COUNCIL, PROVIDING POWERS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 756, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2640 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO CREATE A PUBLIC CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE VETERANS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS POWERS, AND FOR OTHER

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PURPOSES," AS AMENDED, BY INCLUDING ALEJO SANTOS OF THE BULACAN MILITARY AREA VETERANS ASSOCIATION AS ONE OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and National Defense and Security**

Senate Bill No. 757, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 758, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING WOMEN IN STATE CUSTODY, PRESCRIBING THE MINIMUM STANDARD RULES FOR THEIR TREATMENT, PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 759, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN ZAMBOANGA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 760, entitled

AN ACT TO PREVENT AND CONTROL POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, PROVIDE PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 761, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE BILLION PESO (5,000,000,000.00) COOPERATIVE TRUST FUND THAT WILL PROVIDE FINANCING FACILITIES TO LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS OF COOPERATIVES AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY SUM FOR INCLUSION IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE FISCAL YEARS IN FIVE EQUAL APPORTIONMENTS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Cooperatives; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 762, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MALAMPAYA SOUND SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TAYTAY AND SAN VICENTE, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AS A PROTECTED AREA PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586 (NIPAS ACT OF 1992) PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 763, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL HOMELOTS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 764, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC FOOD SECURITY RICE RESERVE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 765, entitled

AN ACT CLASSIFYING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS ZERO PERCENT (0%) VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT) TRANSACTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 108 (B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 766, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING AGRICULTURE EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 767, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING SAFEGUARDS IN CONTRACTING LOANS CLASSIFIED AS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8182, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8555, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1996, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 768, entitled

AN ACT UPHOLDING THE RIGHT OF PATIENTS TO THE REDRESS OF THEIR TREATMENT-RELATED GRIEVANCES BY MANDATING THE CREATION OF GRIEVANCE BOARDS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS TO BE SUPERVISED BY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 769, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION, REFORESTATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL PHILIPPINE MANGROVE RESOURCES, DEFINING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE ACTS PROHIBITED WITHIN MANGROVE FORESTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 770, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FAIR PRACTICES IN THE PROCESSING OF INFORMATION RELATING OR PERSONAL TO INDIVIDUALS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 771, entitled

AN ACT INTRODUCING EDUCATIONAL REFORMS AND SUPPORTING THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONAL REFORMS IN SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 772, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY EMPLOYER, LABOR CONTRACTOR AND LABOR ORGANIZATION FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S AGE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 773, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING CERTAIN INDICATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INCAPACITY AS A GROUND FOR THE DECLARATION OF NULLITY OF MARRIAGE, AMENDING ARTICLE 36 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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. 774, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 1991 OF R.A. NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 775, entitled

AN ACT SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PARENTS WHO WANT TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN BECOME SUCCESSFUL READERS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 776, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVOLUTION OF THE CONTROL, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF MUNICIPAL OR TERTIARY PORTS FROM THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Services; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 777, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES TO DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND/OR HOUSING PROJECTS BY

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EXEMPTING THEM FROM THE PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES, DEFINING THE CONDITION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 778, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE PRESCRIBED INCREASES AND ADJUSTMENTS IN THE WAGE RATES OF WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6727, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "WAGE RATIONALIZATION ACT," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 779, entitled

THE BUDGET IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee on Finance**

Senate Bill No. 780, entitled

AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MICRO-CREDIT FINANCING AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3844, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE CODE OF AGRARIAN REFORM IN THE PHILIPPINES" APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 781, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAX ALL ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 782, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT"

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 783, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY IN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AND IN THE USE OF INTELLIGENCE AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS GRANTED TO ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE A JOINT CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE TO STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT POWERS OF CONGRESS TO MONITOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF ALL AGENCIES OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND TO OVERSEE HOW INTELLIGENCE AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS ARE EXPENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 784, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING REFORMS IN

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT BUDGETING, AMENDING FOR THESE PURPOSES PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF BOOK VI OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 785, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GREATER ACCESS TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BY ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATIONAL LOAN PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 81, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE 1986 REVISED CHARTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES," AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 786, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 787, entitled

AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE NAVAL STATION SAN MIGUEL IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN NARCISO AND SAN ANTONIO PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES

FROM THE OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 938, AND DECLARING THE EXCLUDED PORTIONS OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC AC NO. 730, AS AMENDED, TO QUALIFIED OCCUPANTS WITHOUT PUBLIC AUCTION

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 788, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE COMBAT DUTY PAY OF ALL COMMISSIONED AND NON-COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) FROM THE CURRENT VALUE THEY ARE RECEIVING TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM (25%) OF THEIR BASE PAY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 789, entitled

AN ACT CONSOLIDATING THE LAWS GRANTING REWARDS TO INFORMERS OF VIOLATIONS OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND CUSTOMS LAWS, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 282 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, SECTION 3513 OF THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 790, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO



COVERED EMPLOYEES OF THE  
GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIAT-  
ING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 791, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING NIGHT SHIFT  
DIFFERENTIAL PAY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
INCLUDING THOSE IN GOVERN-  
MENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED  
CORPORATIONS AND APPROPRIAT-  
ING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 792, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING AND PERMIT-  
TING THE USE OF WASTE-TO-  
ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, AMENDING  
FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT  
NUMBERED 8749, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE CLEAN AIR ACT  
OF 1999

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 793, entitled

AN ACT INTEGRATING ALL THE  
NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, SUB-  
PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL  
JAILS, PLACING FOR THE  
PURPOSE THE BUREAU OF  
CORRECTIONS, PROVINCIAL/SUB-  
PROVINCIAL JAILS AND THE  
BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT  
AND PENOLOGY UNDER A NEW  
BUREAU TO BE CALLED THE  
BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL  
SERVICES, APPROPRIATING

FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 794, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG  
REHABILITATION CENTER IN  
EVERY REGION OF THE COUNTRY  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Public Order and  
Dangerous Drugs; Health and Demography;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 795, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION  
OF ALL OBJECTS UNDERWATER  
CULTURAL HERITAGE IN PHILIP-  
PINE WATERS

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 796, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FORENSIC  
SCIENCE INSTITUTE IN THE  
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

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Senate Bill No. 797, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309 ENTITLED, "AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF CLAIMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 798, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE OFFENSE OF CARNAPPING BY A SYNDICATE AND INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE OF CARNAPPING THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE, "ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1992" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 799, entitled

THE NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ACT OF 2013

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Public Service; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 800, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the Discovery Perlas Philippine Women's Basketball Team and the Malditas Philippine Women's Football Team.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)**

Availing herself of the privilege hour, Senator Cayetano (P) delivered the following speech regarding the country's participation in the 27<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) to be held on December 11-22, 2013, in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Ngwe Saung Beach in Myanmar:

**THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES**

While we are still on the cloud from the recent victory of the Smart Gilas Team where they came in second in the FIBA concluded last night, let me burst the bubble by showing you the sobering truth: many of our national athletes will not get the same chance that the Smart Gilas Philippine Team got. They have been benched, but not just for one game but for the entire season. They will not be sent to play in the largest biennial multi-sports regional games, the 27<sup>th</sup> Southeast Asian Games which will be held from December 11 to 22 in Myanmar.

This biennial sports meet is considered a critical honing ground for our national athletes. This is where we compete with the best athletes from 10 other Southeast Asian countries to determine our standing in our very own region.

Over the decades, the SEA Games has produced so many home-grown heroes who would eventually make their mark in the international sports scene. They include, among others, former Asian sprint queen Lydia de Vega-Mercado; boxer Mansueto "Onyok"

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Velasco Jr., who won our very last Olympic medal — a silver from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics; basketball legend Allan Caidic, who was once the most feared three-point shooter in all of Asia; world champion bowler Rafael “Paeng” Nepumuceno, who won gold medals for our country from the SEA Games in the ’80s; and chess wiz Wesley So, the youngest Filipino to earn a grand master title at the age of 14 five years ago, and who is currently ranked No. 1 in the Philippines, No. 2 among junior players in the world, and No. 40 among all chess players around the world.

The SEA Games is the standard by which we are able to more accurately track the progress of our grassroots sports programs and map out the future for Philippine sports. We could continue to dream for our very first Olympic gold, but it is in the SEA Games where all the planning and hard work should happen first in order for that quest and that dream to take off.

So, where are we today?

With barely four months to go until the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games, another controversy is brewing, yet again, in our national sports program. According to *Inquirer* news, our sports governing bodies, namely, the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) have recently announced that the Philippines would be sending no more than 200 athletes for the Myanmar games. Further, of the 200 slots submitted to the organizers by a joint task force of the POC and PSC, 90 were reserved for individual athletes, while the rest were allocated for team sports.

We tried to get official data from the PSC as regards the number of delegates sent to previous SEA Games tournament. However, we were unable to do so. But per news articles, this appears to be the smallest Philippine delegation to be sent ever to the SEA Games. Sports observers note that we have sent at least 500 athletes or more in past stagings of the biennial event.

So what is the policy that led our sports officials to send, in their words, a “lean and mean” contingent to the SEA Games? According to media reports quoting the POC, the latter is using a “performance-specific” criteria to determine the final list of athletes competing in December. Under the new criteria, only athletes who have the potential to do so are included in this year’s list of delegates. The athletes who fall under the last classification will have their performances in other international events reviewed by a joint screening committee of the POC and PSC.

In the words of POC president Jose Cojuangco as quoted in a *Philippine Star* article, “the purpose is to send only those with good chances for the gold.” With all due respect to the POC, something is fatally flawed in the criteria’s logic. In one clean sweep, our policy now is to shut the doors for developing national athletes who could be in contention for just the silver or bronze this year, but may develop their skills and become gold medalists in the future.

And who could precisely say whether these athletes are ready to compete for gold in Myanmar or not, when they were not even given the chance in the first place? Sadly, we will never know, since we have already robbed them of the opportunity to compete at all. And if they do miss out on the gold, do the silvers and bronzes not mean anything more? It is saying to our athletes: “It is the gold or nothing.” That the silver or bronze in the SEA Games amounts to nothing in our own narrow appreciation of the medal tally.

The casualty is not just one sport in particular. The casualty in this story is the Filipino athlete. Allow me to cite some examples.

The Philippines’ Under-23 National Men’s Football Team includes some of our young bright booters from the Azkals, our senior national squad, who have made an incredible run in several international football competitions and has vastly improved its FIFA ranking in the last two years.

On the other hand, the National Women’s Football Team or the “Malditas” has just come off from a phenomenal performance in the AFC Asian Women’s Cup Qualifiers, where they finished second in the qualifying stage last May, following a heartbreaking 1-0 loss to powerhouse Thailand.

Sadly, the Under-23 National Men’s Team as well as the “Malditas” remains excluded in the list of teams that will be competing in the upcoming SEA Games. While both teams failed to win any medals in the 2011 SEA Games in Indonesia, they have brought pride to our country by winning in other regional and international tournaments in the past. Further, the growing popularity of football in the country makes it incumbent to send a national team to Myanmar to further help develop aspiring athletes in the sport through performance in leagues in the region and to enhance sports participation and excellence by Filipinos which is the primarily goal of our national sports program.

I find this latest policy of our two sports governing bodies unacceptable and defeatist.

As a sports enthusiast and former national athlete, I know for a fact that an athlete thrives in competition. Proper training, practice and discipline can enhance an athlete's skills, but it is in actual competition where the athlete can fully blossom to develop his or her potential, and even surpass his or her previous performance.

As members of Congress who approve the annual budget of the PSC which, in turn, provides the funding for national sports associations which train our national athletes and prepare them for international competitions, we need to be clarified of its policies and get an idea on its plans for Philippine sports.

Thus, I am filing a resolution to look into the country's preparations for the 2013 SEA Games, including the reported exclusion from the national delegation of national athletes in various sports competition, due to the decision of the POC and the PSC to send only athletes who, in their own narrow criteria, have the potential to bring home a gold medal for the country.

As introduced earlier by Sen. Alan Cayetano, the Philippine Basketball Women's Team is also present. And as of last week, I am not aware that they have been included in the POC list, although only lately when they were finally endorsed by the NSA.

Most of last week, Filipinos flocked to MOA or were glued to their television sets, radios and internet watching and retrieving news on the Smart Gilas Pilipinas team. We applauded every point; with each win, we rejoiced. No less than President PNoy was at MOA to watch the game. Together with every Filipino, he watched and cheered with pride. And at the end, we celebrated their second-place finish.

Should this feeling of national pride not be replicated? Should we not be able to watch our other athletes in action in the SEA Games? Should we not be cheering for them as well?

I urge the Philippine Sports Commission and the Philippine Olympic Committee to rethink their decision about sending a small delegation.

Let our athletes play, give them the stage to excel, give them an arena to perform.

Join me in fighting for our athletes and for Philippine sports. Let us give the Filipino athlete a fighting chance.

## **INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ANGARA**

At the outset, Senator Angara recalled that a few weeks ago, he commended Senator Cayetano (P) for

bringing up such vital issue as breastfeeding, and he took note of the inauguration of a breastfeeding photo exhibit earlier in the day attended by Senators Binay, Villar and Trillanes.

Adverting to the privilege speech, Senator Angara assumed that the investigation being asked by Senator Cayetano (P) might be referred to the Committee on Games and Amusement which he chairs, or to what might probably be a committee that would result from the consolidation of different committees. He asked what could be done to stem the decline in the performance of Philippine sports in various international sports competition, noting that the last Olympic medal won by the country was a silver medal in 1998 by Onyok Velasco, compared to Thailand which already won more Olympic gold medals in 15 Olympic Games than the Philippines had in more than 20 Olympic Games. He also noted that in the Asian Games and the Southeast Asian Games, the country also suffered a great decline in terms of performance, notwithstanding its brilliant performance in the recent FIBA tournament.

In reply, Senator Cayetano (P) stated that the answer is to remove politicians from participating in all sports, as she believed that Philippine sports have been politicized in many ways and have become the arena of frustrated athletes, politicians and administrators. However, she said that the main cause of the Philippines' lagging behind in sports is lack of prioritization.

Senator Cayetano (P) observed that in Spain, the national athletes enter the National Sports School at the age of about 10, 11, or 12 years old and spend the next 10 or 20 years of their lives training there as long as they are producing medals for their country, but if the athletes do not perform on an international level, they would be sent back to their regions where they are trained further until they can get back to the level where they were and would be entitled to train again in the national school. She said that her experience in Spain made her realize the need for a similar clear and long-term sports program for Filipino athletes.

Senator Cayetano (P) also noted the decrepit sports facilities of the Rizal Stadium and of Ultra where she used to jog, a far cry from the facilities of neighboring Asian nations that have invested much on them. She concurred with Senator Angara's observation on the performance of Thailand, stating

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that it has produced many top caliber athletes because they invested in sports. She pointed out the need for the Philippines to make a similar investment especially in getting the best and top level coaches. She recalled that in a conversation with an Australian coach some years ago, the latter admitted that even while Australia has a small population, it is investing an average of \$1 million to produce a gold medal.

Senator Cayetano (P) asked the Body what price it is willing to pay to watch a team like the Smart Gilas perform and bring joy and pride to the country. She pointed out that the skillfulness of Smart Gilas Pilipinas did not happen by chance because, obviously, it is being financed by Smart Communications. She believed that the current setup of the national teams makes it very difficult to attract private sponsors and that even if some did, like the Discovery Perlas Philippine Women's Basketball Team that won silver medal the previous year, still it failed to get recognition from the POC. She surmised that if the POC does not consider the team as gold potential, then only those who have won gold or perhaps those who are in the good graces of POC could join the SEA Games. She hoped that during the budget deliberation, the Body would consider how much the country is willing to invest in the athletes, as she pointed out that even the Constitution recognizes sports development as an integral part of youth development.

Senator Cayetano (P) likewise recalled that Spain, despite being at the height of a crisis, when recession struck and people lost their jobs, continued to fund its national sports program in the belief that sports is one thing that continues to give pride and joy to their country.

Senator Cayetano (P) disclosed that she was filing a resolution to review the 5% gross remittance of PAGCOR which interprets it as inclusive of many deductibles resulting in a huge difference between its computation and what the law intended. She expressed hope that Senators Recto and Osmeña could help in the review of PAGCOR's remittances.

Senator Angara concurred with Senator Cayetano (P) on the need for prioritization in terms of budgeting, and the need to go to the grassroots level. He stated that he and Senator Cayetano (P), in fact, have the same advocacy during the Fifteenth Congress, when they both called for the establishment of the Philippine High School for Sports, a public institution where young local talents will be trained to become elite

athletes. He lamented the current practice of athletes in the provinces who go around soliciting support from local officials or businessmen to fund their training, to pay for coaches, and to finance their trip to international competitions.

Senator Angara asked how the grassroots programs for sports in the country could take off when most sports facilities in the country are exclusive to private members, unlike in other countries, like the U.S., where a lot of sport facilities are open to the public. He noted that football fields or baseball diamonds are seldom found despite large portions of land in the rural areas.

Agreeing with Senator Angara, Senator Cayetano (P) believed that one of the primary reasons that Philippine sports has not taken off is the lack of grassroots programs. She cited the country's performance in the last six years of the Southeast Asian Games, from 2007 to 2013, where the highest rank of the country was fifth place. And she asked who should be blamed, especially given the standard set by the POC and the PSC.

Senator Cayetano (P) expressed hope to resurrect a bill that would establish a national high school for sports. She informed the Body that, in fact, some provinces have high schools with a solid sports program that tracks and trains athletes with national level potential. But before the national high school for sports could be established, she said that the desire for sports should be inculcated in every child and the facilities should be readily available.

Senator Cayetano (P) lamented that despite the enthusiasm and interest shown by the people in various sports, the athletes lack support from the sports agencies whose obligation is to develop athletes from the grassroots level by creating sports club in every province. On the other hand, she congratulated some private entities, like *Milo*, that encourage sports and develop athletes by hosting various summer sports clinics in schools. She asserted that the NSAs, like the PSC, should be more transparent and receptive to such kind of support from the private sector.

Asked if the institutional arrangements under Republic Act No. 6847, where POC plans and implements an amateur sports program in coordination with various NSAs should be reexamined, Senator Cayetano (P) answered in the affirmative, adding that the rules should be redefined, if necessary, to

change the system. Considering the declining performance of the country in the SEA Games in the last 10 years, she said that the government should rethink the country's sports programs.

Senator Angara informed the Body that Myanmar, the host country for the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games this December, plans to substitute five Olympic sports – tennis, table tennis, water polo, badminton and gymnastics, where the Philippine has high medal chances – with *vovinam*, *tarung derajat*, *kempo*, and *chinline*, among others, and this plan, he said, militates against the Philippines' fielding athletes to the games. He then cited the downward spiral in the performance of the Philippines in the SEA Games from 1951 to 2010, as follows: 1951 – fourth; 1954 and 1958 – second; 1962 – third; 1966 and 1982 – 10<sup>th</sup>; 1970 – 11<sup>th</sup>; 1974 – 16<sup>th</sup>; 1978 – ninth; 1986 – sixth; 1990 – 13<sup>th</sup>; 1994 – 14<sup>th</sup>; 1998 – 21<sup>st</sup>; 2002 and 2006 – 18<sup>th</sup>; and 2010 – 19<sup>th</sup>. He stressed that the statistics show that the sports programs of the country is in dire need of help.

#### INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto recalled that in the late 70s, particularly in the 1977 SEA Games, the Philippines won a lot of medals in various sports. In tenpin bowling alone, he said that out of eight events, the national team won seven gold medals and one silver. He then asked when the sports performance of the country began to experience a downhill trend.

Senator Cayetano (P) replied that PSC has not yet provided her with the requested data so that her data only include the country's ranking from 2001 to 2011.

Asked when the country ranked first in the SEA Games, Senate President Drilon said it was 1991, when the country hosted the SEA Games. Senator Sotto observed that it was also the year of the creation of the Philippine Sports Commission and that the downhill trend in the sports performance of the country started after that year. He concluded that the sports institutions are not only in dire need of help but are also going in the wrong direction. To illustrate, he said that the Philippines is number one worldwide in billiards because of the proliferation of billiard halls in the country. He suggested that the PSC look into a similar direction and invest in cheapest sports in every barangay hall, like table tennis for every barangay. With 90 to 100 million Filipinos playing a

particular sport, he said that it is most likely that the best athletes could be found.

Senator Cayetano (P) agreed, citing the "10,000-hour rule" which applies to any discipline, from sports to music, in which people who are able to put in 10,000 hours of training and practice tend to excel. She said that other countries have applied the same rule with different approaches, like Thailand which reviewed the Olympic medal sports and joined those which could be easily won, so now it excels in weight lifting-women's category. She believed that the Philippines could find a similar niche if it would plan, decide, and support the sports that Filipino athletes could excel in.

To Senator Sotto's suggestion that the issue on individual competitors not recognized by the NSA be brought up in the committee hearing, Senator Cayetano (P) agreed, as she noted some athletes who are not recognized by the NSA could not participate in competitions despite their excellent abilities. Asked on the policy of the POC or PSC on NSA accreditation, Senator Cayetano (P) replied that the athletes should be in good standing with NSA because the POC only recognizes athletes and clubs with NSA endorsements. She cited the swimming club of former Senator Nikki Coseteng which was prevented from participating in some competitions because it was not recognized by NSA, and the cycling team that was not allowed to compete despite being in the location of the SEA Games at that time because the POC had informed the organizers that the team was not recognized by the NSA.

Senator Sotto recalled that when he was vice mayor of Quezon City, the local government had a sports development program in Amoranto Oval and it sent the entire Philippine cycling team to the LA Olympics but after the event, half of the team stayed in the U.S. illegally.

Senator Cayetano (P) rejoined that the Russian athletes did the same thing by defecting to the U.S. when the Olympics was held there.

Asked whether prioritization refers to policies, programs, sports or funding, Senator Cayetano (P) replied that a clean picture as to the direction of Philippine sports should be drawn and every administration should continue to support their program. At this point, she questioned the practice of stopping the grant of allowance to many national

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team athletes right after a game or when they are not in training or are no longer in the top three considering that they have families to support and the country needs a pool of athletes from which a dark horse would win. She recalled Senator Recto's comment that the Philippines wins medals when it is the host country because many athletes are able to participate and the dark horses take that opportunity to shine. She called on her colleagues to review and decide the priority in sports as she recalled that Spain made it a national priority at the height of its recession.

Senator Sotto expressed hope that the chairman of the Committee on Finance was listening to the discussion because the Senate would be tackling the budget soon and the Committee might find funds to augment the budget for athletes. He suggested that Senator Cayetano (P) also discuss with the POC and PSC the prioritization not only of team sports but also of individual sports.

Senator Sotto observed that members of the Philippine swimming team come from well-to-do families because they have swimming pools in their homes, but he pointed out that there are many in the countryside who might be better swimmers if fully developed. He supposed that some athletes could do better in other sports, such as Senator Jaworski who could have won Olympic gold medal in swimming because his hands are so big and his feet do not need flippers or Senator Webb and Vice Mayor Yoyong Martirez who could have gone into track and field, instead of basketball, because their record in running is even faster than that of Lydia de Vega or other track winners.

Senator Sotto reiterated that the PSC reevaluate the athletes and the prioritization of sports that should be supported because they might be looking at the wrong direction.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR VILLAR**

Asked by Senator Villar what the role of *Palarong Pambansa* is in recruiting athletes for international competitions, Senator Cayetano (P) stated that the *Palaro* is a wonderful program that has existed for many years, adding that she was also a product of the *Palaro* in 1982. She averred that the *Palaro* is a melting pot of the best budding athletes since it starts at the school level when athletes are young. She believed a better grassroots program could strengthen the *Palaro* as one can only get to

the *Palaro* level if he/she has won in the municipal, city and provincial level.

Senator Cayetano (P) posited that if the quality of the sport was high at the lowest level, then those that compete in the *Palaro* would have a potential in representing the country abroad. She recalled that Lydia de Vega, Dyan Castillejos and her sister honed their skills in the *Palaro* and they rose to national level athletes and became international competitors.

However, Senator Cayetano (P) deplored the difficulty in training athletes in the provinces because they are not equipped with the proper gear. She stated that most of the kids ran barefoot and would only see their uniform on the day of the *Palaro*. She believed that supporting an athlete at the grassroots level can further elevate the quality of the *Palarong Pambansa* participants.

Senator Cayetano (P) agreed that the DepEd should give emphasis to the *Palarong Pambansa* in the next budget in order to develop sports in the country. She informed the Body that she and Senator Trillanes had discussed earlier the university games and the *Palaro* being a good training ground for potential international athletes. She stressed that she would support any move to increase the budget of DepEd because she believes that sports development would take away kids off the streets, away from teen pregnancies, vices and many distractions that would otherwise make them less productive citizens.

Senator Villar disclosed that there have been complaints during the *Palaro* that participants are not given enough support. She suggested that Senator Cayetano (P) as the chairperson of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture call the attention of the Secretary of the DepEd to give emphasis to the *Palaro* program.

Senator Cayetano (P) thanked Senator Villar for her insights and assured the Body she would discuss the matter with the DepEd Secretary.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR PIMENTEL**

To Senator Pimentel's query on the Philippines' ranking in the SEA Games, Senator Cayetano (P) replied that it ranks 5<sup>th</sup> among 11 countries. On the deadline for submitting the final list of athletes to the SEA Games, she stated that she would have to

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clarify the data given her because she has been receiving conflicting information.

On whether the resolution was meant to confirm whether or not there is a policy of the POC that only athletes who are lean and mean with potentials of winning gold medals would be sent to the SEA Games, Senator Cayetano (P) admitted that she had heard of such a policy because high officials of the POC and PSC have been quoted many times. She said that she would also ask the sports officials of their definition of "lean and mean." She affirmed the urgency of looking into the reported policy of the POC and PSC. She reiterated that the hearing would also seek to clarify the definition of "lean and mean." If, as she understands "lean" to mean "small" and "mean" is the chance to win gold, she asked how the POC and PSC would develop these lean and mean teams. She asserted that without a budget to send athletes for exposure to international competitions like the SEA Games, the country would drastically reduce its pool of lean and mean athletes because athletes blossom at the height of competitions.

On whether the POC/PSC policy being adopted was due to budgetary constraints, Senator Cayetano (P) lamented that the officials of the POC and PSC gave the most defeatist and embarrassing reason – that they did not want to be embarrassed in case the teams lose. She asserted that athletes are sent to games because the country is proud of them; it prepared them for the games; they are sent with the hope of winning medals; and that the exposure would do them good.

On Senator Pimentel's speculation that POC and PSC officials are embarrassed because they are the ones who get castigated for the athletes' failure to win medals, Senator Cayetano (P) replied that the officials should indeed be embarrassed because it becomes transparent that something is wrong with the program.

Senator Pimentel pointed out that losing is part of the experience and political leaders should not castigate sports officials after a disastrous performance in an international competition because athletes are sent to international competitions to gain experience.

Senator Cayetano (P) expressed hope that she would hear the same sentiments from the POC and PSC officials – that 50% of the delegates would have medal potentials and 50% would be young, mean and eager athletes who the country intends to

hone in the next four years. She said that as a triathlete, she consults with Olympic coaches and that is how they think – prepare somebody who will be a potential eight years from now. She underscored that there is nothing embarrassing in sending an athlete to international competitions for experience.

Senator Pimentel opined that if the sports leaders would start thinking and making pronouncements that athletes would be sent abroad for experience, it would promote full transparency. He suggested that during the hearing, it should be stressed to sports leaders that they should structure their pronouncements by informing the public that of the total number of delegates, a certain number of them are potential medal winners; a certain number are sent for international exposure; and a certain number are being sent to support the host nation's indigenous sports that over time become regional sports.

Senator Pimentel recalled that when he was chair of the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports, amateur sports competitiveness was separated from the committee, thereby, creating a new Committee on Amateur Sports Competitiveness, and leaving professional sports in the mother committee. However, he said that there is now a blurred distinction between amateur and professional stages in sports. He suggested that the Committee on Amateur Sports Competitiveness be collapsed and return to the original Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports so that there would be continuity and a comprehensive look on sports because professional athletes were once upon a time amateur athletes too. He noted that in the FIBA basketball tournament, most of the athletes are professional basketball players playing under amateur rules.

At this juncture, Senator Pimentel took the opportunity to congratulate the Smart Gilas team for placing second in the recently concluded FIBA-Asia Basketball Tournament.

As to how the distinction should be considered, Senator Cayetano (P) believed that different sports have different rules: some sports do not allow professional athletes to join the Olympics, while some do so. She said that there is wisdom in combining the committees just for the purpose of having a better understanding and fluidity in the discussion.

Senator Pimentel recalled that when he was chair of the committee, he once encountered the



phrase “non-interference of government in sports.” He believed that a full explanation of the concept ought to be made to determine the extent of interference that can be done, considering the resultant implications in international sports.

Senator Pimentel further suggested choosing a model country after which Philippine sports institutions could be patterned, for instance, Australia that has an institute of sports that has already produced swimming champions. Senator Cayetano (P) affirmed that like Spain, Australia has national high schools for sports.

Senator Pimentel stated that Spain, which is noted for team sports, currently holds the title of world champion in basketball and football, while Russia, which implemented a grassroots tennis program initially for women some ten years ago, has went on to produce world champions in tennis.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ESTRADA**

Asked by Senator Estrada if indeed Spain continued funding its sports program despite the recession prevailing at that time, Senator Cayetano (P) stated that in her visit to Spain last June, she learned that it did not cut its budget on sports program despite its recession and amidst all criticisms, because it believed that the people needed good news, a thing which sports could give.

Asked on the amount being spent by the Spanish government in its sports programs, Senator Cayetano (P) said that she would provide Senator Estrada with the data. She said that in the case of Australia, it spends an average of \$1 million to produce a gold medalist in the Olympics.

As to how much funds should be allotted to promote and strengthen the sports programs in the country, Senator Cayetano (P) said that in the hearings on the resolution that she filed, she will present a comparison of investments made by other countries, including developing countries like Thailand, which was similarly situated as the Philippines only a few years ago.

Noting that other countries have invested in sports in the belief that sports could be used in youth and nation-building and the fact that competition in sports has become stiffer, Senator Cayetano (P) believed that the country would continue to lag behind unless the same policy is adopted and correspondingly funded.

Replying to further queries, Senator Cayetano (P) affirmed that only 200 delegates will be sent to the Southeast Asian Games based on the pronouncements of POC and PSC officials in media. Asked who is responsible for determining the number of athletes to be sent to international competitions, Senator Cayetano (P) said that while the recommendations emanate from the national sports associations, it is the POC which has the final say. She surmised that the NSAs merely recommend to the POC the names of athletes in their respective sports, and such data is used by the PSC and POC in determining the amount to be allocated. Conversely, she surmised that the POC could *motu proprio* direct the NSA to send a particular athlete, as in the case of the Discovery Perlas Women’s Team, which is presumed to be a natural choice for recommendation considering their silver medal standing.

Asked if the function of the POC is limited to selecting the athletes who will participate in the Olympics, Senator Cayetano (P) stated that apparently, aside from determining the final line-up of participants in the Olympics, it does so as well for the other big regional meets, including the Southeast Asian Games.

Asked on the basis of the power of POC, Senator Cayetano (P) said that under Republic Act No. 6847, which created the Philippine Sports Commission, the Philippine Olympic Committee, which is affiliated with the International Olympic Committee, is recognized as the National Olympic Committee of the Philippines, an entity that is autonomous in character and primarily responsible for activities pertaining to the country’s participation in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Southeast Asian Games and other international athletic competitions. She said that since the law is not working well, it is high time that it is amended.

As to the number of NSAs that are under the jurisdiction of the PSC, Senator Cayetano (P) said that she did not have the actual figure on the number of existing NSAs. She lamented that the funding of NSAs had been a constant problem for the PSC considering that the groups vying for accreditation vary depending on who was sitting as head of the commission. She said that the NSAs do not receive the same amount of budget because, among others, the number of athletes per sport also varies.

As to the sport where Filipinos could possibly excel other than boxing, Senator Cayetano (P) said

that based on the statements made by experts, Filipinos could excel in football, baseball, swimming and triathlon where height would not matter, given the fact that Filipinos are not genetically predisposed to be tall. However, she clarified that she did not mean to say that Filipinos cannot excel in basketball, as she acknowledged that success in the sport could also depend on such other matters as having the heart for it, dedication, and hard work.

Senator Estrada opined that Filipinos could not become world champions in the field of basketball since it requires height. Senator Cayetano (P) said that while she agrees that not being a nation of tall people presents a disadvantage for Filipinos, the challenge would be to rise above such disadvantage. She said that the country should start supporting other sports aside from basketball.

Senator Estrada lamented the fact that instead of investing in sports where the country could potentially excel, a lot of resources have been wasted in events which were not as promising. Senator Cayetano (P) agreed that such were the usual complaints that were raised when the issue was tackled.

Likewise, Senator Cayetano (P) believed that the country could excel in the field of archery, citing the brother of Senator Recto who competed in the Southeast Asian Games and was declared the champion. She disclosed that in cycling, the professional and semi-professional teams of LBC have been training internationally in the hope of competing outside of Asia.

Asked about the *Gintong Alay* Program, Senator Cayetano (P) replied that she was actually one of its athletes. Senator Estrada recalled that it was during that time that world-class athletes such as Lydia de Vega and Bea Lucero were produced, and that Filipinos started to reap a lot of medals in international competitions.

Asked on the difference between *Gintong Alay's* programs and those of the PSC, Senator Cayetano (P) said that the question would be best answered by the PSC and POC during the hearings.

Noting that Filipinos have excelled in most of the events during the time of the *Gintong Alay* program, Senator Estrada recommended the adoption of its programs or their incorporation in the programs of the PSC. He said that the matter could be tackled

during the hearing to be conducted by the Committee on Games and Amusement.

## INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR RECTO

Senator Recto noted that in the General Appropriations Act of 2013, only P179 million was allotted for sports, out of which P33 million would be spent for the preparation and training for the Southeast Asian Games. He then asked whether the expenses for airfare and accommodations of athletes in the Southeast Asian Games would be taken from the P33-million budget of the PSC. In response, Senator Cayetano (P) said that that has been the practice in previous years, but that in recent years, donations had been received from philanthropists like Manny Pangilinan.

Senator Recto stated that indeed, it is usually the private sector that supports sports, except in socialist or communist countries where the massive expenditure comes from the State.

Senator Recto reiterated that in the Philippines, the total allocation of the national government for sports is only P180 million, P33 million of which is to be spent for training and preparations for the Southeast Asian Games while P15 million will be used for all grassroots centerpiece programs in national sports. Senator Cayetano (P) affirmed that it was for this reason that athletes are being chosen from a very small elite pool of people who are really gifted, and that very little is spent for grassroot sports.

Senator Recto stated that during the 1950s, at the time that the Philippines was the 18<sup>th</sup> richest country in the world, the Filipinos ranked number two in sports. Today, he said, the Philippines ranks roughly about 70<sup>th</sup> among 200 countries, and is the 14<sup>th</sup> largest in terms of population which he hoped would translate to being the 14<sup>th</sup> top sports country in the world. He lamented the very small spending for sports at the national level in spite of the gains in the economy.

Asked how much is being spent for the *Palarong Pambansa*, Senator Cayetano (P) explained that the LGUs spend for the training, food, lodging and transportation of athletes in the *Palarong Pambansa*, and the DepEd would just be supporting the host province for the expenses of the day.

As to the role of PSC in the *Palarong Pambansa* aside from scouting for athletes, Senator Cayetano (P)

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admitted that she did not have knowledge on role of the NSAs and PSC in the selection process of the *Palarong Pambansa*.

Asked how much the private sector spends for philanthropy, and whether the donations are given directly to the PSC or the POC, Senator Cayetano (P) stated that based on personal stories relayed to her, the money would be given directly to the NSAs that they support. She underscored the need for the system to be institutionalized in light of reports that well-meaning philanthropists or companies, in an effort to fulfill their corporate social responsibility of trying to help Philippine sports, back off due to unfriendly atmosphere.

Noting that donors are still made to pay 30% donor's tax for their deed, Senator Recto expressed the need to amend the tax code by removing the donor's tax so that the private sector would be encouraged to give more support to the NSAs.

Further, Senator Recto clarified that the NSAs are private associations that are members of the Philippine Olympic Committee which, in turn, is a member of the IOC. He added that the PSC supports the national government in the country's participation in international events which are private in nature. *But while the International Olympic Committee is a private organization*, he said that there is so much pride and joy for the country to win medals, the reason why the government supports all the athletes. He pointed out that even if the chance of winning in basketball in the Olympics is nil, the game of basketball, which promotes unity and pride among Filipinos, should still be supported. Senator Cayetano (P) concurred, saying that it does not matter whether the team would win or lose as long as it represents the country in a sport that Filipinos love.

Senator Recto expressed support for the proposal made by Senator Cayetano (P) as he assured that he would help find ways and means to get more resources available for the athletes in time for the Southeast Asian Games.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)**

At the outset, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the dilemma faced even by great coaches who get blamed in case of a lost game. But he pointed out that there are great coaches who, at the start, explain

to the team owners and their fans, from whom they derive funds, that the team is still not ripe for a championship but would promise to develop the team to become a force to reckon with in the future.

Adverting to the K to 12 program, Senator Cayetano (A) noted that there was little or no discussion at all about music, arts, or sports in basic education during the plenary deliberations on the measure. He proposed that grassroot plans for sports still include the DepEd, as he pointed out that *the teaching of arts, sports and music caters not only to the mind but to the soul because it develops a child into the kind of person the parents want him or her to be.*

Senator Cayetano (P) expressed support for the call to include arts, music and sports in the K to 12 program, stating that studies reveal that children have different talents and skills, thus, evaluating a child's ability based solely on traditional ways of monitoring development is limiting the potential of the child. She agreed that arts, music and sports should not be removed from children's basic education curriculum.

Senator Cayetano (P) stated that during the deliberations on the K to 12 measure, especially during the bicameral conference, he insisted that monitoring of the program should be done before its full implementation, taking into consideration the availability of basic facilities in every school.

To emphasize, Senator Cayetano (A) narrated that at the birth of Singapore, the ethnic Chinese Singaporeans looked down on the police and military forces and do not want to join them, and the Singaporean government assigned the Department of Education and gave it ten years to modify the attitude of the ethnic Chinese Singaporeans.

Senator Cayetano (A) stated that while watching Smart Gilas with fellow government officials, he realized how sports have brought people together regardless of differences. He suggested that officials from DepEd and CHED be invited to the hearing so that they can participate in the discussions because they play a huge part in the molding of children.

Senator Cayetano (A) further explained that the budget for sports does not only come from PSC but also from LGUs. He said that 10% of the barangay's budget is given to the Sangguniang Kabataan, which

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means that the national government has provided sports funds not only for sports at the national level but also a 10% sports funding for the youth in every barangay.

Asked by Senator Cayetano (A) if the DepEd or the PSC has implemented a national plan or best practice on sports for the SK leaders, Senator Cayetano (P) replied that it is the job of the national agencies to create programs and policies on the matter. Without such model programs, she believed that it would be difficult for the adults to come up with their own, so much so for the youngsters. However, she assured that the committee would likewise discuss the matter.

Senator Cayetano (A) suggested that the Senate could lead by example in its mini-olympics in October by using sports to unite the employees.

#### **REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEES**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair referred the speech of Senator Cayetano (P) and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Amateur Sports Competitiveness, as the primary committee, and to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture as a secondary committee.

#### **POINT OF INFORMATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)**

Senator Cayetano (A) relayed to the Body the information of Senator Escudero, chairman of the Committee on Finance, that the public hearings on the 2014 national budget would begin on Monday, August 19, 2013. He said that copies of the schedules of the public hearings would be sent to the offices of the senators either that afternoon or the following day.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Vice Mayor Emily delos Santos and members of the Sangguniang Bayan of Sen. Ninoy Aquino, Sultan Kudarat.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)**

Responding to queries from new senators regarding parliamentary courtesy and procedure, Senator Cayetano (A) reminded the Body to follow tradition by addressing the Chair and asking its permission during plenary debates as well as to refrain from using first-person pronouns when addressing their colleagues on the floor.

The Chair welcomed the reminder which was consistent with parliamentary rules, noting that following such a practice would avoid making a personal attribution to other senators on the floor.

#### **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, the following senators were elected to the committees hereunder indicated:

##### *Committee on Economic Affairs*

###### *Members:*

Angara	Marcos
Guingona	Pimentel
Lapid	Trillanes

##### *Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement*

###### *Members:*

Angara	Pimentel
Guingona	Revilla
Lapid	Villar
Marcos	

##### *Committee on Cooperatives*

*Member:* Cayetano (P)

##### *Committee on Public Works*

*Member:* Defensor Santiago

##### *Committee on Agrarian Reform*

###### *Members:*

Marcos	Angara
Poe	Cayetano (P)
Escudero	Pimentel

***Committee on Environment  
and Natural Resources***

*Vice-Chairperson:* Villar

***Committee on Labor, Employment  
and Human Resources Development***

*Members:*

Villar	Marcos
Legarda	Escudero
Angara	Poe
Lapid	Trillanes
Guingona	Cayetano (P)

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following resolutions which the Chair referred to the committees hereunder indicated:

**RESOLUTIONS**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101, entitled

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, COMMERCE, AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DEFINING ITS JURISDICTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 (9) RULE X OF THE SENATE RULES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY A FULL DELIBERATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ITS EFFECTS TO THE CITIZENS, EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AS A CRUCIAL FRAMEWORK TO PROMOTE INVESTMENTS FOR THE COUNTRY AND FOR MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION

OF THE TWIN PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE BUREAUCRACY

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 103, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; AND YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXTENT AND PREVALENCE OF MALNUTRITION AND HUNGER IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF FORMULATING LEGISLATION AND RECOMMENDING APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS TO HALT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF UNDERWEIGHT AND MALNOURISHED FILIPINO CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 104, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE REPORTED HUGE DISPARITIES IN THE PRICES OF GASOLINE AND OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND OTHER AREAS IN THE COUNTRY WITH THEIR PRICE INDEX IN METRO MANILA, WITH THE INTENTION OF SUBMITTING CORRECTIVE MECHANISMS IN THE PRESENT DEREGULATION LAW

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 105, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE QUESTIONABLE CONDUCT OF OFFICIALS OF THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION ON THE PROFILING OF FILIPINO PASSENGERS WHICH RESULTS IN DISCRIMINATION AND IMPAIRMENT OF RIGHT TO TRAVEL

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 106, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST-NAST) AWARDS IN LIGHT OF THEIR EXEMPLARY AND OUTSTANDING WORK IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATION AND SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 107, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE QUAI BRANLY MUSEUM (MUSÉE DU QUAI BRANLY) IN PARIS, FRANCE, THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN PARIS, AND PHILIPPINE CULTURAL AGENCIES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL MOUNTING OF A GRAND EXHIBITION ON PHILIPPINE PRE-COLONIAL ART ENTITLED, "PHILIPPINES: AN ARCHIPELAGO

OF EXCHANGE," AS PART OF BROADER EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND FRANCE IN THE AREA OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 108, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXODUS OF GOVERNMENT GEOLOGISTS FROM THE MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 109, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE PREVIOUSLY DECLARED WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 110, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DANGEROUS LEVELS OF MERCURY IN THE AIR, PARTICULARLY IN CAMARINES NORTE, PALAWAN, AND BENGUET

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 111, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO IMMEDIATELY CURB THE RAMPANT DEFORESTATION IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 112, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON WAYS TO PROMOTE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT (SAICM)

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 113, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE AND THE NEED FOR A STRONGER ENFORCEMENT OF OUR LAWS TO CURB THE INCIDENTS OF ANIMAL SMUGGLING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 114, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DEFICIENCY OF RESTROOMS AND TOILETS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 115, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE CONTINUOUS RISE OF GLOBAL FOOD PRICES BY INCREASING NATIONAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS TO THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR IN ORDER TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 116, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VAT REFUND FOR GOODS PURCHASED BY FOREIGN AND BALIKBAYAN TOURISTS FROM RETAIL STORES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 117, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFICIENCY OF THE POLICY OF DEVOLVING SLAUGHTERHOUSE OVERSIGHT AND MEAT INSPECTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS DUE TO REPORTS OF THE PRESENCE OF CHEMICALS AND TOXINS IN LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Local Government**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 118, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DETERIORATION OF THE LAGUNA LAKE AND ITS POSSIBLE RAMIFICATION ON THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Economic Affairs**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 120, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CREATE MEASURES THAT WILL ADDRESS THE DIMINISHING NUMBER OF FIRE FIGHTERS IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 121, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER

SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED RISE IN CASES OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AMONG TEENAGERS AS YOUNG AS TWELVE AND THIRTEEN YEARS OLD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 122, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON FURTHER INCREASING THE COUNTRY'S ABILITY TO ELIMINATE CORRUPTION BY PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 123, entitled

CREATING A SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY AFFAIRS

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 124, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON); WAYS AND MEANS; AND FINANCE TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE PURPORTED "PADRINO SYSTEM" PREVAILING IN THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WITH THE END



IN VIEW OF INSTITUTING LEGISLATIVE REFORMS TO ADDRESS THE SAME

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Ways and Means**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 125, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN OFFICIAL UNIFORM FOR MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS ATTENDING THE ANNUAL STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS EVENT IN KEEPING WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL DIRECTIVE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO LIVE MODESTLY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 126, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT, AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO PROTECT BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING EMPLOYEES FROM VIOLATIONS OF THEIR RIGHTS AS WORKERS THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL NO. 57, OR THE MAGNA CARTA OF CALL CENTER WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 127, entitled

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

LEGISLATION, ON THE REGULATION OR OUTRIGHT BAN OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DEVICES OR E-CIGARETTES DUE TO THEIR INCREASING POPULARITY, THE CONFLICTING CLAIMS OF THE PRODUCTS' HEALTH BENEFITS AND HAZARDS, AND ITS IMPACT ON EXISTING LEGISLATION, PARTICULARLY THOSE REGARDING TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 128, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED "RUBOUT" OF TWO OZAMIZ GANG LEADERS BY MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 129, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CORRUPT PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ALLOWING FOREIGNERS TO AVAIL OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS FOR THE HAJJ PILGRIMAGE IN SAUDI ARABIA

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Foreign Relations**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 130, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARIA SUSANA "TOOTS" OPLE FOR HAVING BEEN CONFERRED BY

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE GLOBAL TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (TIP) HERO AWARD FOR 2013 FOR HER PERSISTENT AND UNYIELDING EFFORT TO CURB HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 131, entitled

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY'S MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr.

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 132, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED 61,510 TEACHING POSITIONS UNFILLED BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ONE MONTH AFTER THE OPENING OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 133, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE PDAF (PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND)

SHOULD BE HALVED IN 2014, THE REMAINING SUM TO BE HALVED AGAIN IN 2015, THUS PHASING OUT THE PORK BARREL IN 2016

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 134, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT BENIGNO S. AQUINO III TO DECLARE THE YEAR 2013 AS THE YEAR OF THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR COURAGE, DETERMINATION AND SELF-SACRIFICE FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND OF THE NATION AT LARGE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 135, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT A RELEVANT STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VARIOUS LAWS AND POLICIES GOVERNING APPLICATION FOR LICENSES, PERMITS AND CLEARANCES INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE E-COMMERCE LAW WITH THE INTENTION OF SIMPLIFYING BUREACRATIC PROCEDURES, ERADICATING RED TAPE AND PROMOTING PHILIPPINE COMPETITIVENES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

**To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 136, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES; AND

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO INQUIRE AND LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RAMPANT USE OF PRE-PAID WIRELESS PHONES AS FAVORED TOOLS IN COMMITTING CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES DUE TO THEIR NATURE OF BEING UNREGISTERED AND UNTRACEABLE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF COMING UP WITH LEGISLATIVE MEASURES THAT CAN EFFICIENTLY NEUTRALIZE THE USE OF PREPAID CELLULAR PHONES BY ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ELEMENTS OF THE SOCIETY IN CARRYING OUT EFFECTIVELY ITS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES BY LOOKING AT THE VIABILITY OF REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF PREPAID PHONE SUBSCRIBERS, AND INSTALLATION OF A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) SOFTWARE IN ALL CELLULAR PHONE SIM CARDS TO EASILY TRACE THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE USER OR RECOMMEND THE POSSIBLE BANNING OF PREPAID CELLULAR PHONES IF THIS WOULD BE THE ONLY VIABLE MEANS OF ERADICATING PREPAID CELLULAR-AIDED CRIMES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committees on Public Services; and Science and Technology**

**SECOND 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. 801, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 802, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AGRITOURISM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 803, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF FIRE PROTECTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 804, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 805, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WHO SUFFER ANY INJURY IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT LEADS TO DISABILITY

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 806, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING INTER-

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AGENCY ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE TO DEPLOY COST-EFFECTIVE ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES AND TECHNOLOGIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 807, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF GOVERNMENT PHYSICIANS AND ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 808, entitled

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE MARITIME FUNCTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 809, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING A HIGHER PENALTY FOR PERSONS IN AUTHORITY AS ACCESSORIES, WHO DIRECTLY CAUSE OR ORDER THE DESTRUCTION OR CONCEALMENT OF VITAL EVIDENCE FOR HEINOUS CRIMES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 19 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 810, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL THEREBY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE LIVELIHOOD MOVEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 811, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS DRIVING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE COMMISSION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 812, entitled

AN ACT TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Foreign Relations**

Senate Bill No. 813, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE GOVERNMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 814, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CANCER CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL CANCER CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 815, entitled

AN ACT INTEGRATING ALL AGENCIES AND OFFICES ON VETERANS WELFARE CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS AUTHORITY (PVA), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 816, entitled

AN ACT TO RESTORE THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) OF ITS AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PERFORM SHIP SAFETY INSPECTION SERVICES AND CARRY OUT OTHER SHIP SAFETY ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9993, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 817, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT BROADCAST SYSTEM IN

THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 818, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 819, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 820, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO RETAIN AND UTILIZE ALL THEIR INCOME AND INTEREST DERIVED FROM DEPOSITS, FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES, CAPITAL OUTLAYS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 821, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE YOUNG FARMERS' PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Youth, Women, and Family Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 822, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF STALACTITES AND STALAGMITES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9072, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL CAVE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 823, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION PRINTING OFFICE

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 824, entitled

AN ACT TO STABILIZE THE SUGAR INDUSTRY BY ESTABLISHING THE SUGAR INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND STABILIZATION FUND AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 825, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALL ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING GOVERNMENT FUNDS THRU A SEARCHABLE DATABASE WEBSITE

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 826, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COST SHARING SCHEME TO PROVIDE FOR A HOSPITAL CARE PROGRAM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 827, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED AS VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS FROM PUBLIC AND STATE-SUPPORTED HIGHSCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 828, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE PHILIPPINE RAILWAY AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Public Services; Ways and Means; and Finance**

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## Senate Bill No. 829, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE OVERSEAS  
FILIPINO WORKERS PENSION  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

## Senate Bill No. 830, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING VETERANS  
MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTERS IN  
LUZON, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

## Senate Bill No. 831, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING  
PRIVATE LAND FORESTRY TO  
ENHANCE REFORESTATION AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES  
THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Environment and  
Natural Resources; Local Government; and  
Ways and Means**

## Senate Bill No. 832, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A POSITION OF  
RURAL DENTIST IN EVERY RURAL  
HEALTH UNIT UNDER THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; Local Government; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 833, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE DONATIONS  
IN GOOD FAITH OF MEDICINES,  
FOOD PRODUCTS OR SUPPLIES BY  
ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER  
ENTITIES, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS,  
BY EXEMPTING THEM FROM ANY  
FORM OF LIABILITY ARISING  
THEREFROM

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

## Senate Bill No. 834, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GRADUAT-  
ING ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL  
AND COLLEGE STUDENTS TO  
PLANT AT LEAST TEN (10) TREES  
EACH AS PREREQUISITE FOR  
GRADUATION AND FOR OTHER  
RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

## Senate Bill No. 835, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE STRENG-  
THENING OF THE NATIONAL  
EXTENSION SYSTEM TO ACCELE-  
RATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES  
DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

**To the Committees on Agriculture and  
Food; Local Government; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 836, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A HOUSING  
PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

**To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 837, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON FOOD AND OTHER BASIC COMMODITIES TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO AFFORDABLE FOOD AND ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLY, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 838, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9165 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 839, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AS UNLAWFUL ANY GOVERNMENT PROJECTS TO BE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED AFTER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONS WHOSE NAME OR IDENTITY MAY IN ANY MANNER BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 840, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIABILITIES OF INDIRECT EMPLOYERS IN

JOB CONTRACTING, COVERING OTHER BENEFITS DUE THEIR EMPLOYEES, FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING ARTICLE 106 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 841, entitled

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THROUGH THE NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION AUTHORITY, TOGETHER WITH THE NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL, TO IDENTIFY LOW-LYING AREAS OF THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY VULNERABLE TO RISING SEA LEVELS AS A RESULT OF GLOBAL WARMING, AND AREAS AT HIGH RISK FOR NATURAL DISASTERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 842, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC, GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance**

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## Senate Bill No. 843, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAX ALL ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

## Senate Bill No. 844, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A "PEOPLE'S FUND," EARMARKING ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX TO THE SAID FUND, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE ALLOCATION TO THE EDUCATION AND HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

## Senate Bill No. 845, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF TENURE OF WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 248, 279, 280, 281 AND 288, AND INTRODUCING NEW ARTICLES 106, 106-A, 106-B, 106-C, 106-D, 106-E, 280-A AND 280-B TO PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

## Senate Bill No. 846, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES TO BROADCAST AND PRINT

MEDIA DEVOTING AIR TIME AND SPACE TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND TO ADVERTISERS OR SPONSORS SUPPORTING SUCH PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

## Senate Bill No. 847, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING CENTER, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Services; Public Works; and Finance**

## Senate Bill No. 848, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL YOUTH CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

## Senate Bill No. 849, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NAVAL ACADEMY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

## Senate Bill No. 850, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY OFFICER AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF

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THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO UNDERGO AN ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE CULTURE, LANGUAGE, DIALECT, WAY OF LIVING, HABIT, TRADITION AND THE LIKE OF THE CULTURAL COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY ARE DEPLOYED OR TO BE POSTED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

**THIRD ADDITIONAL  
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

**MESSAGE FROM THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Letter from Speaker Feliciano Belmonte Jr., of the House of Representatives, dated 5 August 2013, informing the Senate that the House of Representatives will be adjourning session on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 and resume on Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

This is in consideration of the legal holidays scheduled on August 19, 2013 (Quezon City Day), August 21, 2013 (Benigno S. Aquino Day) and August 26, 2013 (National Heroes Day).

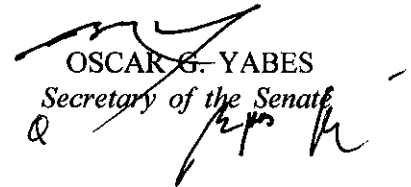
**To the Committee on Rules**

**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 5:31 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
OSCAR G. YABES  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on August 13, 2013