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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

At this juncture, with the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session.

*It was 3:03 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

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

**PRAYER**

Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan led the prayer, to wit:

*Ama namin, salamat po sa nilikha  
Mong kabataang Pilipino, sa aming mga  
anak at apo. Sila po ang nagbibigay sa  
amin ng inspirasyon, nagdudulot ng walang  
patid na kaligayahan at lakas upang  
magsikap para sa kanilang kinabukasan.*

*Imulat Ninyo po ang aming mga mata  
sa tunay na kalagayan at pangangaila-  
ngan ng mamamayan sa panahon ng pag-  
subok, kalamidad, sakuna at kadiliman.*

*Bigyan Ninyo po ng katuturan ang lahat  
ng nangyayari sa aming lipunan ngayon  
upang manaig ang katotohanan at  
katarungan at tumibay ang demokrasya.*

*Gabayan Ninyo po kaming mga  
mambabatas at mga magulang upang  
mahubog ang susunod na henerasyon sa  
kagandahang asal, malinaw na pag-iisip,  
malawak na pang-unawa, matibay na  
paninindigan at taimtim na pagmamahal  
sa Inyo, sa pamilya, sa bayan, at sa kapwa.*

*Siya nawa.*

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

Senators Angara, Ejercito, Pimentel and Trillanes arrived after the roll call.

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

Senators Defensor Santiago and Marcos were on sick leave.

Senator Legarda was absent.

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## 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. 12 (August 14, 2013) and considered it approved.

## REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following resolutions which the Chair referred to the committees hereunder indicated:

### RESOLUTIONS

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4, entitled

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HEEDING THE CLAMOR OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO ABOLISH THE PORK BARREL SYSTEM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (PDAF), AND ANY VARIATION THEREOF, THAT IS, THE PRACTICE OF GIVING DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO LEGISLATORS OVER LUMP SUM APPROPRIATIONS, WHICH HAS LED TO MANY ABUSES AND INSTANCES OF CORRUPTION, ADOPTING LINE-ITEM BUDGETING IN THE 2014 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND ENSURING THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING NATIONWIDE

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 187, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE REGULATION OF STEM CELL THERAPY IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 188, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE STATE OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES NATIONWIDE AND ESTABLISH THE POSSIBLE LIABILITIES OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) AND ALBAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INCORPORATED (ALECO) IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF EVENTS SIMILAR TO THE RECENT POWER BLACKOUT IN ALBAY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ATTAINING TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION AND STRENGTHENING REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 189, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE GILAS PILIPINAS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE COUNTRY BY WINNING SILVER IN THE 2013 FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (FIBA) ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP OR THE 27TH ASIAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN THE PHILIPPINES FROM AUGUST 1-11, 2013

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 190, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE COACHING STAFF, SPONSORS, OFFICIALS, AND MEMBERS OF GILAS PILIPINAS

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BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 27TH FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR GIVING THE PHILIPPINES THE HONOR TO REPRESENT ASIA IN THE FIBA WORLD BASKETBALL CUP IN SPAIN IN 2014

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 191, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY INTEGRATION, TO ASSESS THE RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FILIPINO WORKFORCE AND THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES, AND TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THESE ACCORDINGLY

Introduced by Senators Sonny Angara and Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Economic Affairs**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 192, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED P10-BILLION PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND SCAM

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 193, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO ABOLISH THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND AND ITS ALLIED CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE

ALLOCATION COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS PORK BARREL

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 194, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO INVESTIGATE THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC), THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) AND OTHER SIMILAR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO ARE MANDATED BY LAW TO REGULATE AND ENFORCE LAWS RELATING TO MARITIME OPERATIONS AND SAFETY FOR POSSIBLE MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE AND NONFEASANCE OF THEIR DUTIES RESULTING IN THE WANTON DISREGARD OF SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS BY FERRY OPERATORS THEREBY CAUSING AVOIDABLE SEA TRAGEDIES AND LOSS OF LIVES

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 195, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REGULATION AND USE OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS IN QUESTIONABLE GOVERNMENT TRANSACTIONS IDENTIFIED RECENTLY BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) WITH THE INTENTIONS OF TIGHTENING THE PRESENT LAW GOVERNING NGOs, MEANINGFULLY

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HELPING TRUE TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND HONORING THE PRINCIPLE OF INTEGRITY IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

**To the Committee on Finance**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 196, entitled

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (SENATE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE) TO APPOINT A SPECIAL INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR IN THE PERSON OF FORMER SENATOR PANFILO "PING" LACSON TO LOOK INTO THE ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION IN THE USE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (PDAF) BY LEGISLATORS WITH THE INDISPENSABLE PARTICIPATION OF THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AND THEIR BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEES, SOME NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUPPLIERS AND STRONGLY ENJOINING ALL SENATORS TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THEIR PDAF FINANCIAL RECORDS IN THE SPIRIT OF TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND REFORM

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A. P.)

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 197, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MARITIME COLLISION INVOLVING THE M/V ST. THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE M/V SULPICIO EXPRESS SIETE

AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAW AND POLICIES BY MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY AND PHILIPPINE COAST GUARDS WITH THE END VIEW OF RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO ASSURE THE MARITIME SAFETY TO PASSENGERS AND SHIPS IN MARITIME TRAVEL

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR SOTTO**

On a matter of personal and collective privilege, Senator Sotto delivered the following speech:

**THE N<sup>TH</sup> TIME**

I am glad that Senator Drilon is seated as the Senate President now because the issue that I will be tackling involves not only the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency but also the Department of Justice and the Chair, being its former secretary, would be able to lend his ears to this matter and hopefully we can arrive at a solution somehow. I also wish the chairman of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights will listen intently.

Allow me to mention a few names and tell the Chair what they signify: the Ayala Alabang Boys, Jackson Dy, Walid Ansao, Aldin Colinares, Arn Naul, Deo Bermejo, Cua Un Hai, and a number of others.

Most of you would recognize these names and gang titles. They were all suspected to be big-time drug dealers/drug lords. They were caught, arrested, investigated, and some were brought to trial. Sadly, after so much hue and cry and the attendant publicity, they were all released.

It pains me every time I read news that another drug lord has been released by the Department of Justice or the Judiciary. Here is the latest: the case of Mark Sy Tan.

Let me tell our colleagues, as briefly as I can, a summary of his case. I will narrate the facts and circumstances. I will skip some of it, the rest would be on the screen.

On December 2, 2011, a confidential informant (CI) reported the illegal activities of a certain "Chang" involving the large-scale distribution of methamphetamine hydrochloride,

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or *shabu*, in the National Capital Region. To help authorities verify the information, the CI introduced PDEA agent Jonathan Morales to a certain Changxin Wang a.k.a. Chang. Morales was identified as a buyer and distributor of *shabu*. Thereafter, Morales conducted two test buys with Chang in January 2012.

On January 20, 2012, in the second test buy, Morales was instructed by Chang to deposit the amount of P60,000 to BDO Account No. 120162032 under the account name of Mark Sy Tan. The day after the deposit was made, a package containing what appeared to be *shabu*, a white crystalline substance weighing 15.0401 grams, was delivered by a courier near the Department of Foreign Affairs offices along Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

On February 2, 2012, as Morales was then certain that Changxin Wang was engaged in the trading of *shabu*, he organized a buy-bust entrapment against him. This time the transaction would involve the sale of one kilogram of *shabu* at the price of P3,600,000. Morales was asked to deposit 10% of the total amount, or P360,000, as down payment in the BDO Account No. 120162032 under the name Mark Sy Tan. Wang agreed to meet Morales in front of Hollywood Bar along Timog Avenue, Quezon City.

On February 2, 2012, at about 12:30 a.m., a Chinese-looking male carrying a red and black shoulder bag approached the vehicle of Morales and knocked on the window. When asked if he was Chang, the man said he was Tony Go and that Wang had already left. Tony Go then handed a package wrapped in a red Christmas gift wrapper to Morales. When it was opened, it contained a light blue plastic bag containing a white crystalline substance. Tony Go demanded payment, whereupon, Morales gave the paper bag containing the "boodle" money.

Right after the pre-arranged signal was made to indicate the completion of the transaction, Tony Go was arrested by the PDEA operatives and was subjected to body search. Inside the bag he had brought were two packages containing white crystalline substance, a driver's license, and several pieces of BDO deposit slips and transaction tickets. One of the BDO deposit slips was under the name of Mark Sy Tan with Account No. 120162032 in the amount of P300,000.

On February 3, 2012, the case was referred to the Department of Justice-National Prosecution Service (DOJ-NPS) for inquest. The inquest prosecutors assigned were Assistant State Prosecutor Juan Pedro Navera and Associate

Prosecution Attorney II Anna Noreen T. Devanadera.

PDEA, represented by Agent Jonathan Morales, Investigation Agent 3, and Agent Gregorio Camua III, Intelligence Officer 1, charged the following persons for violations of Section 11, (*Possession*) and Section 5 (*Sale of Dangerous Drugs*) in relation to Section 26 (*Conspiracy*), all under Article II of Republic Act No. 9165 or The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002:

1. Go Hong Bing a.k.a. Clarence Chen Go – the one who delivered the *shabu*;
2. Changxin Wang a.k.a. Chang – the person whom the CI and the agents dealt with. He was the one who told the agents where to deposit the agreed amount;
3. Mark S. Tan – whose bank account was used twice in the drug transactions with the CI and the agents during the second test-buy and the down payment for the buy-bust sale. He was also present in the second test-buy; and
4. Matthew L. Tan — who was present during the second test-buy. Further, an account number under his name also appeared numerous times in the cash deposit slips recovered from Go during the buy-bust.

On February 6, 2012, the inquest prosecutors, Navera and Devanadera, issued Inquest Resolution approved by Senior Deputy State Prosecutor Miguel F. Gudio, Jr., dated February 2012. The findings:

Probable cause against Go for Section 11 and Section 5 in relation to Section 26, with recommendation of the filing of the corresponding information in court.

As for Chang, Mark, and Matthew, the charges were Section 5 in relation to Section 26 and Section 11, and recommended for preliminary investigation.

On February 9, 2012, separate informations, both dated February 6, 2012, were filed against Go and several John Does for Section 11 of RA No. 9165.

On April 22, 2012, the DOJ-NPS issued another resolution, dated April 17, duly approved by Prosecution General Claro A. Arellano, recommending the filing of the case for Section 5 in relation to Section 26 against Go, Chang, Mark and Matthew — *mga* subject for further investigation.

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A copy of the resolution highlights the following:

- Respondents Mark S. Tan and Matthew L. Tan's identities surfaced when complainants Morales and Camua were instructed by respondent Wang to deposit the down payment in the respective Banco de Oro accounts of Mark S. Tan and Matthew L. Tan. Their identities were ascertained after they deposited the down payment to the said bank accounts. This paved the way for the deliveries of the drugs in two tests-buys. In the buy-bust operation, the items in all instances were tested and yielded positive results for methamphetamine hydrochloride. Clearly, all the elements for the sale of dangerous drugs were established in the case.
- The acts of respondents also show that they were united in their intent to commit a criminal offense.
- The opening of bank accounts in the name of respondents Mark S. Tan and Matthew L. Tan to ensure receipt of payment.
- The confirmation of the deposit payment prompted the delivery of the drugs. Thus, these acts when taken together only strengthen the fact that respondents Wang, Mark S. Tan, and Matthew L. Tan were acting in conspiracy with one another.

On May 22, 2012, the DOJ-NPS filed before RTC Branch 103 an amended information, dated May 8, 2012, identifying John Does in the original information dated February 6 as Chang, Mark and Matthew and including them as accused in the criminal case.

A warrant of arrest, dated May 22, 2012, was immediately issued by the court.

On July 18, 2012, Mark Sy Tan was arrested at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Pasay City, by virtue of the warrant of arrest issued. Chang and Matthew remain at large.

On July 19, 2012, a commitment order was issued by the RTC Branch 103. Mark Tan was immediately committed to Quezon City Jail on the same date.

On the same date, July 19, 2012, Mark Tan moved for the reinvestigation of this case, and the same was granted by the court. I specifically mentioned and repeated the date because this will be a very important factor in the next two or three paragraphs. On July 19, 2012, they sought the reinvestigation of the case while he was in the Quezon City Jail.

On August 5, 2013, Agents Morales and Camua received a copy of a resolution, dated July 26, 2013, affirming the dismissal of the charge against Mark S. Tan, the one committed to jail, while the other suspects, Changxin Wang a.k.a. Chang and Matthew L. Tan, remained at large, for Section 5 in relation to Section 26.

A copy of the resolution reads as follows:

"In dismissing the charge against respondent Mark, the review resolution subject of this automatic review takes into account the lack of proof that the PDEA agents actually transacted with the respondent and that the latter knew about the drug transaction and agreed that his account be used for the illegal transactions. Likewise, the subject resolution finds no strong evidence of conspiracy that would implicate respondent Mark in the alleged drug activities. Accordingly, the presentation by complainants of the deposit slips in the name of respondent Mark, unsupported by any other evidence, is insufficient to prove respondent's participation in the crime charged.

"The presence of this tinted black Montero during the buy-bust operation was a singularly substantial, peculiar and unforgettable detail that could not have been missed in the first Joint Affidavit of the complainants, especially so that it connects Mark Tan to the incident. But complainants would curiously be able to mention and describe such a vehicle only after Mark Tan was arrested in his tinted black Montero at the NAIA on July 18, 2012.

"There can be no justifiable explanation to complainants' total non-mention in their Joint Affidavit of these new details – indeed, new revelations contained in their Reply-Affidavit. On the contrary, however, there is every explanation for these new revelations to directly link Mark Tan to this alleged conspiracy where earlier, there was no such direct connection to the other respondents, if we go only by the Joint Affidavit of complainants.

"If Morales is to be believed, did Chang allegedly agree to meet up with him to personally receive the cash amount of P3,240,000.00 for the simultaneous delivery by Chang of one kilo of *shabu*. Given their contradictory

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accounts, where did complainants first come across the names of Mark Tan, Changxin and Matthew L. Tan? Curiously, all these names allegedly appeared in the BDO cash deposit slips recovered from Tony Go, a.k.a. Clarence Chen Go.

“Indeed, the record is bereft of sufficient evidence for a finding of probable cause, but is replete with factual allegations that cannot be believed. Perhaps are even perjured.”

*Iyon po ang laman ng resolusyon. Wala naman sana tayong problema doon kung iyon ang pananaw nila, I will give that to the DOJ. Ang problema, may mga discrepancy sa panahon.*

On August 8, 2013, on initial reading of the resolution, it appears that the same was issued as a resolution on automatic review. But in the afternoon of the same date, Agents Morales and Camua proceeded to DOJ-NPS to secure a copy of Review Resolution, dated April 3, 2013, subject of the automatic review. The copy of the resolution reads as follows:

“An assiduous scrutiny of the record at hand reveals that there is no probable cause to indict respondent Mark of the crime charged. There are several inconsistencies within the complainant affidavits and the reply affidavits of PDEA agents in establishing the participation of respondent Mark Tan.

“Suddenly in the PDEA agent’s reply affidavit, the fact that there were several individuals present including respondent Mark, suddenly emerged. They were even able to identify the appearance of each individual with precision. There is no reason as to why the PDEA did not allege these facts earlier since these are material evidence to properly identify respondent Mark as a co-conspirator in the crime alleged. It seems that what were stated in the Reply-Affidavit are mere afterthoughts in order to fix the facts to the identity of the person of respondent Mark.”

“Surprisingly, the fact that respondent Mark’s vehicle was at the scene of the crime was again never mentioned in the Complaint-Affidavit of the PDEA agents. It is only in the Reply-Affidavit where they belatedly claimed that the

tinted black Montero of respondent Mark with plate number POQ868 made an appearance. The said facts would be readily apparent and could not have been omitted in their Complaint-Affidavit. However, in their Reply-Affidavit, they were using these pieces of facts to establish the participation of respondent Mark. A bank transaction entails a paper trail which could lead to the actual owner of the account as well as his identity. If indeed, deposits were made as payment for drugs, respondent Mark Tan would not flaunt his name as the receiver of the amount. It is highly contrary to human nature and experience that the person would let himself open to possible prosecution especially in the instant case as it involves a serious and highly penalized offense.

“At this point, it seems that respondent Mark is also a victim of the persons who are really liable for the sale of drugs. This is due to the fact that this business was used in consummating the sale of drugs.”

Let us consider the official report of the PDEA:

During investigation, suspect Go categorically pointed to Changxin Wang, Mark S. Tan and Matthew L. Tan as the main financiers and owners of the imported illegal drugs from China. It was also revealed during investigation that the reason why their bank accounts accumulated such huge amounts was that nationwide drug sales were being funnelled into their bank account.

The case was referred to the Anti-Money Laundering Commission or AMLC in support of the PDEA’s financial investigation of the case. As a result, the suspects’ bank accounts were ordered frozen by the Court of Appeals. The accounts amounted to more than P100 million of drug money, excluding hundreds of billions of pesos already withdrawn from the subject accounts based on the records of the AMLC.

*Ang transaksyon na nangyayari dito sa account na ito ay bilyones na. If I go by the report of the AMLC and PDEA, they said that hundreds of billions of pesos have already been withdrawn by the subject. Talo iyong pork barrel dito.*



It should also be mentioned that this service uncovered the group's modus operandi of utilizing mostly Chinese big-time casino patrons for money laundering and underground casino financing services. It was also learned during the conduct of surveillance that the group was regularly bringing in millions of pesos as standby funds for their underground casino financing activities and that they have the capability to give millions of pesos to any government official to insure that the group's nefarious activities remained unhampered.

*Iyon ang paborito ng money laundering — casino.*

But despite all the efforts of the government, we still ended up losing these suspected drug lords.

Sadly, all the efforts of government are just put to waste. *Sayang iyong dedication ng PDEA agents although as far as the DOJ is concerned, may mga discrepancy, may mga mali, may mga sabit.*

PDEA agents have been monitoring the group of Mark Tan since November 2010 and have conducted several test-buys and buy-bust operations. They have put their lives at great risk; the government spent sizeable amounts of money during such operations, as in this case. *Ang total ng nagastos sa operation na ito ay P700,000 pero sayang kasi napapakawalan lamang sila.*

There must be something wrong with the system — the policy and the execution on the part of the PDEA, the DOJ, the Judiciary and even the legislative offices. *Nasaan po ba ang problema? Sa tingin ko po, kailangan nating magtulungan para sa talamak na problema ng droga.*

Let me be clear. I am not blaming the DOJ for this fracas; I am not blaming the PDEA agents for discrepancies. I am bringing this to the attention of the Senate because we have to resolve this once and for all. This is the n<sup>th</sup> time around. This has happened before, this will happen now. We should have been more cautious, reasonable, taking into account the whole process, considering the peculiarity of these cases that we handled. As in the case of conspiracy, *sa resolution ng DOJ sinabi nila mahirap i-establish iyong participation ni Mark Tan through conspiracy.*

Let me remind the Body that the Minority Leader was with us when we passed Republic Act No. 9165. Precisely, we placed that provision on conspiracy *para puwede silang dalihin dito.*

*Kaya natin inilagay iyon, to capture the so-called big fish in the drug industry because we will never catch them holding the money or holding the drugs. Never in a million years. Kailangan malinawan natin ito at malinawan din ang Judiciary, prosecution at enforcers. Pero hindi ko rin naman po isinasantabi ang posibilidad na baka naman kailangan din po talaga ng PDEA agents ng mas masusing pag-iimbestiga, pag-aaral ng proseso, pagkalap ng matibay na mga ebidensya, at wastong paghuli sa mga malalaking isda.*

Now, let me go to the point that I would like to raise. *Nakakalungkot po, dahil na sa halip na ang mga malalaking isda ang nahuhuli at iniimbestigahan, mismong mga PDEA agents na kumilos at naghirap sa kaso ang kinasuhan ng DOJ ngayon.*

*Noong August 5, 2013, naglabas ng resolusyon ang DOJ na nagrerekomenda na sampahan ng kasong robbery with violation and intimidation o extortion sa korte ang ilan sa mga PDEA agents na nagsampa ng kaso kay Mark Tan. According to the resolution of the DOJ, the crime of robbery has been proved to have been committed and could not have been committed without the existence of conspiracy among the PDEA agents. The resolution narrated how the alleged extortion took place. It said that upon the arrest of Mark Sy Tan at the NAIA Terminal 3 by the PDEA agents in order to extort from him, PDEA agents have told him that his case was serious and that media people were waiting for him at their office for a press conference. At the PDEA, Tan was dragged inside the office of IIS. Respondent Romero then told Mark Sy Tan that he was in deep trouble and initially demanded P50 million for his release in the presence of respondents Morales, Mendoza and other operatives. Respondent Lachica was also informed of the demand. After haggling, it was reduced to P8 million. Fearful for his life and the welfare of his family, Mark Sy Tan requested his relatives to produce the amount. It was respondent Romero who gave complainant Mark Sy Tan the bank account of Berna Catacutan with the Banco De Oro, to deposit the P8 million. On the same day, Joseph Tan, brother of the complainant Tan deposited said amount at the BDO Resorts World branch in Pasay City. Respondent Catacutan gave the money to respondent De Isidro's boyfriend, respondent Daez, a.k.a. Sadam, a former IIS operative who was assigned at the PDEA Regional District Office III in San Fernando, Pampanga. Respondent Catacutan likewise withdrew money for respondent De Isidro, who transferred the amount of the account*

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of Catacutan's former boyfriend, respondent Garcia and a certain Jonathan Gangcuango. Despite payment, the PDEA operatives did not release complainant Mark Sy Tan.

*Hindi naman po natin hahayaan na may mga madadamay na mga inosenteng sibilyan dahil lamang sa tilan na gustong mangikil at umabuso sa kanilang tungkulin. Hindi po natin sila kukunsuntihin. Ngunit hindi rin po natin isasawalang bahala ang lakas at pwersa ng mga drug lords.*

*Sa dami ng kanilang pera at koneksyon, maaari nilang mabaligtad ang kuwento at mapaabsuwelto ang kanilang kaso, kung hindi ang DOJ, PDEA at Judiciary magiging maingat, mapagmatyag at maging mabusisi sa paghawak ng kanilang mga kaso. Dapat po tingnan nating mabuti sa kabuuan itong issue na ito.*

*I have laid out both sides of the coin. Dapat siguro tingnan nating mabuti kung ano po ba ang puwedeng gawin ng legislative para mas mapadali ang trabaho ng narcotics officers. Dapat tayong magtulongan upang masolusyonan natin ang lumalalang problema sa droga. Hindi po biro itong kapwa mamamayang Pilipino ang nagiging biktima nito, karamihan ay kabataan at ilang daan libong pamilya ang nawawasak, karamihan ay mahihirap pero mayroon din galing sa mayayamang angkan.*

The drug situation in the country is very serious and urgent. It is certainly a clear and present danger, and we are called upon to act in unity with several government bodies and law enforcement agencies.

*Hindi ko po dinala ang problemang ito para kampilan ang kahit sino. Dinala ko po itong problemang ito para pag-usapan natin sapagkat hindi po ako nagdadala ng problema na wala akong solusyon. Mayroon po akong i-o-offer na solusyon. Hindi po puwede na puro tayo "expose" at pagsita; mag-iimbestiga lamang tayo na wala namang mangyayari. Kaya tinawag ko ang speech na ito "The N<sup>th</sup> Time Around," kasi nangyari na po ito noong vice mayor pa ako ng Quezon City at chairman ng Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Council. Nagkaroon po ako ng 12 assigned city prosecutors na ang tawag ay "dirty dozen" na binubuo nina chief prosecutor Pepe Arestain, mga city prosecutors na tinatawag noon na city fiscals na humahawak ng mga drug cases; pagkatapos mayroon din assigned sa akin na isang enforcement team ng NARCOM, all under the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Council.*

*Mayroon kaming na-formulate na holistic approach. Ang problema, sa dami ng nahuli ng*

*NARCOM, pagsampa ng kaso, after a while nadi-dismiss. Tinanong ko iyong NARCOM at ang Central Police District ng Quezon City under General Rodolfo Garcia kung bakit puro dismissed ang kaso. Ang sabi sa akin, "Sir, iyong mga fiscal ninyo nalalagyan kaya puro dismiss." So, hinarap ko ngayon sina Fiscal Tomas, mga bata ni Fiscal Orestain, sabi ko, "Ano ba ang problema, nalalagyan daw kayo eh?" Galit iyong mga fiscal. Ang sigaw sa akin, "Sir, hindi ho, iyong mga pulis ninyo ang tatanga. Kung mag-file ng kaso, paltos."*

*Ang ginawa ko po, tumawag ako ng seminar. Pinagsama ko po ang mga fiscals at mga narcotic officers. Dinala namin sila sa DAP, sa Tagaytay. Kimuha namin itong hanging judge na si Max Asuncion na speaker, nag-usap-usap kung ano ang gagawin, paano maso-solve ito. From that time on, we found solutions. As a matter of fact, the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Council was adjudged as the Best Drug Council in Asia by the World Health Organization itself. Iyon pong Hall of Fame at International Award of Honor ko, dahil po iyon doon.*

What I am proposing now is to come up with the holistic approach and solve the problem of PDEA and the Department of Justice at this point. The war on drugs will only be won by a holistic approach. There are five ways of fighting it – we cannot do with anyone of them — preventive education, rehabilitation, enforcement, prosecution, and alternative development.

Right now, what is our problem? The problem is — *ang prosecution nasa DOJ, ang enforcement nasa PDEA and the anti-narcotic units of NBI and the AIDSOTF ng PNP. Nakita ninyo detached. Ang rehabilitation, nasa Department of Health. Ask the Department of Health kung papaano ang takbo ng rehabilitation natin ngayon. Wala. Pero ask them about RH, alam nila lahat. Pero rehabilitation, wala. Anong ginagawa? Ia-accredit nila.*

There are 98 rehabilitation centers in the Philippines, only 42 are accredited by the Department of Health, if my figures are still precise. So *pagdating sa preventive education, the Department of Education kahit papano, meron. Pero who is really in charge?*

The Dangerous Drugs Board is composed of 17 members. Mr. President, you know this for a fact. You, one time or another, sent an under-secretary to attend the meeting of the Dangerous Drugs Board. *Nandoon ang Department of National Defense, Department of Education, DSWD. Pati DBM nandoon, represented. It does not work. "It's broke," sabi nga noong Amerikano.*

So I propose the establishment of a Presidential Drug Enforcement Authority. We will not reinvent the wheel. What we will be doing is, we will merge the Dangerous Drugs Board and the PDEA into a one authority under the Office of the President *para hindi kayang lakarin*. They will have five branches—preventive education, rehabilitation, enforcement, prosecution and alternative development. *Iyon na lang ang board, the five branches with a secretary as head of the PDEA, the authority. Hindi magkakaroon ng ganitong problema sapagkat magkakasama iyon. Habang nag-kakahulihan na, nakahanda na rin iyong prosecution nila, naka-ready sila. Hindi iyong pagbato, babato doon sa DOJ. Okay kina Devanadera, sinampa. Pagdating doon, nauna pa iyong automatic review kaysa roon sa reinvestigation. Iyong Mark Tan, nauna pa iyong automatic review.*

The automatic review applies only when a case is dismissed, not when a case is pending. *Kapag idinismis, iyon ang resolution ng DOJ. When a drug case is dismissed, automatic review. Pero ang dismissed, hindi ho inu-automatic review. Iyon palang prosecution, iyong ipina-file, hindi dapat automatic review. Iyong call for reinvestigation, late ng one week. So, nasaan ang problema? Again, hindi tama at hindi maganda ang conductment. Iyong conductor tagilid. Iba-iba ho ang conductor nito kaya hindi ko ho sinisisi ang DOJ dito dahil baka iyong nakita nila tama. Hindi rin puwedeng sisihin ang PDEA agents dito dahil dalawang taon nilang trina-baho ito, pero ngayon sila pa ang may kaso.*

I propose that these five major branches be created, and merge DDB and the PDEA into one Presidential Drug Enforcement Authority. *Dito po, ang tingin ko, we will be able to finally get a better hold and hopefully win the war. Kahit hindi na ho drug-free, kahit drug-resistant na lamang. We should dream of a drug-resistant Philippines. Iyong drug-free imposible, it is a big business kaya nariyan lagi iyan. But if we are drug-resistant, puwede na. We will win this. We were able to do it in Quezon City in the early '90s. Why can we not do it nationwide? We can. Ito na naman, the nth time around. Nangyari na naman, turuan na naman.*

As I have said, I offer the solution. I hope the Committee on Justice will look into the matter and recommend to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs. Perhaps, the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws can also look at the possibility of my proposal. This, I think, will strengthen our fight against the problem of dangerous drugs in the country.

## INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

Asked by Senator Pimentel whether he was proposing the creation of a department, Senator Sotto explained that he was seeking the creation of an authority by merging the Dangerous Drugs Board and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency into a single body under the Office of the President. He explained that RA 9165 which created the PDEA as the enforcement arm of the DDB has been subject of too many interpretations which led PDEA to think of itself as independent of the Board. He said that he came to this realization only after he was appointed head of the DDB. Moreover, he lamented that the DDB was only able to hold monthly and not weekly meetings as mandated by law due to the difficulty in getting a quorum. As a matter of fact, he recalled that since his resignation as its head, the DDB had only met four times in the last four years.

As regards the specific body envisioned under the proposal, Senator Sotto said that he was suggesting that an authority be formed for this purpose. He explained that unlike a board such as the DDB which has neither enforcement nor prosecutorial powers or a commission which lacks an enforcement arm, his proposed body would be composed of the five major pillars needed to bring criminals to justice.

Asked whether the PDEA agents availed of the free legal counsel provided for them under the present system, Senator Sotto replied that they received assistance from the legal counsel of the PDEA. However, he said that Justice Undersecretary Baraan is convinced that the DOJ has a strong case against these agents.

As regards the status of the case against Mark Tan, Senator Sotto explained that he was not certain whether Mr. Tan has been released from jail due to the discrepancies in the timetable of events in the case. For instance, he noted that the resolution dismissing the charges against Mark Tan was dated July 26, 2013, even though the automatic review resolution of the case, which the agents secured last August 8, 2013, was dated April 3, 2013. He doubted whether Mr. Tan had been set free since the PDEA had filed a motion for reconsideration with the DOJ.

Senator Pimentel noted that since the case was pending before the court, whatever resolution that

the DOJ would arrive at, a proper motion must be filed with the court which has jurisdiction over the case.

Asked to elaborate on the automatic review mechanism within the DOJ system, Senator Sotto explained that due to various incidents of drug cases being dismissed during the preliminary investigation stage, the DOJ, under the leadership of then Secretary Datumanong, came up with a policy that all cases recommended for dismissal at the preliminary investigation level should undergo an automatic review by the Office of the President; however, under Secretary de Lima this automatic review mechanism was not being fully implemented. He said that in one committee hearing, when he called the attention of the DOJ regarding this automatic review not being implemented, the DOJ issued a new resolution restoring the automatic review of drug cases dismissed at the preliminary investigation stage.

Confirming Senator Pimentel's observation that said policy of automatic review is not found in the law, Senator Sotto agreed to the proposal to amend RA 9165 to ensure that the automatic review mechanism becomes a permanent system.

At this juncture, Senate President Drilon pointed out that the automatic review is made by the Justice Secretary who would have direct control and supervision over the field prosecutors. Secondly, he explained that if in an inquest, the case is dismissed because the fiscal did not find probable cause, the prosecutor would be in a quandary as to what to do with the accused. Pursuant to the Revised Penal Code, he said that the accused could only be detained for a certain number of hours and that he should be brought to court through an information being filed. He stated that in the absence of an information filed, if the police authorities would continue to detain the accused even when the case has been dismissed, they might be charged with arbitrary detention.

Senator Sotto pointed out that the DOJ Circular dated February 2013 provides that while the case is being reviewed by the DOJ, the accused should not be released. Senator Pimentel noted that such was a clear case of a department circular clashing with a provision of the Revised Penal Code, and so he proposed the revisiting of Republic Act No. 9165 which he noted has been in effect for 11 years.

Asked if there was already a bill filed to address his proposal, Senator Sotto affirmed that his office was in the process of drafting a bill to amend the particular law by proposing the creation of a drug enforcement and prosecution authority that would be strong not only in enforcement and prosecution but also in preventive education, rehabilitation and the alternative development program. He lamented that presently, the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) would have to beg for funds for its alternative program from other government agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Labor and Employment.

Relative thereto, Senator Sotto recalled that in the latter part of the 2007 to the early part of 2008, the DDB successfully eradicated the biggest marijuana plantation in the municipalities of Kibungan and Bakun in Benguet Province. He said that under the alternative development program, the DDB, through the assistance of the Department of Labor and Employment, was able to provide alternative livelihood to the farmers and their families by introducing silk production and the planting of mulberry trees.

Similarly, Senator Sotto recalled that in Balamban, Cebu, the DDB was able to eradicate the largest marijuana plantation in the area and replaced it with abaca production.


He reiterated the need for the new drug agency that would have a strong preventive education component to lure teenagers from dangerous drugs, and a strong rehabilitation program for those who are already into drugs. He believed that it is only when people stop buying drugs that pushers would stop selling them.

Senator Pimentel assured that his committee would immediately conduct an investigation once the speech of Senator Sotto is referred to it to find out from the resource persons what happened to the case of Mark Sy Tan and to solicit inputs and ideas towards a proposed holistic solution to the government's anti-drug crusade.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

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

*It was 4:13 p.m.*



**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:14 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

Senator Cayetano (A) informed the Body that to his knowledge, the reform was put in place by the DOJ because there were some questionable dismissal of cases involving some alleged drug lords. He said that when a prosecutor dismisses a case, the accused drug lords would later be nowhere to be found, perhaps because they have already left the country. He opined that it must be the reason why the DOJ came up with a resolution stating that a dismissal is not yet effective as it still has to be reviewed by the DOJ Secretary.

**REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEES**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair referred the speech of Senator Sotto and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights as the primary committee, and to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs as the secondary committee.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1101, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN 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. 1102, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING MEASURES TO

ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN ABOARD MOTORCYCLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1103, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS FROM MAKING APPOINTMENTS TWO (2) MONTHS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE NEXT LOCAL ELECTIONS AND PENDING ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE OF THEIR SUCCESSORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1104, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DHUD), DEFINING ITS MANDATES, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1105, entitled

AN ACT INTEGRATING FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULA

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

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## Senate Bill No. 1106, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE DAY ON WHICH CHINESE NEW YEAR FALLS EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL AND AMITY BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

## Senate Bill No. 1107, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING COMMERCIAL AIRLINES TO MAKE FLIGHT DELAY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

## Senate Bill No. 1108, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CREATE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF EATING DISORDERS AMONG FILIPINO CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1109, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING MODIFICATION OF MUFFLERS TO INCREASE NOISE EMITTED FROM EXHAUST SYSTEMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Services; and Health and Demography**

## Senate Bill No. 1110, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8679, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOWNSTREAM OIL INDUSTRY DEREGULATION ACT OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1111, entitled

AN ACT TO PREVENT DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES FROM BEING OCCUPIED BY PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO USE THEM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1112, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1113, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, BY PENALIZING ROBBERY COMMITTED IN A CEMETERY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

## Senate Bill No. 1114, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

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Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1115, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, TO DEFINE AND PENALIZE THE CRIME OF MURDER COMMITTED UNDER EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1116, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE FOR THE PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1117, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT THEREBY ESTABLISHING A BASIC POLICY FOR NATURE RESTORATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1118, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERFORMANCE BASED ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1119, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND RATIONALIZING THE CAREER SERVICE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE CAREER SERVICE AND A LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1120, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DUCK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO PROMOTE THE PHILIPPINE DUCK INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1121, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FARM MACHINERY MANUFACTURING PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1122, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING ONE-STOP ACTION CENTER FOR PURPOSES OF LAND REGISTRATION IN EVERY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

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**AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1123, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CHILDREN'S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1124, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A CARNAP PREVENTION PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING A CARNAP PREVENTION ADVISORY BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1125, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE SAFETY, MORALE AND WELL-BEING OF SCHOOLCHILDREN BY PROHIBITING LISTED SEX OFFENDERS FROM ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL PREMISES OR ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1126, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PROSTATE CANCER

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1127, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORENSIC DNA DATABANK, THE TAKING OF DNA SAMPLES, FORENSIC DNA ANALYSIS, THE USE OF DNA PROFILES AND INFORMATION IN RELATION THERETO, 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. 1128, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER AS A NATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1129, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1130, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE HALAL ACCREDITATION AND REGULATORY BOARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1131, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL CERVICAL CANCER DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT FUND

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1132, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING GOVERNMENT AGENCY PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1133, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF SPEED LIMITERS IN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES (PUVs)

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1134, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING ON PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUGS

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1135, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NATIONAL FOLIC ACID EDUCA-

**TION PROGRAM TO PREVENT BIRTH DEFECTS**

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1136, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF VICTIMS' AND WITNESSES' ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS DURING TRIALS OR HEARINGS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1137, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH AND MUSIC (PEHM) CURRICULUM FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1138, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PROFITEERING AND FRAUD RELATING TO MILITARY ACTION, RELIEF, AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on National Defense and Security**

Senate Bill No. 1139, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CURRICU-

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LUM FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES ON EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1140, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TRANS FATTY ACIDS IN FOOD FACILITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1141, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH HEALTH PROGRAMS TO PREVENT VISION LOSS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1142, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1143, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF VIDEO GAMES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1144, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF LASERS IN COSMETOLOGICAL HAIR REMOVAL PROCEDURES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1145, entitled

AN ACT TO INVEST IN INTERNET TRAINING FOR THE WORKFORCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1146, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE GROUNDS FOR DECLARING A PERSON A NUISANCE CANDIDATE, THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 69 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Senate Bill No. 1147, entitled

AN ACT TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

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Senate Bill No. 1148, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6770, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "OMBUDSMAN ACT OF 1989," AS AMENDED ALLOWING PRIVATE LAWYERS TO ACT AS PROSECUTORS ON BEHALF OF THE OMBUDSMAN

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1149, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1150, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL

CARE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE PROFESSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

**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 Wednesday, August 28, 2013.

*It was 4:26 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*

Approved on August 28, 2013