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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:20 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

SILENT 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:

Angara, S.	Honasan, G. B.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Cayetano, A. P. C. 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.	

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

Senator Osmeña arrived after the roll call.

Senator Guingona was on official mission.

Senators Cayetano (P), Legarda and Villar were on official mission abroad.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senator Trillanes was absent.

**DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL
OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body deferred the consideration and approval of the Journal of Session No. 32 (November 18, 19, 20, 21 and 25, 2013) as it is being finalized.

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. 1937, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIP-
PINE ATMOSPHERIC GEOPHYSICAL
AND ASTRONOMICAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION (PAGASA) AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

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Senate Bill No. 1939, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING ELECTRONIC OR ONLINE MODALITIES FOR THE PROMULGATION OF LAWS, RESOLUTIONS, RULES AND OTHER ISSUANCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 18, 24 AND 25 CHAPTER 5, BOOK 1 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1940, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE DEPARTMENT (ERD), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (A.P.)

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

Senate Bill No. 1941, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 1942, entitled

AN ACT ADJUSTING THE LEVEL OF NET TAXABLE INCOME AND NOMINAL TAX RATES FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTING THE INDIVIDUAL

INCOME TAX AMENDING SECTION 24(A) (2) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1943, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" A. Aquino IV

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1944, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING TAX RELIEF TO THE LABOR SECTOR BY EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF EXCLUSIONS FROM GROSS INCOME AND INCREASING THE AMOUNTS OF *DE MINIMIS* BENEFITS EXEMPT FROM TAX AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 32(B) AND 33 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1945, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE RENT CONTROL PERIOD OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS, AMENDING THEREBY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9653, ENTITLED "AN ACT ESTABLISHING REFORMS

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IN THE REGULATION OF RENT OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL UNITS, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 377, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA), NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO), AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ISSUING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS EVIDENCING IDENTITY AND OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION (E.G. PASSPORTS, BIRTH CERTIFICATES, CLEARANCES, CERTIFICATIONS AND THE LIKE), TO WAIVE THEIR FEES FOR THE VICTIMS OF SUPER TYPHOON “YOLANDA,” AS SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR EMPLOYMENT, AVAILMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES, FOR REENROLLMENT OF PUPILS AND STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 378, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO ASSESS, INQUIRE AND LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE POST DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AFTER TYPHOON *YOLANDA* DEVASTATED THE VISAYAS REGION AND ITS NEARBY PROVINCES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF

ENACTING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF THE SAME AND TO STRENGTHEN REPUBLIC ACT 10121 OR THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Trillanes IV

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 379, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PEOPLE’S CHAMP AND SARANGANI CONGRESSMAN MANNY “PACMAN” PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST AMERICAN BOXER BRANDON LEE RIOS AT THE VENETIAN MACAO IN MACAO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION ON 24 NOVEMBER 2013

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 380, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SARANGANI REP. MANNY “PACMAN” PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION’S INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST BRANDON “BAM BAM” RIOS, STAGING HIS COMEBACK AND INSPIRING FILIPINOS WITH HIS RARE AND DOMINANT PERFORMANCE

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committee on Rules

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following message from the



House of Representatives, which the Chair referred to the Committee on Rules:

**MESSAGES FROM THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Letters from the Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated 1, 7 and 12 August 2013, designating Representatives Biazon, Lobregat, Celeste, Pagdilao and Bello III as House Members to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the AFP Modernization Act;

Representatives Baguilat, Jr., Bag-ao, Antonio and Fortuno to the Congressional Oversight Committee on Agrarian Reform;

Representatives Mendoza, Andaya Jr., Guanlao, Sacdalan, Unabia, Caminero and Violago to the Congressional Oversight Committee on Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization Act;

Representatives Villar and Matugas to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Anti-Dumping;

Representatives Collantes, Apostol, Banal, Ong, Treñas, Cayetano and Tejada to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Anti-Money Laundering Act;

Representatives Sarmiento, Erice, Barzaga Jr., Padilla, Ortega, Lopez and Ty to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Automated Election System;

Representatives Umali, Mendoza, Villar, Cosalan, Amatong, Agarao Jr. and Colmenares to the Biofuels Oversight Committee;

Representatives Sarmiento, Madrona, Teodoro, Lopez and Lagdameo Jr. to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Civil Aviation Authority;

Representatives Fernandez, Cerafica, Tugna, Lagdameo and Calalay Jr. to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Clean Air Act;

Representatives Garay, Aggabao, Batocabe, Hataman-Salliman and Dayanghirang

to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Climate Change Act;

Representatives Belmonte Jr., Castelo, Bataoil, Calixto-Rubiano, Gunigundo I, Ilagan and Angara-Castillo to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act;

Representatives Paez, Garin Jr., Primicias-Agabas, Arnaiz and Go to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Cooperatives;

Representatives Robes, Cojuangco, Panotes, Chipeco Jr., De Jesus, Jalosjos and Paquiz to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Credit Information System;

Representatives Cojuangco, Ungab, Suansing, Macapagal Arroyo and Siquian Go to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Enhanced Basic Educational Program;

Representatives Ferrer, Acop, Balindong, Alejano, Albano III and Flores Jr. to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Human Security Act;

Representatives Nograles, Ramos Jr., Aglipay, Mendoza and Flores Jr. to the Congressional Oversight Committee on Labor and Employment;

Representatives Montejo, Villar, Collantes, Ungab, Tinio and Zarate to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Magna Carta for Small Enterprises;

Representatives Bello, Zamora, Sema, Pacquiao and Señeres Sr. to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995 as amended;

Representatives Eriguel, Benitez, Ting, Vargas-Alfonso, Gatchalian and Tambunting to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the National Health Insurance Act;

Representatives Quimbo, Tupas Jr., Dy, Javier, Quisumbing, Ridon and Colmenares to

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the Oversight Committee on the Official Development Assistance;

Representatives Castro, Bichara, Salvacion Jr., Leonardia, Mendoza, Jalosjos, Albano III and Romualdez to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Overseas Absentee Voting Act;

Representatives Bagatsing, Romulo, Hagedorn, Del Mar and Suarez to the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Philippine Clean Water Act;

Representatives Quimbo, Briones, Duavit, Fariñas and Garin to the Congressional Oversight Committee on Physical Examination of Imported Articles;

Representatives Umali, Abad, Rodriguez, Evardone, Ocampo, Masongsong and Zamora to the Joint Congressional Power Commission;

Representatives Villar, Eriguel, Espina, Gorriceta, and Alvarez to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Quality Affordable Medicines;

Representatives Villar, Quimbo and Mendoza to the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Safeguard Measures Act; and

Representatives Bichara, Biazon, Zubiri III, Acharon Jr., Gerona-Robredo, Zamora and Bello III to the Legislative Oversight Committee on the Visiting Forces Agreement.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano (A) acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the students and faculty of the Divine Word College of Laoag City, and the members of the Philippine Youth Leaders' Alliance of Laoag City.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

MEMBERSHIP IN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the following senators were appointed members to the oversight committees hereunder indicated:

Congressional Oversight Committee on the AFP Modernization Act

Vice Chairman : Marcos
Members : Lapid
Revilla
Honasan
Ejercito

Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds, Programs and Activities

Vice Chairman : Guingona
Members : Legarda
Cayetano (P)
Honasan
Sotto

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:33 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:20 p.m., the session was resumed.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2630 (Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of House Bill No. 2630 (Committee Report No. 5), 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.

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Senator Cayetano (A) stated that the parliamentary status was the period of committee amendments.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Escudero, Sponsor of the measure.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ESCUDERO

Senator Escudero stated that he would read into the record the changes in the amounts in relation to the GAB as approved by the House of Representatives, submitted by the Committee on Finance, as well as the highlights of the amendments to the Special Provisions.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:34 p.m., the session was resumed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Senator Escudero presented and submitted the following committee amendments which, upon his motion, were approved by the Body, one after the other:

Congress of the Philippines

- Senate of the Philippines – a net increase of P346,119,000
- Commission on Appointments – a net increase of P37,344,000

Department of Agriculture

- Office of the Secretary – a net increase of P20,000,000

Department of Education

- National Museum – a net increase of P1,000,000

State Universities and Colleges

- University of the Philippines – a net increase of P400,400,000
- Ifugao State University – a net increase of P5,000,000

At this juncture, Senate President Drilon requested Senator Escudero to clarify the budget for the University of the Philippines.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Escudero, the session was suspended.

It was 4:37p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:39 p.m., the session was resumed.

Senator Escudero explained that under the GAB, various state universities and colleges were allocated a P2.5 billion scholarship lump-sum which was, however, unbundled by the Committee on Finance according to the respective allocation of each state university and college. He said that while the sum was reflected in the Senate Committee Report and Senate amendments, it was not included anymore because the corresponding increases would be mentioned in the budgets of all 112 state universities and colleges as their share in the P2.5 billion scholarship fund.

The Chair noted that in the presentation, the House-approved GAB indicated a budget of P34,650,625,000 for SUCs, while the Senate version indicated a budget of P35,076,025,000, or a net change of P425.4 million. Senator Escudero explained that indeed insofar as the scholarship fund of P2.5 billion that is originally included in the lump-sum of CHED as well as other additional changes in the budget of specific state colleges and universities, which were all reflected in the details, is concerned, the net change is P425.4 which will be distributed to all state universities and colleges.

The Chair asked whether the UP system is not part of the SUCs total budget since the net change for UP alone, which is P438,457,000, is higher than the net change for all state universities and colleges.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:44 p.m.

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RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:48 p.m., the session was resumed.

Senator Escudero explained that in the budget of CHED, under the item entitled "SUCs," a P5-billion budget was allocated and broken down as follows: P2.5 billion for capital outlay and P2.5 billion for scholarships. He explained that in the interest of transparency, P2.5 billion was deducted from that item so that it can be unbundled for distribution to various state universities and colleges for scholarship programs pursuant to the plan of CHED in consultation with the SUCs, and in addition, he mentioned the P3 million that was realigned to the budget of Bukidnon State University. He said that the net change of P400 million that he mentioned earlier is with respect to the various proposals to increase the budgets of four state universities and colleges including, among others, UP and MSU in Iligan and Tawi-Tawi.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

(Continuation)

Thereafter, Senator Escudero continued with the amendments which, upon his motion, the Body approved, one after the other:

Department of Energy –

- Office of the Secretary - a net increase of 40,000,000

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

- a net decrease of P14,000,000

Department of Finance

- a net increase of P500,000,000 for the Securities and Exchange Commission building

Department of Foreign Affairs

- a net increase of P17,000,000

Department of Health

- a net decrease of P541,950,000 which is the PDAF

Department of Justice

- a net increase of P189,520,000

Department of the Interior and Local Government

- a net increase of P12,400,000

Department of Labor and Employment

- a net decrease of P1,196,000,000 which is the PDAF

Department of National Defense

- a net increase of P49,950,000

Department of Public Works and Highways

- a net decrease of P545,912,000 which is originally for the National Bridge Construction under the National Bridge Program

Department of Social Welfare and Development

- a net decrease of P1,186,466,000 which is the PDAF

Department of Trade and Industry

- a net increase of P5,000,000

Department of Transportation and Communications

- a net increase of P300,000,000 which is the QRF that was created under the DOTC

Other Executive Offices

- Anti-Money Laundering Council — a net increase of P5,200,000
- Climate Change Commission — a net increase of P1,000,000
- Commission on Higher Education — a net increase of P1,163,800,000 which is the PDAF
- Commission on the Filipino Language — a net increase of P5,000,000
- National Commission for Culture and the Arts — a net increase of P2,000,000
- National Commission on Indigenous Peoples — a net increase of P2,000,000

Budgetary Support to Government Corporations

- a net decrease of P802,787,000

Allocation to Local Government Units

- a net increase of P306,624,000

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Calamity Fund

- a net decrease of P5,500,000

Miscellaneous Personnel Benefit Fund

- a net increase of P25,502,642,000

Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund

- a net increase of P20,000,000,000

At this juncture, Senator Escudero explained that while the Unprogrammed Fund remained the same, a Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund under the Unprogrammed Fund was proposed amounting to P80 billion, so that the total allocation for rehabilitation and reconstruction, both under the Programmed and Unprogrammed Fund, would amount to P100 billion.

In summary, Senator Escudero said that the total new appropriations is P1,608,576,584,000 or a net decrease of P3.2 billion from the GAB which represents the PDAF allocations as originally proposed in the NEP that was deducted from the total budget.

Senator Escudero said that the Programmed Funds totalled P1,468,672,825,000 which is less the P3.2 billion PDAF allocations, while the Unprogrammed Fund remained at P139,903,759,000 and that the change was made with the creation of a Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund in the amount of P80 billion. He stated that he would distribute to the Members the specifics of the P80 billion and the P20 billion allocations pending the accurate estimate of damages to be submitted by the NDRRMC during the bicameral conference which would be on a per department basis as far as the implementation of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund is concerned.

At this point, Senator Escudero read the following highlights of the Special and General Provisions, to wit:

1. The deletion of the Special Provisions on Reversion of Savings from unfilled positions of agencies enjoying fiscal autonomy, including Congress, the Judiciary, the Ombudsman and other Constitutional Offices;
2. The corresponding amendment on the general provision exempting these agencies on the one year validity of their appropriations;
3. Consistent with the previous amendment,

another amendment to the special provisions of the DepEd providing that realignment may be made not later than the third quarter of the current year, as well as the other agencies;

4. Acceptance of the agency proposal on the deletion of the paragraph under COCOFM which may be deemed inconsistent with the recent Supreme Court Decision.

Further, Senator Escudero mentioned the deletion of other provisions from the following agencies which the Committee has found inconsistent with the recent ruling of the Supreme Court pertaining to PDAF:

1. DENR, to make it consistent with the newly re-enacted R.A. 10629;
2. DILG, with respect to the amendments in the change in amount; and
3. DSWD, with respect to the relaxation of the requirement for CCT availment in areas affected by typhoons or calamity.

Senator Escudero said that detailed proposed amendments would be submitted as far as the general and special provisions are concerned.

Finally, he acknowledged receipt of the proposed amendments coming from Senators Binay, Pimentel and Cayetano (A), adding that corresponding adjustments shall be made subject to the ceiling limitations of the national budget as far as the items they submitted are concerned.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Senator Cayetano (A) stated that he would submit his written amendments to the chair of the Committee on Finance, and he requested Senator Escudero to make representations on those amendments acceptable to him during the Bicameral Conference. He said that he was making the

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manifestation to save time considering that some of his amendments might require voting that would consequently delay approval of the bill. He averred that the Bicameral Conference members need all the time they could get in light of the Supreme Court's decision on the pork barrel issue which the senators have all agreed to take out and be used instead for the relief and reconstruction of the damages caused by typhoons *Yolanda* and *Santi*.

In reply, Senator Escudero said that they would have to work in accordance with the ceiling as far as the amendments of Senator Cayetano (A) are concerned, and asked for authority to effect the same subject to adjusted amounts.

Senator Cayetano (A) clarified that he was asking that representations could be made in his behalf during the Bicameral Conference in order to avoid voting or long discussions on the amendments.

Asked by the Chair if all the senators would have the same privilege to submit amendments, Senator Escudero replied in the affirmative. Senator Cayetano (A) added that this would expedite the process of discussing the amendments.

Senator Sotto likewise expressed willingness to submit his written individual amendments to the chairman of the Committee on Finance.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:06 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:14 p.m., the session was resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Upon resumption, Senator Cayetano (A) informed the Body that on December 10, 1992, Senate President Ernesto M. Maceda moved, and the Body approved, to authorize the Committee on Finance to accept and act on the individual amendments submitted in writing by the members of the Senate; thereafter, Senators Tolentino and Webb made reservations to submit written amendments to the Committee on Health within the time limit given to them.

Thereupon, Senator Cayetano (A) stated that he would not object if Senator Sotto would make a formal motion on the matter.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Senator Sotto moved to authorize the chair of the Committee on Finance to accept and act on the written proposed amendments submitted by the Members of the Senate.

At this juncture, the Chair inquired if all the senators would be given copies of individual amendments submitted to the chairman of the Committee on Finance. Senator Escudero replied that copies of all the amendments submitted to the committee and the corresponding action thereon shall be provided to all the Members of the Senate.

Senator Cayetano (A) added that all the amendments submitted to the Committee on Finance and those which are approved and sent to the Bicameral Conference Committee would form part of the *Record of the Senate*.

Senator Escudero concurred as he pointed out that the committee has in fact created a website for all the documents so it would be made public.

Thereupon, Senator Cayetano (A) restated the motion of Senator Sotto to authorize the chairman of the Committee on Finance to accept individual amendments from senators who wish to submit his or her individual amendments to allow the chairman to act upon the said amendments, and for the amendments that would be carried to be submitted to the Bicameral Conference.

Asked by the Chair if said amendments would be made part of the *Record of the Senate*, Senator Cayetano (A) said that all the submissions would be part of the record except the proposals rejected by the committee.

Asked if it would not alter the version of the Senate on the General Appropriations Bill, Senator Cayetano (A) replied that it would not.

Upon motion of Senator Sotto and seconded by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the motion was approved by the Body.

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INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

Hereunder are the individual amendments that were accepted by the Committee on Finance:

FY 2014 Committee on Finance Summary of Senators' Amendments

Agency	Particulars	Amount Granted	Remarks
Senator Angara			
SUCs	Tarlac College of Agriculture	Educational Tech. Lab	5M
	Cebu Technological University	Academic Building	2M
DPWH		Dinadiawan- Maddela Road	55M
OEOs	NCCA (Proper)	Filipino Heritage Festival	1M
BSGC	APECO	Restore the budget	27.5M restored
PDAF		(200 M)	
Senator Aquino			
PDAF		(200 M)	
Senator Binay			
BSGC	National Housing Authority	-	
		Resettlement Program	100M
		Emergency Housing Assistance	100M
		Settlement Upgrading Program	100M
PDAF		(200 M)	
Sen. A. Cayetano			
DILG	PNP	Crime Laboratory	100 M
			2 units
BSGC	Small Business Corporation	Micro- finance	100M
PDAF		(200M)	
Calamity Fund		200M	all Senators' PDAF to be realigned to Calamity Fund
Sen. P. Cayetano			
SUCs	UP	various Capital Outlay	56.4M
PDAF		(200M)	realigned to Calamity Fund
Calamity Fund		200M	
Senate President Drilon			
PDAF		(200M)	
Care Fund			absorbed by Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund
Sen. Defensor Santiago			
DA	OSEC	Climate Change Adaptation Works	20M
DENR	Environmental Management Bureau	Implementation of clean air regulations	50M
Calamity Fund		200M	
PDAF		CUT (200M)	
Sen. Enrile			
PDAF		CUT (200M)	
* Restore Cagayan Economic Zone Authority			restored with accompanying Special Provision

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Agency		Particulars	Amount Granted	Remarks
Sen. Ejercito				
Calamity Fund			200M	
PDAF			(200M)	realigned to Calamity Fund
Sen. Escudero				
PDAF			(200M)	
Sen. Estrada				
DOH		for indigent patients	100M	
ALGU	Local Government Support Fund	for the City of Manila	100M	
PDAF			(200M)	
Sen. Guingona				
SUCs	MSU- Tawi-Tawi College of Technology and Oceanography	Additional Fund	20M	instead of realignment from MSU - Iligan
	Bukidnon State University	Various College Buildings and School Facilities	3M	realignment
		Solar Electrification Project	(3M)	
PDAF		Cut	(200M)	
Sen. Honasan				
PDAF			(200M)	
Sen. Lapid				
DOH			5M	realignment of PDAF
DSWD			2M	
DPWH			193M	
PDAF		Cut	(200M)	
Sen. Legarda				
DepEd	National Museum	traditional textiles	1M	
SUCs	University of the Philippines System	Indigenous Center- West Visayan Studies	2M	
	Iligao State University	Documentation of Cordillera Indigenous Farming	5M	
DENR	OSEC	Slope Protection	(74M)	
		Development, updating and implementation of the operational plan for the manila bay coastal management	10M	
DFA	OSEC	Conduct of studies and formulation of foreign policies- home office	17M	
DOJ	Office of the Secretary	Office Equipment (Prosecution)	5M	
		Machineries/ Office Equipment (Witness Protection)	5M	
		Advertising expenses for IATCAT's info drive	1M	
	Bureau of Immigration	Additional MOOE	10M	
DTI	OSEC	Promotion and development of small and medium industries in the regions (NCR-CO)	5M	
OEOs	Climate Change Commission	Philippine Resilience Awards	1M	
	Commission on the Filipino Language	Documentation of languages	5M	
	National Commission For Culture and the Arts (Proper)	Support development of schools for living traditions	1M	
	National Commission on Indigenous Peoples	IP Culture Programs	2M	
BSGC	Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions	Trade Promotion Activities	4M	
PDAF			(200M)	
*Special Provision on the Implementation of Government Infrastructure on geo-hazard areas				

Agency	Particulars	Amount Granted	Remarks
Sen. Marcos			
PDAF		(200M)	
Sen. Osmeña			
DOE	Office of the Secretary New LFP: Electrification of Bayani Juan, Calauan, Laguna	40M	
DOF	Securities and Exchange Commission New LFP: Construction of Building	137M	revised amount : rental P135M and CO of P2M, with Special Provision
BSGC	APECO	(27.5M)	partial cut
	Credit Information Corporation	38.213M	Corrected amount.
	CEZA	-	fully restored
PDAF		(200M)	
Sen. Pimentel			
DOH	Northern Mindanao Medical Center Assistance to Indigent Patients	68.3M	
PDAF		(200M)	
Sen. Poe			
DSWD	Supplementary Feeding Program	11.534M	based on the number of severely wasted children, @120 days instead of the student population @180 days
PDAF		(200M)	
Sen. Recto			
DSWD	Realignment of CCT Special Provision to relax the conditionalities		reflected under Special Provision. the provision as recommended by the DSWD was adopted which will cover other calamity areas
Calamity Fund		200M	PDAF of the entire Senate to Calamity Fund
PDAF		(200M)	
Sen. Revilla			
DepEd	CO	8M / (8M)	realignment ; P2M each for Bacoor, Imus, Ilagan, and Meycauayan
DOH		75M	
DPWH	Various Projects	84.5M	
SUCs	University of the Philippines System Health Facilities Enhancement, PGH	35M	
PDAF		(200M)	
Sen. Sotto			
DOH	Various Hospitals	20.5M	
	Office of the Secretary CUT. Senior Citizen Vaccination	(91.229M)	
DPWH	Various projects	50M	
PDAF		(200M)	

Agency	Particulars	Amount Granted	Remarks	
Sen. Trillanes				
PDAF		(200M)		
DILG	Office of the Secretary	SALINTUBIG	5M	new fund has been provided instead of realigning P5M from LWUA
	Philippine National Police	R&D, Upgrading of Logistics Capabilities of PNP (.4M); Repair of Barracks (5M); Repair of Officers' Clubroom (2M)	7.4M	
DND	Philippine Army	Repairs and Maintenance	27.95M	
	Philippine Navy	Repairs and Maintenance	22M	
DOH	Office of the Secretary	Assistance to Indigent Patients (Various Hospitals)	102.45M	
DOLE	TESDA	Training for Work Scholarship Program	4M	
OEOs	Commission on Higher Education	Provision of assistance, incentives, scholarships and grants	36.2M	
	Philippine Sports Commission			realignment of P10M within MOOE
Sen. Villar				
DPWH		Various Infra.	129M	
DOH	Las Pifas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center	PS	47M	
		MOOE	31M	
		CO	15M	
DOLE	TESDA	Training for Work Scholarship Program		P150M earmarked
PDAF			(200M)	

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body closed the period of individual amendments.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2630 ON SECOND READING

Submitted to a vote, there being no objection, House Bill No. 2630 was approved on Second Reading, taking into consideration the committee and individual amendments as previously discussed.

PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION

Upon direction of the Chair, Secretary Yabes read the President's certification as to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 2630:

MALACAÑAN PALACE MANILA

16 October 2013

HON. FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President
Philippine Senate
Pasay City

Dear Senate President Drilon:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26 (2) of the 1987 Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of 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,

in order to address the need to maintain continuous government operations following the end of

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the current fiscal year, to expedite the funding of various programs, projects and activities for FY 2014, and to ensure budgetary preparedness that will enable the government to effectively perform its constitutional mandate.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

(SGD) BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 2630 ON THIRD READING

Pursuant to the presidential certification, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 2630.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Secretary Yabes read only the title of the bill, to wit:

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.

Secretary Yabes called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

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| Angara | Estrada |
| Aquino | Marcos |
| Binay | Osmeña |
| Cayetano (A) | Pimentel |
| Drilon | Poe |
| Ejercito | Recto |
| Enrile | Revilla |
| Escudero | Sotto |

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 2630 approved on Third Reading.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

To save time, Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that he would submit to the Secretariat a written explanation of his vote and suggested that other Members who wish to do likewise be allowed to do so.

The Chair said that other Members would be allowed to submit the written explanations of their vote as well.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 5:23 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:29 p.m., the session was resumed.

SENATE CONFEREES

Upon nomination by Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair designated the following senators as members of the Senate panel in the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 2630: on the part of the Majority, Senators Escudero, Guingona, Osmeña, Legarda, Recto and Cayetano (A); and on the part of the Minority, Senators Sotto and Estrada.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 374

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 374, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE SENATE IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ON 3 DECEMBER 2013.

Secretary Yabes read the text of the resolution to wit:

WHEREAS, persons living with various forms of disability represent the world's largest disadvantaged group, comprising 15% of the global population or an estimated 1 billion individuals;

WHEREAS, despite decades of steadfast efforts by the United Nations to transform attitudes, perspectives and approaches concerning disability guided by the vision of an inclusive society for all, persons with disabilities continue to be excluded from equitable access to basic services and resources such as education, employment, healthcare and legal support systems;

WHEREAS, recognizing that matters affecting persons with disabilities remain largely invisible in most mainstream development processes and frameworks, there exists a pressing need for action-oriented plans and concrete measures which would ensure the representation of persons with disabilities in all development efforts at the national, regional and international levels, and their participation in every facet of the society;

WHEREAS, for this year's worldwide observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations pushes for the global movement towards an inclusive society, where persons with disabilities are fully integrated in all aspects of every society, and therefore adopts the theme, "Break Barriers, Open Doors: For an Inclusive Society for All";

WHEREAS, to reaffirm our commitment to cooperate in the full realization of the objectives of the United Nations, the Senate of the Philippines expresses its full support to and active participation in the observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2013, and encourages all stakeholders, whether in the public or private arena, to take part in the activities organized by the National Council on Disability Affairs consistent with the United Nations theme for 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 International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2013, and encouraging all public and private stakeholders to take part in the activities set by the National Council on Disability Affairs consistent with the United Nations theme: "Break Barriers, Open Doors: For an Inclusive Society for All."

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 374**

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 374 was adopted by the Body.

COAUTHORS

Senator Cayetano (A) manifested that all senators present are coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 374.

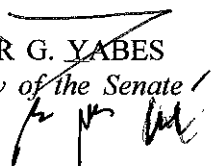
ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 5:33 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate



Approved on January 20, 2014