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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:02 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. Loren Legarda led the prayer, to wit:

Almighty Father, we pray for Your continuous grace as we perform our duties as legislators. Bless us with wisdom so that we may always do what is right and just.

May we have a clear vision for the future of our nation; a deeper understanding of the needs of our people; and greater motivation to take action without delay.

May we take time to listen to those who need our help and may we have the courage to speak up for what is right and good for the Filipinos.

Guide us in the performance of our duties especially in crafting our nation's laws and policies, and that we may always consider what is for the greater benefit of our people and that it will reflect Your will.

We ask You this, Almighty Father, as we pray that You continue to bless our nation.

Amen.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

With 17 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Escudero, Lapid, Poe and Revilla arrived after the roll call.

Senator Cayetano (P), who was on official mission, also arrived after the roll call.

Senator Guingona was on official mission.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 13 (August 27, 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. 1151, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1152, entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BY INSTITUTIONALIZING A CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 1153, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF WORKERS IN INFORMAL ECONOMY, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1154, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SERVICE OF WARRANTS OF ARRESTS IN CERTAIN CASES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1155, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TAX DEDUCTIONS TO PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1156, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIALS OF THE FILIPINO YOUTH TOWARD NATION-BUILDING, PRESCRIBING THE FREE EXERCISE OF CERTAIN RIGHTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1157, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING HEAVY PENALTIES ON RACKETEERS AND ORGANIZED SYNDICATES IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1158, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 26 OF

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIP-  
PINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and  
Family Relations; and Constitutional Amend-  
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1159, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OVARIAN  
CANCER PUBLIC AWARENESS  
CAMPAIGN

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-  
graphy**

Senate Bill No. 1160, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

**To the Committees on Science and Tech-  
nology; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1161, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MARINE PRO-  
TECTED AREAS IN ALL COASTAL  
MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1162, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE

FORFEITURE POWERS OF THE  
STATE, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT  
DECLARING FORFEITURE IN  
FAVOR OF THE STATE ANY  
PROPERTY FOUND TO HAVE  
BEEN UNLAWFULLY ACQUIRED  
BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICER OR  
EMPLOYEE AND PROVIDING FOR  
THE PROCEEDINGS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1163, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER  
PENALTIES AGAINST PUBLIC  
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES WHO  
REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO ACT  
PROMPTLY ON THE PUBLIC'S  
PERSONAL TRANSACTIONS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS AS REQUIRED  
UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CODE  
OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL  
STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC  
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1164, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND  
FURTHER DEVELOPING "117" AS  
THE NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE TELEPHONE NUMBER  
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
SECURITY AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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



Senate Bill No. 1165, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COURT TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE PENALTY OF *ARRESTO MENOR*, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER FIVE, TITLE THREE, BOOK ONE OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1166, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TWENTY (20) YEAR BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1167, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF CRIMINOLOGY PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6506, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT CREATING THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR CRIMINOLOGISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1168, entitled

AN ACT TO GIVE JURIDICAL

PERSONALITY TO THE PRESENT VETERANS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (VMMC) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1169, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS FROM TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) TO TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1170, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SUBSIDIES FOR THE LOCAL MUSIC INDUSTRY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1171, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INSTRUMENTALITIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) AND PRIVATE ESTABLISH-

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MENTS TO USE SECURITY WATER-MARKED PAPER IN ALL RECEIPTS AND INVOICES, PERMITS, LICENSES, CLEARANCES, OFFICIAL PAPERS OR DOCUMENTS

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1172, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1173, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING RATES OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) WHILE ON OVERSEAS DUTY WITH A PHILIPPINE EXPEDITIONARY OR PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT PURSUANT TO A PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE COMMITMENT TO A UNITED NATIONS SANCTION OR POLICY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1174, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CIVIL SERVICE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1175, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FOOD SAFETY ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH BY PREVENTING FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS, ENSURING THE SAFETY OF FOOD, IMPROVING RESEARCH ON CONTAMINANTS LEADING TO FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS, AND IMPROVING SECURITY OF FOOD FROM INTENTIONAL CONTAMINATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1176, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDONATION OF UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES AND SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR), THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), THE PEOPLE'S CREDIT AND FINANCE CORPORATION (PCFC), THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) AND THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (QUEDANCOR)

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committees on Agrarian Reform; and Agriculture and Food**

Senate Bill No. 1177, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE PHILIPPINE FILM INDUSTRY, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE FILM COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS

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**POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1178, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PROGRAM, REVISING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998," AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1179, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7392, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE MIDWIFERY ACT OF 1992," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1180, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE MAJOR SERVICE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1181, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE AS EQUIVALENT TO ENTRY LEVEL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER ELIGIBILITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1182, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION AND UTILIZATION OF THE INCOME DERIVED BY THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1183, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING DISASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS A PAID LEAVE DURING PERIOD OF DISASTERS

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1184, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ISSUING IDEN-

TIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES TO INDICATE THEREIN THE BLOOD TYPE OF THE HOLDER AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 1185, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, ALLOWING THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY WHICH HAS A LAND AREA OF AT LEAST FIFTY (50) SQUARE KILOMETERS OR INHABITANTS OF AT LEAST TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (25,000) INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS AN ANNUAL AVERAGE LOCALLY GENERATED INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION PESOS (P220,000,000.00) FOR THE LAST TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS BASED ON 2012 CONSTANT PRICES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1186, entitled

AN ACT TO POSTPONE THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTION ON OCTOBER 28, 2013, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1187, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM FOR A TAX INCENTIVES TRANSPARENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1190, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING THE REGULATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1191, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM ENTITLING PRISONERS TO ADDITIONAL TIME CREDIT ALLOWANCES AGAINST THEIR PRISON SENTENCES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "PAG-ASA NG PAGLAYA SA PAGBASA" PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1192, entitled

AN ACT TO DEVELOP FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1193, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS IN AQUATIC FACILITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1194, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING ELDER SERVE COORDINATING COUNCILS THAT PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS TO COMBAT ELDERLY ABUSE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1195, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL PROGRAM PROMOTING LIFELONG ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1196, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO AWARD INNOVATION PRIZES TO INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES FOR RESEARCHING AND DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1197, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT WATER AQUIFERS WITH REGARD TO SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1198, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE, SOLICITATION, AND OFFER OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, ASSIGNMENT, TRANSFER, OR DESIGNATION, INTERIM OR OTHERWISE, OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1199, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1200, entitled

AN ACT PUNISHING THE CRIME OF TAMPERING WITH A TAXIMETER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Public Services**

**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. 1201, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 542, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO CREATE A CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1202, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PROLIFERATION OF FRAUDULENT DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, AND CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY UNAUTHORIZED DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1203, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING VANDALISM AND IMPOSING PENALTIES THERETO

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1204, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE POSTING OF CALORIE COUNT INFORMATION ITEMS IN MENU BOARDS OF FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1205, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1206, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF TAXI PASSENGERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1207, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS THAT SERVE DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1208, entitled

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE LIABILITY OF OWNERS FOR DOG BITES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1209, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM REGISTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Agriculture and Food**

Senate Bill No. 1210, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING ANTI-COMPETITIVE PRACTICES AND CREATING THE COMPETITION REGULATORY COMMISSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1211, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 544, AS AMENDED, OR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING LAW

Introduced by Senator Dylon

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

Senate Bill No. 1212, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 1213, entitled

AN ACT EXCLUDING THE PERFORMANCE-BASED BONUS FROM THE COMPUTATION OF TAXABLE INCOME AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 32 (B) (7) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1214, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIR TRADE IN THE OIL INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8479, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOWNSTREAM OIL DEREGULATION ACT OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 1215, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF FILIPINO SEAMEN AND SEA-BASED MIGRANT WORKERS, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE A NATIONAL SEAFARERS ADMINISTRATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 1216, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FRESH GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 1217, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (HIV-AIDS) PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT, ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV-AIDS PLAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

## Senate Bill No. 1218, entitled

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE IMPRISONMENT PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF LIBEL, PRESCRIBING HIGHER AMOUNTS OF FINE AS PENALTY FOR SAME, AND PROVIDING THAT THE CRIME OF LIBEL SHALL PRESCRIBE IN SIX MONTHS, AMENDING FOR THESE PURPOSES ARTICLES 90, 91, 355, 356, 357, AND 360 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

## Senate Bill No. 1219, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

## Senate Bill No. 1220, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

## Senate Bill No. 1221, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF HAND-HELD MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE DRIVING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

**To the Committee on Public Services**

## Senate Bill No. 1222, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 98 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

## Senate Bill No. 1223, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES FOR WILFUL OR INDISCRIMINATE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

## Senate Bill No. 1224, entitled

AN ACT IDENTIFYING OTHER PERSONS CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR ELECTION OFFENSES AND INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ELECTION-RELATED OFFENSES, AMENDING SECTIONS 263 AND 264 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881, AS AMENDED OR THE "OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES," AND SECTION 46 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189 OR THE "VOTER'S REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

**To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1225, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS MANDATORY IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1226, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ACCESSIBILITY TO THE HEARING-IMPAIRED AND SPEECH-IMPAIRED

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

**To the Committees on Public Services; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 1227, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN NATION-BUILDING THROUGH THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF A STRATEGIC VOLUNTEERISM-BASED MULTISECTORAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1228, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING TITLES V AND VI, SECTIONS 102 AND 107 OF

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1229, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SUGAR CANE INDUSTRY BY ESTABLISHING THE SUGAR CANE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT FUND, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1230, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPROACH FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT (BIDANI) OF THE RURAL POOR AS A NETWORK PROGRAM OF THE PARTICIPATING STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1231, entitled

AN ACT UPHOLDING THE RIGHT OF ACQUISITION BY QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS THEY ACTUALLY OCCUPY, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

**To the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement**

Senate Bill No. 1232, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND REORIENT THE MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE FOOD SUFFICIENCY, FOR THAT PURPOSE RATIONALIZING ITS FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1233, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING HARBOR PILOTAGE SERVICES AND THE CONDUCT OF HARBOR PILOTS IN ALL PORTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, REORGANIZING PORT AUTHORITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1234, 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 Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1235, entitled

AN ACT TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

**OF THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION**

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1236, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGIES AND APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1237, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1238, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING TAX RELIEF TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS BY EXEMPTING THEM FROM INCOME TAXATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 22 AND 24A OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**



Senate Bill No. 1239, entitled

AN ACT BROADENING THE OPPORTUNITIES OF FILIPINO YOUTH BY ALLOWING GRADUATES OF K-12 ENHANCED EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PNP LAW, RA 6975 AS AMENDED BY RA 8551

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 1242, entitled

AN ACT ENCOURAGING THE PRODUCTION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENT FILMS BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO FILMMAKERS WHO ARE GIVEN HONORS IN CREDIBLE INTERNATIONAL FILM COMPETITIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1243, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES, TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO SELL A RECALLED PRODUCT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1244, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND SUPPORT FOR A NATIONAL TEACHER CORPS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1245, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY ON CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE DNA DATABASE FOR VIOLENT PREDATORS AGAINST CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1246, entitled

AN ACT TO EVALUATE CERTAIN SKILLS CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1247, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING LANDFILLS/ GARBAGE DUMPS NEAR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1248, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE CONSORTIA TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS, AND PROSPECTIVE SUPERINTENDENTS AND PRINCIPALS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1249, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO ENHANCE FINANCIAL AND RETIREMENT LITERACY FOR MID-LIFE AND OLDER FILIPINOS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1250, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS TO RETAIN HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano , the session was suspended.

*It was 3:30 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

**SECOND 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. 198, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA)

SPECIAL AUDITS OFFICE (SAO) REPORT NO. 2012-03 ON THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (PDAF) AND VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURES INCLUDING LOCAL PROJECTS (VILP) FOR CYs 2007 TO 2009, TO DETERMINE ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, REVIEW AND STRENGTHEN BUDGETARY AND MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THE PROPRIETY OF FUND RELEASES, THE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF FUNDS AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS, THEREBY ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 199, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE COLLISION BETWEEN THE MV ST. THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE MV SULPICIO EXPRESS 7 LAST 16 AUGUST 2013

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 200, entitled

RESOLUTION EXTENDING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS WHO PERISHED IN THE COLLISION BETWEEN MV ST. THOMAS AQUINAS AND MV SULPICIO EXPRESS 7 ON 16 AUGUST 2013

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules





## Proposed Senate Resolution No. 201, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES OF CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WITH RESPECT TO OIL SPILLS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

## Proposed Senate Resolution No. 202, entitled

RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND TO APPROPRIATE THESE FUNDS TO STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, CLASSROOMS, COMPUTERS, TEACHER TRAINING, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

**To the Committee on Rules**

## Proposed Senate Resolution No. 203, entitled

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE IMPERATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 9242, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE USE OF THE PHILIPPINE TROPICAL FABRICS FOR THE UNIFORMS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

## Proposed Senate Resolution No. 204, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III, TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE MISUSE OF THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (PDAF) BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT WITH THE END VIEW OF PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE APPROPRIATE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO POLICY OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

## Proposed Senate Resolution No. 205, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CASES OF VIOLATION AND COMPLAINTS OF UNJUST AND UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OR NON-DISTRIBUTION OF/ NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT (85%) SHARE DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL COVERED EMPLOYEES OF THE TOTAL SERVICE CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 96 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES", WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVISITING AND REVIEWING SUCH PROVISION AND OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE LABOR CODE FOR POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE INTERVENTION FURTHER PROTECTING, PROMOTING AND ENSURING THE RIGHTS, INTERESTS, AND WELFARE OF THE WORKERS

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Introduced by Senator Honasan II

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 206, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COLLISION OF MV SULPICIO EXPRESS SIETE WITH MV ST. THOMAS AQUINAS OFF THE WATERS OF TALISAY CITY, CEBU

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 207, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF 2013 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 208, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS; AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO INQUIRE IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION'S (PAGCOR) CHARTER, OR PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1869, AS AMENDED, IN RELATION TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8, DATED 28 AUGUST 2001, PROHIBITING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIP-

**PINES FROM ENTERING, STAYING AND/OR PLAYING AT CASINOS**

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Games and Amusement; and Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 209, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC. OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF 2013 FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY COMPETENCE, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT IN PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION TO OUR YOUTH

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 210, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICE OFFICERS IN SERVICE (C.O.P.S.) OF 2013, AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC., THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW MANILA EAST, AND THE PSBANK

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Rules**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 211, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO, INQUIRE, AND INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RECENT SEA MISHAP INVOLVING THE COLLISION BETWEEN M/V ST. TOMAS OF AQUINAS AND THE CARGO VESSEL M/V SULPICIO EXPRESS 7

OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL PORT OF CEBU, TO REVIEW THE DISTRIBUTION AND ALLOCATION OF POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN AND AMONG THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN MARITIME SAFETY AND TRAVEL WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS ON MARITIME TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 212, entitled

RESOLUTION AMENDING RULE X, SECTION 13 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Introduced by Senators Cayetano (A.P.), Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV and Sonny Angara

**To the Committee on Rules**

**MANIFESTATION  
OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)**

Senator Cayetano (A) premised his manifestation by adverting to Section 136, Rule LI of the Rules of the Senate which reads:

The Rules may also be amended by means of a motion which should be presented at least one (1) day before its consideration, and the vote of the majority of the Senators present in the session shall be required for approval.

He informed the Body that on the basis of the rule cited, he, together with Senators Aquino and Angara, filed Proposed Senate Resolution No. 212 which seeks to amend Rule X, Section 13 of the Rules, adding that the said resolution had been discussed by the Committee on Rules.

Senator Cayetano (A) explained that approval of the resolution would effect: (1) the fusion of the Committee on Games and Amusement, and the Committee on Amateur Sports Competitiveness into

the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports, which was the original committee; (2) the creation of the Committee on Youth; (3) the renaming of the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations to Committee on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality, correspondingly modifying its jurisdiction pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Constitution; and (4) the renaming of the Committee on Trade and Commerce to Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship and correspondingly expanding its jurisdiction to include matters of entrepreneurship.

He informed the Body that pursuant to paragraph 2 of Section 136, Rule LI of the Rules, a copy of the resolution had been distributed to all senators and that he would submit it for approval of the Body on Monday.

**INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair asked if the present Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations would only retain jurisdiction over matters pertaining to youth, so that it would be renamed Committee on Youth. Senator Cayetano (A) replied in the affirmative, adding that the other committee would be the Committee on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality.

**INQUIRY OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Asked by Senator Sotto what the plan was with respect to the proposal to amend the jurisdiction of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, Senator Cayetano (A) explained that he had originally included the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws in the draft of the resolution, but it was excluded when the resolution was filed because Senator Defensor Santiago had not yet sent her reply to the letter informing her of the proposal. He assured the Body that he would contact her over the weekend and get her input for the filing of another resolution on Monday.

He expressed agreement to the deletion of the phrase "Revision of Codes and Laws" because the other standing committees also have the same jurisdiction. Moreover, he recalled that Senator Defensor Santiago herself had instructed the Secretariat staff sometime in the past to farm out the work to the other committees so as to make legislation more effective and efficient.

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Senator Sotto suggested that an amendment to Proposed Senate Resolution No. 212 be made instead in order to do away with the one-day requirement and the filing of a separate resolution on constitutional amendments.

Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged that the Rules provides that a motion to amend presented at least one day before its consideration is enough, but he clarified that he filed the resolution because he wanted to follow parliamentary practice in the Senate. He said that Senator Sotto's suggestion would serve a notice to the Members that the appropriate motion to amend the jurisdiction of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws would also be considered on Monday.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

*It was 3:48 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:49 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Cayetano (A) referred to Rule X, Section 13, paragraph 30. He reiterated that the phrase "Revision of Codes and Laws" would be deleted from the title "Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws" because the revision of laws is part of the jurisdiction of the other standing committees.

Replying to the Chair's query, Senator Cayetano (A) affirmed that the Body would also correspondingly amend the jurisdiction of the committee, confining it to "all matters proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Philippines."

Lastly, Senator Cayetano (A) announced that the Body would be considering various resolutions dealing with the abolition of pork barrel in next week's session.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

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

- International delegates of the 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Law Students' Association (ALSA) Forum; and
- Mayor Maximino B. Seno and company of Opol, Misamis Oriental.

The Senate President welcomed the guests to the Senate.

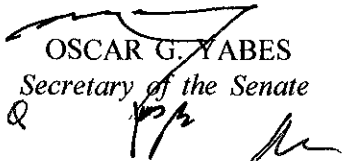
#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 2, 2013.

*It was 3:51 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES  
Secretary of the Senate



Approved on September 2, 2013