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Mr. President:

The Committee on Agriculture and Food, jointly with the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources, and Finance, to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 138**, authored by **Sen. Villar**, entitled:

"AN ACT

TO FURTHER PROTECT PHILIPPINE CORALS AND OTHER MARINE TREASURES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 91 AND 97 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998'"

Senate Bill No. 536, authored by Sen. Legarda, entitled:

"AN ACT

BANNING THE CATCHING, SALE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION, AND EXPORTATION OF ALL SHARKS AND RAYS OR ANY PART THEREOF IN THE COUNTRY"

Senate Bill No. 961, authored by Sen. Revilla, Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 91 AND 97 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998,' AND PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR"

Senate Bill No. 1271, authored by Sen. Lapid, entitled:

"AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF CESTRAEUS PLICATILIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 'LUDONG' IN THE PHILIPPINES"

Senate Bill No. 1374, authored by Sen. Ejercito Estrada, entitled:

"AN ACT

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

Senate Bill No. 2115, authored by Sen. Villar, entitled:

"AN ACT

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

Senate Bill No. 2267, authored by Sen. Poe, entitled:

AN ACT

TO FURTHER PROTECT PHILIPPINE CORALS AND OTHER MARINE TREASURES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 91 AND 97 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550 OR THE 'PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998'"

Senate Resolution No. 158, authored by Sen. Defensor Santiago, entitled:

"RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REFERENCE POINTS FOR FISH HARVEST TO ADDRESS OVERFISHING IN THE COUNTRY'S WATERS AND MANAGE A SUSTAINABLE FISHERY AS PROPOSED BY THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND TO THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION"

Senate Resolution No. 726, authored by Sen. Defensor Santiago, entitled:

"RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION PLANS TO IMPOSE AN IMPORT BAN ON PHILIPPINES OVER ILLEGAL FISHING"

and House Bill No. 4536, authored by Reps. Teves, Salimbangon, Yap (A.), et. al., entitled:

"AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE ENFORCEMENT AND REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998'"

have considered the same and have the honor to report hack to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, **Senate Bill No._____**, entitled:

"AN ACT

STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 138, 536, 961, 1271, 1374, 2115 and 2267, Senate Resolution Nos. 158 and 726, and taking into consideration House Bill No. 4536, with Senators Villar, Legarda, Revilla Jr., Lapid, Ejercito Estrada, Poe, Defensor Santlago, Cayetano (A. P.) and Sotto III as authors thereof.

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