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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:22 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

PRAYER

The Body observed a minute of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

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

Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Binay, M. L. N. 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.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Sotto III, V. C.
Estrada, J.	Villar, C. A.
Honasan, G. B.	

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

Senator Legarda arrived after the roll call.

Senators Angara, Cayetano (A) and Guingona were on official mission.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senators Lapid and Trillanes were absent.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 34 (November 27, 2013) and considered it approved.

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto inquired on the status of the Journal of Session No. 33.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, the session was suspended.

It was 3:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:26 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senate President Drilon said that during the break, he explained to Senator Sotto that the Journal of Session No. 33 was still being worked on and would be printed and presented for the Body's approval at the appropriate time.

Senator Sotto stated that he had on hand a copy of the draft of the Journal of Session No. 33 and that on page 75 thereof, the senators who were designated as members of the Senate panel in the bicameral conference committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 2630 were Senators Escudero,

Guingona, Osmeña, Legarda, Recto and Cayetano (A), on the part of the Majority; and Senators Estrada and himself, on the part of the Minority. On the same day, he said that he received a letter from Senate Secretary Yabes informing him of his membership in the bicameral conference committee on the disagreeing votes on the said bill, in effect, conforming with what was reflected in the Journal of Session No. 33.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1946, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF FAMILY PRIVACY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 1947, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS IN CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1948, entitled

AN ACT MAKING ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY A SEPARATE SUBJECT AND COMPULSORY AT GRADE SIX AND GRADE TWELVE OF THE ENHANCED K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1949, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S STANDING IN THE SPORT OF BOXING AND TO ENSURE THE WELFARE OF BOXING ATHLETES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1950, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING MALICIOUS USE OF A TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1951, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING LEGITIMATE CHILDREN TO BEAR THE SURNAME OF THE FATHER AND/OR THE MOTHER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 174

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 1952, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO HELP IMPROVE THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM BY PROVIDING GRANTS TO STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE INCLUSION OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF EARLY EDUCATION PRECEDING THE YEAR A CHILD ENTERS KINDERGARTEN

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1953, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1954, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABO IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF LABO

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 1955, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 1956, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SEC. 393 (d) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1957, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CRIME AND ESTABLISHING A VICTIM'S BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Youth

Senate Bill No. 1958, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY AND FOR DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS REGARDING CASES OF HEPATITIS C AMONG FIRE-FIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1959, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE (1) HEALTH WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY, INCREASING THEIR SALARIES AND BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1960, entitled

AN ACT TO INSTITUTE A FREE PUBLIC COLLEGE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1961, entitled

AN ACT REVIVING THE PHILIPPINE MOVIE INDUSTRY BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO THE PROPRIETORS, LESSEES, OPERATORS OF THEATERS AND CINEMAS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1962, entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT IN LIBEL CASES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 355 AND 360 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, 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. 1963, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) AND AUTHORIZING ITS AUTOMATIC RETENTION, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 284 AND 286 OF R.A. NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1964, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1965, entitled

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) PER ANNUM FOR EVERY BARANGAY FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO CONSTITUTE A FUND KNOWN AS THE RURAL LIVELIHOOD AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 1966, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

The Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1967, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING REPARATION TO WRONGLY JAILED INDIVIDUALS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1968, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RELIEF FROM AND EXECUTION OF FINAL DECISIONS AND AWARDS OF THE

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION AND THE LABOR ARBITERS THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 223 AND 224 OF P.D. 442, AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1969, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND CREATING AN INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1970, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 123 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, BY REQUIRING THE REGIONAL BOARD TO ISSUE A WAGE ORDER EVERY YEAR OR AN EXPLANATION FOR NOT ISSUING SUCH WAGE ORDER

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1971, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 (PARAGRAPH 58) OF R.A. 8550, ENTITLED: AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, INTEGRATING ALL

LAWS PERTINENT THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1972, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 352 AND 513 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1973, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING FRANKING PRIVILEGE TO THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION AND FOR THER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1974, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1975, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF RECYCLABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS FOR THE PACKAGING OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1976, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A "TULONG-DUNONG PROGRAM" FOR STUDENTS OF UNDERPRIVILEGED FAMILIES AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF ONE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P100,000,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1977, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FARMERS ORGANIZATION IN THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY COUNCIL AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1770, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1978, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 226-B OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE 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. 1979, entitled:

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 178 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE (ACT

NO. 3815, AS AMENDED) BY INCREASING THE PENALTY PROVIDED THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1980, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 1981, entitled

AN ACT TO DECLARE APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERNANDO MAGALLANES IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521, TO BE KNOWN AS "LAPU-LAPU DAY" OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1982, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING MARRIED OR LEGALLY SEPARATED WOMEN TO USE THEIR MAIDEN FIRST NAME AND SURNAME, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY AND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO OF RA. 386, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND

ARTICLE 63 OF E.O. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 1983, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING PUBLIC OFFICERS FOR RELEASING PRISONERS IN ORDER TO COMMIT A CRIME AND ALLOWING THEM TO RETURN TO PRISON, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING ARTICLE 223 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1984, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AVIATION NOISE MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1985, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING WORKERS THE RIGHT TO OWN AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO BUY A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF AUTHORIZED SHARES OF STOCKS OF ANY COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AS WELL AS RELIGIOUS, MEDICAL OR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OPERATED FOR PROFIT AND TO ENSURE WORKERS' REPRESENTATION IN NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS AND ENTERPRISES, AND

TO ENCOURAGE PRODUCTIVITY, PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Introduced by Senator Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1986, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Letter of His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino III, dated 22 November 2013, submitting for the Senate's consideration the *Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) Establishing the PEMSEA Resource Facility Center*, which was signed on July 2012 in Manila, Philippines.

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 27 November 2013, the House of Representatives elected Representatives Ungab, Nava, Angping, Almario, Ong, Cua, Evardone, Singson, Lobregat, Gonzales II, Banal, Madrona, Zamora and Albano III as its conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 2630, entitled

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

To the Committee on Rules

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 2 December 2013, the House of Representatives passed House Joint Resolution No. 7, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CALAMITY FUND AND QUICK RESPONSE FUND, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS ALL UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS AND UNRELEASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FY 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREIN,

in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

To the Committees on Finance

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 393, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S), TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MOTIVE(S) BEHIND THE ZAMBOANGA CITY SIEGE IN SEPTEMBER 2013 WHICH RESULTED IN A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN THE SAID CITY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING

MEASURES TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF A SIMILAR INCIDENT IN THE FUTURE

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Peace Unification and Reconciliation

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 394, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE SENATE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH IN DECEMBER 2013

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 395, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING NONITO "THE FILIPINO FLASH" DONAIRE FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN AGAINST VIC DARCHINYAN AND FOR DISPLAYING THE FILIPINO ATHLETE'S UNWAVERING PERSEVERANCE

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 396, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES LAW STUDENTS FOR WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE EAST ASIA REGIONAL ROUND OF THE 18TH STETSON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 397, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXER DONNIE "AHAS" NIETES FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING HIS WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION (WBO) LIGHT FLYWEIGHT TITLE, VIA A THIRD-ROUND KNOCKOUT, AGAINST MEXICAN BOXER SAMMY GUTIERREZ AT THE SMART-ARANETA COLISEUM IN QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES ON 30 NOVEMBER 2013

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

**MESSAGES OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Letters of His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino III, dated 27 November 2013, certifying to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 3423, entitled

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FOURTEEN BILLION SIX HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P14,600,000,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2013 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

to address the immediate need to augment the existing Calamity Fund and ensure continued and sustained implementation of rehabilitation efforts in calamity stricken areas. The supplemental appropriation will enhance the government's capacity to initiate the repair and reconstruction of massively damaged infrastructure and to further fund various necessary capital expenditures;

House Joint Resolution No. 7, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CALAMITY FUND

AND QUICK RESPONSE FUND, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS ALL UNRELEASED/UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS COVERING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FY 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS THEREIN,

to address the immediate need for the government to implement aggressive and continuous relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the areas afflicted by the recently experienced natural and man-made disasters and calamities in our country. The magnitude of the destruction created by these successive catastrophies necessitates the utilization of every available and unused appropriations and allotments in the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act, including unobligated allotments for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO), realigned savings for the current year and the extension of the validity of both the Calamity Fund and Quick Response Fund until December 31, 2014.

To the Committee on Rules

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Senator Pimentel acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Makati City Vice Mayor Romulo "Kid" Peña and his staff.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 394

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 394, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICI-

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**PATION OF THE SENATE IN THE
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH
IN DECEMBER 2013.**

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

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 55 declared December of every year as the National Volunteer Month in order to raise national awareness of the role volunteerism plays in shaping the social, economic, and political landscape of the country, to create an environment that is conducive to volunteerism in our society, and to give due recognition to volunteers who selflessly devoted time and effort in serving others;

WHEREAS, this year's observance of the National Volunteer Month centers on the role of volunteers in our battle against the spread of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the country, and accordingly adopts the theme, "Volunteer for the Millennium Development Goals: Combat HIV and AIDS";

WHEREAS, the number of reported cases in the country involving these diseases that compromise the human immune system for the last six years has shown a steep rise – from less than one case reported per day in 2006 to fifteen cases per day in 2013;

WHEREAS, the drastic increase in the statistics on HIV and AIDS infections in the country has merited the attention of the government which has been taking aggressive measures to stifle the growth of said numbers, such as identifying the fight against these diseases as one of our Millennium Development Goals and initiating activities consistent with this goal;

WHEREAS, recognizing the power of volunteerism in attaining the collective aspirations of the people, the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support to and active participation in the observance of the National Volunteer Month in December 2013, and encourages all stakeholders, whether in the public or private arena, to take part in the activities organized by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency consistent with the theme of this year's commemoration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support to and

active participation in the observance of the National Volunteer Month in December 2013, and encouraging all public and private stakeholders to take part in the activities set by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency consistent with the theme: "Volunteer for the Millennium Development Goals: Combat HIV and AIDS."

COAUTHORS

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, all members present were made coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 394.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO.394**

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 394 was adopted by the Body.

COAUTHOR

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, Senator Villar was made coauthor of Senate Bill No. 592 (establishing the Sugarcane Industry Development Fund).

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, the session was suspended.

It was 3:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:45 p.m., the session was resumed.

**THIRD ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Secretary of the Senate read Committee Report No. 6, submitted by the Committee on Finance, on House Joint Resolution No. 7, introduced by Representative Belmonte, *et al.*, which the Chair assigned to the Calendar for Ordinary Business, entitled

**JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE
VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS
UNDER THE CALAMITY FUND
AND QUICK RESPONSE FUND,
INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED**

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FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS ALL UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS AND UNRELEASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FY 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREIN,

recommending its approval with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Joint Resolution No. 5.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Drilon

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of House Joint Resolution No. 7 (Committee Report No. 6) from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 6 ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Second Reading, House Joint Resolution No. 7 (Committee Report No. 6), entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CALAMITY FUND AND QUICK RESPONSE FUND, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS ALL UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS AND UNRELEASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FY 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREIN,

taking into consideration Senate Joint Resolution No. 5.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, with the permission of the Body, upon motion of Senator Pimentel, only the title of the joint resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator Escudero, chairman of the Committee on Finance, for the sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR ESCUDERO

Senator Escudero said that he was adopting the "Whereas" clauses found in Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, filed by Senate President Drilon, as well as the "Whereas" clauses in the House Joint Resolution No. 7 as part of his sponsorship speech of the measure.

Following are the texts of the resolutions:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, Section 63 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 10352, otherwise known as An Act Appropriating Funds for the Operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand and Thirteen, and for other Purposes, provides:

"Sec. 63. *Availability of Appropriations.* All appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purposes specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto, until the end of FY 2013: *PROVIDED*, That a report of these releases and obligations shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on Finance and House Committee on Appropriations, either in printed form or by way of an electronic document."

WHEREAS, the magnitude 7.2 earthquake that hit the Province of Bohol and parts of Cebu last October caused severe damage to a number of buildings, roads, bridges and other vital infrastructure which necessitates massive reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts on the part of the government;

WHEREAS, while the country is still mending the damage caused by the earthquake

and typhoons Odette, Santi and Vinta, super typhoon Yolanda hit parts of the country with unparalleled devastating force that nearly flattened the whole province of Leyte and other areas of the Visayas;

WHEREAS, the successive calamities which caused considerable loss of lives and property also disrupted the rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts of the national government and local government units;

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the government to implement aggressive and continuous relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected areas to enable our people and communities to recover from the damage caused by the said calamities;

WHEREAS, given the massive effects of these calamities, the government may not be able to obligate funds necessary to fully implement the above measures before the end of this fiscal year: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, by the Senate and the House of Representatives, To extend the validity of appropriations under the Calamity Fund and Quick Response Funds under the budgets of the implementing agencies, including those sourced from savings realigned in the current year, as well as unobligated/unreleased allotments for calamity-related projects covering maintenance and other operating expenses and capital outlays under Republic Act No. 10352, or the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act, until December 31, 2014, amending for the purpose Section 63 of the General Provisions of the said Act.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That, for this purpose, the implementing agencies shall first secure the favorable endorsement by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the calamity related projects that will be covered by the extended validity of allotments authorized therein.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, That the Department of Budget and Management shall issue such guidelines as may be necessary to properly implement this Joint Resolution.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 07

WHEREAS, Section 63 of the General Provisions in Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10352 or the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act (GAA) provides:

“Sec. 63. Availability of Appropriations. All appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release

and obligation for the purposes specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto, until the end of FY 2013: Provided, That a report on these releases and obligations shall be submitted to the Senate Committee on Finance and House Committee on Appropriations, either in printed form or by way of electronic document.”

WHEREAS, the country has been affected by several natural and man-made disasters and calamities including, but not limited to, the devastating typhoons “Labuyo,” “Odette,” “Pablo,” “Sendong,” “Santi” and “Vinta,” the siege and unrest in Zamboanga City, the magnitude 7.2 earthquake in Bohol and Cebu, and the recent onslaught of Super Typhoon “Yolanda” which severely hit the Visayas and Central Philippines, including Southern Tagalog;

WHEREAS, the onslaught of said calamities affected individuals and communities and drastically shook the nation’s core and disrupted government functions, especially those in the areas of relief and rescue operations;

WHEREAS, given the overwhelming effects of these calamities to the country, the national and local governments may not be able to obligate funds necessary to fully implement the programs and projects specified in the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act before the end of the fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) for FY 2013 are urgently needed for the implementation of priority programs and projects, such as the maintenance, reconstructions, repair and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, roads, bridges, and other buildings and essential facilities as well as other expenditures required for the operations of the national and local governments;

WHEREAS, the massive mobilization of private individuals, organizations, corporations and local government units during the recent relief operations exemplified the need for the entire country to assist and contribute to the rehabilitation process;

WHEREAS, it is clearly imperative that Section 63 of the General Provisions of R.A. No. 10352 should be amended such that the validity of the appropriations for MOOE and CO in the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act is extended for another fiscal year or until December 31, 2014: *Now, therefore, be it*

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Resolved by the House of Representatives and the Senate, voting separately, To extend the validity of appropriations under the Calamity Fund and the Quick Response Fund, including those sourced from savings realigned in the current year, as well as all unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlays under Republic Act No. 10352 or the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act until December 31, 2014, amending for the purpose Section 63 of the General Provisions therein.

Senator Escudero pointed out that the joint resolution simply seeks to extend the validity of the unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations for 2013 which, by virtue of Section 63 of the General Appropriations Act of 2013, would end by December 31, 2013, and to extend it until December 31, 2014 in order for the government to utilize the balance to fund the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas devastated by calamities that hit the country recently and in the past.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR RECTO

Preliminarily, Senator Recto asked the exact amount of appropriation that the Body was deliberating on. Senator Escudero replied that it is P12 billion, which, according to DBM Secretary Abad during the hearing on the joint resolution, excludes the P14.6 billion, originally the PDAF items on the 2013 budget that would be the subject of a supplemental budget. He affirmed that the Body is extending the validity of the P12 billion once the resolution is passed.

As to the total amount of the Calamity Fund and the Quick Response Fund (QRF), Senator Escudero replied that the Calamity Fund and Quick Response Fund would likely be exhausted by the end of the year unless they are augmented from the savings realigned in the current year as well as from all unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations for MOOE and Capital Outlays, totalling P12 billion.

Asked if the savings, unobligated allotments and unreleased appropriations from MOOE and Capital Outlays would be allotted to the Calamity Fund and Quick Response Fund of the various agencies under the 2013 budget, Senator Escudero affirmed, clarifying that the said items were not being extended. He explained that in his discussion with Secretary Abad, he was told that the controlling word would

be “sourced,” meaning the “savings sourced from” MOOE and Capital Outlay would go to the Calamity Fund and the Quick Response Fund. He agreed to an amendment to ensure that the intention of the resolution would be served.

Asked by the Chair if there would be a realignment of the Capital Outlay and MOOE for 2013 to the Calamity Fund and Quick Response Fund, Senator Escudero clarified that it would not be a realignment because the unobligated allotment and unreleased appropriations in the 2013 GAA would constitute savings which would go to the Calamity Fund and Quick Response Fund as they are expected to be exhausted by the end of the year. He agreed with Senator Recto and the Chair to improve the language of the resolution not only to clarify its intent but also to adhere to the requirement of the Constitution that the title must only have one subject matter.

Moreover, Senator Escudero agreed to consider at the appropriate time the following amendments as suggested by Senator Recto:

- On page 2, to delete the words “local governments” on the third “Whereas” clause, as the GAA has nothing to do with local governments;
- On the same page, to amend the fourth “Whereas” clause, to be consistent with the purpose to assist victims of the calamities; and
- On the same page, to amend the last paragraph, to clarify that the “fund” being maintained refers to the Calamity Fund and the QRF.

Asked to explain the term “special budget” on the proposed final resolatory clause, Senator Escudero explained that it would be a shopping list emanating from the departments on how they will utilize the lump-sum appropriations found in their respective QRFs as well as the Calamity Fund which would be the basis for the issuance of a SARO. He added that all releases from those items would require a SARO and the itemized utilization of the lump-sum would be submitted to Congress via quarterly reports.

As to how the process would work, Senator Escudero said that once the measure is passed, the departments would submit their proposals to the DBM which, in turn, would approve the list and issue the corresponding SARO; thereafter, the department would submit a report to Congress and to COA on the fund expenditures. He admitted that

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it would be difficult, at present, for the Executive to give Congress a detailed list of the proposals as the data was not yet available.

Further, Senator Escudero said that Section 35 of the Administrative Code is found in all of the lump-sum appropriations in the 2014 proposed national budget so that Congress can be apprised as to how the lump-sum items would be utilized.

Asked for the total additional spending for next year, Senator Escudero replied that there would be an additional P12 billion pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 7; P14.6 billion as supplemental budget; P16.9 billion for the Calamity Fund and QRF for 2014; P100 billion in programmed and unprogrammed funds for 2014, or a total of P143.5 billion.

As to how the Calamity Fund would be used, Senator Escudero explained that as defined in RA 10121, the Calamity Fund may be used for preventive or mitigation projects, adaptation, relief, rehabilitation and construction, while QRFs are purely for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction. He underscored that the programmed and unprogrammed funds amounting to P100 billion would be used only for construction purposes.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Asked by Senator Legarda if the Calamity Fund is under the Office of the President or whether it refers to certain funds in various agencies of the government, Senator Escudero stated that the Calamity Fund is under the Office of the President, while the QRF is lodged in the various departments.

Asked how much is the Calamity Fund, the validity of which is proposed to be extended, Senator Escudero said that during the hearing, Secretary Abad informed the Committee that the fund amounting to P12 billion would expire by December 31, 2013, by virtue of Section 63 of the GAA of 2013, and that the passage of the measure would extend the fund until December 31, 2014.

As to who is authorized to disburse the fund, Senator Escudero stated that the line agencies will disburse the QRFs while the Office of the President, through the NDRRMC, will disburse the Calamity Fund. He then cited the following departments that have Quick Response Funds: DSWD, DND (OCD

and DND Proper); DPWH; DepEd; and Department of Agriculture. He also disclosed that according to Secretary Abad, the balance of the Calamity Fund is P12 billion while the QRFs of line agencies have been completely exhausted and were only augmented on several occasions through their savings.

Asked which funds are sought to be extended, Senator Escudero said that it would be the Calamity Fund and the QRF as well as the savings from the unobligated allotments and the unreleased appropriations.

As to the purpose of the funds, Senator Escudero stated that the purpose is to help in the reconstruction of areas that were affected by several natural and man-made calamities including, but not limited to, the devastations of typhoons *Labuyo*, *Odette*, *Pablo*, *Sendong*, *Santi*, *Vinta*, the Zamboanga siege, the magnitude 7.2 earthquake in Bohol and the recent onslaught of super typhoon *Yolanda*. He reiterated that the funding for the QRF would come from the savings from various items in the 2013 national budget and would be coursed through the six agencies.

Asked why, despite the passage of the NDRRMC law in 2010, the fund was still called "calamity fund," Senator Escudero explained that the term "Calamity Fund" was still being used because it was the term used in the 2013 budget. But he stated that the 2014 GAA would already reflect the term "NDRRM Fund."

Asked if the "Calamity Fund" could only be used for the purposes mentioned and not for pre-disaster activities, preparedness or mitigation activities in areas not covered by the calamities mentioned, Senator Escudero said that notwithstanding the title of the fund, it can be used for said purposes since RA 10121 authorized, not only the change of name from "Calamity Fund" to "NDRRM Fund" but also its use in mitigation and prevention purposes. He further explained that the disbursement of the Calamity Fund would need the concurrence of the NDRRMC, while that of the QRF would only need the approval of the department secretary.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

On whether the DOH was included in the measure insofar as the QRF was concerned, Senator Escudero

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replied that the DOH was not included because it did not have a QRF and therefore there is no item or fund to extend.

Senator Cayetano (P) expressed concern that in the event that the QRFs and the Calamity Fund are divided among the agencies, the DOH might not receive anything. Senator Escudero clarified that the DOH would not receive anything from the QRF but would have an allocation from the Calamity Fund.

Senator Cayetano (P) lamented that despite the DOH's request for a QRF, it was never approved and that only because of the recent calamity, has it been included in the 2014 budget.

On whether an amendment to the measure could be introduced to ensure that the DOH would have a QRF, Senator Escudero stated that as far as the calamity areas are concerned, the Calamity Fund of the President has been used to fund the DOH's needs. He gave assurance that QRFs for DOH and DOTC would be included in the P14.6 billion supplemental budget.

Senator Cayetano (P) pointed out that the Calamity Fund is like a lump-sum fund that would be given away by Congress, while the QRF would be divided among the six agencies, with the public knowing where the funds would go. She expressed concern over the fact that the Calamity Fund has no breakdown and that there was no specific allocation for DOH.

Senator Escudero stated that the Committee on Finance has already proposed the creation of a QRF for DOH; however, upon discussions with DOH, DBM and the Office of the President, they agreed on the need to augment the funds of the DOH from existing items to enable the DOH to perform its mandate, especially in the area of epidemic and disease prevention.

Senator Cayetano (P) also noted that no capital outlay was given to PGH, an institution that needed it the most, and one that the DOH relies on for expertise in epidemiology and other technical requirements during such calamities.

At this juncture, Senate President Drilon pointed out that the measure on the floor would only extend the authorization under the 2013 budget which would otherwise expire by the end of 2013. He said that the concerns of Senator Cayetano (P) can be

addressed in the supplemental budget which the Body would address after the passage of the resolution.

Senator Escudero assured the Body that the issue raised by Senator Cayetano (P) would be addressed. He agreed with Senator Cayetano (P) that the GAB did not include a budget for capital outlay for PGH, although the Senate included it in its version.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no further interpellation, upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations and proceeded to the period of committee amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Escudero, the session was suspended.

It was 6:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:26 p.m., the session was resumed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As proposed by Senator Escudero, there being no objection, the following committee amendments were approved by the Body, one after the other, subject to style:

1. On the fourth WHEREAS clause, line 2, after the word "national," delete the words "and local" and delete the letter "s" in the word "governments";
2. On the fifth WHEREAS clause, line 4, insert the phrase IN CALAMITY-STRICKEN AREAS after the word "projects";
3. On the same WHEREAS clause, last line, delete the words "and local"; thereafter, replace the word "governments" with GOVERNMENT;
4. Delete the resolatory clause from pages 2 to 3, and in lieu thereof, insert the following: RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, VOTING SEPARATELY, TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT

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YEAR, AS WELL AS ALL UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS AND UNRELEASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FY 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUGMENTING THE CALAMITY FUND AS WELL AS THE QUICK RESPONSE FUNDS.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR OSMEÑA

Senator Osmeña asked whether the intention of the resolution was to transfer funds from the MOOE to the Calamity Fund or whether it was merely meant to extend the life of the MOOE. In response, Senator Escudero explained that the resolution would effectively extend the validity of the 2013 GAA considering its expiration on December 31, 2013. He said that the extension would make the savings available to be used to augment the Calamity Fund and the QRFs. He said that the resolatory clause and the title of the resolution would be amended accordingly.

Senator Osmeña said that if the only intention was to extend the 2013 GAA, the rest of the wordings in the title of the resolution would be superfluous because the extension would automatically cover the right and the ability of the DBM or the President to realign the fund.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Escudero, the session was suspended.

It was 6:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:36 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Escudero said that he has already explained to Senator Osmena the intent of the resolution.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

(Continuation)

As proposed by Senator Escudero, there being no objection, the Body approved the following committee amendments, one after the other:

1. After the resolatory clause, insert the following paragraph: *RESOLVED, FURTHER*, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) AND THE IMPLEMENTING DEPARTMENT/AGENCY, SHALL SUBMIT EITHER IN PRINTED FORM OR BY WAY OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, AND THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS ON THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS. THE DBM AND THE DBM'S WEB ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS OR HER EQUIVALENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE SAID QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE LIKEWISE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE DBM AND THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT;
2. Insert a final resolatory clause, to wit: *RESOLVED, FINALLY*, THAT RELEASES FROM THE SAID FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO SECTION 35, CHAPTER 5, BOOK VI OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292;
3. Amend the title to read as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS FROM ALL UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS AND UNRELEASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREIN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUGMENTING THE CALAMITY FUND AND THE QUICK RESPONSE FUNDS.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

There being no other committee amendment, upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of committee amendments and proceeded to the period of individual amendments.

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**OMNIBUS AMENDMENT
OF SENATE PRESIDENT DRILON**

As proposed by Senate President Drilon and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, wherever found in the resolution, the Body approved to replace the phrase "for the purpose of augmenting the calamity fund" with FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF AUGMENTING THE CALAMITY FUND.

**TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD
OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS**

There being no individual amendment, upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Escudero, the session was suspended.

It was 6:40 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7**

Submitted to a vote, with the majority voting in favor and with Senator Enrile registering his abstention, House Joint Resolution No. 7 was approved on Second Reading.

PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION

Upon direction of the Chair, Secretary Yabes read the President's certification as to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Joint Resolution No. 7, to wit:

Malacañang Palace
Manila

27 November 2013

Honorable Franklin Drilon
President
Philippine Senate
Pasay City

Dear Senate President Drilon:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 6, Section 26, paragraph 2 of the 1987 Constitution,

I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Joint Resolution No. 7, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE CALAMITY FUND AND QUICK RESPONSE FUND, INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS ALL UNRELEASED AND UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS COVERING APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREIN,

to address the immediate need for the government to implement aggressive and continuous relief rehabilitation and the construction efforts in the areas afflicted by the recent experienced natural and manmade disaster and calamities in our country, the magnitude of the destruction created by these successive catastrophes necessitates the utilization of every available and unused appropriations and allotments in the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act, including unobligated allotments from Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOE) and Capital Outlays (CO), realigned savings for the current year and extension of the validity of both the calamity fund and quick response until December 31, 2014.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III
President

**APPROVAL OF HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 7 ON THIRD READING**

In view of the presidential certification, upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Joint Resolution No. 7.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, Secretary Yabes read only the title of the resolution, to wit:

**JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE
VALIDITY OF APPROPRIATIONS**

INCLUDING THOSE SOURCED FROM SAVINGS REALIGNED IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AS WELL AS FROM ALL UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENTS AND UNRELEASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10352 OR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 63 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS THEREIN, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF AUGMENTING THE CALAMITY FUND AND THE QUICK RESPONSE FUNDS.

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, there being no objection, the Chair declared in order voting on Third Reading, on House Joint Resolution No. 7, as amended.

Secretary Yabes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Binay	Osmeña
Cayetano (P)	Pimentel
Drilon	Poe
Ejercito	Recto
Escudero	Sotto
Legarda	Villar

Against

None

Abstention

Enrile

With 12 senators voting in favor, none against, and one abstention, the Chair declared House Joint Resolution No. 7, as amended, approved on Third Reading.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 6:45 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on December 4, 2013