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CALL TO ORDER

At 3: 44 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Franklin M. Drilon, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Francis N. Pangilinan led the prayer, to wit:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this opportunity You have given us to serve our people.

Let the light of Your infinite wisdom shine upon us all. Help us to realize and better grasp the concerns of our beleaguered people and use us to bring hope and relief to those who have become without hope and those who are in need of relief.

Give us the ability to hurdle the challenges we face in our affairs and to rightfully place the national interest above our own.

Grant us foresight. Make us recognize our weaknesses to allow us to rise from our political differences to take on the challenge of creating a more prosperous nation.

Give us the strength to carry the burden of leadership that has fallen on our shoulders.

Bless our nation and our people amid the deafening chaos brought about by lawlessness and strife.

Make us instruments of Your peace.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Oscar G. Yabes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, E. J.	Flavier, J. M.
Arroyo, J. P.	Gordon, R. J.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Lacson, P. M.
Defensor Santiago, M.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Drilon, F. M.	Lim, A. S.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Osmeña III, S. R.
Ejercito Estrada, L. L. P.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Enrile, J. P.	Villar Jr., M. B.

With 16 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Magsaysay, Recto and Revilla arrived after the roll call.

Senators Biazon, Madrigal, Pimentel and Roxas were on official mission.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Pangilinan acknowledged the presence of freshman law students from the Ateneo De Manila University.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 16 and considered it approved.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 951, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE YEARLY ALLOCATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES (STA)

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 952, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 953, entitled

AN ACT GIVING INDIGENT BUT GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 954, entitled

AN ACT SEPARATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION REDEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THEREBY AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 546

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 955, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL YOUTH CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 956, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NAVAL ACADEMY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 957, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY OFFICER AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO UNDERGO AN ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE CULTURE, DIALECT, LANGUAGE, WAY OF LIVING, HABIT, TRADITION AND THE LIKE OF

THE CULTURAL COMMUNITIES
WHERE THEY ARE DEPLOYED
OR TO BE POSTED

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on National Defense
and Security; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 958, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
PHILIPPINE INFORMATION
AGENCY (PIA), AMENDING FOR
THIS PURPOSE EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 100 ALSO KNOWN
AS "CREATING THE PHILIPPINE
INFORMATION AGENCY," BY
PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL
FUNCTION, ESTABLISHING A
NATIONWIDE WELFARE FUND
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 959, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE
NATIONAL MANPOWER DATA
AND PLACEMENT CENTER, AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 960, entitled

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE, PROMOTE
AND ALLOW PRIVATE
COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS
TO DONATE INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT (ITE)

TO EDUCATIONAL AND/OR
RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS BY
PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES
THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTIONS 34 AND 101 OF
THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE (NIRC), AS
AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 961, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING
THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC
BROADCASTING SYSTEM, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; Government Corporations
and Public Enterprises; Ways and Means; and
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 962, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT-
OWNED AND -CONTROLLED
CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) AND
AGENCIES TO ASSIGN TWENTY-
FIVE PERCENT OF THEIR
ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES
TO ADVERTISE IN THE
REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL,
MUNICIPAL AND CITY
PUBLICATIONS AND RADIO
STATIONS

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Government
Corporations and Public Enterprises; and
Public Information and Mass Media**

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Senate Bill No. 963, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES TO BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA DEVOTING AIR TIME AND SPACE TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND TO ADVERTISERS OR SPONSORS SUPPORTING SUCH PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Education, Arts and Culture; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 964, entitled

AN ACT QUALIFYING THE KILLING OF MEMBERS OF BROADCAST AND PRINT MEDIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS AS SUCH, AS A CRIME OF MURDER PUNISHABLE UNDER ARTICLE 248 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 965, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING CENTER, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Services; Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 966, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT (NCITD), DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Science and Technology; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 967, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY ON ALL PERSONS WHO SHALL THEREAFTER COERCE, INFLICT INJURY OR KILL ANY BONA FIDE MEMBER OF THE MEDIA IN THE COURSE OF OR IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 968, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE GIVING OF FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 969, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING THE STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 970, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED, AND FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 971, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7227 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1991," AS AMENDED BY THE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7917, EXPANDING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUES FROM THE SALE, LEASE, JOINT-VENTURE AGREEMENTS AND OTHER TRANSACTION INVOLVING MILITARY BASES AND RESERVATIONS,

ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; National Defense and Security; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 972, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8505, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE RAPE VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION ACT OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 973, entitled

AN ACT TO DECLARE APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERNANDO MAGALLANES IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521 TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 974, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 975, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CREATION OF A COMMISSION
ON THE FAMILY

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Youth, Women
and Family Relations; Civil Service and
Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 976, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING MARRIED OR
LEGALLY SEPARATED WOMEN
TO USE THEIR MAIDEN FIRST
NAME AND SURNAME,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
ARTICLES THREE HUNDRED
SEVENTY AND THREE HUNDRED
SEVENTY TWO OF R. A. 386, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES, AND ARTICLE 63
OF E. O. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Youth, Women
and Family Relations; and Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 977, entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PENALTY
OF IMPRISONMENT IN LIBEL
CASES AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE ARTICLES 355 AND
360 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN

AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws;
and Public Information and Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 978, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACADEMY OF
THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 979, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A
BARANGAY HUMAN RIGHTS
ACTION CENTER IN EVERY
BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Local Government;
Justice and Human Rights; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 980, entitled

AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT
TRIBAL COMMUNITIES AND/OR
HOUSING IN EACH AND EVERY
REGION IN THE PHILIPPINES,
INCLUDING METRO MANILA,
WHICH SHALL SERVE AS
MODEL HUMAN SETTLEMENTS
THAT WILL ADHERE, TO THE
EXTENT PRACTICABLE, TO THE
CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF

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THE NATIONAL TRIBAL COMMUNITIES, WHILE PROVIDING THE BASIC CONVENIENCES OF MODERN LIVING, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Ways and Means

To the Committees on Cultural Communities; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 984, entitled

Senate Bill No. 981, entitled

AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING CERTAIN ACTS OF VAGRANCY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED TWO OF ACT NO. 3815 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PENAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO DELINQUENT PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 276, 277, AND 278 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 985, entitled

Senate Bill No. 982, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 69 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE

AN ACT GRANTING UNMARRIED WOMEN WITH CHILDREN SAME BASIC PERSONAL EXEMPTION AND ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION FOR DEPENDENTS AS ENJOYED BY MARRIED WOMEN AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 983, entitled

Senate Bill No. 986, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF AND PROVIDING PROTECTION TO JOURNALISTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES

AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, BY GRANTING THE

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PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY (PMA) THE POWER TO CONFER MASTERAL DEGREES UPON OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP)

Introduced by Senator Jingooy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 987, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 180 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE (ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED) BY INCREASING THE PENALTY PROVIDED THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jingooy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 988, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 179 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE (ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED) BY INCREASING THE PENALTY PROVIDED THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jingooy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 989, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT

PRACTICES ACT," BY INCREASING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR ITS VIOLATION FROM FIFTEEN (15) YEARS TO THIRTY (30) YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jingooy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 990, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 178 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE (ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED) BY INCREASING THE PENALTY PROVIDED THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jingooy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 991, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING AN INCENTIVE PAY SYSTEM, BASED ON PRODUCTIVITY AND PERFORMANCE, FOR ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jingooy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 992, entitled

AN ACT TO INSTITUTE THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FAMILY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 993, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LABOR REPRESENTATION IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 994, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROHIBITED ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ON ACCOUNT OF SEX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 135 AND 137 OF P.D. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 995, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FARMERS ORGANIZATION IN THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY COUNCIL AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1770,

AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 996, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS FROM HAVING THEIR MONEY INVOLUNTARILY COLLECTED AND USED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY A CORPORATION, ORGANIZATION OR GROUP

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 997, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4670, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 998, entitled

AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Energy; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 999, entitled

AN ACT PROFESSIONALIZING THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING SERVICE TO SERVE AS A TOOL FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANCY OFFICE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1000, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8048 ENTITLED, AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE CUTTING OF COCONUT TREES, ITS REPLENISHMENT, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 64, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED USE OF TAMPERED PUMPS BY GASOLINE STATIONS

Introduced by Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Energy; and Trade and Commerce

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 65, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS OF PHILIPPINE SPORTS

Introduced by Senator Luisa "Loi" P. Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 66, entitled

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE LIFTING OF DEPLOYMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS TO SELECTIVE AREAS IN IRAQ IN PARTICULAR WHERE THE WORKERS ARE ASSIGNED TO WORK INSIDE THE US MILITARY BASES LOCATED THEREIN

Introduced by Senator Lacson

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 67, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED UNREGULATED INFLUX OF IMPORTED VEGETABLES INTO THE PHILIPPINES

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Introduced by Senator Luisa "Loi" P.
Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 68, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE; AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROBLEM OF UNABATED SMUGGLING OF GOODS INTO THE COUNTRY TO THE DETRIMENT OF LOCAL PRODUCERS, MANUFACTURERS, RETAILERS AND CONSUMERS AND THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY IN GENERAL, WITH THE GOAL OF RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO END THE PROBLEM OF SMUGGLING IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Economic Affairs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 69, entitled

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A STUDY ON THE ABOLITION OR REDUCTION OF ALL "PORK BARREL" FOR ALL THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT; AND A STUDY ON OVERSIGHT OF INTELLIGENCE FUNDS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago,
Miriam

To the Committee on Finance

COMMUNICATION

Letter from Executive Director Mamasapunod M. Aguam of the Commission on Elections, furnishing the Senate a copy of COMELEC Resolution No. 7310 promulgated on 30 August 2004, entitled: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE

COMMISSION FOR RESETTING THE DATE OF THE REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) TO THE LAST MONDAY OF MAY 2005 AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval of the Journal of Session No. 16.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL, AS CORRECTED

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body approved the Journal of Session No. 16 subject to the correction of Senator Enrile on page 355, right column, first paragraph, seventh line, between the words "including" and "investments", to insert the phrase DIVIDENDS FROM, and on page 356, left column, second paragraph, first line, to change the words "Rogers stock" to ROAD USER'S TAX.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR GORDON

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Gordon observed that many Filipinos are bereft of confidence in the future probably because many Filipino leaders were not able to write about the country's past very well.

He stated that the history of the defense of Bataan during World War II, where 60,000 Filipinos and 10,000 Americans fought, was written from the American viewpoint.

Senator Gordon stated that even before Bataan, there were incidents where Filipino heroes rose to the occasion — young men and women visionaries — who tried to break the psychological bondage to the colonial past.

He imagined how Jose Rizal must have been amazed at the martyrdom of Fathers Gomez, Burgos and Zamora whose executions shocked the nation; how he must have been sickened by the hypocrisy of the Spanish friars to the point that he vowed not to be a Jesuit though he had wanted to be one; how the ideas of independence must have evolved in his mind.

He stated that on September 3, 1896, a band of Filipinos won their first victory against Spain, and every August 26th of the year, the nation commemorates the "Cry of Balintawak." He observed that very few people are aware that after August 26, when the revolution was discovered by the Spaniards, the Filipinos had no weapons and had to resort to the so-called *agaw armas* operations against the Spaniards; there was nobody supplying them with money or weapons or any logistics to fight the revolution, and so, Filipinos lost battle after battle. In fact, he recalled, even Andres Bonifacio was unable to come on time during the Battle of Manila a few days after the Battle of Pinaglabanan.

On September 2, after Baldomero Aguinaldo tried a stab at Imus, Cavite, he said that Filipinos were beginning to lose hope and when they lost hope, the original eight provinces involved in the revolution, started to think in terms of disbanding. It would become one of the 300 rebellions of the Philippines that never succeeded, he said.

He recalled that Col. Jose Tagle of Imus went to Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo and suggested that Filipino soldiers take arms from the *camarin* in Imus that was guarded by the friars and *guardia civil*. At that time, he said, there was no organized army and the soldiers only had *escopetas* or pellet guns, and the rest used *tabaks* or spears; nonetheless, 600 soldiers — 200 under Colonel Tagle and 400 under General Aguinaldo — marched towards the *camarin* using a Filipino band which, at that time, was the fashion in Europe to coordinate an orderly attack. He said that it was the Filipinos' way of calling the attention of their *kababayans* in Cavite to join them in the cause, and soon, the 600 men grew to 2,000 men who stormed the *camarin* only to be met by a powerful volley of fire that killed many people, including one of the friends of General Aguinaldo.

He stated that General Aguinaldo left the battle at the *camarin* to meet Spanish General Aguirre,

who, at that time, was attacking Zapote. He said that General Aguinaldo suffered another defeat and it created a little ruckus because people believed he was killed in battle; apparently, General Aguinaldo only played dead and went back to Imus limping. To the surprise of the general, he narrated, Colonel Tagle and his men succeeded in taking over the *camarin* and retrieved, in the process, 30 Remington rifles, two modern Winchester rifles, and a Montana cannon. He said that all these accounts are in the book of General Aguinaldo entitled, *The Memoirs of General Aguinaldo*.

Senator Gordon recalled that the following day, General Aguirre came and led an attack against the Filipinos but General Aguinaldo and Colonel Tagle executed a plan that had the Spaniards retreating. He stated that General Aguirre, as he was retreating, dropped his *sable del mando* which was retrieved by Filipino forces, given to Colonel Tagle, and turned over to General Aguinaldo. He said that the sword is now in the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite.

Senator Gordon stated that the story is in the books of General Aguinaldo and of Onofre Corpuz, but little was written about Filipinos who served the war. He noted that many of the country's heroes came mostly from the *illustardo* class but the exploits of many heroes were not written about because they lacked the educational skills to write about their victories.

Senator Gordon disclosed that Imus was the hometown of his grandmother, Veronica Tagle, who happened to be the daughter of Col. Jose Tagle. He said that his grandmother married his grandfather, John Gordon, a soldier of the United States Army, and moved to Olongapo City where they raised his father, James Leonard Gordon, who chose to become a Filipino and was assassinated in 1967. He added that John Gordon never returned to the United States of America and died here in 1952.

Senator Gordon said that he posited the story primarily because Filipinos tend to forget. He recalled that when he was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, he raised a question about the role of the youth in the Convention, and former President Garcia replied, "A man who has seen a long past is capable of seeing a far future." He said that the statement never left

him because he took up history and government and he has a fascination with history. He stated that Robert Frost defined "hired man" as one who has no confidence, who is not able to look at his past with pride and therefore incapable of looking at the future with hope.

He urged the Body to focus the mindset of the young people on these incidents which are not written in full so that the young would gain confidence and the values of courage, duty, honor and commitment.

He noted that the Filipinos at that time had the love of country, freedom and independence in their hearts unlike most of the Filipinos today who do not know what they want. He stressed the need to inculcate in the youth the sense of duty, dignity, determination and pride of character so that in the process, they learn about their past, and adequately paint a picture of the kind of person they want to be.

Senator Gordon stated that the battle of Imus, according to historical experts on the revolution, is only one of the three major victories of the past that rallied the Filipinos against hopelessness and in the process, they fought together to beat a Spanish general who had horses and superior weapons. He stressed that the Filipinos won because of their courage, integrity, intellect, and dedication. As a result, he said, the eight provinces rejoined the revolution.

He recalled that the late Senator Ople told him once, "Your grandfather had started the revolution." He said that he has always thought that history has always helped define and paint the picture of the future of the people, and that he often challenges the youth to draw a picture of who they are and what they can be. He exhorted the youth never to fear the future but to always look at it as their friend, that all the challenges in life will come and go only if they have the courage to shape their future.

Senator Gordon expressed hope that his challenge would bring forth a new thrust of faith, hope and courage so that the Filipinos would change. He stressed that the heroes of the past did not depend on other people but on their vision, their faith, and their country.

In closing, he quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson, to wit:

Not gold but only men can make
A nation great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep.
Men who dare while others shy
They build the nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the skies.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR EJERCITO ESTRADA (J.)

Asked about the significance of the *Labanan sa Imus* and the Battle of Pinaglabanan, Senator Gordon stated that in these encounters, the Filipinos were filled with courage and faith, and shared a vision of an independent Philippines. He said that although the *Katipuneros* knew that they would be defeated in Pinaglabanan, they still made a gallant stand. He stressed that it is important to commemorate these events, manifesting that at some future time he would file a bill making these battles part of the history subject in public schools.

Upon further query, Senator Gordon stated that the battle spread to eight provinces, namely, Morong (Rizal), Bulacan, Cavite, Nueva Ecija, Bataan, Pampanga, Tarlac and Batangas. He added that San Juan was part of Morong at that time.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

Senator Defensor Santiago took note that in his historical narrative, Senator Gordon mentioned the role of the masses albeit indirectly. She stated that today, the view of history professors and scholars, including those from the University of the Philippines, is that history should be written from the standpoint of the masses who had everything to lose by joining movements, especially against colonial masters, and not from the standpoint of the leaders of mass movements who usually belong to the higher social classes, who had their own interests to protect. She said that while these people led the mass movements

“in heroic fashion,” they were actually protecting their own political interests. On the other hand, she said, the masses, the real heroes, heeded the call to protect their country in spite of their lack of resources.

Asked what measures he would recommend so that history would be written in a perspective advocated by the scholars, Senator Gordon proposed that a commission be formed to encourage volunteers to conduct interviews and validate them and, thus, put the country's oral history in writing. He stated that he was in the process of conceptualizing the idea which would be put in a bill. Further, he underscored that history should be revisited because of the conflicting opinions about the roles played by major historical figures like Bonifacio and Aguinaldo, for instance, in the country's history. He observed that during the revolution against Spain, the Filipinos did not have a common vision based on an ideology so that everything was reduced to personalities. Hence, he said, the Filipinos were divided between the Magdiwang faction of Bonifacio and the Magdalo faction of Aguinaldo.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ENRILE

Asked by Senator Enrile whether he sees a “sunrise future” for the Philippines in spite of the present condition, Senator Gordon replied that he has always believed in the Philippines. He revealed that his faith has been bolstered by several developments — by the nationalism of his father who opted to become a Filipino citizen; by the spirit of comradeship of Filipino volunteers in Subic and Intramuros; by the honor accorded by the Koreans to Lapu-Lapu who had been ignored by his fellow Filipinos. However, he expressed displeasure that some Filipino leaders have failed to fulfill their duties; that some Filipinos have continued to rely on doleouts or have become overly critical. He believed that the country needs a “sunrise” in keeping with the martyrdom of Rizal, and Fathers Gomez, Burgos and Zamora who all died at Bagumbayan.

Senator Enrile agreed that Filipinos should remain hopeful that they would have a better future. However, he observed that Filipinos have always remained divided. He pointed out

that during the rebellion against Spain, Bonifacio led his Magdiwang faction in the Battle of Pinaglabanan; and five days later, Aguinaldo led his Magdalo faction in the *Labanan sa Imus*.

Asked whether the division persists to this day, Senator Gordon lamented that the leadership has failed to give a vision that the entire nation could follow. He noted that Singapore, which is about the size of Negros, and South Korea, which the Filipinos helped during the Korean War, are more progressive than the Philippines. He pointed out that the Philippines, which used to be the most literate nation in Asia, ranks No. 4 today. He stated that the Filipinos seem to have a “psychological hangover” from their colonial past which prevents them from becoming united.

Asked whether a Filipino helped the American forces capture General Aguinaldo, Senator Gordon replied in the affirmative.

On a historical footnote, Senator Gordon disclosed that the Macabebe Scouts, who were loyal to Bonifacio, joined the Americans because they were so incensed by Aguinaldo and his Magdalo faction.

Senator Enrile recalled that during World War II, many Filipinos joined the Japanese occupiers. He disclosed that at age 17, as a member of the underground, he fought against the Japanese and was incarcerated for 90 days by the *kempetai*.

Senator Gordon said that indeed in his privilege speech he mentioned that Senator Enrile was one of those who fought to prevent the take-over of Australia by the Japanese. He said that as suggested by Senator Arroyo, Australia should pay the Philippines, including Senator Enrile, for the favor.

Senator Enrile clarified that General MacArthur, in fact, went to Australia to prepare his country's efforts to regain the Philippines from the Japanese; otherwise, the Japanese would still be ruling the Philippines until now.

Stressing the need for the country to go to war against poverty, violence and all other ills caused primarily by the lack of unity among Filipinos, Senator Enrile asked whether it would need a new Bonifacio or an Aguinaldo to do

this. Senator Gordon replied that the Filipinos should not fight against these ills alone but also to fight for their dignity in order to regain their strength as a nation.

Senator Enrile believed that the killing of judges, media men and ordinary people would not happen again if Filipinos become united and learned to recognize the rule of law. Senator Gordon added that change should start from the individual himself.

Senator Enrile exhorted the Body, especially the younger members of the Senate who look back to the nation's past and forward to a "sunrise future," to forge on and fulfill their dreams.

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1001, entitled

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA
CARTA OF AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT WORKERS**

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Civil Service and
Government Reorganization; Agriculture and
Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1002, entitled

**AN ACT REQUIRING FULLY-
EQUIPPED SCIENCE
LABORATORIES IN EVERY
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

Senate Bill No. 1003, entitled

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CREATION OF RESERVATION
AREAS FOR THE PRESERVATION
AND PROTECTION OF THE
CORAL REEFS, PROVIDING
PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

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**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1004, entitled

**AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 1986, CREATING
THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION
REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION
BOARD**

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committee on Public Information and
Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 1005, entitled

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
BY DECRIMINALIZING CERTAIN
FELONIES UNDER THE REVISED
PENAL CODE AND PROVIDING
FOR THE IMPOSITION OF
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SHORT OF DEPRIVATION OF
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Senate Bill No. 1006, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING MOVIE,
TELEVISION, AND RADIO
PRODUCERS, INCLUDING
PROMOTIONS AND ADVERTISING
AGENCIES, AND OTHER LIKE
ENTITIES EMPLOYING
UNEMANCIPATED MINORS TO
DEPOSIT THEIR TALENT FEES
OR INCOME IN TRUST FUND,
IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE
VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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**To the Committees on Public Information
and Mass Media; and Youth, Women and
Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1007, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
MINIMUM CONTENTS OF A
COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF
ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT
AND TO CONGRESS BY THE
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

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**To the Committee on Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1008, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING
SECTION ONE OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 53, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS AN ACT TO EXEMPT
THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR,
COLUMNIST OR REPORTER OF
ANY PUBLICATION FROM

REVEALING THE SOURCE
OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR
INFORMATION OBTAINED IN
CONFIDENCE

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**To the Committee on Public Information and
Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 1009, entitled

AN ACT LIMITING EXPOSURE OF
CHILDREN TO VIOLENT
PROGRAMMING ON TELEVISION
AND CABLE SYSTEMS

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**To the Committee on Public Information
and Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 1010, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING CHILDREN'S
WELFARE FUND FOR
THE PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION OF ABANDONED,
ABUSED AND SEXUALLY
EXPLOITED CHILDREN AMENDING
FOR THIS PURPOSE RA NO. 7610,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
SPECIAL PROTECTION OF
CHILDREN AGAINST CHILD
ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND
DISCRIMINATION ACT

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**To the Committees on Youth, Women
and Family Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1011, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM REAL
PROPERTY TAX THE TREES
AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS
OF LANDS COVERED BY
CERTIFICATES OF STEWARDSHIP
CONTRACTS UNDER THE

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INTEGRATED SOCIAL FORESTRY PROGRAM

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To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1012, entitled

AN ACT APPROPRIATING A PORTION OF THE FEES COLLECTED FROM DEPARTING INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS AT ALL PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS TO ACCRUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 1013, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS TO BE OPEN AT ALL TIMES TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1014, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY FOR TEACHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (TEI)

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1015, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE ON COMMUNICATION TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE STATE OF THE PHILIPPINE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND RECOMMEND POLICY, INSTITUTIONAL AND INFRASTRUCTURAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SECTOR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1016, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING THE TAX INSURANCE PREMIUM UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 123 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1017, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 177 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 1018, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BALIK-ARAL PROGRAM FOR REGIONAL YOUTH LEADERS THEREBY PROMOTING DOMESTIC TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Tourism; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1019, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 110 AND 164 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1020, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Science and Technology; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1021, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR AUTISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1022, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING SECURITY OF TENURE FOR AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES OVER LANDS AWARDED TO THEM UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE CANCELLATION OF EMANCIPATION PATENTS AND CERTIFICATES OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARDS, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 1023, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE BICOL POWER GRID TO ENSURE THE GRANT OF EQUITABLE PREFERENTIAL BENEFITS TO REGIONS AND HOSTING RELIABLE AND CHEAP GEOTHERMAL POWER AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Energy; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1024, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A LOCAL PRINT MEDIA MONITORING BOARD IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES, TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF OBSCENE

PUBLICATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1025, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BORN TO PARENTS BELOW MARRYING AGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 1026, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE (PIMRO) IN ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS INSTRUMENTALITIES AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Public Information and Mass Media; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1027, entitled

AN ACT LIMITING THE POWER OF ASSUMPTION OR CERTIFICATION OF LABOR DISPUTES BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

TO ACTIVITIES OR UNDERTAKING WHICH INVOLVE ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 263 (G) OF PD 422, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Labor Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1028, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION TO THE PRESS OR PUBLIC OF SUSPECTS IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BEFORE CASES ARE FORMALLY FILED AGAINST THE SUSPECTS

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1029, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING ONE-STOP SHOP (BOSS) CENTERS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN ALL REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; Economic Affairs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1030, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE (1) HEALTH WORKER IN EVERY

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**BARANGAY AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
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**To the Committees on Health and
Demography; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1031, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES (NCIP) AN ADDITIONAL
TEN (10) YEARS WITHIN WHICH
TO TAKE APPROPRIATE
LEGAL ACTION FOR THE
CANCELLATION OF OFFICIALLY
DOCUMENTED TITLES WHICH
WERE ACQUIRED ILLEGALLY,
AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 64
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN
ACT TO RECOGNIZE, PROTECT
AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS
OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL
COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES, CREATING THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
ESTABLISHING IMPLEMENTING
MECHANISMS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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To the Committee on Cultural Communities

Senate Bill No. 1032, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A MAGNA
CARTA FOR DAY CARE WORKERS

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**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare
and Rural Development; Civil Service and
Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1033, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
ELECTIONS OF THE SECTORAL
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN,
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD,
AND SANGGUNIANG
PANLALAWIGAN, FIXING THE
DATES THEREOF, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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**To the Committees on Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws;
Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1034, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Order and
Illegal Drugs; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1035, entitled

AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE
CIVIL AVIATION INDUSTRY
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 776,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ACT OF
THE PHILIPPINES" AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1036, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE
ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE
OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED

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THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1037, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR RADIATION SAFETY BOARD AND DEFINING ITS SCOPE, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1038, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 177 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE (ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED) BY INCREASING THE PENALTY PROVIDED THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1039, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION OF BIO-ORGANIC FARMING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1040, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE AKLAN AIRPORT AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Senate Bill No. 1041, entitled

AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAGNA CARTA OF STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1042, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STRUCTURAL REFORMS IN THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT, DELIVERY AND USE OF CONVERGENT SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Public Services; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1043, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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**To the Committees on Cooperatives; Civil
Service and Government Reorganization;
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1044, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE
STANDARD OF DENTAL
PROFESSION IN THE
PHILIPPINES AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT.
NO. 4419 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO
REGULATE THE PRACTICE
OF DENTISTRY IN THE
PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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Estrada

**To the Committees on Civil Service and
Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1045, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CIVIL
SERVICE CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Civil Service and
Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1046, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF
THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

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Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and
Laws; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1047, entitled

AN ACT FIXING THE RATES OF
INTEREST UPON LOANS AND
FORBEARANCES BY AMENDING
CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ACT
NO. TWENTY SIX HUNDRED AND
FIFTY- FIVE (2655), AS AMENDED

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

Senate Bill No. 1048, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE
PHILIPPINE MUSIC INDUSTRY,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 1049, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NEW
LABOR CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Labor Employment
and Human Resources Development; and
Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes
and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1050, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT
OF FOREST RESOURCES AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Ways and Means; and Finance

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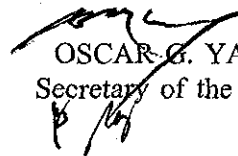
Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Chair referred Proposed Senate Resolution No. 67 (investigating the influx of imported vegetables) to the Committee on Trade and Commerce as the primary committee and to the Committee on Agriculture and Food as the secondary committee.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 6, 2004.

It was 5:02 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 6, 2004