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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12

Prepared and submitted by the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media on
NOV 29 2016

Re: Senate Bill No. 1255

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 6 and 486

Sponsor: **Senator Grace Poe**

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Public Information and Mass Media to which were referred:

Senate Bill No. 6, introduced by **Senator Vicente C. Sotto III** entitled:

"AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR
REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE
SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN
CONFIDENCE"**

Senate Bill No. 486, introduced by **Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV** entitled:

**“AN ACT
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE
PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION
FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR
INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE BY INCLUDING
WITHIN ITS COVERAGE JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST,
NEWS AGENCIES AND INTERNET PUBLICATIONS”**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 1255, prepared by the Committee entitled:

**“AN ACT
EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF EXEMPTIONS FROM
REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR
INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE BY INCLUDING
JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST, NEWS AGENCIES AND
INTERNET PUBLICATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT 53, AS AMENDED BY R.A.
1477”**

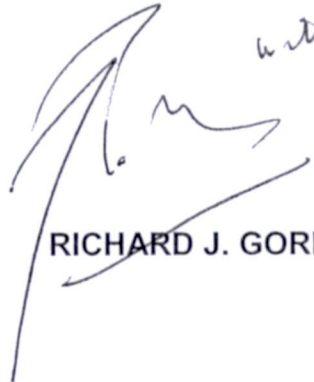
be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 6 and 486 with Senators Sotto and Trillanes IV as authors thereof.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


GRACE POE
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*with reservation
myself amend*

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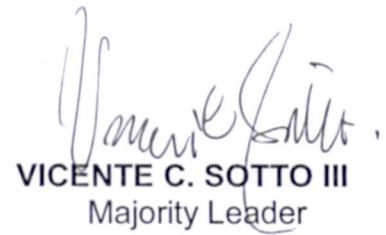

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AN ACT

EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF EXEMPTIONS FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE BY INCLUDING JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST, NEWS AGENCIES AND INTERNET PUBLICATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT 53, AS AMENDED BY R.A. 1477

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 53, otherwise known as
2 "An Act to Exempt the Publisher, Editor or Reporter of any Publication from
3 Revealing the Source of Published News or Information Obtained in
4 Confidence", as amended by Republic Act 1477, is hereby further amended,
5 to read as follows:

6 "Section 1. Without prejudice to his liability under the
7 civil and criminal laws, [the] **ANY** publisher, **OWNER**, [editor,
8 columnist] or duly **RECOGNIZED OR** accredited
9 **JOURNALIST, WRITER**, reporter, [of any newspaper,
10 magazine or periodical of general circulation] **CONTRIBUTOR,**
11 **OPINION WRITER, EDITOR, COLUMNIST, MANAGER,**
12 **MEDIA PRACTITIONER INVOLVED IN THE WRITING,**
13 **EDITING, PRODUCTION, AND DISSEMINATION OF NEWS**

1 **FOR MASS CIRCULATION, OF ANY PRINT, BROADCAST,**
2 **WIRE SERVICE ORGANIZATION, OR ELECTRONIC MASS**
3 **MEDIA, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE INTERNET,**
4 **AND CABLE TV AND ITS VARIANTS,** cannot be compelled to
5 reveal the source of any news[-] **ITEM,** report or information
6 appearing [in] **OR BEING REPORTED OR DISSEMINATED**
7 **THROUGH** said [publication] **MEDIA,** which was related in
8 confidence to [such publisher, editor or reporter] **THE**
9 **ABOVENTIONED MEDIA PRACTITIONERS** unless the
10 court or [a] **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE**
11 **SENATE OR ANY** committee of Congress finds that such
12 revelation is demanded by the security of the State.”

13 **SEC. 2. Repealing Clause.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules
14 or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act
15 are hereby repealed or modified.

16 **SEC. 3. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
17 its complete publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

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