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**SESSION NO. 15**  
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**SIXTEENTH CONGRESS**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:01p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

Sen. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the prayer, to wit:

*Let us put ourselves in the presence of the Lord.*

Dear Lord,

As we start our regular session today, we, Your elected legislators, come before You once more to seek Your Divine Guidance so that all our thoughts, works and actions shall be in accord with Your Divine Will.

Please continue to bring out the best in us, always guided by the truth, inspired by our commitment to dutifully serve our country and our people with utmost integrity, humility and true compassion.

Lord, as we ask You all these in humble supplication in Your Mighty Name, we also come before Thee in humble thanksgiving for all the blessings and graces that You have showered upon us, our families, our staff, and our people.

Our Father God, as we go about our task today, please grant us serenity and calm, always keeping in mind our solemn

obligation to our beloved country and, most of all, to You, our God, who guide the destinies of our nation and of all nations.

Again, Almighty God, we thank You, we praise You, and we offer ourselves to You.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The ITI Earthsavers Ensemble, UNESCO Artists for Peace, led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song, entitled "*Salamat Ninoy.*"

Senate President Drilon thanked Mrs. Cecille Guidote-Alvarez for bringing the ITI Earthsavers Ensemble, UNESCO Artists for Peace to the Senate.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

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With 20 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Guingona and Legarda arrived after the roll call.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senator Lapid was absent.

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

Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- AB Political Science students and teachers of the *Divine Word College of Calapan, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro*; and
- Metrobank Foundation awardees for outstanding teachers, policemen and soldiers with Metrobank Foundation, Inc. President Aniceto Sobrepeña.

The Senate President welcomed the guests to the Senate.

#### **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. 14 (August 28, 2013) and considered it approved.

#### **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Secretary of the Senate read Senate Bill No. 1251, introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago, which the Chair referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF  
SILICA IN THE WORKPLACE.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

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

*It was 3:11 p.m.*

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:12 p.m., the session was resumed.

#### **SUSPENSION OF THE REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body suspended the reading of the Reference of Business to give way to some urgent matters.

#### **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 207**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 207, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COM-  
MENDING THE OUTSTANDING  
TEACHERS OF 2013 AWARDED BY  
THE METROBANK FOUNDATION,  
INC.,

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 209, authored by Senator Cayetano (P); Proposed Senate Resolution No. 215, authored by Senator Binay; and Proposed Senate Resolution No. 231, authored by Senator Legarda.

Secretary Yabes read the text of the resolution, to wit:

WHEREAS, next to our parents, teachers have the most impact on our lives, instilling in us good moral values and making a profound difference in the paths that we have chosen;

WHEREAS, the greatest rule of a teacher is empowering the mind of students and training them so they may reach their fullest potential;

WHEREAS, we should recognize the essential role of teachers in educational advancement, as well as their important contributions to the development of humanity and modern society;

WHEREAS, amidst the difficulties our teachers face, they remain reliable and dedicated in their duty of educating the youth;

WHEREAS, for the last twenty-nine (29) years since 1984, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. has honored three hundred sixteen (316) outstanding teachers of the Philippines who have served as shining examples of dedication and commitment to the teaching profession;

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WHEREAS, the recognition given by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. has made them the pride and joy not only of their respective schools and communities, but the nation as well;

WHEREAS, the Roll of Honor for the 2013 Search for Outstanding Teachers consists of four (4) teachers in the secondary level and two (2) in the higher education level, as follows:

FELY A. BATILOY  
SPED – Integrated School  
for Exceptional Children, Iloilo City

MITCHEL V. RODRIGUEZ, Ph.D.  
Odiongan Central School, Gingoog City

CHERRY G. VINLUAN  
Guagua Elementary School  
Guagua, Pampanga

RODEL C. SAMPANG  
Pedro Guevara Elementary School  
City of Manila

DOMINIQUE J. MAQUIRAN  
University of the Philippines High School  
Iloilo, Iloilo City

MARCELO T. OTINGUEY  
Ampusongan National High School  
Bakun, Benguet

MARIA TERESA M. BAUTISTA, Ed.D.  
Bacnotan National High School  
Bacnotan, La Union

MARIA LORNA L. GARNACE  
Philippine Science High School  
Eastern Visayas, Palo, Leyte

ALFREDO C. ROBLES JR., Ph D.  
De La Salle University, City of Manila

EMILYN Q. ESPIRITU, Ph.D.  
Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City

WHEREAS, this recognition is a fitting tribute for educators who have excelled in their noble profession in the selfless pursuit of quality education;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate recognizes that the Filipino teachers' heroic dedication to their vocation has earned them the nation's highest respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, by the Philippine Senate to honor and commend the Ten (10) Outstanding Teachers of 2013 chosen by Metrobank Foundation, inc.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Pimentel for the sponsorship.

### SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

Senator Pimentel presented to the Body Proposed Senate Resolution No. 207 honoring the Outstanding Teachers of 2013 awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc.

*The full text of Senator Pimentel's sponsorship speech follows:*

I believe that teaching is the noblest profession. I am fortunate to have the teacher's blood flowing through my veins, being the son of parents who have had the distinct honor and *privilege of molding the minds and improving lives by educating people.*

I am glad and, at the same time, humbled to have been chosen as the chairman of the Board of Judges of Metrobank Foundation, Inc. Search for the Outstanding Teachers of 2013.

This rare and distinct opportunity has prompted me to recall the teachers who I admired while still in school. Dedication, love for learning, curiosity, willingness to sacrifice, leading by example, promptness, punctuality, etcetera – these are some of the characteristics I remember them having and which I tried to follow or display or manifest when I wanted to be a good and effective teacher to my own students.

Teachers stoke the flames of knowledge in the minds of the youth as Plutarch once said, "The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited." Such is the value of teachers.

So, next to our parents, our teachers have the most impact on our lives for they are actually our second parents. Like our parents, they instill and inculcate in us moral values which serve as our guide in making the countless decisions we have to make in life.

Hence, I share Metrobank Foundation's effort to highlight the value of teachers at all levels. Let searches and awards like this propagate and multiply. We have to support those, like Metrobank Foundation, which give credit where credit is due and those which point out to society the intangibles that we should value like the significant role of teachers in the progress of our country and our society.

So, it was my pleasure to have served as chairman for this search and to have been

part of this prestigious and historical search. I was extremely thrilled, I had fun, and I learned a lot. And if such an invitation is extended to my colleagues here, I urge them to accept immediately because it is an experience they will never forget. So, congratulations to the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Teachers for 2013.

I move formally for the adoption of the resolution congratulating all of these outstanding teachers.

#### **ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 207**

Saying that he too comes from a family of teachers, his mother and grandmother being former teachers themselves, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Senate Resolution No. 207, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 209, 215 and 231.

#### **COAUTHORS**

Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that all senators present were made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 207.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

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

*It was 3:20 p.m.*

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

#### **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 210**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered 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,**

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 213 and 219, introduced by Senators Binay and Poe, respectively.

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the resolution, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Search for the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service (COPS) is an annual recognition program jointly undertaken by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., Rotary Club of New Manila East, and PSBank, which aims to honor models of professionalism, competence, dedication and integrity among the one hundred forty eight thousand members of the Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS, the Search is an expression of the civilian sector's appreciation and gratitude to the effort of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in maintaining the peace and order situation in the country;

WHEREAS, COPS serves as the social contract of the Metrobank Foundation, Rotary Club of New Manila East and PSBank to the police force that will advance the welfare of the PNP and contribute in the realization of the Integrated Transformation Program of making the institution a highly capable, effective and credible police service working in partnership with a responsive community;

WHEREAS, the Search seeks to honor the gallant men and women in the police force for their consistent outstanding contributions in preventing and solving crime through community work and mobilization;

WHEREAS, the Search emphasizes the need to situate the punitive aspect of law enforcement with the task of community relations, and promotes police work as a shared responsibility between the Police Officers and the community;

WHEREAS, the competition awards a maximum of ten (10) winners who shall be chosen from among all the Police Commissioned Officers with a rank of Police Inspector to Police Superintendent and Police Non Commissioned Officers with a rank of Police Officer 1 to Senior Police Officer 4;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate proudly joins the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., Rotary Club of New Manila East, and PSBank in congratulating and commending the Police Officers who have actively solicited, mobilized, involved and organized the community to become fellow vanguards of the community through the

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2013 Metrobank Foundation Search for the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service;

WHEREAS, the Roll of Honor for this year's winners of COPS consists of four (4) Police Commissioned Officers and six (6) Non-Commissioned Officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED*, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate to congratulate and commend the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service of 2013 awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., Rotary Club of New Manila East, and PSBank, namely:

*From the Police Commissioned Officers Category:*

1. Police Superintendent  
EDGAR ALAN OMAS OKUBO;
2. Police Chief Inspector  
CARLO MAGNO MERCADO MANUEL;
3. Police Senior Inspector  
ARLAN LIM DELUMPINES; and
4. Police Inspector  
MARGIENETT TERANO YOSORES.

*From the Police Non Commissioned Officers Category:*

5. Senior Police Officer 1  
EDGARDO ABASTAR FIGURACION II;
6. Senior Police Officer 1  
RAQUEL RAMOS ANIWASAL;
7. Senior Police Officer 4  
TEOFILO SIAO JUANATA, JR.;
8. Senior Police Officer 2  
OSCAR MORALES ANGELES, JR.;
9. Senior Police Officer 2  
RODITO TORREVILLAS VIOVICENTE;  
and
10. Senior Police Officer 1  
EDUARDO DE GUZMAN COVARRUBIAS.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Senator Trillanes for the sponsorship.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR TRILLANES**

Senator Trillanes presented to the Body and sought its adoption 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."

*The full text of Senator Trillanes' sponsorship speech follows:*

This time, in partnership with the Rotary Club of New Manila East and the PSBank, the Metrobank Foundation has also identified and recognized the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service. These are policemen and women from different parts of the country who serve as models of professionalism, competence, dedication and integrity from among the one hundred forty eight thousand members of the Philippine National Police.

This year's awardees are the following:

*From the Police Commissioned Officers Category:*

1. Police Superintendent  
Edgar Edgar Alan Omas Okubo;
2. Police Chief Inspector  
Carlo Magno Mercado Manuel;
3. Police Senior Inspector  
Arlan Lim Delumpines; and
4. Police Inspector  
Margienett Terano Yosores.

*From the Police Non Commissioned Officers Category:*

1. SPO1 Edgardo Abastar Figuracion II;
2. SPO1 Raquel Ramos Aniwasal;
3. SPO4 Teofilo Siao Juanata, Jr.;
4. SPO2 Oscar Morales Angeles, Jr.;
5. SPO2 Rodito Torrevillas Viovicente; and
6. SPO1 Eduardo De Guzman Covarrubias

These men and woman have been consistent in their outstanding contributions in preventing and solving crime through community work and mobilization and/or through selfless personal dedication to their duties.

In recognition of their selfless dedication to serving our country and our people, and consistent with our aim of encouraging and recognizing Filipinos who are worth emulating, I respectfully request the members of this august Chamber to join the Metrobank Foundation and its partners in congratulating and commending the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service of 2013.

With that, I move for the adoption of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 210.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 210**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Senate Resolution No. 210, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 213 and 219.

**COAUTHORS**

Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that all senators present were made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 210.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

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

*It was 3:31 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:34 p.m., the session was resumed.

**PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 177, entitled

**RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) OF 2013 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC. AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAKATI METRO,**

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 214, introduced by Senator Binay.

Atty. Regina Evangelista read the resolution, to wit:

WHEREAS, the search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers or T.O.P.S. is an annual search jointly undertaken by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro (RCMM), in consonance with the conviction of both organizations to honor excellence in the pursuit of a vocation, The partnership of MBFI and RCMM started in 1999;

WHEREAS, the competition is an expression of gratitude to the heroism, gallantry, dedication, commitment and great sacrifices of the gallant men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in 2003, hence, the Search for T.O.P.S. became a career achievement award that recognizes the contribution of a soldier's best seven (7) years of his/her service in the military;

WHEREAS, the Search awards a maximum of ten (10) winners who shall be chosen from among all Officers with a rank of Captain up to Colonel of the Technical and Administrative Service of the APP;

WHEREAS, the competition raises the model of excellence within the military which the other soldiers should emulate, and represents the ideals being upheld by the larger sector of the national community represented by both the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro, and likewise highlights the contribution of the AFP in peace, security and nation building and development;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate should join the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati in honoring and commending the gallant men and women who have risked life and limb in the defense of our country's sovereignty through this year's 2013 Search for The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers;

WHEREAS, the Roll of Honor for this year's winners of T.O.P.S. consists of three (3) men from the Philippine Army, three (3) men from the Philippine Air Force, three (3) men from the Philippine Navy, and one (1) man from the Chaplain Service of the AFP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, That the Philippine Senate honor and commend The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers chosen by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro in their 2013 Search for T.O.P.S. namely:

***For the Philippine Army***

*Commissioned Officer Category*

1. COLONEL ROMEO S. BRAWNER, JR.  
Chief, Plans, Policies and Programs Division  
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff  
Operations, J3  
Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City

*Enlisted Person Category*

2. CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT  
ROGELIO J. MENDOZA  
Command Sergeant Major  
Training and Doctrine Command  
Philippine Army  
Camp O'Donnell, Sta. Lucia, Capas, Tarlac

3. TECHNICAL SERGEANT  
FERDINAND S. BALADJAY  
Company First Sergeant  
2nd Light Reaction Company  
Light Reaction Battalion  
Special Operations Command  
Philippine Army  
Palayan City, Nueva Ecija

***For the Philippine Navy***

*Commissioned Officer Category*

1. CAPTAIN VICENTE L. CEJOCO  
Deputy Commander  
Communications Electronics and Information  
Systems Service, AFP  
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City
2. TECHNICAL SERGEANT  
DANTE P. BERGANIO (MARINES)  
Non Commissioned Officer, S7  
Marine Battalion Landing Team 2  
Philippine Marine Corps  
ML Bayog, Barangay Samak, Talipao, Sulu
3. HOSPITALMAN 3<sup>RD</sup> CLASS  
SERGS E. ESTROPIGAN  
Recompression Chamber Petty Officer-in-Charge  
Naval Salvage Unit  
Naval Special Operation Group  
Philippine Fleet, Naval Base Alano  
Sangley Point Cavite

***For the Philippine Air Force***

*Commissioned Officer Category*

1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL MOISES L. MICOR  
Director, Directorate for Aircraft  
Maintenance and Management  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff  
for Logistics, A4  
Headquarters Philippine Air Force  
Col. Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City

*Enlisted Personnel Category*

2. MASTER SERGEANT  
ALBERTO S. PESEBRE  
Non Commissioned Officer-in-Charge  
Defense and Armed Forces Attaché  
Management and Research Division  
Military Intelligence Group 19  
Intelligence Service  
Armed Forces of the Philippines
3. TECHNICAL SERGEANT  
NOLITO G. TUMESA  
First Sergeant  
411th Maintenance Production Group  
410th Maintenance Wing  
Clark Air Base, Pampanga

*For the Technical and Administrative Service -  
Chaplain Service*

1. MAJOR DANECK E. DANG-AWAN  
Evangelical Chaplain  
Naval Inter-Faith Worship Center  
Naval Station Jose Francisco  
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City

for their loyalty and dedication to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, for their faithful performance of their sworn duties and responsibilities beyond reproach, and for being model citizens in their respective communities.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH  
OF SENATOR TRILLANES**

Senator Trillanes presented to the Body and sought its adoption Proposed Senate Resolution No. 177, entitled “Resolution Honoring and Commending The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) of 2013 Awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro.”

*The full texts of Senator Trillanes’ sponsorship speech follows:*

Throughout the years, the Metrobank Foundation has always been in the forefront of empowering our communities by recognizing and eventually engaging individuals who have excelled in their respective fields and who have contributed significantly to nation-building.

This year, in its partnership with the Rotary Club of Makati East, it has identified and recognized The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers of 2013. These are members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines who have risked their lives and contributed significantly in the preservation of our country’s sovereignty and protection of our security.

The Roll of Honor for this year’s winners of T.O.P.S. consists of three (3) men from the Philippine Army, three (3) men from the Philippine Air Force, three (3) men from the Philippine Navy, and one (1) man from the Chaplain Service of the AFP, namely:

***For the Philippine Army***

*Commissioned Officer Category*

1. Col. Romeo S. Brawner Jr.  
*Enlisted Person Category*
2. Chief Master Sgt. Rogelio J. Mendoza
3. Technical Sgt. Ferdinand S. Baladjay

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***For the Philippine Navy******Commissioned Officer Category***

1. Capt. Vicente L. Cejoco
2. Technical Sgt. Dante P. Berganio (Marines)
3. Hospitalman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Sergs E. Estropigan

***For the Philippine Air Force******Commissioned Officer Category***

1. Lt. Col. Moises L. Micor

***Enlisted Personnel Category***

1. Master Sgt. Alberto A. Pesebre
2. Tech. Sgt. Nolito G. Tumesa

***For the Technical and Administrative Service –  
Chaplain Service***

1. Maj. Daneck E. Dang-awan

These men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines exude the virtues of excellence, merit and dedication within the military, which the other soldiers should emulate.

For their loyalty and dedication to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, for their faithful performance of their sworn duties and responsibilities beyond reproach, and for being model citizens in their respective communities, I ask our colleagues to join the Metrobank Foundation and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro in honoring and commending the awardees of The Outstanding Philippine Soldiers of 2013.

In view of the foregoing, I move for the adoption of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 177.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED  
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body adopted Proposed Senate Resolution No. 177, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 214.

**COAUTHORS**

Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that all members of the Senate present in the hall are coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 177.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

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

*It was 3:42 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:45 p.m., the session was resumed.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), the session was suspended to allow the Members to go into caucus.

*It was 3:45 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 5:07 p.m., the session was resumed.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the *Sinaglahi* Class 2015 of the Philippine Military Academy accompanied by Col. Hector Tagata.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS  
(Continuation)**

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1252, entitled

**AN ACT REGULATING CERTAIN  
CONDUCT BY SPORTS AGENTS  
RELATING TO THE SIGNING OF  
CONTRACTS WITH STUDENT  
ATHLETES**

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and  
Family Relations; and Amateur Sports Com-  
petitiveness**

Senate Bill No. 1253, entitled

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE**

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DISPOSITION OF SMUGGLED SUGAR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1254, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES, TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE AMONG SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1255, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, IMPLEMENTING A NATION-WIDE AWARENESS PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1256, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFETY MEASURES FOR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1257, entitled

AN ACT CONSIDERING AS QUALIFYING CIRCUMSTANCE IN

CRIME OF RAPE IF THE OFFENDER IS THE ADOPTER, THE FOSTER PARENT, THE LEGAL SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTER OR THE FOSTER PARENT, OR THEIR COMMON-LAW SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTER OR THE FOSTER PARENT, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ACT 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1258, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PARENTAL CARE LEAVE WITH FULL PAY TO ALL EMPLOYED PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF MINOR CHILDREN IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1259, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE JURISDICTION AND POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVER PETROLEUM PIPELINE OPERATIONS AND FOR THIS PURPOSE PROVIDE A PETROLEUM PIPELINE CODE TO PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND ABANDONMENT OF LIQUID PETROLEUM PIPELINES AND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1260, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING THE FUNDAMENTAL EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN UNDER THE LAWS ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1261, entitled

AN ACT IMPROVING THE STATUS OF ADOPTED CHILDREN AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1262, entitled

AN ACT IMPROVING THE STATUS OF CHILDREN BORN OR CONCEIVED OF MARRIAGES DECLARED VOID FOR CERTAIN REASONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 54 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1263, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING REFUGE AND ASSISTANCE TO YOUNG PREGNANT WOMEN IN EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1264, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9173 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 1265, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROVISIONS OF LAW ON THE FAMILY HOME, INCREASING THE VALUE OF THE FAMILY HOME, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

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Senate Bill No. 1266, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF NURSES, ASSIGNING ONE REGISTERED NURSE FOR EVERY BARANGAY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 1267, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE COMBAT DUTY PAY AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF ALL PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THEIR BASE PAY AND TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY PESOS (P180.00) PER DAY, RESPECTIVELY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1268, entitled

AN ACT INTEGRATING LABOR EDUCATION INTO SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS IN THE TERTIARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1269, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING PREFERENCE OF EMPLOYMENT TO CHILDREN OF VETERANS IN THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1270, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO REVIVE THE LOCAL FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY IN THE COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL FOOTWEAR TRAINING ACADEMY (NFTA), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1271, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF CESTRAEUS PLICATILIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS "LUDONG", IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1272, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A TAX FREE MINORS' DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24 (B)(1) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1158, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1273, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH AS EARTH HOUR

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Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1274, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO COVERED EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1275, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HIGH-VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995, TO PROMOTE THE COOPERATIVE SYSTEM IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF SMALL LANDHOLDER AND TO PROMOTE CORPORATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH VALUE CROPS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1276, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE CRIMES OF LOOTING FROM, STEALING FROM, AND DESECRATING CORPSES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION OF SUSPECTS TO THE MEDIA

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1278, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKER

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 1279, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING A LABOR LAW SEMINAR FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM TERTIARY LEVEL EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 1280, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, JOURNALS, REVIEWS, BULLETINS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL OR LEARNING MATERIALS MADE OR PUBLISHED IN DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

**To the Committee on Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1281, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS "JESSE ROBREDO DAY," A SPECIAL

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**WORKING HOLIDAY, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Guingona III

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

Senate Bill No. 1282, entitled

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH  
SECTOR OPPORTUNITIES IN  
AGRICULTURE, ESTABLISHING  
FOR THE PURPOSE A "TULONG  
KABATAAN SA AGRIKULTURA AT  
KABUHAYAN PROGRAM", AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 1283, entitled

AN ACT TO ASSIST INDIGENT  
CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES, ESTABLISHING FOR  
THE PURPOSE A CANCER  
ASSISTANCE FUND AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-  
graphy; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Develop-  
ment; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1284, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE  
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM  
THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS  
PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161,  
AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committees on Government Corp-  
orations and Public Enterprises; and Labor,  
Employment and Human Resources Develop-  
ment**

Senate Bill No. 1285, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE  
PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY  
ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN THE  
PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZ-  
ATION PROCESS OF THE ANNUAL  
NATIONAL BUDGET, PROVIDING  
EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1286, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTEC-  
TION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS  
OF WHISTLEBLOWERS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1287, entitled

AN ACT LIMITING THE TERM OF  
OFFICE OF THE REGULAR  
MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL AND  
BAR COUNCIL (JBC)

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1288, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1289, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 363  
AND 364 OF ACT NO. 3815,

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AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1290, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 17 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9851, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE ACT ON CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, GENOCIDE, AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY"

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1291, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 261 (W) OF THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE (BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881)

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation**

Senate Bill No. 1292, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 183 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, DECLARING THE FILING OF FALSE COMPLAINTS AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICERS AS AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE OF PERJURY

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1293, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ANTI-COMPETITIVE CONDUCT, ABUSE OF DOMI-

NANCE, AND ANTI-COMPETITIVE MERGERS, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE AN OFFICE FOR COMPETITION UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1294, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE EDUCATION AND LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS AND THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2382, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1295, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1296, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

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Senate Bill No. 1297, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1298, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE AMUSEMENT INDUSTRY SAFETY BOARD THEREBY STRENGTHENING THE AMUSEMENT PARKS AND RISES INDUSTRY, INSTITUTING SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1299, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, BOOK 3, TITLE 5, ARTICLE 13, SECTION 483, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

**To the Committee on Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1300, entitled

AN ACT IDENTIFYING AND PROMOTING RESEARCH ON HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF BREAST IMPLANTS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

## PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 212

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 212, entitled

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

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its text into the Record of the Senate.

### CAYETANO (A) AMENDMENT

Senator Cayetano (A) informed the Body that copies of the resolution were distributed to the senators last Wednesday, August 28, 2013 in compliance with Section 136, Rule LI of the Rules.

Thereupon, on page 2, before the second paragraph, as proposed by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body approved the insertion of the following:

30) COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISION OF CODES. – ELEVEN (11) MEMBERS. ALL MATTERS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REVISION OF EXISTING CODES. XXX.

Senator Cayetano (A) explained that the amendment was an offshoot of the inquiry and proposal made by Senator Sotto. He informed the Body that Senator Defensor Santiago, through a letter, cautioned that the committee would be left doing nothing if both the “revision of codes” and “revision of laws” would be removed from its jurisdiction, especially if Congress is not minded to amend the Constitution. Moreover, he pointed out that there is really a difference between revision of laws and revision of codes. To elaborate, he said that if a bill proposes a new code or substantially amend a code instead of a topical amendment, the bill would be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; however, if a bill, for instance, seeks to amend one specific provision in the Revised Penal Code, that bill would be referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights.



## INQUIRY OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto asked on the possibility of including the power to arrest in the enumeration of the duties and powers of the Sergeant-at-Arms under Rule VI of the Rules.

In reply, Senator Cayetano (A) cited Sections 17, 18 and 20 of the *Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation*, to wit:

Sec. 17. *Powers of the Committee.* – The Committee shall have the powers of an investigating committee, including the power to summon witnesses and take their testimony and to issue subpoena and subpoena *duces tecum*, signed by its Chairman, or in his absence by the Acting Chairman, and approved by the President. Within Metro Manila, such process shall be served by the Sergeant-at-Arms or his assistant. Outside of Metro Manila, service may be made by the police of a municipality or city, upon request of the Secretary. x xx

Sec. 18. *Contempt.* – (a) The Chairman with the concurrence of at least one (1) member of the Committee, may punish or cite in contempt any witness before the Committee who disobeys any order of the Committee or refuses to be sworn or to testify or to answer a proper question by the Committee or any of its members, or testifying, testifies falsely or evasively, or who unduly refuses to appear or bring before the Committee certain documents and/or object evidence required by the Committee notwithstanding the issuance of the appropriate subpoena therefor. A majority of all the members of the Committee may, however, reverse or modify the aforesaid order of contempt within seven (7) days.

A contempt of the Committee shall be deemed a contempt of the Senate. Such witness may be ordered by the Committee to be detained in such place as it may designate under the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms until he/she agrees to produce the required documents, or to be sworn or to testify, or otherwise purge himself/herself of that contempt.

(b) A report of the detention of any person for contempt shall be submitted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Committee and the Senate.

Sec. 20. *Subcommittees; Delegation of Authority.* – The Chairman of a Committee may create subcommittees as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of performing any and all acts which the Committee as a whole is authorized to do and perform, except the power to punish for contempt under Section 18 hereof.

Senator Cayetano (A) disclosed that Senator Sotto expressed to him his concern before the session and that, in consultation with the Secretariat, the rules that he had just mentioned were pointed out to him as the parliamentary practice. He stated that the Secretariat has also assured him that the Senate has not encountered any problem with the Sergeant-at-Arms enforcing the orders of the Committees, and that so far, the practice has not been questioned before the Supreme Court, particularly the handling of cases by the Blue Ribbon Committee.

Senator Sotto expressed satisfaction with the explanation.

Senator Cayetano (A) thanked Senator Sotto for doing comprehensive research for purposes of possibly revising the Rules of the Senate.

## ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 212

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 212 was adopted by the Body.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

*It was 5:30 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

## CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Pursuant to the amendments to the Rules, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair ordered the transfer of the referral of Senate Bill No. 1026 (*Poverty Reduction through Social Entrepreneurship Act*), Senate Bill No. 1028 (*Go Negosyo Act of 2013*), and Senate Bill No. 1030 (*Micro-Enterprise Development Institutions Act of 2013*), from the Committee on Economic Affairs to the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship.

Likewise, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair referred Senate Bill No. 1032 (*Youth Entrepreneurship*), which was

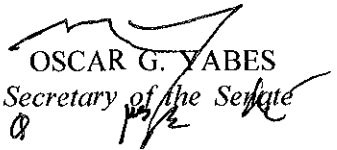
originally referred to the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations, to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture as the primary committee and to the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship as the secondary committee.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

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

*It was 5:36 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*  


Approved on September 3, 2013

