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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:17 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III, called the session to order.

PRAYER

The Body observed a minute of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Senate President, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Lutgardo B. Barbo, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Lacson, P. M.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Legarda, L.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Pacquiao, E. M. D
Drilon, F. M.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Gatchalian, W.	Poe, G.
Gordon, R. J.	Sotto III, V. C.
Honasan, G. B.	Villanueva, J.
Hontiveros, R.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 18 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Escudero, Recto and Trillanes arrived after the roll call.

Senator Villar was on official mission as indicated in the August 22, 2017 letter of her acting chief of staff, to “serve as the Guest of Honor and Speaker of Organic Osmeña Festival 2020 at the Municipality of Sergio Osmeña Sr. in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.”

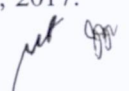
Senator De Lima was unable to attend the session as she was under detention.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNALS

Upon motion of the Acting Majority Leader, Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journals of Session No. 9 (August 14, 2017) and Session No. 11 (August 16, 2017) and considered them approved.

**APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5176
ON THIRD READING**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5176, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.



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

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SARRAGA INTEGRATED AND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7478, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE SARRAGA INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Angara	Legarda
Aquino	Pacquiao
Binay	Pangilinan
Drilon	Pimentel
Ejercito	Poe
Gatchalian	Recto
Gordon	Villanueva
Hontiveros	Zubiri
Lacson	

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 17 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5176 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4636 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading,

House Bill No. 4636, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.

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

AN ACT GRANTING THE ILOILO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Legarda
Binay	Pacquiao
Drilon	Pangilinan
Ejercito	Pimentel
Gatchalian	Poe
Gordon	Recto
Hontiveros	Villanueva
Lacson	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 4636 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5063 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5063, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 67, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the Senate, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there

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being no objection, Secretary Barbo read only the title of the bill, to wit:

AN ACT GRANTING THE PANGASINAN GULF WAVES NETWORK CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Legarda
Binay	Pacquiao
Drilon	Pangilinan
Ejercito	Pimentel
Gatchalian	Poe
Gordon	Recto
Hontiveros	Villanueva
Lacson	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5063 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5211 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5211, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.

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

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE

FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GATEWAY U.H.F. TELEVISION BROADCASTING, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GATEWAY TELEVISION BROADCASTING, INC., AND DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME AND STYLE OF HOPE CHANNEL PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7223, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING GATEWAY U.H.F. TELEVISION BROADCASTING, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES UHF TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Legarda
Binay	Pacquiao
Drilon	Pangilinan
Ejercito	Pimentel
Gatchalian	Poe
Gordon	Recto
Hontiveros	Villanueva
Lacson	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5211 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5175 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5175, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.

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

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BETA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8026, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE BETA BROADCASTING SYSTEM CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Legarda
Binay	Pacquiao
Drilon	Pangilinan
Ejercito	Pimentel
Gatchalian	Poe
Gordon	Recto
Hontiveros	Villanueva
Lacson	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5175 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5212 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5212, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.

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

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FILIPINAS BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS WORD BROADCASTING CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7485 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINAS BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Binay	Pacquiao
Drilon	Pangilinan
Ejercito	Pimentel
Escudero	Poe
Gatchalian	Recto
Gordon	Villanueva
Hontiveros	Zubiri

Against

None

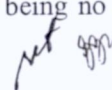
Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5212 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5064 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no



objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5064, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.

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

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SUBIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7511 ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE SUBIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Lacson
Binay	Pacquiao
Drilon	Pangilinan
Ejercito	Pimentel
Escudero	Poe
Gatchalian	Recto
Gordon	Villanueva
Hontiveros	Zubiri

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 16 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5064 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5177 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no

objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, House Bill No. 5177, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.

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

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INFOCOM COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC. (PRESENTLY KNOWN AS NOW TELECOM COMPANY, INC.) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7301, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING INFOCOM COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INC. (ICNI), A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN MOBILE RADIO SYSTEMS SUCH AS RADIO PAGING SYSTEMS, CELLULAR PHONE SYSTEMS, PERSONAL COMMUNICATION NETWORK (PCN), AND TRUNK RADIO SYSTEMS WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7940.

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Pacquiao
Binay	Pangilinan
Drilon	Pimentel
Ejercito	Poe
Escudero	Recto
Gatchalian	Trillanes
Gordon	Villanueva
Hontiveros	Zubiri
Lacson	

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 17 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared House Bill No. 5177 approved on Third Reading.

APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1311 ON THIRD READING

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered, on Third Reading, Senate Bill No. 1311, printed copies of which were distributed to the senators on August 17, 2017.

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

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9485 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BUSINESS ANTI-RED TAPE AND COMPETITIVENESS BUREAU, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Secretary Barbo called the roll for nominal voting.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor

Aquino	Pacquiao
Binay	Pangilinan
Drilon	Pimentel
Ejercito	Poe
Escudero	Recto
Gatchalian	Trillanes
Gordon	Villanueva
Hontiveros	Zubiri
Lacson	

Against

None

Abstention

None

With 17 senators voting in favor, none against, and no abstention, the Chair declared Senate Bill No. 1311 approved on Third Reading.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the classmates of Kian delos Santos from Our Lady of Lourdes College in Valenzuela City.

Senate President Pimentel welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR AQUINO

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Aquino called the Body's attention to the fatal shooting of 17-year old Kian Loyd D. delos Santos during the PNP's Oplan Galugad anti-drug operation in Caloocan City.

Following is the full text of Senator Aquino's privilege speech:

"Ian, isara mo na ang tindahan at matulog ka na." Kung alam lamang po sana ni Lola Violeta na iyan ang huling masasabi niya sa kanyang apo, siguro po iba ang nabigkas niya.

Bumaba si po Ian upang isara ang sari-sari store ng pamilya at naglinis muna bago matulog. Kung alam lamang po sana ni Ian kung anong tadhana ang nag-aantay sa kanya, siguro ay hindi na siya nagkusang-loob.

As someone who has worked in the youth sector for more than a decade, and as someone who, like all of us here, pushed for more access to education for our Filipino youth, the unnecessary death of Ian delos Santos was difficult to accept.

Noong nabalitaan ko na sa Oplan Galugad ng PNP, may Grade 11 student na—kitang kita naman sa CCTV footage—na kinaladkad patungong isang sulok at pinatay na walang pakundangan, nanghina po ang aking loob at napaisip ako.

Paano tayo umabot sa ganito? Ito na ba ang "new normal" ng ating bansa, especially sa mga mahihirap na barangay sa ating bayan?

Many of us here, surely, felt the same way.

Marami po sa mga kababayan natin ang



una nalungkot, at pagkatapos, nagalit sa nangyari kay Ian at sa kaniyang pamilya.

Kian Loyd delos Santos, better known as Ian to his friends, is a 17-year old Grade 11 student from Our Lady of Lourdes Senior High School. *Si Ian po ay pangatlo sa apat na anak. Sari-sari store owner ang kanyang amang si Zaldy at nagtatrabaho sa Riyadh bilang OFW ang kanyang ina na si Lorenza.*

"Kapit lang, Ma, makakauwi ka na. Malapit na akong matapos sa pag-aaral," pangako po ni Ian. Mabuti po siyang anak. Araw-araw, gumigising nang maaga si Ian upang magbenta ng school supplies sa mga estudyante at magulang na naglalakad papunta sa paaralang malapit sa kanila.

"Kilala si Ian na nagbebenta—nagbebenta ng school supplies sa mga dumadaan sa aming tindahan, hindi droga," giit po ng kanyang ama.

Masipag din po siyang estudyante. "Sabay-sabay tayong magtatapos ng high school," pahayag ni Ian nang bumuo siya ng study group kasama ng kanyang mga kaklase.

Si Ian ay masayahin at malambing, magaling sumayaw — according sa kanyang barkada, mahilig sa FLIPTOP, at idol ang Filipino battle rapper na si Bassilyo.

Higit sa lahat, si Ian ay mapagmahal na kaibigan. Ramdam na ramdam ko po ang pagmamahal ng kanyang mga kaibigan nung nakasama ko sila kahapon sa burol ni Ian. Ang ilan po sa kanila ay kasama natin ngayong hapon ito.

"Naglalaba ka na naman? Sabi ko sa 'yo maupo ka lang eh," lagi pong nasasabi ni Ian sa kaniyang kaibigang si Erica. At siya na po ang magtatapos ng labada ni Erica.

Sabi naman ni Ian kay Lennard, ang kanyang best friend, "Pumasok ka na, Go! Miss na kita."

"Awang awa si Ian sa akin noong inopera ako," kuwento ni Lennard, "Wala siyang pambili ng pagkain, pero binenta niya ang kaniyang mga damit para makabili lang ng prutas para sa akin. Pinilit kong pumasok agad para kay Ian, para makabawi ako sa kanya. Miss na daw niya ako."

Ramdam na ramdam ng mga kaibigan ni Ian ang kaniyang pagmamahal.

Hangarin sana ni Ian na i-ahon ang kanyang pamilya mula sa kahirapan.

Nangarap si Ian maging pulis, ngunit sa kaduluduluhan, mga pulis din po ang kumuha ng kanyang buhay. Isang tama ng bala sa likuran, dalawa sa kanyang tenga, patunay, sabi sa kanyang autopsy, na binaril siya habang nakahandusay sa lupa.

Ang sigaw niya po sa kabila ng kahirapan sa buhay, "Laban lang!"

Ngunit hindi siya nanlaban. Hindi po siya nanlaban. Hindi po siya nanlaban.

Noong Miyerkules, ikalabing-anim ng Agosto, alas otso bente kuwatro ng gabi, pinatay ng mga pulis si Kian Loyd Delos Santos na walang kalaban-laban, sa ngalan po ng giyera kontra droga.

"Tama na po! Tama na po! May test pa ako bukas!"; narinig ng mga testigo na sabi raw po ni Ian habang siya ay kinakaladkad patungong isang madilim na sulok sa looban ng Caloocan.

Kung kinilala sana ng mga pulis na 'yon ang Ian na kilala natin ngayon—

Ang Ian na gumigising nang maaga upang matulungan ang ama para magbenta ng school supplies;

Ang Ian na tumutulong kay Erica tuwing Sabado sa kanyang gawaing bahay;

Ang Ian na nagbenta ng damit para lang makabili ng prutas para sa kanyang kaibigang si Lennard na bagong opera;

Ang Ian na may talento sa pagsayaw at pambato ng kanilang klase sa mga folk dancing competition;

Ang Ian na nagsisikap makapagtapos ng pag-aaral at nangarap makapasok sa PNPA.

Kung yon po sana ang nakilala nila at hindi isang ang sinasabi ho nilang drug addict o drug courier na sa tingin po ng iba ay hindi naman tao at walang karapatang mabuhay, siguro po buhay pa si Ian ngayon — nangangarap at nagsisikap, nagpapasaya at tumutulong sa kanyang mga kaibigan at kapamilya.

Thousands of Filipinos have died in the name of this current drug war we have. Just last week, there were 81 recorded killings.

Collateral damage in previous months included children as young as four years old... killed in the hands of those who have sworn to serve and protect.

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Kung wala pong CCTV footage, Ian's case would have been reduced to a statistic under the label of Legitimate Police Operations.

Ilan pa po ba ang kailangang mamatay bago natin harapin ang isang napakasakit na katotohanan – na ang ating pag-asa sa karahasan bilang pangunahing solusyon sa problema ng droga at iba pang problema ng ating bayan ay hindi magdudulot ng kabutihan sa ating bayan, bagkus magdudulot lamang ng mas marami pang mga bangkay at mas marami pang mga pamilyang wasak at nagdurusa.

There must be other ways. There have to be other solutions to our drug menace – solutions through education, through a stronger justice system, through rehabilitation, through an up-standing and outstanding police force, through proper and legal enforcement procedures, through anti-poverty efforts and programs that provide jobs and livelihood.

Solutions *na* in fairness, *itinataguyod natin sa Senado sa mga batas, polisiya at programa na sinusulong ng bawat isa sa atin dito.*

Ngayon po na magkakaisa ang Senado sa paghahanap ng katarungan para kay Ian, huwag din po nating kalimutan ang iba pang naging biktima ng collateral damage, mistaken identity at mga biktima ng mga extrajudicial killings.

We need to put an end to these killings. We need to hold persons in positions of power and authority accountable to the Filipino people.

Para po kay Kian, para po sa ating kabataan, para sa ating bayan.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Aquino to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR LACSON

Taking note of the privilege speech and a resolution – as had been agreed upon in a majority caucus—that would be read for referral to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs, Senator Lacson informed the members that his committee has scheduled a hearing on the said resolution as well as on the other related speeches at 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR HONTIVEROS

Availing herself of the privilege hour, Senator Hontiveros called for an end to the bloody killings resulting from the Duterte administration's war on illegal drugs.

The full text of Senator Hontiveros' privilege speech follows:

I rise on a point of personal and collective privilege.

Alam na po natin lahat ang kuwento ni Kian de los Santos. But maybe the facts bear repeating. On August 17, at night, a 17-year-old was killed as part of last week's bloody rampage, where more than 90 people in Bulacan, Caloocan and Manila have been felled by elements of the police force as part of the war on drugs. Kian de los Santos, a grade 11 student, would just have been part of the statistics had it not been for the CCTV footage showing that Kian was being bodily carried by two men, and eyewitness accounts saying that at no point did he try to shoot at those apprehending him. In fact, he was begging for his life: "Tama na, tama na, may exam ako bukas," being his last words. Sa madaling salita, malinaw ang ebidensya na hindi siya nanlaban. His lifeless body was shown in fetal position, and in a later autopsy conducted by the Public Attorney's Office, it was found that he sustained three fatal wounds, one of which was identified to be a treacherous wound.

My staff and I went to visit the wake of Kian and to pay our respects. It was there that the family discussed with me their security and practical concerns, and the legal steps that they planned to take. When my office took custody of the witnesses, it was in response to the request of these witnesses and their families, and even the family of Kian, to protect them from the threats that they have been receiving. *Sa Senate hearing sa Huwebes, titiyakin ko ang pagdalo ng mga testigo at hihilingin ko rin sa aking mga kasama na sila ay protektahan nang maigi.* The primary priority of my office is the protection of these witnesses and their testimony, and to do what we can from our end to secure justice for a 17-year-old boy felled by agents of the state.

Yesterday, President Duterte broke his silence on the Kian de los Santos issue by vowing that police officers behind the killing will be thrown in jail. In the same breath, he said that

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he cannot put so many pressures on the police and he cannot condemn them without validation.

Naalala ko ang pamagat ng paborito kong pelikula ni Lino Brocka, "Tinimbang Ka Ngunit Kulang."

While we welcome the commitment of the President to allow the investigation of the policemen involved in the murder of Kian de los Santos, this does not, this cannot make us forget his other words that have inspired, abetted and condoned the senseless killings in the name of the war on drugs.

Paano pa niya sasabihin na bibigyan niya ng independyenteng imbestigasyon ang pagkamatay ni Kian, pagkatapos iutos ng pangulo ang reinstatement at hayaan ang promotion ni Police Supt. Marvin Marcos, na sinasabing nanguna sa extrajudicial killing ni Albura Mayor Rolando Espinosa Sr.?

Paano natin siya paniniwalaan pagkatapos ikatuwa ng Pangulo ang malaking bilang ng mga taong napaslang sa one-time, big-time operation ng PNP, kung saan napaslang si Kian de los Santos, at sinabi pa ng Malacañang na "there is rhyme and reason in the police operations"?

Paano natin mahahanapan ng "good faith" ang kanyang pananalita, kung noong Disyembre 2016 lang, sinabi ng Presidente na "o pag walang baril, bigyan ng baril." Kung tama ang mga testigo, ganyan na ganyan ang ginawa kay Kian.

The President's hands are stained by the blood of Kian, and the blood of the 12,000 murdered in the name of his bloody war on drugs. He inspired this culture of impunity and killing. He reveled in the deaths of drug addicts, while at the same time turning a blind eye on the big drug lords close to him and his family.

And to all Filipinos who denied the existence of extrajudicial killings for whatever reason — maybe because of your support for this President, your disgust for drugs and crime, your belief that iron fists are necessary for "real change" — maybe some reflection is in order. *Baka dapat natin pagnilayan kung ano ang naging papel natin at nahantong tayo sa ganito.* They were shocked at the death of Kian because they could not ignore the CCTV footage. They had no choice but to confront his death because his narrative was compelling — *mabait na bata, wala sa drug list, mag-exam sa susunod na araw.* They felt stirred into action because they could no longer ignore

the growing outrage from a country you had thought had grown callous to death. But Kian was not the first. That there were thousands of deaths before him and that you allowed it to happen by denying EJKs is something you have to live with.

But Kian can be the last, or one of the last. *Maari pa natin pigilan ang mga susunod na Kian. O ang mga susunod na Danica Garcia, Angel Fernandez, Rowena Tiamson. Para sa kanilang sinabing nanlaban, manlaban tayo.* For them, we must keep on fighting.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senator Hontiveros' privilege speech to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PACQUIAO

Senator Pacquiao gave the following manifestation to express his condemnation on the senseless killing of Kian delos Santos:

I would like to manifest that I am with you in condemning the abuses by the police resulting in excessive and unnecessary deaths in the conduct of the campaign against illegal drugs. I agree with you that there should be a Senate inquiry on the PNP's responsibility and accountability on the conduct of the anti-drugs campaign.

For the record, I fully support President Duterte's war on drugs but I do not support the senseless killings *ng mga abusadong pulis.*

Noong nakaraang Linnggo, maraming namatay dahil sa malawakang anti-drug raid operations.

Saludo po ako sa mga matitinong police enforcers nguni't galit naman tayo sa mga pulis na umaabuso sa kanilang kapangyarihan at pumapatay ng mga inosenteng mamamayan.

Just like you, I condemn the brutal killing of Kian delos Santos. Kian was only Grade 11. Kian was just 17 years old. That was a senseless killing of a minor.

Even President Duterte said that if police murdered Kian delos Santos, *siya mismo ang maghahatid doon sa kulungan o magpapakulong sa kanila. At iyan po ang paninindigan ng ating Pangulo na nililinaw lamang niya na inii-instruction-an ang mga pulis na gawin ang*



kanilang trabaho pero hindi naman ini-instruction-nan ng Pangulo na labagin ang batas. Kaya ang sabi ng Pangulo na imbestigahan kung sino ang may pagkakamali o kung may pag-aabusong ginawa ang mga pulis, at siya mismo ang magpapakulong.

I fully support the war on drugs but not at the expense of the rule of law. It is our moral duty to uphold the principle of due process.

With this, I manifest my support to Proposed Senate Resolution No. 471.

REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF SENATOR PACQUIAO'S MANIFESTATION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senator Pacquiao's manifestation to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 14 August 2017, the House of Representatives passed the following House bills, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

House Bill No. 6084, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

To the Committee on Local Government

House Bill No. 6024, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS FREEDOM DAY;

House Bill No. 6065, entitled

AN ACT RENAMING THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, AS THE BILIRAN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY (BILSU) AND REMOVING THE PROHIBITION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9718, ENTITLED: AN ACT CONVERTING THE NAVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVAL, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE NAVAL STATE UNIVERSITY, INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BILIRAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BILIRAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and

House Bill No. 6081, entitled

AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF MANLABANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MANLABANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CAIBIRAN, PROVINCE OF BILIRAN, TO CAIBIRAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

House Bill No. 3986, entitled

AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAYAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO DISTRICT OFFICE OF BALAYAN, BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and

House Bill No. 5953, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CITY OF SIPALAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

House Bill No. 5550, entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE CAMALOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MALAGNAT EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MALAGNAT, MUNICIPALITY OF PINUKPUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE CAMALOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MALAGNAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 6030, entitled

AN ACT INTEGRATING THE CEBU CITY MOUNTAIN EXTENSION CAMPUS AS A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9744, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND ALL ITS SATELLITE CAMPUSES LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (CTU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 6031, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE MAASIN CITY

COLLEGE INTO THE SOUTHERN LEYTE STATE UNIVERSITY (SLSU);

House Bill No. 6099, entitled


AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL – MUSIMUT ANNEX IN BARANGAY MUSIMUT, MUNICIPALITY OF KABUGAO, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE MAYOR BARTOLOME SERUT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MUSIMUT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 6100, entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE GOVERNOR BENJAMIN LEGUIAB, SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SACPIL ANNEX IN BARANGAY SACPIL, MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE GOVERNOR BENJAMIN LEGUIAB, SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SACPIL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

House Bill No. 6101, entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – CACALAGGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY CACALAGGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PUDTOL, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE MATAGUISI COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TAWIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and



House Bill No. 6103, entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – GUINA-ANG ANNEX IN BARANGAY GUINA-ANG, MUNICIPALITY OF CONNER, PROVINCE OF APAYAO FROM THE CONNER CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GUINA-ANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

Letter from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 14 August 2017, the House of Representatives designated Representatives Panganiban Jr., Yap, Villanueva, Garin, Oaminal, Nograles and Chavez as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5670, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING ASSISTANCE TO ALL FARMERS BY PROVIDING FREE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEE AND ALL OTHER SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES OR CHARGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552, AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION ACT, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8435, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; and

Senate Bill No. 1465, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FREE IRRIGATION SERVICE TO SMALL FARMERS, REVOKING FOR THE PURPOSE THE CORPORATE STATUS OF THE

NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

To the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 469, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE TEAM FOR WINNING FIFTY TWO (52) MEDALS AND AWARDS IN THE 2017 INDIA INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION HELD IN LUCKNOW, INDIA

Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

To the Committee on Rules

COMMUNICATIONS

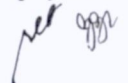
Letter from the Government Service Insurance System, providing the Senate a copy of its 2015 Annual Report.

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Letter from the Office of the President of the Philippines, recommending for favorable action by the Congress on the condonation of interest and penalty charges incurred by the Philippine National Police-Maritime Group for its unpaid electricity bills to the Philippine Ports Authority for the period August 1999 to September 2005, pursuant to Section 36(1) of Presidential Decree No. 1445 (Government Auditing Code of the Philippines), and Section 20(1), Chapter 4, Subtitle B, Title I, Book V of Executive Order No. 292 (Administrative Code of 1987).

To the Committee on Public Services

Letter from the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff, submitting to the Senate its quarterly reports on financial and physical



accomplishments on the utilization of Wildlife Management Fund; and the report on the implementation of the Wildlife Management Fund – Special Account in the General Fund (WMF-SAGF) of PCSDS for FY 2016 and first quarter of FY 2017, pursuant to General Appropriations Act of 2017 (R. A. No. 10924).

To the Committees on Finance; and Environment and Natural Resources

Letter from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, submitting to the Senate the *Report on Economic and Financial Developments in the Philippines, First Quarter 2017*, pursuant to Section 39(a), Chapter I, Article V of the New Central Bank Act (R.A. No. 7653).

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Letter from the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, submitting to the Senate the "Report to Congress on Assistance to Nationals" for the period July to December 2016, in CD digital format, pursuant to Section 33 of Republic Act No. 8042, otherwise known as Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, as amended by Republic Act No. 10022.

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

Letter from the Pilipinas Asian Pearl Airways, Inc., submitting to the Senate the Audited Financial Statements for year ending 31 Dec. 2016 and Business Permit for year 2017, in compliance with Republic Act No. 10901.

To the Committee on Public Services

Letters from the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, transmitting to the Senate copies of the following certified and authenticated BSP issuances, in compliance with Section 15(a) of Republic Act No. 7653 (The New Central Bank Act):

Circular Letter Nos. CL-2017-045 and 046 dated 27 and 21 July 2017;

Memorandum No. M-2017-023 dated 26 July 2017;

and Circular No. 967 dated 27 July 2017.

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 156, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Justice and Human Rights, on Senate Bill No. 1558, with Senators Risa Hontiveros and Grace Poe as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING GENDER-BASED STREET AND PUBLIC SPACES HARASSMENT, EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1250, 1254 and 1326.

Sponsor: Senator Risa Hontiveros

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 157, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance on Senate Bill No. 1559, with Senators Trillanes IV and Legarda as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO COVERED EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 503.

Sponsor: Senator Trillanes IV

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 158, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service,

Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development on Senate Bill No. 1560, with Senators Trillanes IV and Villanueva as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING DISASTER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS PAID LEAVE DURING PERIOD OF DISASTERS,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 610.

Sponsor: Senator Trillanes IV

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 159, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance on Senate Bill No. 1561, with Senators Trillanes IV and Legarda as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ALL CONTRACTUAL AND CASUAL EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE BE PAID CORRESPONDING WAGES DURING SPECIAL PUBLIC AND LOCAL HOLIDAYS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 494,

Sponsor: Senator Trillanes IV

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 160, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance on Senate Bill No. 1562, with Senators Trillanes IV and Legarda as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING NIGHT SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL PAY TO THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THOSE IN GOVERN-

MENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 642.

Sponsor: Senator Trillanes IV

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Letter of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, dated 9 August 2017, submitting for the Senate's consideration and concurrence the "*Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto*," which was adopted on 26 September 1997.

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 470, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FREQUENT BROWNOUTS IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN SINCE JANUARY 2017 TO THE DETRIMENT OF ITS ECONOMY, RESIDENTS, VISITORS, AND IN RELATION THERETO, THE COMPLIANCE OF PALECO WITH ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136 AND ITS RELATED RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND THE PERFORMANCE OF NEA AS THE REGULATOR OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10531

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committee on Energy

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 471, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO CONDEMN THE KILLING OF KIAN LOYD DELOS SANTOS AND TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE IN THE CONDUCT OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS THAT MAY HAVE RESULTED IN UNNECESSARY AND UNJUSTIFIED DEATHS AND/OR KILLINGS

Introduced by Senators Pimentel III, Sotto III, Recto, Angara, Binay, Ejercito, Escudero, Gatchalian, Gordon, Honasan II, Lacson, Legarda, Pacquiao, Poe, Villanueva, Villar, Zubiri

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 138
ON SENATE BILL NO. 1455**

(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration, on Second Reading, of Senate Bill No. 1455 (Committee Report No. 138), entitled

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

The Chair recognized Senator Binay for her cosponsorship speech.

**COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF SENATOR BINAY**

Senator Binay delivered her cosponsorship speech

on Senate Bill No. 1455, or The Filipino Sign Language Act, as follows:

The State recognizes the rights, privileges, and freedoms of persons with disabilities (PWDs) with the adoption of policies and programs that would develop their self-reliance and self-development, as well as promote their rehabilitation. This is in consonance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that promotes and protects the rights of PWDs and their full enjoyment of it.

National and local state agencies shall uphold respect for their inherent dignity, individual autonomy, and independence by guaranteeing accessibility and eliminating all forms of discrimination in all public interactions and transactions, thereby ensuring their full and effective participation and inclusion in society.

Part of these policies is ensuring that our fellow Filipinos who are hard of hearing or deaf are able to exercise their right to expression and opinion without prejudice to their condition. It is estimated that around 120,000 Filipinos are deaf, according to the national census done in the year 2000. The figures might have gone up in the past 17 years and I fear that there are more and more PWDs who do not enjoy their rights.

There is a need to identify and adopt standards that would guide the development and advancement, especially in communicating, of the deaf and hard of hearing. The State should recognize and promote the use of sign languages embodying the specific cultural and linguistic identity of the Filipino deaf.

The Filipino Sign Language (FSL) shall be recognized, promoted, and supported as the medium of official communication in all transactions involving the deaf, and as the language of instruction of deaf education, without prejudice to the use of other forms of communication depending on individual choice or preference.

With the passage of this bill:

- FSL will be used in all government transactions, most especially in the judiciary, in the health system, and in frontline offices that provide services to the deaf. Closer to home, qualified FSL interpreters should be provided in our Senate hearings, sessions, and other activities.
- There will be a national system of standards, accreditations, and procedures for FSL interpreting, as well as policies on the practice of interpreting as a profession.

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- FSL will be the medium of instruction in deaf education, as well as part of the curriculum for deaf learners. Training materials in the education of the deaf will also be developed and training for teachers will be undertaken.
- The KBP and the MTRCB, the deaf community, and other stakeholders will create a national system of standards, procedures and accreditation for broadcast media interpreting in FSL. All videos published online including those on social media, shall also conform to Philippine web accessibility standards.
- Appropriate steps to propagate sign language competency among hearing people will also be promoted.

In the end, the passage of this bill would free our fellow Filipinos who are deaf or hard of hearing from illiteracy, marginalization, and oppression; and make them partners in nation-building.

So I urge my colleagues, let us pass Senate Bill No. 1455.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 4:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:12 p.m., the session was resumed.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1455

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

SPECIAL ORDER

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the transfer of Committee Report No. 156 on Senate Bill No. 1558 from the Calendar for Ordinary Business to the Calendar for Special Orders.

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 156 ON SENATE BILL NO. 1558

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no

objection, the Body considered on Second Reading, Senate Bill No. 1558 (Committee Report No. 156), entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING GENDER-BASED STREET AND PUBLIC SPACES HARASSMENT, EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

The Chair recognized Senator Hontiveros for the sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR HONTIVEROS

Senator Hontiveros, on behalf of the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality, submitted for plenary consideration Senate Bill No. 1558, entitled "An Act Defining and Penalizing Gender-Based Street and Public Spaces Harassment, Expanding the Definition of Sexual Harassment, and Amending for this Purpose Republic Act No. 7877, and For Other Purposes" under Committee Report No. 156.

The full text of Senator Hontiveros' sponsorship speech follows:

"Hi, sexy!" "Wow legs!" "*Pahipo naman!*" "*Ang ganda mo, te, L ako sa iyo!*" "*Hoy, babae ka ba o bakla?*"

Imagine walking down the streets and alleys of the city, and being subjected to catcalls of that sort and wolf-whistles from jeering bystanders. Imagine feeling reduced to the sum of your body parts. Imagine being judged for the way you dress. And then, imagine having to fear this every day of your life. Imagine never feeling safe in the public spaces of the city that you call your home.

What I just described are the realities that confront women and LGBT every day in streets and public spaces. Street harassment and public spaces harassment remain to be a persistent

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problem of our time. An overwhelming 88% of women aged 18 to 24 years old experienced sexual harassment in the streets (according to SWS in 2016). While wolf-whistling and catcalling are the more common cases, other forms of sexual harassment include stalking, rubbing or touching, indecent gestures, exhibitionism and public masturbation. Majority of these incidents take place on the streets and small alleys, but they have also been reported to happen in public vehicles, public wash-rooms, schools, and workplaces.

Seeking to address this problem, the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality wishes to sponsor on the floor Committee Report No. 156, entitled "Safe Streets, Public Spaces and Workplaces Act." This committee report consolidates Senate Bill No. 1326, or An Act Penalizing Gender-Based Street and Public Spaces Harassment; Senate Bill No. 1250, or the Anti Sexual Harassment Act of 2016; and Senate Bill No. 1254 filed by Sen. Grace Poe, otherwise known as An Act To Eliminate All Forms Of Sexual Harassment In Work Places, Educational Institutions, And Public Places.

This substitute bill imposes penalties against unwanted comments, gestures, and actions forced on a person in a public place without his/her consent and is directed at them because of his/her actual or perceived sex, gender, gender expression, or sexual orientation and identity. Specific acts include but are not limited to unwanted cursing, wolf-whistling, cat-calling, leering, sexist, homophobic or transphobic slurs, persistent requests for someone's name, number or destination after clear refusal, persistent telling of sexual jokes, use of sexual names, comments and demands, following, flashing, public masturbation, groping, and stalking.

Secondly, it also includes specific provisions for harassment in schools, harassment in public utility vehicles, and harassment in privately-owned spaces that are open to the public such as restaurants and malls.

Moreover, it addresses an important gap in our existing Sexual Harassment Law by penalizing peer-to-peer sexual harassment. This has been a long-sought amendment by women's rights advocates in recognition of the inherent power relations between the male and female gender that can lead to oppressions and aggressions even between individuals of similar rank in the workplace.

Finally, the bills provide for awareness-raising programs and educational modules in order to propagate awareness of and vigilance

against gender-based street and public spaces harassment.

Our women and brothers and sisters in the LGBT community have a right to be protected in public spaces. Men and women should have the same opportunities to thrive within their cities and communities, and to have an active public life. Men and women have the right to feel safe in our workplaces. This cannot be possible if we constantly feel under threat of what lurks behind the shadows. Many countries have already recognized the pernicious problem of street and public spaces harassment. In fact, in Nicaragua, its street harassment law has generated so much awareness and consciousness that Nicaraguan women have been known to cry out "La ley!" (translated as, the law) right on the street when confronted with an abuser.

We needed our version of this law yesterday. Let us make our streets and public spaces safer for women. Let us make our schools and workplaces free from gender-based harassment and sexual violence. Let us make public recreation areas truly recreational and uplifting.

COAUTHOR

Upon his request and with Senator Hontiveros concurring, Senator Villanueva was made coauthor of the bill.

Senator Villanueva recalled fighting for the enactment of a similar measure when he was still a member of the House of Representatives as he further noted that a number of LGUs have ordinances similar to Senate Bill No. 1558.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1558

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body suspended consideration of the bill.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 4:21 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:52 p.m., the session was resumed.

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Secretary of the Senate read the following resolutions which the Chair referred to the committees hereunder indicated:

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 472, entitled

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO BAGGED FIFTEEN MEDALS AT THE 29TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Introduced by Sen. Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 473, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT SERIES OF DRUG RAIDS BY THE POLICE AND THE DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S DRUG WAR, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING THE POSSIBLE ACCOUNTABILITY OF POLICE OFFICERS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES INVOLVED, STOPPING POLICE ABUSE AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS

Introduced by Senators Aquino IV, De Lima, Drilon, Hontiveros, Pangilinan and Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Acting on the request of Senator Angara and with the concurrence of Senator Villanueva, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair transferred the primary referral of Senate Bill No. 313, from the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development to the Committee on Youth.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 4:55 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


ATTY. LUTGARDO B. BARBO
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on August 23, 2017