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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:17 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Pia S. Cayetano led the prayer, to wit:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come to You expressing gratitude for Your kindness to us. You have guided us in our task of crafting laws and have prodded us to look into events in the life of the nation requiring possible intervention through legislation.

With such a difficult task placed on our shoulders, we come to You asking for wisdom that every decision we make will be aligned with Your plan for us. We come to You asking for strength of character that we might continue to pursue the path that is pleasing to You and beneficial to our countrymen.

May there be food on the table for every Filipino, a bed to sleep at night, money for the education of the children, security of life and property, as well as peace of mind for everyone every single day of our lives.

Bless our staff as well as every worker in the Senate and their families and ours.

In the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

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

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

With 21 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Pimentel arrived after the roll call.

Senator Marcos was on official mission.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

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APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 51 (February 10, 2014) and considered it approved.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

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

- Iloilo City Vice Mayor Jose S. Espinosa, together with City Councilors Carlos P. Guarin, Lady Baronda, Jose Trenas III, Armand Parcon, Plaridel Naval III, Lyndon Acap and Rodel Agado; and
- Guests of Senator Legarda, namely, Chairman Felipe de Leon Jr. of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA); Director Jeremy Vans and Assistant Director Ana Labrador of the National Museum; Jose Mari Cariño, head of the Cultural Diplomacy Unit of the Department of Foreign Affairs; and Ms. Perlie Baluyot.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILL ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 2109, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7653, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE NEW CENTRAL BANK ACT," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos Jr.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 484, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON PROTECTING THE FILIPINO LABOR FORCE FOR THE OPENING OF THE ASEAN LABOR MARKET ON 2015, CONSIDERING THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF ILLEGAL CHINESE MIGRANT WORKERS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 485, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF SLIMMING UNDERWEAR PRODUCTS WITHOUT ANY CLINICAL STUDIES TO SUPPORT THE THERAPEUTIC CLAIMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 486, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED FOR BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO IDENTIFY AND STUDY FACTORS THAT CAUSE SULFUR UPWELLING OR *DUONG* IN THE COUNTRY'S BODIES OF WATER, SUCH AS THE ONE THAT REPORTEDLY CAUSED THE RECENT FISHKILL IN TAAL LAKE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 487, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON NEWS REPORTS THAT THE BANGSAMORO ISLAMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS RECRUIT AND USE CHILD SOLDIERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Youth; and National Defense and Security

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 488, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT FROM THE FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION THAT THERE ARE PEANUT PRODUCTS IN THE MARKET THAT ARE CONTAMINATED BY ALFOTOXIN B1

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 489, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO AMEND AND STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S HEALTH POLICY WITH REGARD TO CANCER PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND CARE, BASED ON THE RECENT WORLD CANCER REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 490, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON STRENGTHENING THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN REHABILITATING THE COUNTRY'S LAKES, BASED ON THE REPORTED ASSESSMENT OF GERMANY-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP GLOBAL NATURE FUND THAT THE SEVEN CRATER LAKES IN SAN PABLO CITY, LAGUNA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST THREATENED LAKES DUE TO THE LAKES' ADVANCING DESTRUCTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 491, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PRIVATIZATION OF FABELLA HOSPITAL, WHICH CAN LEAD TO DISCRIMINATION IN PROVIDING INEXPENSIVE MOTHER-AND-CHILD HEALTH SERVICES AMONG THE POOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 492, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S), TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRACTICE OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (AND POSSIBLY OF OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES) OF

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FORCIBLY TAKING PERSONS TO POLICE STATIONS FOR QUESTIONING, UNDER THE GUISE OF AN "INVITATION", WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING MEASURES THAT WOULD PUT A STOP TO THIS CONSTITUTIONALLY OBJECTIONABLE PRACTICE WHICH VIOLATES THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Letter from the Secretary General of the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 10 February 2014, the House of Representatives passed House Bill No. 3766, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) AS THE SINGLE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE 1978 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, AS AMENDED, AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OR COVENANTS RELATED THERETO,

in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

To the Committee on Rules

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Availing herself of the privilege hour, Senator Legarda delivered the following speech in commemoration of the National Arts Month which is celebrated in the month of February.

The full text of the speech follows:

History chronicles the attempts of individuals and institutions in recognizing the significance of art and culture from antiquity to contemporary times. Through private and public patronage, they signaled their unwavering commitment to honor their rich traditions and, simultaneously, understand their critical roles in society. As a result, massive temples and soaring cathedrals were built, palaces were turned into cabinets of curiosities and galleries, and ruins great and small were preserved to withstand the ravages of time. All in the name of art and culture.

The Philippines

This universal predilection to honor the past and chart the future through the material evidence of its peoples is also shared by many modern nation-states like the Philippines. Despite the vicissitudes of its existence from pre- to post-colonial days, our country immediately learned the relevance and benefit of supporting *the arts and culture, which have the power to cultivate, strengthen and disseminate the value systems and beliefs of the Filipinos especially in a time of political, social and economic crisis.*

In the past, various administrations inaugurated museums, sponsored artist exchange and education abroad programs, collected and commissioned artworks, and led the documentation and conservation of historic artifacts, monuments and sites. Through the rule of law—presidential proclamations, executive orders and other government policies—they advanced the cause of the arts and culture to develop and promote the nation. Indeed, our presidents came and went, but their state support serves as testament of *profound appreciation and profitable investment.*

Proclamation No. 683

In 1991, former President Corazon Aquino signed Proclamation No. 683, Declaring the Month of February of Every Year as National Arts Month, to establish continuity in terms of state patronage of the arts in all disciplines, including theater, dance, music, visual arts, architecture, literature and film. As a result, allied government agencies were enjoined to comply with this proclamation through a series of activities, which consequently attracted, engaged and educated local and foreign audience and viewers.

For more than two decades, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) has

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successfully led our country through competitions, exhibitions, performances, conferences, lectures, workshops, screenings, sessions and tours during this month-long nationwide festival. As the primary agency of the Philippine government charged with the responsibility to preserve, develop and promote Philippine arts and culture, the NCCA creates diverse opportunities to celebrate the artistic excellence and creativity of the Filipinos in the seven arts.

Arts and Culture Advocacy

As this is the month of February, I have the privilege to share with you my personal and political advocacy for the arts and culture. In pursuit of the mandate of the Senate Committee on Cultural Communities, which I chair, I spearheaded several initiatives and programs that aimed to promote and protect the cultural diversity and sovereignty of our people through the powerful technology of exhibitions. With this technology, I am able to bridge the indigenous and the international realms of my advocacy.

Housed at the invigorated National Museum, *Hibla ng Lahing Filipino: The Artistry of Philippine Textiles*, for example, is the first permanent textile gallery in the country to present ethnic, ceremonial, and heirloom garments and tapestries woven from indigenous textiles using traditional looms, as well as more recent adaptations. Complementing these displayed artifacts in climate-controlled vitrines or worn by mannequins are the ancillary events of bringing members of these communities to demonstrate their weaving practices, as well as scholars to share their cutting-edge research through lectures and workshops.

Another permanent exhibition in a designated gallery at the National Museum is *Baybayin: Ancient and Traditional Scripts of the Philippines*, which explores our tangible heritage and vibrant ancient script still used by some indigenous communities in Mindoro and Palawan today. Realizing the urgency of preserving this unique writing system, I have filed a measure mandating government offices, departments and agencies to use *Baybayin* in their official logos.

Supporting these exhibitions are several bills that I filed in the Senate to create the Department of Culture, to preserve the country's folk arts through the National Museum's regional branches, to safeguard the cultural property rights of the indigenous communities, to guarantee equal employment opportunities to the members of the Indigenous Cultural Committee, to include

ethnic origin in the national survey, and to prohibit discrimination based on ethnicity, race, religion or belief, language, disability or other status.

While my commitment to recognize the unparalleled contributions of those who make it possible for us to remember our roots remains steadfast, I am equally determined to promote Philippine contemporary art and culture at home and abroad. I believe that our indigenous communities who continue the tradition of our ancestors inspire and inform the current practices of the Filipino artists whose works also constitute our cultural legacy.

By showcasing the cultural capital of our nation through national and international exhibitions, we achieve these two primary objectives:

First, we foster the critical development of Philippine art and the professional growth of the Filipino artists within and outside the Philippines.

Second, we strengthen the role of the Philippines in the local and global community as a nation of and destination for contemporary art in the 21st century.

Towards the goal of transforming the Philippines into a responsive, collaborative and pioneering patron of the arts and culture, I vowed to continue my advocacy in building the bridge between the indigenous and international. Through exhibitions of the everyday and the epic, we have the opportunity to commemorate our ancestors and learn the lessons of the past and celebrate our contemporaries and pave the way for their bright future.

Challenge

In closing, in the spirit of the National Arts Month this February 2014 and my utmost belief that arts and culture are indispensable tools of national cultural integration and international diplomacy, I invite you to join me in this bold and far-reaching endeavor to establish the necessary local and global links to better serve our nation and shepherd our people with pride, dignity, and honor.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Chair referred the speech of Senator Legarda to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, as the primary committee, and to

the Committee on Cultural Communities, as the secondary committee.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:35 p.m., the session was resumed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

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

- *Asosasyon ng mga Barangay Kagawad* (ABAKA) from Batangas City with their president, Hon. Oliver Macatangay;
- Hon. Crisanto Ramos, executive vice president of the Barangay Councilors League of the Philippines (BCLP);
- Hon. Michael Marasigan, barangay captain and member of the Board of Directors of ABC, Batangas City; and
- Mr. Fernando Baylosis and his visitors.

Senate President Drilon welcomed the guests to the Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2 ON SENATE BILL NO. 1733

(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 1733 (Committee Report No. 2), entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND HONESTY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Senator Cayetano (A) stated that the parliamentary status was still the period of interpellations.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 3:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:41 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, the Chair recognized Senator Poe, sponsor of the measure, and Senator Estrada for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ESTRADA

On transactions between the government and private entities in page 2, Section 4 of the bill, Senator Estrada asked what the phrase "of the highest public interest" meant. Senator Poe acknowledged that a lot of apprehensions have been raised regarding the phrase, that is why at the proper time, she would propose that the sentence "Provided, that such contracts or transactions are of the highest public interest by reason of the amounts involved and the impact of the transaction to the public" would be deleted, and in lieu thereof, the following would be inserted: PROVIDED, THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACTOR MUST SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY CONCERNED ALL RECEIPTS, IDENTITIES OF SUPPLIERS, PURCHASE ORDERS, CASH VOUCHERS, RELATED CONTRACTS... AND THEIR NON-COMPLIANCE WOULD SUBJECT THE PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACTOR TO THE LIABILITY UNDER SECTION 22 (G).

Senator Poe explained that all public service contractors will submit the information to the agency they transacted with, and the documents would be made available upon the request of the public.

Asked on the amount involved for a transaction to be classified as "of the highest public interest," Senator Poe replied that P50 million was initially set as the benchmark for all public service contracts to be uploaded in the website because this is also the threshold for committing the crime of plunder. Specifically, she cited Section 8 which provides for

the uploading of contracts and agreements involving an amount of at least P50 million. As to contracts or agreements amounting to less than P50 million, she said that while they would not be uploaded in the website, they would be made available upon request to the agency involved. She affirmed that government agencies are mandated under the bill to make available the details of their contracts or transactions.

Asked if it would be redundant to oblige the public service contractors to do the same, Senator Poe said that the provision would unburden the private sector from having to comply with individual requests; instead, they would provide the pertinent documents of the transaction to the government agency where all documents would be made available for public scrutiny. She added that private service contractors may not enter into a government contract without agreeing to make their transactions available to the public.

Senator Estrada asked how differing reports from the private service contractor and the government agency would be handled to avoid manipulation or misinterpretation of details. Senator Poe replied that the essence of the FOI bill is for the information to be made available so that people can make intelligent judgments. She added that an individual could question the transaction before the courts or before the Office of the Ombudsman in cases of conflicting reports.

Asked which report would prevail in case of conflicting reports, Senator Poe explained that the documents submitted by the government agency are the official report. But, she added, if any malfeasance is discovered by the COA, a government audit group, or an individual, then the documents from the private service contractor would serve as a cross-reference material. She further stated that with the bill, information could be cross-checked by the media, other government agencies or any individual.

As to where the public can access the information from the public service contractors, Senator Poe said the information could be obtained from the websites of the agencies, and that hard copies would also be available upon request.

Senator Estrada asked if the public would be limited to requesting the documents only from the government agencies. Senator Poe replied that if the public chooses to go to the contractors, the latter would only provide documents pertinent to their

transaction with the government. She added that private service contractors are not precluded from also posting said information and/or documents to their websites.

On whether all government agencies have their own websites, Senator Poe replied that although most of the government agencies already have their own websites, the bill still mandates the National Computer Center and the DOST to make sure that all government agencies will have their own websites. She cited the ongoing iGov project and added that capacity building seminars will be organized to address the matter.

Asked what the alternative is should a website is hacked, Senator Poe replied that hard copies should always be made available in any government agency. She said that the National Archives of the Philippines Act of 2007 mandates that hard copies of documents be kept by the government agency for at least five years, while evidentiary information like the budgets and the SALNs of government employees should never be destroyed, as mandated by law.

Adverting to Section 7, paragraph (e), Senator Estrada asked if the information obtained includes all matters discussed during executive sessions, such as the results of voting on certain issues as provided for under Section 128, Rule XLVII of the *Rules of the Senate*, which states that "The President as well as the Senators and the officials and employees of the Senate shall absolutely refrain from divulging any of the confidential matters taken up by the Senate, and all proceedings which might have taken place in the Senate in connection with the said matters shall be likewise considered as strictly confidential until the Senate, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its Members, decides to lift the ban of secrecy." He indicated that he would introduce an amendment to strengthen said provision to safeguard the sanctity of the executive sessions in Congress.

Senator Poe said that the mentioned provision is upheld in the bill, thus, anyone who leaks information discussed in an executive session would be held liable under the measure and the *Rules of the Senate*.

As to the penalties under the bill, Senator Poe explained that one will be liable for imprisonment of not less than a month but not more than a year and a fine of not less than P10,000 but not more than P100,000. She added that if a member of the

Senate revealed to the media some matters that were taken up in an executive session, the Senate has its own rules as regards administrative liability. Regarding criminal liability, she said that a senator or a member of the House of Representatives would be imprisoned for not more than six years.

Asked if there has been a precedent wherein a Member of the Senate has leaked any information, Senator Poe said that while apparently there were such instances, specifics have to be pointed out and proof is needed.

At this point, Senator Estrada stated that he would just submit his remaining questions to Senator Poe.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:02 p.m., the session was resumed.

TERMINATION OF THE PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS

There being no other interpellation, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body closed the period of interpellations.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Senator Cayetano (A) informed the Body that Senator Poe would be ready with her proposed amendments to the bill the following week.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1733

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

REFERRAL OF PORTIONS OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there

being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of the portion of Senator Revilla's speech which pertains to the jurisdiction of the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs to the same committee.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 4:04 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:10 p.m., the session was resumed.

CHANGE OF REFERRALS

Consistent with the *Rules* defining the jurisdiction of each committee, upon motion of Senator Cayetano (A), there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of the referrals of the following to the appropriate committees hereunder indicated:

1. From the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, now becoming the secondary committee, to the Committee on Youth as the primary committee:
 - Senate Bill No. 147 (requiring the inclusion of entrepreneurship as a separate subject in the high school curriculum);
2. From the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture as the secondary committee:
 - Senate Bill No. 153 (prescribing entrepreneurship education to high school and college students); and
 - Senate Bill No. 1713 (establishing the National Commission on Entrepreneurial Education);
3. To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture as the secondary committee:
 - Senate Bill No. 201 (developing financial literacy education);
 - Senate Bill No. 1192 (developing financial literacy education);
 - Senate Bill No. 1327 (including entrepreneurial and financial literacy education for secondary school students); and

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4. From the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture to the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media:

- Senate Bill No. 2044 (Philippine Press Freedom Day).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR CAYETANO (A)

Senator Cayetano (A) informed the Body that the Committee on Youth would be holding committee hearings on the aforementioned bills the next day. He added that the *Go Negosyo* bill of Senator Aquino would also be taken up in plenary the following day, with interpellation from Senator Recto.

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 2110, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC SPEED LIMITERS TO ALL PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIDING PUBLIC AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 2111, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE CHANGE OF STATUS OF A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM FROM ACTIVE TO SPECIAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 2 & 55 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 2112, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATION FOR THE PRACTICE, LICENSING, REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY ENGINEERS AND SANITARY INSPECTORS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1364, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 2113, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NATIONAL PEDIATRIC RESEARCH NETWORK

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Youth

Senate Bill No. 2114, entitled

AN ACT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF, AND TO EDUCATE BREAST CANCER PATIENTS ANTICIPATING SURGERY, ESPECIALLY PATIENTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS, REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY AND COVERAGE OF BREAST RECONSTRUCTION, PROSTHESES, AND OTHER OPTIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Cultural Communities

Senate Bill No. 2115, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SOME PROVI-

SIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF
1998" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 2116, entitled

AN ACT REVITALIZING THE COCONUT
INDUSTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food;
Government Corporations and Public Enter-
prises; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 2117, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF
FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE INSETS
FOR LOCAL NEWS PROGRAMS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA
CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES (PWDs)

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam"
Aquino IV

**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; and Social Justice, Welfare
and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 2118, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING FILIPINO SIGN
LANGUAGE AS THE NATIONAL
SIGN LANGUAGE OF THE FILIPINO
DEAF AND THE OFFICIAL
LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT IN
ALL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING
THE DEAF, AND MANDATING ITS
USE IN SCHOOLS, BROADCAST
MEDIA, AND WORKPLACES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam"
Aquino IV

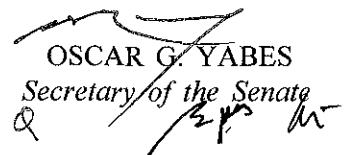
**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorgan-
ization; and Finance**

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 4:17 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the
foregoing.

OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate


Approved on February 12, 2014