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CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

Sen. Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano led the prayer, to wit:

*Whoever walks in integrity, walks securely.
But he who makes his way crooked will be found out.*

Proverbs 10:9

Lord, Father God, it is only You who knows the truth and the whole truth as we plead to You as a nation and lift up to You our nation. We ask You, Lord, to vindicate those who are innocent and to make found out those who are guilty.

We ask that this period of cleansing, Lord God, will be painful only to those who are guilty but would also help our nation in the path You want for us.

As we pray for the President, for our governors, mayors, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, for all our officials, the barangay captains, we ask for Your guidance, for Your love, and we ask that we will have a very productive session as we lift this up to You, and thank You for all of these, in Jesus' Mighty Name.

Amen.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:04 p.m., the session was resumed.

ROLL CALL

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

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

With 14 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Ejercito, Osmeña and Pimentel arrived after the roll call.

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

Senators Guingona and Marcos were on official mission.

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Senators Defensor Santiago and Enrile were on sick leave.

Senators Revilla and Trillanes were absent.

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. 21 (September 16, 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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 239, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY THE CORREGIDOR FOUNDATION, INC. FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE HISTORICAL CINE CORREGIDOR COMPLEX ON CORREGIDOR ISLAND AS REPORTED BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT

Introduced by Senators Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 240, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED MERCURY SPILL AT THE FABELLA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 241, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED TAX EVASION COMMITTED BY SELF-EMPLOYED PROFESSIONALS COSTING THE PHILIPPINES ABOUT P388 BILLION IN UNCOLLECTED POTENTIAL REVENUES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 242, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF RICE CARTELS IN THE RECENT INCREASE OF THE MARKET PRICE OF RICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 243, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ONION AND GARLIC SMUGGLING OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 244, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CLAIMS THAT THE COST OF THE

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NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY'S LATEST RICE IMPORTATION FROM VIETNAM WAS DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GOVERNMENT BY P457 MILLION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 245, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING OCCURRENCE OF MASSIVE FLOODING IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION DURING THE TYPHOON AND MONSOON SEASON, IN ORDER TO REVIEW THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND MITIGATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, AND TO DEVISE AND IMPLEMENT LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS TO FLOODING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Public Works

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 246, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASE OF SELF-REPORTED HUNGER AMONG FILIPINOS ACCORDING TO THE RECENT SURVEY OF THE SOCIAL WEATHER STATIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 247, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER

SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RISE OF REPORTED CASES OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS INFECTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 248, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED AGING AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 249, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED FAKE VITAMINS SOLD TO THE PARENTS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN IN CAGAYAN BY SALESPERSONS CLAIMING TO HAVE APPROVAL FROM THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND ENDORSEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 250, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED PROLIFERATION OF

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CIGARETTE SMUGGLING IN THE COUNTRY, AND REPORTED PLAN BY THE NATIONAL TOBACCO ADMINISTRATION TO IMPOSE LICENSE FEES ON SELLERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF IMPORTED TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Ways and Means

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 251, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DANGER AND RISK INVOLVED IN THE EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF SODIUM CYCLAMATE, CYCLAMIC ACID OR CALCIUM CYCLAMATE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "MAGIC SUGAR" AS FOOD ADDITIVE

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 252, entitled

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED PRIVATIZATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 253, entitled

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES

TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 254, entitled

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY ON THE ALLEGED MISUSE OF THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (PDAF) TO INCLUDE THE GRANT AND RELEASE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS), GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCS) AND THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS)/ PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS (POS)

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 255, entitled

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE HEINOUS KILLING OF KRISTELLE "KAE" DAVANTES AND URGING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ACT WITH DISPATCH IN IDENTIFYING THE PERPETRATORS OF THE CRIME SO THAT THEY MAY BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1601, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND OTHER VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS FROM EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1602, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING STRICTER PENALTIES ON THE CRIME OF DELIVERING PRISONERS FROM JAIL AND INFIDELITY IN THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 156, 223 AND 224 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1603, entitled

AN ACT TO RESTORE THE TAX EXEMPTION PRIVILEGES OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES CREATED UNDER P.D. 269, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREE," AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 193 AND 234(d) OR R.A. NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Cooperatives; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1604, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1605, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT AMBULANCES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1606, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE LAW, TO PROVIDE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES IN CORRUPTION CASES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1607, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER INCENTIVES TO LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES TO THE END THAT BOTH PRODUCTIVITY AND INCOME WILL BE INCREASED

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

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Senate Bill No. 1608, entitled

AN ACT DETERRING PROSTITUTION BY AMENDING ARTICLE 341 (WHITE SLAVE TRADE) OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, INCREASING THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT AND FINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1609, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

REQUEST OF SENATOR OSMEÑA

At this juncture, Senator Osmeña asked for a copy of the Reference of Business and the Additional Reference of Business.

The Chair directed the legislative page to give Senator Osmeña a copy of the Reference of Business and the Additional Reference of Business.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ESTRADA

Senator Estrada stated that friends from the media have been asking him if he would deliver a privilege speech that day. He said that he was supposed to deliver a privilege speech either in the day's session or in the following session but he had decided to defer it for next week.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS (Continuation)

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

Senate Bill No. 1610, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ANY MEMBER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE WHO FAILS OR REFUSES TO TESTIFY AS A WITNESS IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1611, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 177 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1612, entitled

THE PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 2013

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1613, entitled

AN ACT GIVING INDIGENT BUT GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1614, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE



PROTECTION, SECURITY AND
BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 1615, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING PRIVATE SECTOR
EMPLOYEES COMPENSATORY
TIME OFF, BIWEEKLY WORK
SCHEDULES, AND FLEXIBLE
CREDIT HOURS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1616, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING COVERAGE
FOR THE TREATMENT OF
INFERTILITY IN ANY GROUP
HEALTH PLAN OR HEALTH
INSURANCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-
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Senate Bill No. 1617, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINA-
TION IN THE PAYMENT OF
WAGES ON ACCOUNT OF SEX

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1618, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESS
ESTABLISHMENTS TO GIVE
EXACT CHANGE TO CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Trade, Commerce
and Entrepreneurship**

Senate Bill No. 1619, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN
PRACTICES INVOLVING COM-
MERCIAL USES OF TELEPHONE
FACSIMILE MACHINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1620, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FAIR DEBT
COLLECTION PRACTICES AND
REQUIRING DEBT COLLECTORS
TO OBSERVE SUCH PRACTICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 1621, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO
DISCLOSE PARTICIPATION AND
PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENDI-
TURES IN COLLEGE ATHLETIC
PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1622, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRON-
MENTAL MARKETING CLAIMS
MONITORING PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

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Senate Bill No. 1623, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BEST PRACTICES GUIDELINES IN THE EFFORTS AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSON

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1624, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR SPORTS

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 1625, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING THE NEW CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES (REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386 AS AMENDED) ARTICLES 804, 805, 810 AND 811, PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF VIDEO TAPES OR OTHER SIMILAR VISUAL RECORDING DEVICE FOR TESTAMENTARY DISPOSITION OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEDENT

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 1626, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (NAATEI)

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1627, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE (PIMRO) IN ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1628, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE NATIONAL EDUCATION TESTING AND RESEARCH CENTER (NETRC) INTO A NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION AUTHORITY (NEAEA), DEFINING ITS STRUCTURE, POWER AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1629, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PLAN FOR TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CONTROL AND PROVIDING RELIABLE DRUGS SUPPLY AND FREE LABORATORY MONITORING SERVICE TO TB PATIENTS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1630, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REASONABLE

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COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE LOSS OF LIVES, INJURIES AND DAMAGES TO PROPERTY SUFFERED BY NON-COMBATANT INDIVIDUALS IN THE COURSE OF OPERATIONS BY THE MILITARY, POLICE AND/OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; National Defense and Security; and Finance

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

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

- Political Science students from Far Eastern University-Manila; and,
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy and Bachelor in Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management students from San Juan De Dios Educational Foundation, Inc.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:30 p.m., the session was resumed.

COAUTHOR

In consultation with the principal author, Senator Trillanes, Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that Senator Angara is a coauthor of Senate Bill No. 480 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 2.

CHANGE OF REFERRALS

In line with the amendments of the Rules that were recently approved, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of the referrals of the following to the appropriate committees hereunder indicated:

1. From the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship to the Committee on Agriculture and Food as the primary committee and the former as the secondary committee:
 - Proposed Senate Resolution No. 238 (inquiry on policies and practices on the importation of garlic and onions vis-à-vis claims of monopolization of the distribution of onions)
2. From the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture:
 - Senate Bill No. 412 (declaring December 26 of every year as a national special nonworking holiday to be known as “Filipino Day of Goodwill” or “Boxing Day”) introduced by Senator Marcos;
 - Senate Bill No. 418 (moving the observance of Rizal Day from December 30 to June 19, amending for the purpose Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292) introduced by Senator Marcos;
 - Senate Bill No. 438 (amending Republic Act No. 8491, the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines) introduced by Senator Escudero;
 - Senate Bill No. 551 (enforcing the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion by students of public schools) introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada;
 - Senate Bill No. 868 (declaring July 27 of every year a special national holiday in observance of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo) introduced by Senator Estrada;
 - Senate Bill No. 1016 (declaring July 27 of every year a national holiday to commemorate the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo) introduced by Senator Revilla; and

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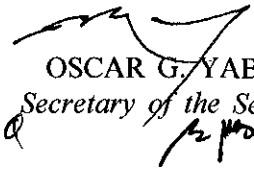
- Senate Bill No. 1106 (declaring the Chinese New Year as a special non-working holiday) introduced by Senator Legarda.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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 3:35 p.m.


OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 18, 2013