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CALL TO ORDER

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

PRAYER

Sen. Loren Legarda led the prayer, to wit:

Heavenly Father, we praise
and glorify Your Name.

Thank You for this gift of gathering
in this august Chamber as we
celebrate our God-given talents.

Thank You for Your gift of time and
opportunity for today's session
acknowledging Your presence.

Through Your guidance and Almighty will,
allow us to share these gifts true to
our sworn promise of service to the
Filipino people.

Enlighten our minds and be watchful
of our words as You lead us
to articulate our thoughts.

Keep us away from temptation
and remind us that our voice is one
with the Filipino people.

Teach us to grow abundant in
understanding, patience and
discernment for everything we do.

We all lift them up to You, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Senate Choir led the singing of the national anthem.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Senators Biazon and Zubiri arrived after the roll call.

Senator Angara was on official mission abroad.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Pangilinan acknowledged the presence of Gov. Eustaquio Bersamin of the Province of Abra and Mayor Glen Eduarte of the Municipality of Tayum, Abra.

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. 13 (August 28, 2007). *AB*

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:12 p.m., the session was resumed.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF SESSION NO. 13 AS CORRECTED

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body approved the Journal of Session No. 13 subject to the corrections of Senator Pimentel on page 271, right column, under the caption "PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR PIMENTEL," to change the figure 78th to 79th and the date of death of Jaime Cardinal Sin from "June 22, 2005" to JUNE 21, 2005.

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. 14 and considered it approved.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Letter from the Secretary General of the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that on 14 August 2007, the House of Representatives adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 8, entitled

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES,

in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate.

To the Archives

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 751, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE COMBAT DUTY PAY OF ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) FROM TWO HUNDRED FORTY PESOS (P240.00) PER MONTH TO TWENTY-FIVE PER CENTUM (25%) OF THEIR BASE PAY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 752, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN ANY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE DEPLOYMENT ABROAD OF PHILIPPINE MILITARY TROOPS WHETHER FOR PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS OR COMBAT OPERATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 21 OF THE CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committees on Foreign Relations; and National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 753, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A P125.00 DAILY ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE SALARY RATES OF EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

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Senate Bill No. 754, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 755, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING SPECIAL MEASURES TO LOWER THE PRICE OF MEDICINES AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 756, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 757, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE PUBLISHER, EDITOR OR REPORTER OF ANY PUBLICATION FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE

BY INCLUDING WITHIN ITS COVERAGE JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST, NEWS AGENCIES AND INTERNET PUBLICATIONS"

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 758, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND MAJOR SERVICE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 759, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPUTER EDUCATION IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 760, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AS A CRIME THE ACT OF DRIVING ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND/OR PROHIBITED DRUGS AND PROVIDING GRADUATED PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

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

Senate Bill No. 761, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROMOTION OF BREASTFEEDING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7600, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HEALTH INSTITUTIONS WITH ROOMING-IN AND BREASTFEEDING PRACTICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 762, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE SPECIAL CHILDREN CENTER, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 763, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 764, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF THE FAMILY HOME EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION, FORCED SALE OR ATTACHMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 OF THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 765, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS TO COMFORT WOMEN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 766, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS BY DECLARING JUNE 5 OF EVERY YEAR AS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND PRESCRIBING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TO ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 767, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING INDEPENDENT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL

ASSESSMENT FOR ALL MINING PROJECTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 768, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PROPER LABELING OF PLANTS, FOOD AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM AND/OR ARE RESULT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 769, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION TO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 770, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING DRUNK DRIVING, PROVIDING FOR STRICT PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Compañera Pia S. Cayetano

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

Senate Bill No. 771, 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. 772, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING WHAT OCCASIONS THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HYMN SHALL BE PLAYED AND PUNISHING ITS VIOLATION

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 773, entitled

AN ACT DEREGULATING CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 774, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. *AB*

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

Senate Bill No. 775, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO TAX AUTHORITIES AS MINIMUM SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR BANK LOANS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 40 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8791, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GENERAL BANKING LAW OF 2000

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 776, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7323

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 777, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AND ESTABLISHING RIVERS, RIVER SYSTEMS, BEACHES, SHORES AND WATERWAYS AS ECOLOGICAL ZONES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 778, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 542, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN

AS "AN ACT TO CREATE A CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN AS THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES," AND TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 779, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION AND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 780, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988," AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 781, entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND AND REVITALIZE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

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Senate Bill No. 782, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION ON FREE ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 783, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE OFFENSE OF ILLEGAL LOGGING IN WATERSHEDS AND OTHER PROTECTED AREAS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 784, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND REGULATING TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN ALL HIGHER AND BASIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, CREATING A TUITION FEE RATIONALIZING COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 785, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PLANT TREES ALONG NATIONAL AND LOCAL HIGHWAYS WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL

BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 786, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND R.A. 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. 787, entitled

AN ACT MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF A CONDOMINIUM UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONDOMINIUM ACT, TO APPLY TO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Senate Bill No. 788, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE DIGGINGS AND EXCAVATIONS ON ROADS AND STREETS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Public Works *46*

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Senate Bill No. 789, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAM (SHNP) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 790, entitled

AN ACT REVISING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24, CHAPTER 9, TITLE VI, BOOK IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 791, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 717, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AGRI-AGRA LAW, TO MAXIMIZE THE USAGE OF THE AGRI-AGRA FUND, WITH STRICT EMPHASIS ON RURAL CREDIT FOCUSING ON SMALL FARMERS, FISHERMEN AND ENTERPRISES WITH CAPITALIZATIONS NOT EXCEEDING 500,000 PESOS

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 792, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 793, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXTRADITION TREATIES BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND A FOREIGN COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Foreign Relations; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 794, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE IDENTITY OF MILK AND REQUIRING THE LABELING THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 795, entitled

AN ACT TO INTEGRATE A COMPUTER EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 796, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 797, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR ANIMAL VACCINE AND DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 798, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL CENTER SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 799, entitled

AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE NATIONAL WATER CRISIS PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 800, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL CLAIMS COURTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 101, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE GROWING NUMBER OF FILIPINO MAIL ORDER BRIDES, ON THE NON-IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT LAWS FOR THE PURPOSE RESULTING IN THE VIOLATION AND CONTINUOUS DESECRATION OF OUR WOMEN, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CHARTING REMEDIAL MEASURES TO PROTECT FURTHER THE DIGNITY OF THE FILIPINAS

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE TEN (10) OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF 2007 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committee on Rules *AB*

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 801, entitled

AN ACT ENLARGING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE COURT OF TAX APPEALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LAW CREATING THE COURT OF TAX APPEALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 802, 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 Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 803, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING TO RESIDENTS OF THE REGION WHERE A GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PLANT IS LOCATED A THIRTY PERCENT (30%) DISCOUNT ON THEIR POWER RATE CONSUMPTION

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Energy; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 804, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE PHILIPPINE HALAL SYSTEM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE HALAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO A BOARD AFTER THE TRANSITION PERIOD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Trade and Commerce; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 805, 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 REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL 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. 806, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SOME PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1460, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1978 BY PRESCRIBING A CRIMINAL PENALTY UPON ANY PERSON FOR REFUSING TO SETTLE ANY CLAIM FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE FOR WHICH AN INSURER MAY BE LIABLE WITHIN THE PERIOD PRESCRIBED BY THE CODE

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Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial
Institutions and Currencies; and Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 807, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC
FOOD SECURITY RICE RESERVE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Agriculture and
Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 808, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE
PHILIPPINE NAVAL ACADEMY
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 809, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 8150 ENTITLED AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A FOUR-YEAR
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Public Works

Senate Bill No. 810, entitled

THE BUDGET IMPOUNDMENT
CONTROL ACT

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 811, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF
TANODBATA AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 812, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE RIGHTS
AND OBLIGATIONS OF PATIENTS
AND ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE
MECHANISM FOR VIOLATIONS
THEREOF AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural
Development**

Senate Bill No. 813, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO
RAILWAYS CORPORATION, PRES-
CRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS
AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDING
FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR
ITS OPERATION

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 814, entitled

REVISED PUBLIC LAND ACT OF
THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong"
Revilla Jr.

**To the Committees on Environment and
Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing
and Resettlement; and Ways and Means**

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Senate Bill No. 815, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 816, 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 Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 817, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 818, entitled

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY, SEPARATING ITS REGULATORY FROM ITS PROPRIETARY FUNCTIONS, CREATING THE NATIONAL GRAIN COUNCIL, AND THE NATIONAL GRAIN AND SUGAR CORPORATION AND DEFINING

THEIR POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 819, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FAIR CREDIT BILLING SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 820, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 821, entitled

AN ACT TO ADOPT A REVISED GOVERNMENT AUDITING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES REVISING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1445, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT AUDITING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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

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Senate Bill No. 822, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF TICKETS, COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, SOLICITATION IN ANY FORM, AND/OR SIMILAR FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 823, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL HOMELOTS DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 824, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC FOOD SECURITY RICE RESERVE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 825, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEBT MANAGEMENT BOARD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 826, 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 Biazon

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

Senate Bill No. 827, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION AND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 828, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Senate Bill No. 829, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SLOPING AGRICULTURAL LAND TECHNOLOGY FARMING PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Local Government; and Finance *AS*

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Senate Bill No. 830, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 831, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AN ADVANCED STUDIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Senate Bill No. 832, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAX ALL ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Senate Bill No. 833, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 717, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AGRI-AGRA LAW, TO MAXIMIZE THE USAGE OF THE AGRI-AGRA FUND, WITH STRICT EMPHASIS ON RURAL CREDIT FOCUSING ON SMALL FARMERS, FISHERMEN AND ENTERPRISES WITH CAPITALIZATIONS NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00)

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 834, entitled

AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MICRO-CREDIT FINANCING AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3844, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE CODE OF AGRARIAN REFORM IN THE PHILIPPINES," APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Senate Bill No. 835, entitled

AN ACT TO EXPAND AND REVITALIZE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GIFTED AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Senate Bill No. 836, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE GRANTING OF REWARDS AND PROTECTION TO THOSE WHO WILL REPORT MALFEASANCE IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Senate Bill No. 837, entitled

AN ACT DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS TO PREPARE

THEIR RESPECTIVE ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES THAT WILL DEFINE THE PARAMETERS AND/OR LIMITS OF THEIR FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES FOR CENTRAL CONTROL AND MONITORING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 838, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9165 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Senate Bill No. 839, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 155 AND 157 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE FAMILY HOME

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 840, entitled

AN ACT TO REORGANIZE AND STRENGTHEN THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6939, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Introduced by Senator Biazon

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

Senate Bill No. 841, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE BILLION PESO (Php5,000,000,000.00) COOPERATIVE TRUST FUND THAT WILL PROVIDE FINANCING FACILITIES TO LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS OF COOPERATIVES AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY SUM FOR INCLUSION IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE FISCAL YEARS IN FIVE EQUAL APPORTIONMENTS

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Cooperatives; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 842, entitled

AN ACT TO ORDAIN AND INSTITUTE THE MARITIME CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 843, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance *AC*

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Senate Bill No. 844, entitled

AN ACT CONSOLIDATING ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME LAWS TO MODERNIZE THE MARITIME INDUSTRY, PROMOTE AND REGULATE MERCHANT MARINE ACTIVITIES, RATIONALIZE THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RELATED TO ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME MATTERS, AND ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE WEALTH IN THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY

Introduced by Senator Biazon

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; Public Services; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 845, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM ON AUTISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 846, entitled

PANUKALA PARA PAGTIBAYIN ANG DEKLARASYON NG BUWAN NG AGOSTO NG BAWAT TAON BILANG BUWAN NG WIKANG PAMBANSA

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 847, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE COLLEGE

STUDENT BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE STUDENT VOUCHER SYSTEM OF PRIVATE EDUCATION STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (PESFA) PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8545 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "EXPANDED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION ACT," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 848, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES AND THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REHABILITATION, AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 849, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF INCENTIVES EXTENDED TO NATIONAL ATHLETES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES AND TRAINERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 2001," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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To the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports

Senate Bill No. 850, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 103, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING THE AWARDEES OF THE 2007 METRO-BANK FOUNDATION SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATION TO THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Richard "Dick" J. Gordon

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 104, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2007 OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF THE METROBANK FOUNDATION

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 105, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS FOR DISPLAYING THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST PRIDE AND ARTISTRY IN WINNING THE EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX FOR CHORAL SINGING

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 106, entitled

RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 13 (35), RULE X OF THE SENATE RULES BY DIVIDING INTO TWO SEPARATE STANDING COMMITTEES THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS

Introduced by Senators Gregorio B. Honasan and Angara

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 107, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS FOR WINNING THE 2007 EUROPEAN GRAND PRIX FOR CHORAL SINGING IN AREZZO, ITALY

Introduced by Senators Mar Roxas, Benigno Aquino III, Biazon and Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 108, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION TO STUDY THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF THE ARREST OF FILIPINO POLITICAL EXILE JOSE MARIA SISON, THE SIMULTANEOUS POLICE SEARCHES ON THE NDF OFFICE AND HOMES OF HIS CO-FILIPINO WORKERS LAST AUGUST 28, 2007 IN THE NETHERLANDS, AND THE CONTEXT, TIMING AND MANNER IN WHICH THESE INCIDENTS WERE CONDUCTED, ON THE PEACE PROCESS WITH THE CPP-NPA-NDF AND TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVERT A TOTAL

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**COLLAPSE OF THE PEACE
PROCESS WITH ONE OF THE
WORLD'S LONGEST-RUNNING
INSURGENCIES**

Introduced by Senator M. A. Madrigal

**To the Committee on Peace, Unification
and Reconciliation**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 109, entitled

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPRO-
PRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S
TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE ISSUE OF
THE MANDATORY MANAGEMENT
LEVEL COURSE PRESCRIBED BY
THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
COMMISSION AS ADDITIONAL
REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE
OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COM-
PETENCY FOR SEAFARER'S
EMPLOYMENT**

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment
and Human Resources Development**

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:42 p.m., the session was resumed.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Senator Pangilinan informed the Body that following the change of referral of the privilege speeches of Senators Lacson and Gordon from the Committee of the Whole to the Committee on National Defense and Security as the primary committee, Senator Defensor Santiago had inquired into the status of her privilege speech which was also referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of

referral of Senator Defensor Santiago's privilege speech from the Committee of the Whole to the Committees on National Defense and Security, primarily; and the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations, and Constitutional Amendments, Revisions of Codes and Laws, secondarily.

He said that effectively, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:44 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:45 p.m., the session was resumed.

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 Cultural Communities

Members :

Honasan	Cayetano (A)
Revilla	Zubiri
Lapid	

***Committee on Civil Service
and Government Reorganization***

Members :

Angara	Escudero
Gordon	Cayetano (A)
Honasan	

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:46 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:46 p.m., the session was resumed. *AS*

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS*(Continuation)****Committee on Agrarian Reform***

Members :

Angara	Zubiri
Lapid	Escudero
Enrile	

Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Member : Lapid

Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports

Vice Chair : Honasan

Members :

Gordon	Revilla
Cayetano (P)	Zubiri

WITHDRAWAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the membership of Senator Lapid in the Committee on Science and Technology was withdrawn.

CHANGE IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, on behalf of the Majority, there being no objection, Senator Angara was elected member of the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises in lieu of Senator Lapid.

VICE CHAIRMANSHIP

Senator Pangilinan manifested that Senator Cayetano (A) is vice chair of the Committee on Rules.

CHANGE IN COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

After conferring with Senator Pimentel, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, on behalf of the Minority, there being no objection, Senator Legarda was elected member of the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation in lieu of Senator Lacson.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:49 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:50 p.m., the session was resumed.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered 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.

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. 99

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 99 was adopted by the Body.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 102

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE TEN (10) OUTSTANDING TEACHERS OF 2007 AWARDED BY THE METROBANK FOUNDATION, INC.,

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 103 and 104.

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. 102**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 102 was adopted by the Body, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 103 and 104.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 105, entitled

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE
PHILIPPINE MADRIGAL SINGERS
FOR DISPLAYING THE COUNTRY'S
HIGHEST PRIDE AND ARTISTRY
IN WINNING THE EUROPEAN
GRAND PRIX FOR CHORAL
SINGING,

taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 107.

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. 105**

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 105 was adopted by the Body, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 107.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:53 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

**WITHDRAWAL OF COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP**

At the instance of Senator Escudero, upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, there being no objection, the membership of Senator Revilla in the Oversight Committee on Comprehensive Tax Reform Program was withdrawn.

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 110, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, AND
OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMIT-
TEE/S TO CONDUCT AN URGENT
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ANENT THE RECENT DEVELOP-
MENTS ON JATROPHA (JATROPHA
CURCAS) TAKING INTO CONSIDER-
ATION RECENT STUDIES AND
STATEMENTS MADE BY WORLD-
RENOWNED FILIPINO AGRICUL-
TURIST/SCIENTIST WILLIAM DAR
WITH THE END IN VIEW OF
FORMULATING A LONG-TERM
AND MORE ECONOMICALLY
FEASIBLE ENERGY PROGRAM FOR
THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

**To the Committees on Energy; and Agri-
culture and Food**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 111, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE CONTROVERSY SURROUND-
ING THE 20 AUGUST 2007 EPISODE
OF THE "WILYONARYO" SEGMENT
OF ABS-CBN CHANNEL 2 GAME
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Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Assistant Governor and General Counsel Juan De Zuñiga Jr. of the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*, dated 15 August 2007, furnishing the Senate with a copy of BSP Circular No. 576, s-2007, dated 8 August 2007, in compliance with Section 15(a) of Republic Act No. 7653 (The New Central Bank Act).

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Letter from Sr. Deputy Executive Secretary & Acting Head, PLLO, Joaquin C. Lagonera, dated 24 August 2007, transmitting to the Senate two (2) original copies of Republic Act No. 9494, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE MIMBILISAN WATERSHED LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BALINGOAN AND TALISAYAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

which was approved and signed into law by Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, on 22 August 2007.

To the Archives

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:57 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMARKS OF SENATOR MADRIGAL


Relative to Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 105 and 107, Senator Madrigal stated that she only shares a common name with the Madrigal Singers. She informed the Body that the name originated from the Italian word *madrigale* which means "song" and was adopted by the French and the German Madrigals. On the other hand, she disclosed that her surname came from a new Christian name during the inquisition in the Catalan region of Spain. She stated that her family supports the Madrigal Singers, but she expressed hope that no imputation of conflict of interest would be made because, except for a sharing of a common name, she had nothing to do with the resolutions introduced by Senate President Villar and Senators Roxas, Aquino, Biazon and Revilla.

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 5:00 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate *AS*
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Approved on September 4, 2007