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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:59 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Manny Villar, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Rodolfo G. Biazon led the prayer, to wit:

Our most merciful and loving heavenly Father, we humbly acknowledge that You completely rule the destiny of men and nations.

We praise You for enabling the formation of the Chamber as we rejoice for the 11 holdovers and the election of 12 divinely chosen colleagues who will now compose this honorable institution.

We pray, grant each one of us the wisdom and the understanding to face the many challenges of the Fourteenth Congress.

Endow our hearts and spirit to do, say and think only of what is good for our nation and our countrymen.

In all these endeavors, enable us to glorify and exalt Your Holy Name through the purity of our hearts.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office Chorale led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song entitled, *Tagumpay Nating Lahat*.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Emma Lirio-Reyes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, E. J.	Honasan, G. B.
Aquino III, B. S. C.	Lacson, P. M.
Arroyo, J. P.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Biazon, R. G.	Legarda, L.
Cayetano, A. P. S.	Madrigal, M. A.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Defensor Santiago, M.	Pimentel Jr., A. Q.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Enrile, J. P.	Roxas, M.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Villar, M.
Gordon, R. J.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 22 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNALS

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journals of Session No. 2 (Tuesday, July 24, 2007) and Session No. 3 (Wednesday, July 25, 2007) and considered them approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Pangilinan acknowledged the presence of Mr. Dave Almarines, board member of the First District of the Province of Laguna, and the delegation of the Australian Political Exchange Council headed by the Hon. Nicholas Kotsiras MLA (Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs).

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and Citizenship, Shadow Minister for Youth and Sport, Victorian Member for Buleen) and the following members: Ms. Judith Donnelly (Adviser, Office of the Hon. Bruce Bilson MP, Federal Minister for Veterans Affairs and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defense); Mr. Gary Kent (Company Secretary, Defense Housing Australia); Mr. James Burke MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory); Ms. Mary Mawhinney (Program Director, Office of Mr. Kevin Rudd MP, Leader of the Federal Opposition); Mr. Ben Sakker Kelly (Adviser, Office of Mr. Robert MacClelland MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs); Mr. David Wilson (Council Representative, Australian Political Exchange Council); and accompanying them were Mr. Andre Seeto (representative, Embassy of Australia in the Philippines); Mr. Rollie Fabi (Executive Director, Philippine Council of Young Political Leaders); and Ms. Katherine Purugganan (Program Officer, Philippine Council of Young Political Leaders).

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. 101, entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE THE LAWS ON PATENTS, TRADENAMES AND TRADEMARKS MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE BY CLARIFYING NON-PATENTABLE INVENTIONS, ALLOWING THE IMPORTATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF PATENTED MEDICINES, AND MODIFYING GOVERNMENT USE PROVISIONS FOR DRUGS OR MEDICINES, TO LOWER PRICES AND INCREASE ACCESS TO AND SUPPLY OF QUALITY DRUGS OR MEDICINES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8293 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 102, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A "PEOPLE'S FUND," EARMARKING ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX TO THE SAID FUND, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE ALLOCATION TO THE EDUCATION AND HEALTH NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committees on Finance; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 103, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM INDIVIDUAL TAX WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR RECEIVING MINIMUM WAGE, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT WORKERS IN SALARY GRADES 1 TO 3, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8424, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 104, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7088, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATION ACT

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 105, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRE-NEED PLANS INDUSTRY OF THE PHILIPPINES *mc*

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Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 106, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1464, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TARIFF AND CUSTOMS CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 107, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE PURCHASE OF BRAND NEW MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 108, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY STRENGTHENING DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 109, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO

INFORMATION, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 110, entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT IN LIBEL CASES AND PROVIDING FOR THE VENUE OF THE CIVIL ACTION IN LIBEL CASES AGAINST COMMUNITY JOURNALISTS, PUBLICATIONS OR BROADCAST STATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 111, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND PROPAGATE FOSTER CARE FOR ABANDONED, NEGLECTED AND OTHER CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 112, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT ~~AC~~

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NO. 8043, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RULES TO GOVERN INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION OF FILIPINO CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 113, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO DECLARE A "CHILD LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION" AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8043, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION CODE, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 603, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE, AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 114, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FORMER PRISONERS' EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 115, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING MANDATORY GOOD CONDUCT ALLOWANCE TO

PRISONERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN LITERACY, SKILLS AND VALUES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 116, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE FIELD OF LAND TITLE INSURANCE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 612, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1978, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 1455 AND 1460 AND BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 874

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 117, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 452 AND 461 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 118, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 284 AND 286 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 119, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 290 AND 291 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, ~~AC~~

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 120, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF ENTREPRENEURS, THE COMMITMENTS OF THE STATE IN PROVIDING A BUSINESS-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT, CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION FOR BUSINESS CONCERNS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 121, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 910, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 122, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND RATIONALIZE THE AUTHORITY, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND ACTIVITIES OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE GROWTH OF THE GAMING INDUSTRY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1869, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF PAGCOR, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 123, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING MONOPOLIES, ATTEMPT TO MONOPOLIZE AN INDUSTRY OR LINE OF COMMERCE, MANIPULATION OF PRICES OF COMMODITIES, ASSET ACQUISITION AND INTERLOCKING MEMBERSHIPS IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COMPETING CORPORATE BODIES AND PRICE DISCRIMINATION AMONG CUSTOMERS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 124, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OR IMPORTATION OF COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FROM THE PAYMENT OF VALUE ADDED TAX AND DONATIONS THEREOF FROM DONOR'S TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 125, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE PERSONAL AND ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 35 (A) AND (B) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committee on Ways and Means

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Senate Bill No. 126, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING THE INCOME TAX RATES OF INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER III, SECTION 24(A)(1)(c) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 127, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, COVERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN JOSE, BOBON AND CATARMAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

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

Senate Bill No. 128, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARRASCAL, CANTILAN, MADRID, CARMEN, AND LANUZA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

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

Senate Bill No. 129, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PRICE GOUGING RELATING TO CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES IN AREAS AFFECTED BY MAJOR DISASTERS

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 130, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 472 AND 473 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Lacson

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

Senate Bill No. 131, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY CREATING LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 132, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 133, entitled

AN ACT REVIVING THE ALIEN SOCIAL INTEGRATION ACT OF 1995 GRANTING LEGAL RESIDENCY STATUS TO CERTAIN ALIENS IN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 134, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE SCOPE AND EXTENT OF THE FISCAL AUTONOMY OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 135, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING STALKING, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 136, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING CHINESE NEW YEAR OF EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL AND AMITY BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 137, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY GRADE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 10 TO 20 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 138, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 139, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING QUALITY NON-COMMERCIAL AND PRIMARILY EDUCATIONAL, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMS BY PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES TO TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS AND CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS WHICH DEVELOP, PRODUCE, AND BROADCAST SUCH PROGRAMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 140, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING IMPEACHABLE OFFICIALS AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 141, entitled

AN ACT TO PREVENT AND PUNISH DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 142, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING FILIPINO WORLD WAR TWO VETERANS TO CONTINUE RECEIVING PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT PENSIONS AND BENEFITS EVEN WHEN SIMILAR PENSIONS AND BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, FOR THIS PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 143, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS OF THE SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY AND THE CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, ALLOWING THEM TO DEVELOP OTHER SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN LUZON TO OPTIMIZE THE THREE (3) AIRPORTS IN SUBIC, CLARK AND MANILA, TWO (2) SEAPORTS IN SUBIC AND MANILA, AND ONE (1) CONNECTING HIGHWAY AND RAILWAY IN LUZON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Economic Affairs; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 144, entitled

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERISM BY PROVIDING PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY OF VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND ALLOWING THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 145, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION MEASURES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 146, entitled

AN ACT TO REVITALIZE PHILIPPINE EDUCATION BY CREATING THE PHILIPPINE EDUCATION REHABILITATION CORPORATION, ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL EDUCATION REVITALIZATION FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 147, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PUNISHING POLITICAL TURNCOATISM AND OPPORTUNISM

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

Senate Bill No. 148, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, STATE-OWNED UNIVERSITIES, AND OTHER SIMILAR AGENCIES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

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BY REQUIRING THESE ENTITIES TO BE EVALUATED AND SUBJECTED TO THE TEST OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL VIABILITY, CREATING A CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 149, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

Senate Bill No. 150, entitled

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE DONATION OF FOOD FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 39, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXERS NONITO DONAIRE AND FLORANTE CONDES FOR BEATING THEIR FOES IN SEPARATE INTERNATIONAL BOUTS, UPGRADING THEIR PROFESSIONAL BOXING STATURE AS THE

NEW INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION MINI-FLYWEIGHT AND INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH HELD LAST JULY 7, 2007

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

To the Archives

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 40, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CONDUCT OF AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CONTINUING INCIDENTS OF EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS, ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 41, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPRIETY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MANILA WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (MWSS) MANAGEMENT AND ITS EMPLOYEES REGARDING THE MWSS HOUSING PROJECT IN LA MESA WATERSHED AND RESERVOIR, WITH THE PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND THE PROTECTION OF OUR WATERSHEDS

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 42, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF DR. FRANCIS EDWARD C. CUSTODIO, A FIRST YEAR RESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ORTHOPEDIC CENTER, WHO DIED ON JULY 01, 2006 FOLLOWING AN ANNUAL "WELCOME" TRADITION FOR INCOMING RESIDENTS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVISITING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-HAZING LAW AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Health and Demography

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:23 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:23 p.m., the session was resumed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR BIAZON

Senator Biazon informed the Body that he had been invited by the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET) to a conference on Thursday. If he honored the invitation, he asked in what capacity he would be attending the conference as he added that he was a member of the SET in the 13th Congress. Further, he asked what the Members should do in case they had been invited to congressional oversight committee meetings.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session.

It was 4:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:26 p.m., the session was resumed.

Senator Pangilinan asked that the Committee on Rules be given time to prepare a position paper on the matter since there are several views on the issue of whether or not membership to the SET continues considering that the Senate is a continuing body. He pointed out that based on a Supreme Court ruling, representation to the SET should be on party basis and given the outcome of the recently held elections in May, there is a new composition of parties in the Senate.

REFERRAL OF INQUIRY TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Chair referred the inquiry to the Committee on Rules.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR ARROYO

Senator Arroyo disclosed that he had been informed by Senator Aquino that the issuance of protocol plates to the senators is subject to a memorandum of agreement between the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA). He opined that this should not be the case because the issuance of protocol plates is pursuant to an executive order. He requested the Secretariat to look into the matter.

On another matter, Senator Arroyo inquired why the clock on the right side of the chair of the Senate President in the session hall has not been working for over a year and why the timer below the clock at the far end of the hall has not been working either.

The Chair instructed the Secretariat to inquire into the matter of the protocol plates and to have the clock and timer in the session hall fixed.

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:31 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:02 p.m, the session was resumed.

RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF SESSION NO. 3

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval of the Journal of Session No. 3.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF SESSION NO. 3 AS CORRECTED

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 3 and considered it approved, subject to the correction of Senator Madrigal on page 68, first column, first paragraph, lines 3 and


4, to delete the phrase "the year that she was born" and in lieu thereof, to insert the phrase SHE WAS NOT YET BORN THAT YEAR.

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 the following day.

It was 5:04 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate
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Approved on July 31, 2007