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**COMMITTEE REPORT No. 260**

Submitted by the Committee on Culture and the Arts on MAY 21 2024

Re: Senate Bill No. 2690

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2365, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7986.

Sponsor: Senator Loren Legarda

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committee on Culture and the Arts to which was referred **Senate Bill No. 2365**, introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr., entitled:

**"AN ACT  
DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING  
HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PROMULGATION OF THE  
SOLEMN DECLARATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE"**

taking into consideration **House Bill No. 7986**, introduced by Representatives Lani Mercado-Revilla, Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, Bryan B. Revilla, et al., entitled:

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has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached **Senate Bill No. 2690**, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING  
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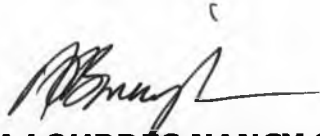
be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2365, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7986, with Senators Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr., and Loren Legarda as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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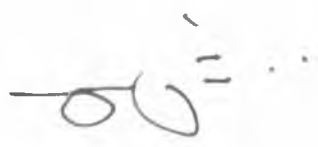
  
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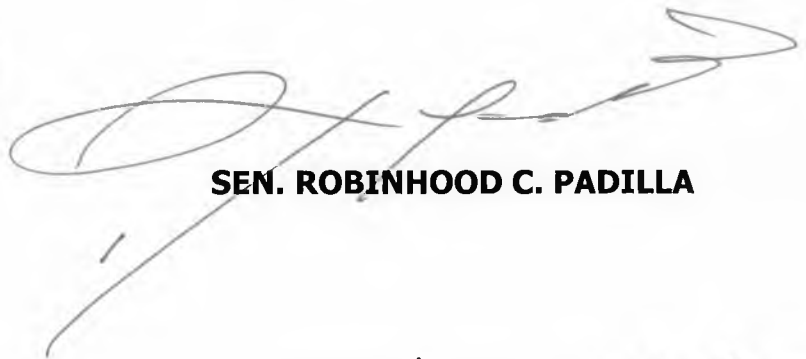
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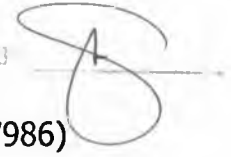
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

1           Section 1. **Short Title.** – This Act shall be known as "***The Bacoor Assembly***  
2 ***of 1898 Act.***"

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4           Sec. 2. **Declaration of Policy.** – The State recognizes the vital role of history  
5 in fostering unity, national identity, nationalism, and the nation-building of the country.  
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7 and made accessible to the public as part of the country's heritage.

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9           Sec. 3. **Special Working Holiday.** – August 1 of every year is hereby declared  
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16           Sec. 4. **Role of Cultural Agencies and the Department of Education.** –  
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4           **Sec. 5. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any part or provision of this  
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6 not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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8           **Sec. 6. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
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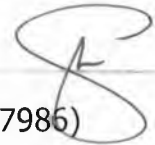
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