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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 245

Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Relations on FEB 21 2018.

Re: P.S. Res. No. 649, prepared by the Committee

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor: Sen. Loren Legarda

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to which was referred the Protocol, entitled:

**“PROTOCOL OF 1997
TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS
MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING
THERE TO”**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that Proposed Senate Resolution No. 649, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**RESOLUTION
CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO 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**

be approved without amendment.

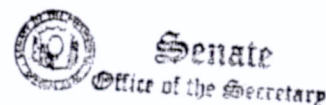
Respectfully submitted:


LOREN LEGARDA

Chair

Committee on Foreign Relations

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WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 7, Section 21, states: "No treaty or international agreement shall be valid and effective unless concurred in by at least two-thirds of all the members of the Senate";

WHEREAS, 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* (MARPOL Annex VI) was adopted on 26 September 1997;

WHEREAS, the MARPOL Annex VI sets the limits on the main air pollutants contained in ships' exhaust gas, including sulphur oxides (SOx) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions from ship exhausts and prohibits deliberate emissions of ozone depleting substances, and requires the designation of emission control areas, setting more stringent standards for SOx, NOx and particulate matter.

WHEREAS, MARPOL Annex VI also regulates shipboard incineration, and the emission of volatile organic compounds from tankers;

WHEREAS, the President of the Philippines ratified the Protocol on 9 August 2017 and submitted it to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in the hearing conducted by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on 20 February 2018, the following government agencies endorsed the concurrence to the accession to the Protocol:

1. Department of Foreign Affairs
2. Department of Justice
3. Philippine Ports Authority
4. Maritime Industry Authority