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CALL TO ORDER

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session to allow the Members to greet Senator Poe on the occasion of her birth anniversary.

It was 3:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:07 p.m., the session was resumed.

PRAYER

Sen. Sergio R. Osmeña III led the prayer, to wit:

Almighty Father, You have been gracious to us and have always provided for us. You have endowed our beloved country with abundant resources, that we might use them for Your greater honor and glory, and we shall be forever grateful for all these blessings.

Lord Almighty, our country is once again beset by a political crisis arising from allegations of misuse of funds. As we seek justice and search for truth, free our minds and hearts of partisanship, Lord, so that we may listen to both sides with dispassion.

Heavenly Father, heal our nation and inspire our people, that they may regain their trust in government. May the current challenges serve as a fitting reminder that "a public office is a public trust," and that for us public officials, winning and maintaining that trust is paramount.

We ask these through Christ, our Lord.
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.	Honasan, G. B.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Legarda, L.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Osmeña III, S. R.
Cayetano, P. S.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Drilon, F. M.	Poe, G.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Recto, R. G.
Enrile, J. P.	Sotto III, V. C.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Villar, C. A.
Estrada, J.	

With 19 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Guingona was on official mission.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senators Lapid, Revilla and Trillanes were absent.

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APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 15 (September 2, 2013) and considered it approved.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

RESOLUTIONS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 3, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION REQUIRING CELLULAR SERVICE PROVIDERS TO REGISTER ALL PREPAID PHONE SUBSCRIBERS AND INSTALL A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) SOFTWARE IN ALL CELLULAR PHONE SIM CARDS TO EASILY TRACE THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE USER, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senators Sotto III and Drilon

To the Committees on Public Services; and Science and Technology

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 216, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO LEAD THE CONDUCT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF RELEVANT NATIONAL AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN RELATION TO THEIR ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES IN THE LIGHT OF CONTINUED ECOSYSTEMS DECLINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION WITH THE END VIEW OF INTRODUCING BASIS FOR IMPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND INTRODUCING

MEASURABLE INDICATORS AND TARGETS TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY OF ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE ENTITIES AND STAKEHOLDERS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 217, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED CONTINUING RISE IN CHIKUNGUNYA CASES IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING A LONG-TERM POLICY AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE DISEASE

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 218, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 51, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL CODE OF MARKETING OF BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES, BREASTMILK SUPPLEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7600, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ROOMING-IN AND BREASTFEEDING ACT OF 1992 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10028, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION ACT OF 2009

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.)

To the Committee on Health and Demography



Proposed Senate Resolution No. 220, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DANGER POSED BY BENZODIAZEPINES, AN ANTI-ANXIETY DRUG, ON THE TREATMENT OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, ACCORDING TO A RECENT WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REPORT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 221, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ILLEGAL TRADE AND TRANSPORT OF INDIGENOUS SNAKES AND SPIDERS THROUGH COURIER SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 222, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALARMING TREND IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHERE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SUFFER FROM FINANCIAL SHORTFALL AND BUDGET DEFICITS AFTER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION LEAVES THEIR POSTS AFTER THE ELECTIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 223, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGATIONS THAT THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS IS STILL PRINTING BALLOTS MONTHS AFTER THE 2013 ELECTIONS IN VIOLATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8436

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 224, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THE COUNTRY'S QUEDAN SHARING SYSTEM IS BECOMING A BANE TO THE SUGAR INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 225, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON ENCOURAGING COMPANIES TO IMPLEMENT CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY, FOLLOWING THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT NIELSEN GLOBAL SURVEY ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 226, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ARBITRARY DETENTION OF ALIEN DEPORTEES AT THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION DEPORTATION CENTER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 227, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE OIL SPILL AFFECTING THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 228, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF INTERNAL LEGISLATION, ON AMENDING THE SENATE RULES TO INCLUDE A PROVISION DEFINING AND LIMITING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC AND MOBILE DEVICES BY MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, AS WELL AS ITS GUESTS, DURING SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 229, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES

TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXISTING POLICIES REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF PRE-NEED COMPANIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A SOUND AND EFFICIENT INSURANCE SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 230, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF AN IMPENDING US-LED MILITARY STRIKE AGAINST SYRIA ON THE PLIGHT OF FILIPINO WORKERS IN SYRIA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS ON PHILIPPINE FOREIGN POLICY AND THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 232, entitled

RESOLUTION AMENDING SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21, BY INCORPORATING "THE LIVE CABLE BROADCASTING" OF SELECTED SENATE PROCEEDINGS IN THE PLENARY AS WELL AS HEARINGS AND MEETINGS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Rules

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:17 p.m., the session was resumed.

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. 1301, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEACHER CORPS PROGRAM IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1302, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO EARMARK A PORTION OF THEIR INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENTS FOR FREE MEDICINES TO INDIGENT PATIENTS IN THEIR LOCALITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1303, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT, PROMOTE AND SUPPORT PROPER INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING BY REGULATING THE MARKETING OF CERTAIN FOODS FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1304, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOR FILIPINO INFANTS AND CHILDREN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1305, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1829, PENALIZING OBSTRUCTION OF APPREHENSION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1306, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND GOVERN THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committee on Science and Technology

Senate Bill No. 1307, entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND AND REVITALIZE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1308, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1309, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION AND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 1310, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE GIVING OF GIFTS BY PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS TO ENCOURAGE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS AND PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1311, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE, USE, OR POSSESSION OF MERCHAN-

DISE DESIGNED TO CONCEAL OR OBSCURE LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1312, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ENHANCED DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMERS REGARDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF MAKING ONLY MINIMUM REQUIRED PAYMENTS IN THE REPAYMENT OF CREDIT CARD DEBT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 1313, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF METAL WORKING FLUIDS IN THE WORKPLACE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1314, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVACY SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1315, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT ALL FILIPINOS HAVE BASIC HEALTH LITERACY SKILLS TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AS PATIENTS AND HEALTH CARE CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1316, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAM ON MENOPAUSE AND HOW WOMEN CAN COPE WITH THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL CHANGES AS A CONSEQUENCE THEREOF AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1317, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1318, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLIC WEBSITE THROUGH WHICH INDIVIDUALS MAY FIND A COMPLETE DATABASE OF MISSING PERSONS AND UNIDENTIFIED DECEDENT RECORDS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1319, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLIC WEBSITE

THROUGH WHICH INDIVIDUALS MAY FIND A COMPLETE DATABASE OF AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE STUDY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1320, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLIC WEBSITE THROUGH WHICH INDIVIDUALS MAY FIND A PET REGISTRY AND A COMPLETE DATABASE OF MISSING PETS AND FOUND STRAYS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1321, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1322, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NURSE FACULTY TO MEET THE FUTURE NEED FOR QUALIFIED NURSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

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Senate Bill No. 1323, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING NUTRITION STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1324, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OCEAN ACIDIFICATION RESEARCH AND MONITORING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Science and Technology; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1325, entitled

AN ACT DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO STUDY AND ESTABLISH A MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD THAT PROVIDES FOR MEANS OF ALERTING THE BLIND AND OTHER PEDESTRIANS OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1326, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE POSTING OF NUTRITIONAL CONTENT INFORMATION IN MENU BOARDS OF FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1327, entitled

AN ACT TO INCLUDE ENTREPRE-

NEURIAL AND FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1328, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE NATIONAL SECURITY BY PROHIBITING PROFITEERING OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES DURING PERIODS OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 1329, entitled

AN ACT TO AID AND SUPPORT PEDIATRIC INVOLVEMENT IN READING AND EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1330, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT OUR SCHOOLS FROM PESTICIDES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1331, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING A PROGRAM TO PREPARE TEACHERS FOR DIGITAL AGE LEARNERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

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Senate Bill No. 1332, entitled

AN ACT TO SUPPORT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT OPTIMIZE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE, UTILIZE DIVERSE SOURCES OF ENERGY, AND INCREASE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1333, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 1334, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYEE AND PATIENT NOTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS IN HOSPITALS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1335, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING BARANGAY JUSTICE BY AMENDING SECTION 412 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1336, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF

ISOCYANATES IN THE WORK-PLACE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1337, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO IMPROVE REMEDIAL EDUCATION, TO CUSTOMIZE REMEDIATION TO STUDENT CAREER GOALS, AND TO HELP STUDENTS MOVE RAPIDLY FROM REMEDIATION INTO FOR-CREDIT OCCUPATION PROGRAM COURSES AND PROGRAM COMPLETION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1338, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING SERVICES WHICH PREVENT CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FROM BEING SHOWN BY A DEVICE CAPABLE OF DISPLAYING CALLER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1339, entitled

AN ACT IMPROVING THE CAPABILITY OF SMALL COMMUNITIES TO COORDINATE WITH LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS IN DEVELOPING A VISION TO ADDRESS THEIR LOCAL NEEDS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Tourism; Local Government; and Finance



Senate Bill No. 1340, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1341, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE ELECTROPLATING INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1342, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING ENGINEERS TO DISCLOSE TO ANY GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIAL INFORMATION REGARDING A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE THAT THE ENGINEER BELIEVES IN GOOD FAITH MAY POSE A DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1343, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION FOR SALE OR USE OF CLEANING AGENTS WHICH CONTAIN PHOSPHORUS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1344, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN

CONDUCT RELATING TO EXOTIC ANIMALS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1345, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL JOINT TASK FORCE ON FINANCIAL CRIMES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1346, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATION ACTIVITIES TO ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF FARMS THAT ARE NET PRODUCERS OF BOTH FOOD AND ENERGY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1347, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF HIGH INTENSITY DISCHARGE HEADLAMPS IN MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1348, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF HOSPITAL INFECTIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

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Senate Bill No. 1349, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER TEN OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1350, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OFFICE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1351, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CLASSROOM LEARNING BY EMPOWERING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO DEVELOP PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENTS THAT MEASURE HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1352, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1353, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING INDOOR FIRING RANGES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Senate Bill No. 1354, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH FOR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1355, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COURT TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU OF DETENTION 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 Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1356, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PEOPLE'S DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED INITIATIVES THROUGH A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR PERSONAL INCOME TAX

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1357, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION, PROFILING, VIOLENCE AND ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE

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AGAINST PERSONS BASED ON ETHNICITY, RACE, RELIGION OR BELIEF, LANGUAGE, DISABILITY OR OTHER STATUS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1358, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE HAZARD ALLOWANCE OF THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF THE MONTHLY BASIC SALARY FOR ALL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8439, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, RESEARCHERS AND OTHER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL IN GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1359, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING FOREIGN VESSELS TO ENGAGE IN COASTWISE TRADE IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1360, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER PROTECT THE

ENVIRONMENT FROM TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND HAZARDOUS AND NUCLEAR WASTES BY IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6969, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 AND 15 THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1361, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SCHEDULE OF FAIR MARKET VALUES OF REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE LOCAL ASSESSMENT COUNCIL AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1362, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9646, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR OSMEÑA

At this juncture, Senator Osmeña asked why Senate Bill No. 1359 was primarily referred to the

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Committee on Ways and Means rather than to the Committee on Public Services when the bill pertains to allowing cabotage for foreign vessels in the country, which should properly fall under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Public Services.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:32 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:36 p.m. the session was resumed.

Senator Cayetano (A) explained that Senate Bill No. 1359 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means because Section 9 of the bill, the repealing clause, deals specifically with Sections 902 and 1099 of Republic Act No. 1937, otherwise known as the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines; and Sections 5, 6 and 7 of Republic Act No. 9295, the Domestic Shipping Act of 2004, which concern taxation.

Senator Cayetano (A) thanked Senator Osmeña for judiciously monitoring the referral of every bill.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Thereupon, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the referral of Senate Bill No. 1359 was reconsidered.

As a consequence, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair instead referred Senate Bill No. 1359 to the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship as the primary committee; to the Committee on Public Services as the secondary committee; and to the Committee on Ways and Means as the tertiary committee.

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

(Continuation)

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

Senate Bill No. 1363, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1364, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLAND OF MALAPASCUA, PROVINCE OF CEBU AS AN ECO-TOURISM DESTINATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1365, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE COMMITTED BY COMMON CARRIERS, FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 365 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OR THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1366, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE WASTES MANAGEMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 1367, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE FUNCTIONAL AND STRUCTURAL ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1368, entitled

AN ACT TO GOVERN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1369, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT (ENT) CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1370, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE MINING WORKERS BY EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF REDUCED RETIREMENT AGE AND AFFORDING THEM CORRESPONDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1371, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1372, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY BUS DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS BY REQUIRING BUS OPERATORS TO PAY THEM FIXED MONTHLY SALARIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1373, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING LABOR CLAIMS FROM ACTIONS TO BE SUSPENDED AGAINST CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS OR ASSOCIATIONS UNDER MANAGEMENT OR RECEIVERSHIP, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 6 (C) OF P.D. 902-A, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1374, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FISHERIES ACT OF 1998 TO STRENGTHEN THE ANTI-POACHING PROVISIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1375, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR DANGEROUS DRUGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1376, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7832, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "ANTI-ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES/MATERIALS, PILFERAGE ACT OF 1994", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1377, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8749, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999'

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1378, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PROTECTION TO PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE DRIVERS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1379, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Rules

INQUIRY OF THE CHAIR

The Chair asked why Senate Bill No. 1379 was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:43 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:43 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Cayetano (A) explained that Senate Bill No. 1379 technically falls under the jurisdiction of five committees, and so it was being referred to the Committee on Rules for purposes of determining to which committee it would be referred. He added that the other bills on same matter which fall under the jurisdiction of several committees would be referred at the same time.

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

(Continuation)

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation read Senate Bill No. 1380, introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER V, SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9295, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE DOMESTIC SHIPPING DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2004."

Upon motion of Senator Osmeña, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senate Bill No. 1380 to the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship as the primary committee, and to the Committee on Public Services as the secondary committee.

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

(Continuation)

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

Senate Bill No. 1381, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESETTLEMENT, AID AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE

INFORMAL SETTLERS AFFECTED BY THE DEMOLITION OF HOUSES/DWELLINGS ALONG DANGER AREAS AS WELL AS THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES AND THOSE AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1382, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 210 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1383, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROVIDE FREE PARKING FOR ALL CUSTOMERS, PATRONS, CLIENTS, CONSUMERS AND THE LIKE, FOR THE FIRST THREE HOURS OF USE OF THE PARKING SPACE AND ITS FACILITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 1384, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL OF SPAM, WHICH IS

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UNSOLICITED COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SENT IN BULK BY ELECTRONIC MAIL OR BY TEXT OR BY MULTIMEDIA MESSAGING TO MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1385, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND CONTROL OF DEALERS IN SECONDHAND GOODS AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 1386, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE) AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (PESO), AND THE OPERATION OF JOB PLACEMENT OFFICE IN SUCs AND NGOs, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3, 6, 7, AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8759, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE ACT OF 1999

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1387, entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PENALTY

OF IMPRISONMENT IN LIBEL CASES AND PROVIDING FOR THE VENUE OF THE CIVIL ACTION IN LIBEL CASES AGAINST COMMUNITY JOURNALISTS, PUBLICATIONS OR BROADCAST STATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1388, 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 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1389, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION BY ESTABLISHING HUMAN RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1390, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 450 OF

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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, BY 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 A LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION PESOS (P220,000,000.00) FOR THE LAST TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS BASED ON THE YEAR 2010 CONSTANT PRICES

Introduced by Senator Honasan II

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1391, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 1392, entitled

AN ACT LIMITING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES BYPASSED BY THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS (CA)

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes

Senate Bill No. 1393, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY OF TENURE AND FOR THAT

PURPOSE, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1394, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TOTALLY WRECKED VEHICLE INCLUDING ITS REGISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1395, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING ECONOMIC COORDINATION, ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATE MECHANISM THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1396, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 19 AND 39 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FIVE (R.A. 7305) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1397, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT

NO. 6713, ALSO KNOWN AS AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, TO UPHOLD THE TIME-HONORED PRINCIPLE OF PUBLIC OFFICE BEING A PUBLIC TRUST, GRANTING INCENTIVES AND REWARDS FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE, ENUMERATING PROHIBITED ACTS AND TRANSACTIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1398, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 867

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1399, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Senate Bill No. 1400, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

THIRD ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

COMMUNICATION

Petition from Public Services Labor Independent Confederation (PSLINK), Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP), *et al*, RE: PETITION FOR INDIRECT INITIATIVE TO ENACT A NATIONAL LEGISLATION TITLED "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION"

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:52 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

Upon resumption, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following:

- Students and teachers of Sta. Teresa College led by Dr. Aida A. Casas, head of the College of Education, and Dr. Randy M. Baja, College Dean; and
- Dr. Emmanuel de Guzman, university president, and all the vice presidents of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) System.

The Senate President welcomed the guests to the Senate.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Acting on the request of Senator Cayetano (P), upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Senator Legarda was elected vice chairperson of the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture.

Likewise, upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development:

Members:

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| Aquino | Poe |
| Angara | Osmeña |
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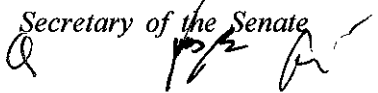
Upon her request, Senator Villar was made coauthor of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 (abolition of the pork barrel).

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 3:56 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


 OSCAR G. YABES
 Secretary of the Senate


Approved on September 4, 2013