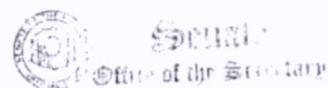


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Prepared and submitted by the Committee on Finance, on DEC - 3 2018.

Re: Senate Joint Resolution No. 17

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor : Senator Legarda

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred **Senate Joint Resolution No. 17**, introduced by Senator Legarda, entitled:

**"SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS
FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND
CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 61 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 10964, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL
YEAR 2018"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved without amendment.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA
Chairperson, Committee on Finance

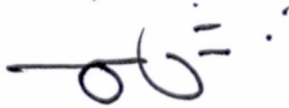
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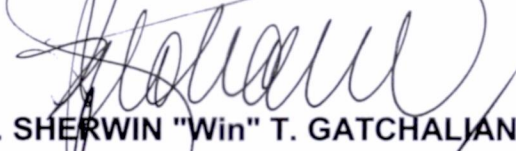


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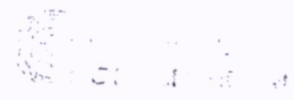
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Introduced by **Senator Loren Legarda**

JOINT RESOLUTION
EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS FOR
MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO
DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 61 OF THE
GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10964, THE GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2018

1 **WHEREAS**, the General Appropriations Act for fiscal years 2014 to 2017,
2 consistently provides that the appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating
3 Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) were available for release and obligation
4 for a period extending to one (1) fiscal year after the fiscal year in which said items were
5 appropriated;
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7 **WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10964, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of
8 FY 2018, the validity of MOOE and CO has been limited to one year as provided by
9 Section 61 of the General Provisions of the said GAA, which reads:
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11 "SEC. 61. *Availability of Appropriations.* All appropriations authorized in
12 this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose
13 specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto,
14 until December 31, 2018.
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16 A report on these releases and obligations shall be submitted to the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate of
18 the Philippines, House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate
19 Committee on Finance, either in printed form or by way of electronic
20 document."
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22 **WHEREAS**, the country has been affected by several devastating calamities
23 such as typhoons Yutu (Rosita) and Mangkhut (Ompong), flash floods and flooding
24 incidents as effect of southwest monsoon that severely hit Regions I, II, III, IV-A, IV-B,
25 CAR, NCR, X, XII, and ARMM. The onslaught of the said calamities destroyed vital
26 infrastructures and affected the delivery of basic services to the affected communities.
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28 **WHEREAS**, there are appropriations that have not been released and allotment
29 issued that have not been obligated which shall automatically result in the reversion of
30 the said unexpended appropriations to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund
31 of the much needed MOOE and CO to fund priority projects, aid and relief activities as
32 well as for the maintenance, construction/repair and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals,
33 roads, bridges and other essential facilities of the national government;
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1 **WHEREAS**, previous Joint Resolutions extending the validity of MOOE and CO
2 have been passed by Congress, such as:

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4 Joint Resolution No. 1, passed in 2002, titled: Joint Resolution
5 extending the availability of 2002 appropriations for Maintenance and
6 Other Operating Expenses to December 31, 2003, amending for the
7 purpose Section 61 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No.
8 9162, the General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2002; and
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10 Joint Resolution 1, passed in 2013, titled: Joint Resolution extending
11 the validity of appropriations under the Calamity Fund and Quick
12 Response Fund, including those sourced from savings realigned in the
13 current year, as well as all unobligated allotment and unreleased
14 appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and
15 Capital Outlays under Republic Act No. 10352 or the FY 2013 General
16 Appropriations Act until December 31, 2014, amending for the purpose
17 Section 63 of the General Provisions therein.
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19 **WHEREAS**, it is clearly imperative that Section 61 of the General Provisions of
20 Republic Act No. 10964 should be amended such that the validity of the MOOE and CO
21 appropriations shall be extended for another fiscal year for the benefit of the people and
22 for the welfare of the nation, Now, therefore, be it
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24 **Resolved** by the House of Representatives, the Senate of the Philippines voting
25 separately, To extend the validity and period of availability of the Fiscal Year 2018
26 appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlays to
27 December 31, 2019, amending for the purpose Section 61 of the General Provisions of
28 Republic Act No. 10964, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of Fiscal
29 Year 2018.
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31 *Approved,*
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Loren Legarda