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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:08 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Manny Villar, called the session to order.

PRAYER

The Body observed a minute of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

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

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| Angara, E. J. | Lacson, P. M. |
| Aquino III, B. S. C. | Legarda, L. |
| Arroyo, J. P. | 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. |
| Honasan, G. B. | |

With 19 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Biazon, Cayetano (A) and Lapid arrived after the roll call.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session.

**MOTION
OF SENATOR PANGILINAN**

Senator Pangilinan moved that the Body dispense with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 13 and consider it approved.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR LACSON

At this juncture, Senator Lacson called the attention of the Body to a potential constitutional crisis in the Chamber, considering that on page 171 of the Journal of August 13, 2007, five senators from the Minority were elected members of the Commission on Appointments (CA), namely, Senators Madrigal, Legarda, Biazon, Roxas and Trillanes; and on page 283 of the previous day's Journal, eight senators from the Majority were elected as members of the CA, namely, Senators Arroyo, Defensor Santiago, Enrile, Gordon, Lapid, Cayetano (A), Ejercito Estrada and Pangilinan, or a total of 13 senators which definitely exceeded what the Constitution allows – 12 senators in the CA.

In reply, Senator Pangilinan cited the Record of the Senate that showed that with respect to the membership in the CA, Senator Pimentel qualified the nomination to the effect that should the Minority be entitled to one additional seat, it would go to Senator Trillanes.

Senator Pimentel confirmed Senator Pangilinan's explanation, stating that if he had nominated more than what the Minority was entitled to, he would withdraw the membership of Senator Trillanes. On a related matter, he said that party affiliation should also be addressed by the Body in determining the membership in the CA, as he noted that Senator Arroyo, being an independent, should not be entitled to any seat at all.

The Chair suggested that the matter be discussed during the caucus, to which Senator Pangilinan agreed.

Senator Lacson called on the Members to uphold the rule of law consistently as Section 18, Article VI of the Constitution is very clear with respect to the membership in the CA, and that the Supreme Court had ruled accordingly in the case of *Guingona v. Tañada and Gonzales*.

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MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR GORDON

Senator Gordon stated that he has not affiliated with any political party even before he ran in the elections, and he has never taken an oath as a member of the *Lakas* party.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended to allow the senators to meet in caucus at the Senators' lounge.

It was 4:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:22 p.m., the session was resumed.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

On the matter of the "Hello Garci" issue, which was the subject of the privilege speeches of Senators Lacson and Gordon, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of its referral from the Committee of the Whole to the Committee on National Defense and Security as the primary committee, and the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations and the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws as the secondary committees, because anyway the memberships of the three committees comprise more or less the entire Senate. Moreover, he pointed out that the change of referral would facilitate the hearing of other important measures pending before the committees.

Senator Pangilinan informed the Body that the chairmen of the three committees would meet to thresh out the proceedings and the schedule of the hearings.

MOTION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body authorized the committees to conduct only one hearing on measures that had reached plenary debates in the 13th Congress and to submit the corresponding committee reports for sponsorship on the floor without prejudice to Members asking questions if they so desire. He said

that the move seeks to facilitate the enactment of priority measures that would benefit the people.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 6:26 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:26 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMARKS OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

On the matter of the referral of the privilege speeches on the "Garci tapes," Senator Pimentel disclosed that the outcome of the caucus was the product of serious discussions. He noted that the agreement to refer the speeches to the three committees was a product of "Ping-Pong" diplomacy.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 6:28 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:28 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMARKS OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Senator Legarda stated that if there was anyone who should have complained about the change of referral of the Garcillano issue from the Committee of the Whole to the three committees it should be her because she was a victim of the election fraud of 2004. But after the thorough deliberations, she said that she concurred with the change of referral as the memberships of the three committees comprise the whole Senate; thus, the investigation can begin on the issues raised in Senator Lacson's speech at the same time that the Body continues with its legislative work.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 6:30 p.m.

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RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:34 p.m., the session was resumed.

COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

Upon nomination by Senator Pimentel, on the part of the Minority, there being no objection, Senator Lacson was elected as a member of the Commission on Appointments in lieu of Senator Trillanes.

Relative thereto, Senator Pangilinan stated that, as agreed upon during the caucus, the contingent of the Minority to the Commission on Appointments is five while the Majority is entitled to seven. Consequently, he said that his membership in the CA was deemed withdrawn.

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. 13 and considered it approved.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Upon nomination by Senator Pangilinan, on the part of the Majority, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the committees hereunder indicated:

Committee on Agriculture and Food

Vice Chairs :

Biazon Zubiri

Members :

Cayetano (P) Lapid
Gordon Enrile
Honasan

Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Vice Chair : Enrile

Members :

Cayetano (A) Revilla
Gordon Defensor Santiago

Committee on Science and Technology

Vice Chair : Cayetano (P)

Members :

Enrile Revilla
Lapid Defensor Santiago

Committee on National Defense and Security

Members :

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| Angara | Revilla |
| Zubiri | Honasan |
| Cayetano (A) | Escudero |
| Enrile | Lapid |
| Gordon | Defensor Santiago |
| Cayetano (P) | Arroyo |

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended

It was 6:38 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:40 p.m., the session was resumed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

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Upon nomination by Senator Pangilinan, on the part of the Majority, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the committees hereunder indicated:

Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Members :

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| Cayetano (P) | Enrile |
| Cayetano (A) | Gordon |
| Escudero | Honasan |

Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation

Members :

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| Angara | Cayetano (P) |
| Honasan | Enrile |
| Zubiri | |

MOTION OF SENATOR GORDON

Considering the agreement reached earlier in the caucus to hold one hearing on a measure that reached plenary, Senator Gordon moved to consider Proposed Senate Resolution No. 57.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 57, entitled

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RESOLUTION CALLING A CAUCUS OF ALL SENATORS IN THE 14TH CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH STRATEGIC MEASURES AND PRIORITY LEGISLATION TO SOLVE THE MOST URGENT PROBLEMS OF OUR NATION AND RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

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.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 57 was adopted by the Body.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Upon nomination by Senator Pimentel, on the part of the Minority, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the committee hereunder indicated:

Committee on Rules

Members :

Legarda Madrigal

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 6:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:47 p.m., the session was resumed.

**WITHDRAWAL
OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Upon motion of Senator Pimentel, on the part of the Minority, there being no objection, the membership of Senator Madrigal in the Committee on Rules was withdrawn.

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. 701, entitled

AN ACT ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL RAILWAY AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 702, 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 Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 703, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 704, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION NINE
(9) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 291 SO
AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO OFFICER
SHALL BE APPOINTED CHIEF OF
STAFF IF SAID OFFICER HAS LESS
THAN A YEAR REMAINING IN THE
ACTIVE SERVICE

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committee on National Defense and
Security**

Senate Bill No. 705, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING TELECOM-
MUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ACCESS-
IBILITY TO THE HEARING-IMPAIRED
AND SPEECH-IMPAIRED

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Public Services;
and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Develop-
ment**

Senate Bill No. 706, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED
SIXTY ONE, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
SOCIAL SECURITY LAW, AS
AMENDED, INCREASING THE
PENALTIES FOR NON-REMIT-
TANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
BY THE EMPLOYER

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. 707, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
TO THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF
A SOLDIER KILLED WHILE
PERFORMING DUTIES AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 708, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MATERNAL
AND INFANT HEALTH HOME
VISITING PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 709, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THAT EDUCA-
TIONAL CURRICULUM AND THE
CONSEQUENT PREPARATION OF
TEXTBOOKS AND RELATED
MATERIALS SHOULD HAVE
CONTINUITY AND STABILITY,
AND THAT THE SAME SHOULD
NOT BE AFFECTED BY ANY
CHANGE DURING THE PERIOD
OF AT LEAST SIX (6) YEARS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
R.A. NO. 8047, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE BOOK PUBLISHING
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito
Estrada

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

Senate Bill No. 710, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE
OF THE WORD "MUSLIM" OR *AF*

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"ISLAMIC" IN PRINT, RADIO, TELEVISION INCLUDING CABLE TELEVISION AND OTHER FORMS OF BROADCAST MEDIA TO REFER TO OR DESCRIBE ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR UNLAWFUL ACT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 711, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 22, AN ACT PENALIZING THE MAKING OR DRAWING AND ISSUANCE OF A CHECK WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FUNDS OR CREDIT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 712, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 713, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 714, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH (D), SECTION 324 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 715, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO CONTRACTUAL AND CO-TERMINUS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 716, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THEIR STUDENT POPULATION WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

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Senate Bill No. 717, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE HUNDRED FORTY OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 718, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT ALLOWING ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN TO USE THE SURNAME OF THEIR FATHER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 176 OF THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 719, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT, LEASE OR USE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES FOR VETERANS' PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 720, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF THE RETIREMENT

AGE REQUIREMENT OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST TWENTY YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 721, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO INFORM THEIR EMPLOYEES OF THEIR RIGHTS, BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES UNDER EXISTING LAWS, AND COMPANY POLICIES OR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 722, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN BOARD TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE POOR, DEFINING ITS IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 723, entitled

AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCE- ~~HE~~

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STANDARDS AND ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROTECTION AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 724, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE SHOW-
ING OF TELEVISION ADVERTISE-
MENTS FEATURING SEX VIOLENCE
TO CHILDREN OF TENDER AGE

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 725, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING WHO ARE INSTI-
TUTIONALIZED PERSONS AND
PENALIZING THEIR MALTREAT-
MENT

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

**To the Committee on Social Justice,
Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 726, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE OF 1991, BOOK 3, TITLE 5,
ARTICLE 13, SECTION 483, AS
AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 727, entitled

AN ACT TO COMBAT ABUSE AND
ENHANCE PENALTIES FOR CRIMES
AGAINST SENIORS

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 728, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING STRICTER
PENALTIES ON THE CRIME OF
DELIVERING PRISONERS FROM
JAIL AND INFIDELITY IN THE CUS-
TODY OF PRISONERS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 156,
223 AND 224 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED
PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 729, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE FILING OF
FALSE COMPLAINTS AGAINST
PUBLIC OFFICERS AS A CRIME
AGAINST HONOR, PRESCRIBING
PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 730, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SERVICE
OF WARRANTS OF ARRESTS IN
CERTAIN CASES AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
THEREOF *ff*

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Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 731, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 732, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPOSE STIFFER PENALTY FOR THE FALSIFICATION OF TORRENS CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 171 AND 172 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 733, entitled

AN ACT ORDAINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOWNSTREAM NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY AND CONSOLIDATING FOR THAT PURPOSE ALL LAWS RELATING TO THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Public Services; Energy; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 734, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING AGRICULTURE EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 735, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING CHILDREN'S WELFARE FUND FOR THE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION OF ABANDONED, ABUSED AND SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 7610, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 736, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF GOVERNMENT DOCTORS AND FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

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Senate Bill No. 737, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 198, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PROVINCIAL WATER UTILITIES ACT, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 738, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF PERSONS ARRESTED, ACCUSED OR UNDER CUSTODIAL INVESTIGATION IN A DEGRADING MANNER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 2 AND 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7438, ENTITLED AN ACT DEFINING CERTAIN RIGHTS OF PERSONS ARRESTED, DETAINED OR UNDER CUSTODIAL INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS THE DUTIES OF THE ARRESTING, DETAINING AND INVESTIGATING OFFICERS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 739, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING THE WATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER USERS IN THE BARANGAY/S HOSTING THE WATER SOURCE WITHIN A WATER DISTRICT THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 37, CHAPTER IX, TITLE II OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 198 AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 740, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 3, 5, AND 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HIGH VALUE CROPS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1995 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 741, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, PROCESSING, OR DISTRIBUTION IN COMMERCE OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 742, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BUREAUS, AGENCIES, INSTRUMENTALITIES AND AFFILIATES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, TO DISCLOSE CONTACT INFORMATION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 743, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SAFE ACCESS IN FIRE EMERGENCIES ~~AS~~

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce;
and Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 744, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO
PART-TIME AND INDEPENDENT
STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 745, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE MOTHERS
AND BABIES ACCESS TO HEALTH
CARE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 746, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS'
PHONE RECORDS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 747, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING LIVING
NON-RELATED ORGAN DONA-
TIONS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-
graphy**

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

It was 6:57 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:57 p.m., the session was resumed with
Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada
presiding.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

(Continuation)

Senate Bill No. 748, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CHILDREN
UNDER THE AGE OF SEVEN FROM
RIDING AS A PASSENGER IN THE
FRONT SEAT OF A MOTOR
VEHICLE EXCEPT UNDER LIMITED
CIRCUMSTANCES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 749, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH
ON POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION
AND PSYCHOSIS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 750, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE AND PROVIDE
STANDARDS FOR THE MANUFAC-
TURE AND SALE OF MILK AND
DAIRY PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**RESOLUTIONS**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION INCREASING THE SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE OF ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) FROM NINETY PESOS (P90.00) TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PESOS (P150.00) PER DAY,

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 93, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES; COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; COMMITTEE ON FINANCE; AND COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON THE PRIVATIZATION OF STRATEGIC STATE ASSETS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 94, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES; COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE; AND COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION AND FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, ON THE CRISIS AFFECTING THE

GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKETS TRIGGERED BY THE UNITED STATES SUBPRIME MORTGAGE MARKET COLLAPSE AS WELL AS THE MEASURES THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO MITIGATE AND/OR CUSHION CONSEQUENTIAL LOSSES TO THE FINANCIAL MARKETS AND THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE AS A RESULT OF THE CRISIS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 95, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROPOSED CYBER EDUCATION PROJECT (CEP) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DepEd)

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 96, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; AND COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISION OF CODES AND LAWS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 632 ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION (NCCE) AND MANDATING A PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT TO EXERCISE ITS FUNCTIONS

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Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 97, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD; AND COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; TOGETHER WITH THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE EXTENT AND SCOPE OF THE DROUGHT CAUSED BY THE DRY SPELL AND THE PREVALENCE OF SWINE FLU AND HOG CHOLERA IN SEVERAL PARTS OF LUZON, AS WELL AS THE IMMEDIATE MEASURES THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE TAKEN TO REMEDY SAID CALAMITIES, WITH THE END VIEW OF RECOMMENDING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING PROGRAMS TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF THE SAME OR SIMILAR CALAMITIES AND/OR TO PREPARE FOR AND MITIGATE THEIR EFFECTS

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Science and Technology

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 98, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF DANGEROUS AND SUBSTANDARD CHINA-MADE PRODUCTS IN THE PHILIPPINE MARKET

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 99, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE TEAM OF FILIPINO STUDENTS WHO GARNERED A TOTAL OF 44 MEDALS, INCLUDING 11 GOLD, 12 SILVER AND 21 BRONZE MEDALS IN THE RECENT 3RD INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS INVITATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2007 HELD IN SINGAPORE LAST AUGUST 18-19, 2007

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution. No. 100, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROBLEMS AND POTENTIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE MINING INDUSTRY AND INSTITUTE REMEDIAL MEASURES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

After conferring with Senator Pimentel, upon nomination by Senator Pangilinan, on behalf of the Minority, there being no objection, Senator Aquino was elected member of the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement.

WITHDRAWAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

After conferring with Senator Pimentel, on behalf of the Minority, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the membership of Senator Madrigal in the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization was withdrawn. *As*

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MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

Senator Pimentel manifested that considering the peculiar circumstances of Senator Trillanes, Senator Legarda, who is vice chair of the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization, would automatically preside if the chair cannot attend the hearings.

**WITHDRAWAL
OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**


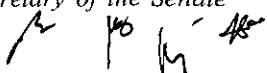
Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the membership of Senator Defensor Santiago in the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture was withdrawn.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Senate President Pro Tempore declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 3, 2007.

It was 7:05 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate


Approved on September 3, 2007