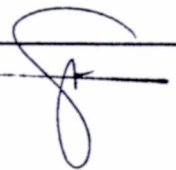




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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 48

Submitted by the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media on  
FEB 12 2020.

Re: **Senate Bill No. 670.**

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr.

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Public Information and Mass Media to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 670**, introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr., entitled:

**"AN ACT**

**DECLARING AUGUST 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS 'NATIONAL PRESS FREEDOM DAY'"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

- 1) On page 1, line 2, after the words "Freedom Day", insert a **comma (,)** and the phrase **"A WORKING HOLIDAY"**
- 2) On page 1, line 11, after the phrase "The Department of Education", insert open parenthesis and the acronym **DepED** and close parenthesis. On the same page and line, after the phrase "Commission on Higher Education", insert open parenthesis and the acronym **CHED** and close parenthesis

- 3) On page 1, line 12, after the phrase "Technical Education and Skills Development Authority", insert open parenthesis and the acronym **TESDA** and close parenthesis
- 4) On page 1, line 13, after the phrase "Office of the President", insert open parenthesis and the acronym **OP** and close parenthesis; and
- 5) Finally, on the Title, insert the phrase "**AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**" after the phrase "National Press Freedom Day" to read as follows:

**"AN ACT  
DECLARING AUGUST 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL PRESS FREEDOM  
DAY" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

Respectfully submitted:

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*Committee on Public Information and Mass Media*

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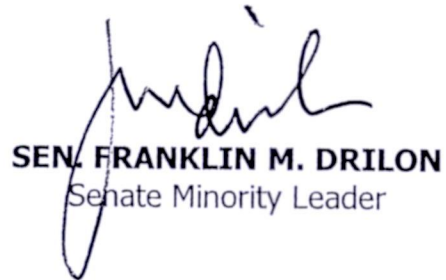
  
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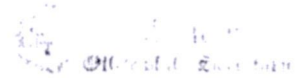
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SENATE

S. No. 670



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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR. 

AN ACT  
DECLARING AUGUST 30 OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL PRESS FREEDOM  
DAY"

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

1 Section 1. August 30 of every year is hereby declared as "National Press  
2 Freedom Day" in honor of Marcelo H. Del Pilar, the father of Philippine Journalism,  
3 who wrote under the pen name "Plaridel", and who was born on August 30, 1850.

4 Sec. 2. To ensure the meaningful observance and celebration of National Press  
5 Freedom Day, all government agencies and instrumentalities, the Armed Forces of the  
6 Philippines, the Philippine National Police, government-owned and controlled  
7 corporations, local government units, as well as the private sector shall afford  
8 sufficient time and opportunity for their employees to engage and participate in any  
9 related activity to be conducted in the premises of their respective offices or  
10 establishments.

11 Sec. 3. The Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education,  
12 and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority in consultation with the  
13 Office of the President, government and private media organizations shall lead public  
14 and private schools at all levels in organizing consciousness-raising activities on the  
15 importance of the press, their rights and social responsibilities, and the elimination of  
16 all forms of violence against the press.

1           Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
2 Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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4           Approved,