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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Vicente C. Sotto III, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay led the prayer, to wit:

Dakilang Dios, buong pagpapakumbaba po kaming lumalapit sa Inyo ngayong hapon para humingi ng Inyong gabay sa pagbubukas ng aming sesyon.

Sa araw na ito, dalangin namin na bigyan Ninyo kami ng kalakasan, kalusugan at higit sa lahat, katalinuhan para bumalangkas ng mga batas na tutugon sa mga problemang kinakaharap ng aming bayan.

Lord, we pray for the nation, and for our leaders so that we may truly work for the people's interest.

We pray for the Eighteenth Congress that we may lighten the burden of the

people by providing better jobs and income for our workers, better education for our youth and quality healthcare for everyone.

Muli, ibinabalik namin sa Inyo ang lahat ng papuri at pasasalamat.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Senate President, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Myra Marie D. Villarica, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Marcos, I. R.
Cayetano, P. S.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
Dela Rosa, R. B. M.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Drilon, F. M.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Gatchalian, W.	Sotto III, V. C.
Go, C. L. T.	Tolentino, F. T. N.
Gordon, R. J.	Villanueva, J.
Hontiveros, R.	Villar, C.
Lacson, P. M.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 20 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

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Senators Pimentel and Poe arrived after the roll call.

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

Senator Recto was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 1 (July 22, 2019) and considered it approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 3:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:03 p.m., the session was resumed.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

With the consent of the Body, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 20, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
INTERNATIONAL FILIPINO ICON
AND BOXING LEGEND SENATOR
MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO
FOR DEFEATING THE REIGNING
WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION
(WBA) "SUPER" WELTERWEIGHT
CHAMPION KEITH THURMAN TO
CLAIM THE WBA "SUPER WELTER-
WEIGHT" TITLE IN THEIR BOXING
MATCH, HELD ON JULY 21, 2019,
AT THE MGM GRAND GARDEN
ARENA IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA).

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolutions No. 21, 22, 25 and 26 introduced by Senators Go, Revilla, Zubiri, Binay and Gordon.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR GORDON

At the outset, Senator Gordon commended Senator Pacquiao for his spectacular victory which showed that the constant hardwork that he has been doing all his life really paid off.

Senator Gordon stated that he was secretary of Tourism when he first met Senator Pacquiao, still a struggling fighter, at the airport. He recalled that at that time, nobody met the very young Senator Pacquiao who just came from a victory abroad, a victory that was the start of his becoming famous.

He stated that Senator Pacquiao, a native of General Santos and Sarangani, has proven himself to be a great exemplar of not just being a "gym rat," but one who really showed that one who does his best can make his dreams come true, including the dreams of a country.

Senator Gordon stated that whenever Senator Pacquiao fights, the whole nation unites as has been proven many, many times in the past, and that he not only entertains but also makes the young people realize that it must be up to every individual Filipino who dreams great dreams.

Already with eight different division titles, he said that Senator Pacquiao's victory has put him in the category of one of the immortals especially for those who did not believe and who thought that Father Time has caught up with him.

Senator Gordon stated that only Senator Pacquiao can decide for himself as to when he would retire from professional boxing. In the meantime, he noted that the Senator still has the ambition to do a lot more for the country by winning tremendous challenges, like proving that in boxing what really pays is skill, dedication and hard work for the craft that he has chosen. He said that Senator Pacquiao taught Keith Thurman the hard way.

Senator Gordon narrated that his whole family jumped up with joy when Senator Pacquiao knocked Thurman down in the first round.

At this juncture, Senator Gordon showed a picture of him and Senator Pacquiao when he met him at the airport when he was still secretary of Tourism. He then offered the resolution of commendation to

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Senator Pacquiao who, he believed, is a paragon for all boxers, athletes and students to follow by way of being a champion on and off the ring. He admitted that he admired Senator Pacquiao for his willingness to fight people who pose a big challenge for him, something that the people ought to really emulate by way of approval and desire to uplift him. He said that Senator Pacquiao indeed uplifted the people and raised the country up.

In closing, Senator Gordon expressed his congratulations to Senator Pacquiao, saying that his countrymen will always be proud of him.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon joined Senator Gordon in commending Senator Pacquiao through the resolution.

COSPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Cosponsoring Proposed Senate Resolution No. 20, Senator Zubiri paid tribute to Senator Pacquiao, a legend who continues to proudly raise the Philippine flag in the international arena.

Following is the full text of Senator Zubiri's cosponsorship speech:

Our “Pambansang Kamao” has once again brought glory to the country when he emerged victorious in his match against Keith Thurman in an action-packed 12-round bout to capture the World Boxing Association’s Super Welterweight Title via split decision last Sunday, Manila time, Saturday at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In his aggressive display of age-defying prowess, fighting spirit, and wallops as quick and powerful as his younger opponent, Senator Pacquiao once again proved that he is a fighter’s fighter and that it is not just his fist that brought him victories but his intelligence, fairness, and nobility.

Truly, he puts boxers half his age to shame.

A Pacquiao fight smells of glory in the country — not blood, not money. He has been a passionate and determined boxer even before he had an inkling that it would bring him global acclaim. And he continues to fight in the same spirit — going into each match with a fiery passion of a newcomer hungry to prove himself to the world. He is a boxing legend, bar none. He

is probably the most famous Filipino in the world. And he is a legend precisely because he does not think of himself as one. He is always thriving to improve and outdo himself in every match.

And here, in our Chamber, we know him as a very humble member of the Senate, considering that he is a worldwide celebrity.

Senator Pacquiao could fill boxing books with his distinct winning strategies and styles. As his colleague in the Senate, I am proud to say that Sen. Manny Pacquiao also fills his legislative books as well. In the last Congress, the 17th Congress, he presided over a lot of committee hearings and he also debated with the best of the best in this Chamber for the measures that he wanted to pursue.

I filed Proposed Senate Resolution No. 22 to congratulate and commend Sen. Manny Pacquiao for winning his match against Keith Thurman. I now stand before everyone to honor him for his invaluable contribution to Philippine sports and for consistently bringing glory and honor to the entire nation. He is our national pride and inspiration to many, and I am deeply proud, not because I am his kumpare—I am the *ninong* of Queenie—not also because he is from Mindanao, we are neighbors—he is from SOCCSKSARGEN and I am from Northern Mindanao—but because he was born in a small barangay, Barangay Magsaysay in Kibawe, Bukidnon, my district, and later moved to General Santos.

The Mindanaoans are so proud of him. He is truly an inspiration to many, not only Filipinos, but everyone else around the world.

Congratulations to *Pambansang Kamao*, Sen. Manny Pacquiao!

MANIFESTATION OF SENATE PRESIDENT SOTTO

Senate President Sotto stated that Senator Pacquiao was not only a very excellent boxer and champion but also a “referee” in the Senate.

Senator Zubiri agreed as he recalled how Senator Pacquiao stepped in when he and Senator Trillanes had an altercation on the floor.

ALL SENATORS AS COAUTHORS

Senator Zubiri manifested for the record that all

senators were coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 20, 21, 22, 25 and 26.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 20 was adopted by the Body, subject to style and taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 21, 22, 25 and 26.

RESPONSE OF SENATOR PACQUIAO

Senator Pacquiao expressed his gratitude to his colleagues for the commendations he received following his victory over Keith Thurman recently.

Following is the full text of Senator Pacquiao's speech:

Maraming salamat po sa inyong pagpu-pugay. Binabati ko rin po ang inyong liderato sa maayos na pagbubukas ng 18th Congress.

Alay ko po sa Diyos at bayan ang aking pagkapanalo laban kay Thurman. Thank you for all your love and support. At 40 years old, I can still fight someone who is 10 years younger than me.

I can still give a good fight and entertain the fans. The abilities and skills that I have are from the Lord. My ability, my power is given by God, and I believe that ability, power, and responsibility have a purpose. And that purpose, I believe, is to inspire the people. And I continue my boxing career for a purpose, to inspire our people to rise above their limitations and overcome their circumstances.

Marami po ang nagsabi na wala pong ibang pwedeng maging Manny Pacquiao. Ngunit naniniwala po ako na marami tayong mga magagaling na boksingero na nag-aantay lamang ng tamang oportunidad, naghihintay ng tulong.

It is high time for us to invest in our boxing talents who are loaded with potentials. The so-called diamonds in the rough can just be around the corner. *Nananawagan po ako na ipasa natin ang Philippine Boxing and Combat Sports Commission ngayong 18th Congress.* With our all-out support for the creation of the commission, Philippines can be the boxing and combat sports capital of Asia and beyond.

Boxing is my passion and public service is my mission. I am ready to work with all of you in overcoming the challenges in the 18th Congress. Together, as champions of the Filipino people, we shall emerge victorious.

Patuloy ang laban para sa bayan!

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 3:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:25 p.m., the session was suspended.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri manifested that as the Body proceeds to the first part of the organization of the committees, they would be electing the committee chairpersons who, in turn, would later provide him with the list of members of their respective committees. He added that the Members who want to become a member of a particular committee may approach the concerned committee chair.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Rule X, Section 13, in relation to Section 18 of the Rules, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to organize the standing committees of the Senate.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body elected the following senators as chair of the committees hereafter indicated:

<i>Finance</i>	– Angara
<i>Tourism</i>	– Binay
<i>Ways and Means</i>	– Cayetano
<i>Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development</i>	– De Lima
<i>Public Order and Dangerous Drugs</i>	– Dela Rosa
<i>Energy</i>	– Gatchalian
<i>Health and Demography</i>	– Go

ms

<i>Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations</i>	– Gordon
<i>Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality</i>	– Hontiveros
<i>National Defense and Security</i>	– Lacson
<i>Games and Amusement</i>	– Lapid
<i>Economic Affairs</i>	– Marcos
<i>Public Works</i>	– Pacquiao
<i>Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes</i>	– Pangilinan
<i>Foreign Relations</i>	– Pimentel
<i>Public Services</i>	– Poe
<i>Public Information and Mass Media</i>	– Revilla
<i>Local Government</i>	– Tolentino
<i>Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development</i>	– Villanueva
<i>Agriculture and Food</i>	– Villar

Thereafter, Senator Zubiri announced that the second part of the organization of committees would be done on the next session day. As regards the creation of the new committees, he said that the Committee on Rules could act as soon as the appropriate resolutions that were filed are accordingly read out in the Reference of Business.

Senate President Sotto explained that the chairpersons and members of the committees are chosen and elected by the Body. He added that the chairpersons, aside from preparing the list of their members, may also designate one or more vice chairpersons and that they are also authorized to create subcommittees if necessary.

Senator Zubiri also advised the chairpersons that in constituting their respective memberships, they should observe the proportional representation of the Majority and Minority. For this purpose, he said that the Secretariat would furnish them with the formula and the corresponding computations as they constitute their respective committees.

At this juncture, Senate President Sotto directed the Secretariat to provide copies of the formula and the resulting computations of committee memberships to each chairperson.

At this point, Senator Zubiri informed that Body that Senator Drilon has given him a list of the Minority's representation in the Commission on Appointments (two seats) and in the Senate Electoral Tribunal (one seat) based on the rules of proportional representation prescribed by the Constitution. For this purpose, he placed on record that Senators Pangilinan, De Lima, Hontiveros, and Drilon constitute the Minority Bloc in the Senate of the 18th Congress.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators, on the part of the Minority, were elected members of the Commission on Appointments:

First Regular Session

(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

- Pangilinan
- Hontiveros

Second Regular Session

(July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021)

- Drilon
- Hontiveros

Third Regular Session

(July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

- Drilon
- Pangilinan

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators, on the part of the Minority, were elected members of the Senate Electoral Tribunal:

First Regular Session

(July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

- Drilon

Second Regular Session

(July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021)

- Pangilinan

Third Regular Session

(July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

- Hontiveros

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Cooperative leaders under the National Association of Training Centers for Cooperatives (NATCCO);
- Human Resources Department of the Provincial Government of Pampanga; and
- Vice Mayor Nasser Abpi and Councilor Datu Tang Kasim of Datu Piang, Maguindanao.

INSTRUCTION OF SENATE PRESIDENT SOTTO

At this juncture, Senator Sotto again directed the Secretariat to give each member of the Senate a copy of the computation of committee memberships. To illustrate, he said with 20 members constituting the Majority and four for the Minority, in a committee of 19, the ratio would be 15.83 members for the Majority and three seats for the Minority; for a committee of seven, the ratio would be five members for the Majority and one for the Minority.

Senator Zubiri added that there is no prohibition in the Rules on the number of vice chairpersons to be designated to each committee, as well as on the creation of subcommittees, a setup that a Member can avail of to pursue his/her advocacy.

Senate President Sotto emphasized that a senator need not be member of a committee to participate in all committee hearings and deliberations. He cited Senators Drilon and Recto who had no committee but were able to participate in all hearings and debates, and even sponsored and authored many laws in the Senate.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES TO QUALI-

FIED STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

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

Senate Bill No. 2, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DETENTION PROGRAM AND FACILITY FOR HIGHLEVEL DRUG OFFENDERS WITHIN THE NATIONAL PENITENTIARY SYSTEM UNDER THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 3, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE IX OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002, AND CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 4, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL COURT TO BE KNOWN AS THE "DANGEROUS DRUGS COURT" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 5, entitled

AN ACT LOWERING THE MINIMUM AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 6, 20, 20-A, 20-B AND 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9344, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE ACT OF 2006," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 6, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING R.A. 9372 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ACT TO SECURE THE STATE AND PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM TERRORISM OR THE HUMAN SECURITY ACT (HSA) OF 2007, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 7, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF HYBRID NATIONAL, LOCAL AND ARMM ELECTIONS, THROUGH MANUAL VOTING AND COUNTING AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL, AND AUTOMATED TRANSMISSION AND CANVASSING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 8, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY

FOR THE CRIME OF PERJURY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 183 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 9, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION AND PROLIFERATION OF FALSE CONTENT ON THE PHILIPPINE INTERNET, PROVIDING MEASURES TO COUNTERACT ITS EFFECTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 10, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PAY 14th MONTH PAY

Introduced by Senator Sotto III

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 11, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes

Senate Bill No. 12, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 13, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING COMMON-WEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Public Services; and Economic Affairs

Senate Bill No. 14, entitled

AN ACT SETTING THE MINIMUM PAID-UP CAPITAL AND LOCALLY PRODUCED STOCK INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN RETAIL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8762, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "RETAIL TRADE LIBERALIZATION ACT OF 2000"

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 15, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Public Works; Economic Affairs; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 16, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND REACQUISITION ACT 2003"

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 17, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE BORACAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Environment and Natural Resources

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

With the permission of the chairperson of the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises, upon motion of Senator Drilon, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senate Bill No. 17 (*An Act Creating the Boracay Development Authority*) to the Committee on Tourism as the primary committee, and to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources as the secondary committee without prejudice to referring it to the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises later on.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

(Continuation)

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

Senate Bill No. 18, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE IMPORTATION OF WASTE

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 19, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

TEACHERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING PERSONNEL

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 20, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE WATER COMMISSION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committees on Public Services; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 21, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9372, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO SECURE THE STATE AND PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM TERRORISM"

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 22, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE AND COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE WIRE TAPPING AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 23, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING BUDGET REFORM THAT WILL ENSURE THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR BOTH THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING VILLAGE EMPOWERMENT, ENABLING THEM TO BE AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT IN ATTAINING INCLUSIVE GROWTH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 24, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN THE PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION PROCESS OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL BUDGET, PROVIDING EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 25, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE OF PREPAID SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committees on Public Services; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 26, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1405 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SECRECY

OF BANK DEPOSITS LAW," EXEMPT-
ING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES FROM THE PROHIBI-
TION AGAINST DISCLOSURE OF
OR INQUIRY INTO DEPOSITS
WITH ANY BANKING INSTITUTION
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 27, entitled

AN ACT RE-INSTITUTING THE DEATH
PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; and Constitutional Amendments and
Revision of Codes**

Senate Bill No. 28, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLES 180,
183 AND 184 OF SECTION TWO,
CHAPTER TWO, TITLE FOUR OF
ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AS
AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committee on Justice and Human
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 29, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PARENT
SUPPORT, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committee on Women, Children,
Family Relations and Gender Equality**

Senate Bill No. 30, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

**To the Committees on Electoral Reforms
and People's Participation; and Constitutional
Amendments and Revision of Codes**

Senate Bill No. 31, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT
FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST
FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS
MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZA-
TION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 32, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT
OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC
RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; Civil Service, Government Reorganiza-
tion and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 33, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING POST-HARVEST
FACILITIES TO RICE FARMERS

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; Public Works; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 34, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 10068 OR THE ORGANIC
AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

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Senate Bill No. 35, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO FARMERS WHO SUFFER FROM RECURRENT DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES, TO SUSTAIN AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND FINANCING, AND TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY, BY MAKING INSURANCE MANDATORY FOR PALAY AND OTHER ESSENTIAL CROPS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8175, OR THE "REVISED CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION (PCIC) ACT OF 1995," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 36, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT, CONTROL, REGULATION, AND UTILIZATION OF RAINWATER RUNOFF, AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF ECOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CATCHMENTS TO ADDRESS FLOODING AND WATER SUPPLY NEEDS IN URBAN AND RURAL CENTERS, AND CREATING THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Public Works

Senate Bill No. 37, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 38, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 39, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 40, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURING, IMPORTATION AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, LEVIES AND AN INCENTIVES SYSTEM FOR INDUSTRIES, BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND CONSUMERS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 41, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES ESTABLISHING FOR THIS

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PURPOSE THE ONE TOWN: ONE DOCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 42, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 43, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A FULL CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE TO QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM EXTENSION WITH REFORMS"

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Agrarian Reform; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 44, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ECONOMIC REGULATION OF WATER UTILITIES, CREATING THE WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Public Services; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 45, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING OPEN ACCESS IN DATA TRANSMISSION, PROVIDING ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (NTC), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 46, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 47, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIPURPOSE GYM IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES TO SERVE AS EVACUATION CENTER DURING TIMES OF CALAMITY OR DISASTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 48, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING THE COST OF ELECTRICITY FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES BY

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PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF SOLAR ENERGY IN ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND OFFICES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Energy; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 49, entitled

AN ACT ADJUSTING THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 50, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE"

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Services

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 3, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUDULENT MEDICAL CLAIMS TO THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH), WITH THE END IN

VIEW OF INSTITUTING POLICIES TO PREVENT AND COMBAT SUCH FRAUDS, AND CONDUCTING A REVIEW ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE CORPORATION'S FUNDS

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers And Investigations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 4, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FORMULATION AND SUSTAINED IMPLEMENTATION OF A "TATAK PINOY (MADE IN THE PHILIPPINES)" INDUSTRIALIZATION CAMPAIGN AND POLICY, AIMED AT HIGHLIGHTING THE INGENUITY, CREATIVITY AND INNOVATIVENESS OF PHILIPPINE WORKERS, CRAFTSMEN, LABORERS, AND PROFESSIONALS; CREATING GLOBAL DEMAND FOR PHILIPPINE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES; ENHANCING THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS; GENERATING MORE DECENT JOBS, ESPECIALLY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE; REVERSING THE PHENOMENON OF BRAIN DRAIN; AND ULTIMATELY, ERADICATING CHRONIC POVERTY AND INEQUALITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Economic Affairs; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 5, entitled

RESOLUTION CREATING A COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS FILIPINOS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RULE X, SECTION 13 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

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Introduced by Senator Go

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 6, entitled

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE NATIONAL POVERTY SITUATION TO INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING POVERTY DATA AND POVERTY REDUCTION PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 7, entitled

RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT) TO DIRECT THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (NTC) TO IMMEDIATELY REDUCE THE COST AND ESTABLISH A STRICT PRICE CEILING FOR TEXT MESSAGING SERVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Public Services

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 51, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR HEALTH PROVIDER'S INCENTIVES FOR THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ACTUALLY PROVIDED TO THE POOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 52, entitled

AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NATIONAL WATER CRISIS PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Public Services; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 53, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE CRIME OF ECONOMIC SABOTAGE AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1689

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 54, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT OF THE BASIC MONTHLY PENSION FOR RETIRED PERSONNEL COVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM AND SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO THE PREVAILING COST OF LIVING INDEX

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 55, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE

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EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION HUBS IN
ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS,
PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND
GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIAT-
ING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Education, Arts, and
Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 56, entitled

AN ACT AFFORDING STATUS TO
A DESERTED OR ABANDONED
CHILD WITH UNKNOWN PARENTS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Social Justice,
Welfare and Rural Development; and Women,
Children Family Relations and Gender Equality**

Senate Bill No. 57, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINT-
MENT OF MUNICIPAL AGRICUL-
TURISTS IN MUNICIPALITIES
WHERE AGRICULTURE IS A SIG-
NIFICANT INDUSTRY, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 443
AND 482 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Local Government;
Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 58, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDA-
TORY LABELLING OF HOUSEHOLD
PRODUCTS CONTAINING HAZARD-
OUS SUBSTANCES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and
Entrepreneurship; and Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 59, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING FOR SINGLE
PARTY CONSENSUAL RECORDING
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committee on Public Order and
Dangerous Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 60, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
PROTECTION OF FINANCIAL
CONSUMERS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies; and Trade,
Commerce and Entrepreneurship**

Senate Bill No. 61, entitled

AN ACT CODIFYING THE ALTER-
NATIVE CHILD CARE LAWS,
REORGANIZING THE INTER-
COUNTRY ADOPTION BOARD
INTO THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY
FOR CHILD CARE, AND PROVID-
ING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committees on Women, Children,
Family Relations and Gender Equality; Civil
Service, Government Reorganization and
Professional Regulation; Ways and Means; and
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 62, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EDUCA-
TIONAL ROADMAP TOWARDS
GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS AND
HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and
Culture**

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Senate Bill No. 63, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 64, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FOR
STATE UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 65, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE
CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THE
COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

To the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Senate Bill No. 66, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE
AND ALTERNATIVE MODES OF
TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER
MOBILITY OPTIONS TO IMPROVE
AIR QUALITY, INCREASE EFFICIENCY,
REDUCE CONGESTION AND CONTRIBUTE
TO POSITIVE HEALTH IMPACTS IN OUR
SOCIETY

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 67, entitled

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE FOREIGN
DECREE OF TERMINATION OF
MARRIAGE AND ALLOWING ITS
SUBSEQUENT REGISTRATION
WITH THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL
REGISTRY, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE FAMILY CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

To the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 68, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING THE FUNDAMENTAL
EQUALITY OF MEN AND
WOMEN UNDER THE LAWS ON
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

To the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 69, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE
EDUCATION, ESTABLISHING INCLUSIVE
EDUCATION LEARNING
RESOURCE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN
AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS (CYSNs) IN ALL PUBLIC
SCHOOLS DIVISIONS, PROVIDING
FOR STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 70, entitled

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL
SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION
FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC
EDUCATION**

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Civil Service, Government Reorganiza-
tion and Professional Regulation; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 71, entitled

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A P125.00
DAILY ACROSS-THE-BOARD
INCREASE IN THE SALARY RATES
OF EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS
IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment
and Human Resources Development**

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO

In view of Senator Zubiri's earlier manifestation that a Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) would be formed in due time, Senator Cayetano stated that she would be reviewing the referrals, not only for the bills that she had filed but for all other bills that had been read into the record for purposes of First Reading, for their possible referral to the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) as well.

Thereupon, Senate President Sotto directed the Legislative Bills and Index Service of the Secretariat to review the referrals once the additional committees have been created.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS
(Continuation)

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

Senate Bill No. 72, entitled

**AN ACT LOWERING THE MANDA-
TORY AND OPTIONAL RETIRE-**

**MENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THIS
PURPOSE SECTIONS 13 (B) AND
13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
EXPANDED GOVERNMENT SER-
VICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT
OF 1997**

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Government Corpora-
tions and Public Enterprises; and Civil Service,
Government Reorganization and Professional
Regulation**

Senate Bill No. 73, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL
HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO
WORKERS (OFWS) AND THEIR
DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; Labor, Employment and Human
Resources Development; Ways and Means;
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 74, entitled

**AN ACT DIRECTING THE CONVER-
SION OF SANGLEY POINT IN
CAVITE CITY INTO AN INTER-
NATIONAL LOGISTICS HUB**

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

**To the Committees on Economic Affairs;
Local Government; Ways and Means; and
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 75, entitled

**AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
GRANT OF A TEACHING SUPPLIES
ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 76, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING DRUGS AND MEDICINES PRESCRIBED FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 77, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS A RETIREMENT BENEFIT

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 78, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOOKS FOR THE BARRIOS PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 79, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING TITLE V – BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, PROPOSING A PERMANENT

ITEM FOR A DISASTER OFFICER IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 80, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PEOPLE'S PLAN AND MANDATING RELOCATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PROVIDE OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD COMPONENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992," AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 81, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE YOUTH SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS AND EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF REFORMATION AND REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9344, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER RELATED LAWS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 82, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHT

OF CHILDREN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR FILIATION, REQUIRING THEREFOR MANDATORY PATERNITY TEST FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR FILIATION

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 83, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TEMPORARY RESIDENCY STATUS TO CERTAIN ALIENS IN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 84, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION, SECURITY, AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 85, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING AND REGULATING THE USE OF WEARABLE BODY CAMERAS AND DASHBOARD CAMERAS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE COURSE OF CONDUCTING A SEARCH OR MAKING AN ARREST, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 86, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING RA 8972 ALSO KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000, ENHANCING THE PROGRAM FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 87, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN "OPT-OUT" SYSTEM OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION, PROMOTING THE RIGHT TO HEALTH, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 88, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM (EMSS), CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL EMSS COUNCIL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 89, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF RAYS OF THE SUN ON THE PHILIPPINE FLAG FROM EIGHT TO NINE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

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FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE OF
THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

**To the Committee on Education, Arts, and
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 90, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE LAKE LANAO
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNC-
TIONS, AND DUTIES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

**To the Committees on Government Corpo-
rations and Public Enterprises; Economic
Affairs; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 91, entitled

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE TRAVEL
TAX

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Ways and Means;
Tourism; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 92, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPART-
MENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO
WORKERS, DEFINING ITS POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIAT-
ING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

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

Senate Bill. No. 93, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE EXPANDED
BALIKBAYAN PROGRAM, AMEND-
ING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 6768, AS AMENDED BY

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9174, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Ways and Means;
and Tourism**

Senate Bill No. 94, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A VALUE
FOR MONEY PROCUREMENT,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS "THE GOVERN-
MENT PROCUREMENT REFORM
ACT," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 95, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A SOCIALIZED
MICROFINANCING PROGRAM FOR
MICRO ENTERPRISES THEREBY
PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Trade, Commerce
and Entrepreneurship; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 96, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA
CARTA FOR BARANGAYS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Local Government;
Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 97, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SHARE
IN THE NATIONAL TAXES OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS,
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

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Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Local Government;
Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 98, entitled

**AN ACT BANNING THE IMPORTATION
OF SOLID WASTE**

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; Trade, Commerce and
Entrepreneurship; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 99, entitled

**AN ACT INTEGRATING COMPUTER
SCIENCE IN THE CURRICULUM OF
THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION
(K-12) PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Science and Technology; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 100, entitled

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE NATIONAL
CENTER FOR GERIATRIC HEALTH
INTO A CORPORATE BODY TO BE
KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL
CENTER FOR GERIATRIC HEALTH
AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE," AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Health and Demography; Ways and Means and Finance

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DRILON

Considering that there were only three active members in the Minority bloc, Senator Drilon requested Senator Zubiri to advise the committee chairs to strictly observe the three-day notice rule for committee hearings.

Senator Drilon also recalled that as practiced in the 17th Congress, the Office of the Majority Leader provided the Office of the Minority Leader the agenda for the coming week on Thursday the week before, so that he would have sufficient time to review and study the bills to be considered on the floor the week after.

Asked by Senate President Sotto whether the "three-day rule" pertains to either a working day or a calendar day, Senator Drilon said that he was submitting it to the fair judgment of the Senate President.

At this juncture, Senator Cayetano proposed that the Body make it a general rule to distribute the agenda for the following week on Thursday so that the Members would have time to fix their schedule and would be able to attend the hearings. She also suggested that a specific time be set for the holding of the hearings, preferably not as early as eight o'clock in the morning.

Senate President Sotto suggested that Senator Cayetano's concerns be discussed in a caucus so that the views of the other Members would be heard.

As regards the three-day notice rule for committee hearings, Senate President Sotto suggested that the rule could apply but would not include Sunday, so that a Thursday notice, for instance, would allow for a hearing to be conducted on the following Monday at the earliest, while a notice given on Friday would mean that the hearing could only be conducted on Tuesday at the earliest.

For his part, Senator Zubiri appealed to Senator Drilon to make an exception to the three-day rule in cases of extraordinary circumstances that would require hearings and investigations to be conducted immediately. This, he suggested, could be done with the unanimous agreement of the Members, so that just one objection would mean that the three-day rule needed to be followed.

With that understanding, Senate President Sotto ordered the strict adherence to the three-day notice rule.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

Senator Zubiri enjoined the chairpersons to begin constituting the membership of their committees for

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purposes of their election in plenary the next day. He also gave assurance that the Body could begin the process of creating the additional committees after the Rules are amended the following day.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 4:18 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.



ATTY. MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate



Approved on July 24, 2019-