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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:54 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Manny Villar, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr. led the prayer, to wit:

O Lord, in these times of distress
and disquiet among our people,
Where the making of money – fair
and foul – appears to be the
primordial goal even of some
leaders of the nation,
Please remind us, Your servants
in the Senate, that as the poet
Ralph Waldo Emerson said, it is
Not gold but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly...
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.

Amen.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The UST Coro Tomasino led the singing of the national anthem and thereafter rendered the song entitled, *Paraiso*.

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

With 20 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Defensor Santiago arrived after the roll call.

Senator Gordon 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 high school students from the Social Science Club of La Consolacion College-Manila.

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. 17 and considered it approved.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR BIAZON

Senator Biazon deplored the failure of high-ranking officials of the Executive department as well as other personalities to attend last Friday's hearing on the "Garci tapes" as he urged the Senate as an institution to act on the matter.

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The full text of his statement follows:

This Representation would like to manifest for the Senate, as an institution, to take action on what transpired last Friday.

As you very well know, last Friday, your Committee on National Defense and Security, joint with the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws and the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon), conducted its first public hearing on the privilege speeches of Senators Lacson, Gordon and Defensor Santiago on the Garci tapes. Out of the six who were invited/summoned as resource persons, only one appeared before the Joint Committees.

Two of those who were not able to attend belong to the executive department — one, an active military officer while the other is a special envoy to the BIMP-EAGA. In the letter of DND Secretary Teodoro to the Chairmen of the Joint Committees, citing the Supreme Court ruling on EO 464, he stated, among others, that:

- ♦ relative to the invitation sent to Rear Admiral Tirso Danga, a request was being made for copies of the intended legislation and questions that may be propounded in relation therewith in order to enable Admiral Danga to intelligently prepare for said hearing; and
- ♦ additional time be given by the Joint Committees for him (Secretary Teodoro) to seek guidance from the Office of the President for the determination on whether the subject matter of inquiry falls under the scope of Executive Privilege.

General Efren Abu, Special Envoy to BIMP-EAGA, wrote a letter with a similar tenor.

One invited resource person was a member of the clergy and cited his "religious duties and pastoral commitments" as reasons for his non-attendance. The lawyer of another invited resource person who failed to make it to the hearing informed the Chairs of the Joint Committees that they have not been in contact with Attorney Ong for quite some time now. This Representation was also informed that Attorney Ong was facing certain legal impediments to his appearance before the Senate hearing.

Lastly, the sole resource person who was issued a subpoena to appear before the Joint Committees failed to receive said subpoena. This is according to the report of the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms here in the Senate.

While the hearing was ongoing, the Joint Committees were also made aware of a petition for a TRO and/or a preliminary injunction against the Senate hearing on the "Garci Tapes." This was filed by two retired Justices of the Court of Appeals.

This is what transpired as far as the hearing of the Joint Committees on the "Garci Tapes."

Later in the afternoon last Friday, your Committee on National Defense and Security joint with the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, also scheduled a public hearing on three proposed measures:

- ♦ Senate Bill No. 31, "An Act Prescribing a Fixed Term for the Chief Of Staff of the Armed Forces of The Philippines and for Other Purposes" (by Senator Biazon);
- ♦ Senate Bill No. 233, "An Act Amending The Administrative Code of 1987 by Prohibiting a Person From Being Appointed as the Secretary Of National Defense Within Three (3) Years After Retirement From Active Duty as Commissioned Officer of a Regular Component of the Armed Forces of the Philippines" (by Senator Biazon); and
- ♦ Senate Bill No. 283, "An Act Amending Section 42, Chapter 7, Subtitle II, Title VIII Of Executive Order No. 292, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Administrative Code of 1987" (by Senator Gordon).

The following were invited by the Joint Committees as resource persons:

1. HON. GILBERT C. TEODORO
Secretary
Department of National Defense
2. GEN. HERMOGENES C. ESPERON JR. AFP
Chief Of Staff
Armed Forces of the Philippines
3. LT. GEN. HORACIO S. TOLENTINO AFP
Commanding General
Philippine Air Force
4. LT. GEN. ALEXANDER P. YANO AFP
Commanding General
Philippine Army
5. VADM ROGELIO I. CALUNSAG AFP
Flag Officer In Command
Philippine Navy
6. BGEN. ARTHUR I. TABAQUERO AFP
President
Philippine Military Academy
Alumni Association *AS-*

7. COMMO. GRANCISO L. TOLIN AFP (RET)
Executive Vice President
National Defense College of the Philippines
8. BGEN. JAIME C. ECHEVERRIA AFP (RET)
Chairman and President
Association of Generals and Flag Officers
(AGFO)
9. BGEN. ROLAND I. PATTUGALAN
Chairman
Philippine Military Academy
Alumni Association (PMAAA)

The records would show that, among those who were invited as resource persons, only representatives of the AGFO and the chairman of the PMAAA arrived for the said public hearing.

In a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Defense Committee, DND Secretary Teodoro cited Memorandum Circular 108 issued by the Office of the President on 27 July 2006 in:

1. forwarding the letters of invitation for the Secretary of National Defense, the Chief of Staff of the AFP and the Major Service Commanders to said public hearing, to the President, through the Office of the Executive Secretary, "for the latter to consider whether subject matter of the Committee's Public Hearing is in aid of legislation and/or falls within the scope of executive privilege;" and
2. requesting "for a period of fifteen (15) days from the Honorable Committee, to appear before the Committee as resource person on the abovementioned legislative measures, which request for a reasonable period shall not constitute a waiver or invocation of executive privilege."

In light of the foregoing, this Representation would therefore like to manifest for the Senate as an institution to take action on the refusal of certain members of the cabinet, the military and other invited resource persons to attend public hearings scheduled by your Committees in the Senate.

This matter that confronts us is an issue that not only confronts the Senate, but Congress as a whole. It is a matter that impedes the mandates given by the Constitution to the legislative branch in overseeing the implementation of laws and lawmaking.

SUGGESTION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Senator Pangilinan suggested that the manifestation of Senator Biazon be referred to the Committee on Rules so that it could make a preliminary finding on the matter.

However, Senator Pimentel suggested that since the issues raised by Senator Biazon were directed to the entire Senate, they should be discussed in an all-senators caucus.

Senator Pangilinan did not object to an all-senators caucus. However, he pointed out that pursuant to the Rules of the Senate, if persons invited to the hearing refuse to attend, the committee can subpoena them and if they still refuse to attend, it can cite them in contempt. As this has been done in the past, he believed that the committees in this case may proceed accordingly.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session was suspended.

It was 4:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:17 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Pangilinan informed the Body that after conferring with Senators Biazon and Pimentel, it was agreed that the matter would be discussed during the caucus to be held within the week.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Senator Pangilinan announced that the next day's session would be suspended to enable the senators to meet in a caucus to discuss Senator Biazon's concern and other matters in the legislative agenda.

REMARKS OF SENATOR ARROYO

Senator Arroyo noted that the Body was taking a recourse that was not in accordance with the ~~the~~

Rules which provides that a committee shall have the power to summon witnesses and if there is no response, a subpoena may be issued, upon the approval of the Senate President. He stated that if one does not show up despite a subpoena, the disobeying party may be cited for contempt by vote of a majority of all the members of the committee. He called on the Members to follow the procedures provided under the Rules.

In reaction, Senator Pangilinan stated that the matter would be clarified in the next day's caucus.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

Senator Defensor Santiago manifested that as chairperson of the Committee on Energy, she had requested Senator Enrile to be the chairman of the subcommittee of the Committee on Energy for the purpose of sponsoring and defending the revised EPIRA. She said that since Senator Enrile has already embarked on this endeavor in the last Congress and was almost nearly halfway through, she would certainly support any motion to adopt the proceedings in the last Congress so that the Committee could just take up where it left off. She added that Senator Enrile could introduce a new consolidated bill, as she expressed her full trust and confidence in Senator Enrile who would be the contact person on the subject of EPIRA.

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. 1101, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO
MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND
THEIR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Public Order
and Illegal Drugs; and Education, Arts and
Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1102, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO PUBLIC
SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THEIR
CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1103, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE NEGLECT
OF A CHILD BY PARENTS OR
PERSONS LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE
FOR SUCH CHILD'S CARE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1104, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM
REQUIRING GENERAL HOSPITALS
WITH NEONATAL INTENSIVE
CARE UNITS TO OFFER VACCINES
AGAINST INFLUENZA VIRUS TO
CERTAIN PERSONS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1105, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 8485, ALSO KNOWN AS ANIMAL
WELFARE ACT OF 1998, TO PROHIBIT
THE USE OF ANIMALS FOR MARKET-
ING MEDICAL DEVICES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food *to*

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Senate Bill No. 1106, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO
COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS
IN ORDER TO PROMOTE POSITIVE
HEALTH BEHAVIORS IN WOMEN
AND CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1107, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO
INSTITUTE PROJECTS TO PROVIDE
EDUCATION ON PREVENTING
TEEN PREGNANCIES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1108, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS FOR
THE TRAINING OF MEDICAL
RESIDENTS IN PREVENTIVE
MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1109, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE SECURITY
OF SENSITIVE DATA MAINTAINED
BY THE GOVERNMENT

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1110, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING REFUSAL TO
ENROLL STUDENTS, RELEASE
CARDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS
FOR CLEARANCE PURPOSES, IN
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR FAILURE
TO PAY MISCELLANEOUS AND
OTHER FEES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1111, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS
THE FAMILY CODE OF 1988,
ARTICLE 157 ON THE VALUE OF
THE FAMILY HOME

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1112, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING RETAIL FOOD
STORES TO POST CONSPICU-
OUSLY NOTICES OF PACKAGING
DATES FOR FRESH OR PROCESSED
MEAT, SEAFOOD AND POULTRY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1113, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORT-
ATION OF PRODUCTS MADE WITH
DOG OR CAT FUR, TO PROHIBIT
THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, OFFER
FOR SALE, TRANSPORTATION,
AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS
MADE WITH DOG OR CAT FUR IN
THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1114, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AN AMUSEMENT
PARKS SAFETY BOARD

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Games, Amusement
and Sports; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1115, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE
MEALS FOR STUDENTS OF PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1116, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT
PROGRAM TO PROVIDE VISION
CARE TO CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1117, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATUTE
OF REPOSE FOR DURABLE
GOODS USED IN A TRADE OR
BUSINESS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1118, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING RESTAURANTS
TO CONSPICUOUSLY POST MENUS
INCLUDING THE PRICES OF ALL
FOOD AVAILABLE THEREIN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1119, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA
BLG. 881, AS AMENDED ALSO
KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELEC-
TION CODE OF 1985, SECTION 240
ON ELECTIONS RESULTING IN TIE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amend-
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1120, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL
EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES TO
DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A
RANDOM DRUG TESTING AND
COUNSELING PROGRAM FOR
STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and
Culture; Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1121, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE
PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE,
CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE AN
ACUPUNCTURE BOARD

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

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Senate Bill No. 1122, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, ALSO KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, ARTICLE 186 ON MONOPOLIES AND COMBINATIONS IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1123, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PROPER LABELING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS WHICH ACT ON THE BRAIN AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM SO AS TO IMPAIR DANGEROUSLY THE CONSUMER'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1124, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING SPECIAL DRIVER'S EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL AND TRUCK DRIVERS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1125, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OR RENTAL OF VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES TO MINORS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1126, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE EFFORTS FOCUSED ON PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE RISKS AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1127, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ACT NO. 4103 ALSO KNOWN AS THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1128, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE MESSAGE PRACTICE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1129, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING ONE LOCAL EMERGENCY CENTER IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Local Government

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Senate Bill No. 1130, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT, STUDY, AND REPORT TO THE CONGRESS REGARDING INCIDENTS OF ABANDONMENT OF INFANT CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1131, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DISCLOSURE OF FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS AND MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO CAMPUS BUILDINGS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1132, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR CHARACTER EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1133, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7877, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT, AS AMENDED, SECTION 7 ON THE PENALTIES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1134, entitled

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SAFETY MEASURES FOR POOLS AND SPAS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1135, entitled

AN ACT TO ENABLE PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS TO USE COMPUTER HARDWARE TO INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WORKPLACE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1136, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DECEPTIVE CONDUCT IN THE RATING OF VIDEO AND COMPUTER GAMES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1137, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE CEREALS RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION INSTITUTE (PHILCEREAL), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

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Senate Bill No. 1138, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CELLPHONE NETWORK COMPANIES FROM SENDING UNSOLICITED MATERIAL TO THEIR SUBSCRIBERS VIA TEXT OR SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE (SMS)

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1139, entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE ACADEMIC SCHOOLYEAR FROM JUNE UNTIL MARCH TO SEPTEMBER UNTIL JUNE, PRESCRIBING A SET OF COURSES ADAPTED TO THE RAINY SEASON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1140, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1141, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES GOVERNING THE HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY, ESTABLISHING A STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF HOUSEHOLD HELPERS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 1142, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AND VESTING IN IT THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF ENFORCING MARITIME SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS AS WELL AS ANY OTHER MATTER RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF SAFETY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FUNCTION WITHIN PHILIPPINE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1143, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN CASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 1144, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS BY GRANTING THEM INCENTIVES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

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Senate Bill No. 1145, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FORTY-EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY, AS AMENDED, AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FOREIGN BORROWING

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Finance; and Economic Affairs

Senate Bill No. 1146, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 2, TITLE V OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1147, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING COUNTRYSIDE CREDIT THROUGH COOPERATIVE BANKS AND ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVE BANKS BY AMENDING CHAPTER XIII OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6938, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COOPERATIVE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1148, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

REFORM ACT, WITHDRAWING FROM ITS APPLICATION ALL REFERENCES TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1149, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WITHIN THE NATIONAL BILIBID PRISONS (NBP) RESERVATION AND THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN (CIW), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1150, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE JOSE R. REYES MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER (JRRMMC) INTO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRAUMA, CANCER AND DERMATOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1151, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS MANDATORY IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1152, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 3873 ENTITLED AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARIES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1153, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE FRONTLINE SERVICES TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION ON HOW TO ACCESS SUCH SERVICES FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1154, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING A SPECIAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF FIFTEEN (15) DAYS A YEAR WITH FULL PAY TO ALL LEGITIMATE SPOUSES OF OVERSEAS WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1155, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE GOVERNMENT FROM ALLOWING ANY NON-GOVERNMENT ENTITY FROM OCCUPYING ANY BUILDING, OFFICE OR OTHER PREMISES WHERE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS ARE BEING PERFORMED

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1156, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING TITLES V AND VI, SECTIONS 102 AND 107 OF R.A. NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 1157, entitled

AN ACT TO RE-ENGINEER THE GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY BY AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO IMPLEMENT THE RE-ENGINEERING PLAN, CREATING THE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT RE-ENGINEERING, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1158, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE ISSUANCE AND USE OF LOW-NUMBERED PROTOCOL LICENSE PLATES ON VEHICLES OF RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1159, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIABILITIES OF INDIRECT EMPLOYERS IN JOB CONTRACTING, COVERING OTHER BENEFITS DUE THEIR

EMPLOYEES, FOR THIS PURPOSE AMENDING ARTICLE 106 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1160, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION BY ESTABLISHING HUMAN RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1161, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1162, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1163, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1164, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1165, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AN ELECTIVE OFFICIAL *IPSO FACTO* RESIGNED FROM HIS OFFICE UPON THE FILING OF HIS CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1166, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1167, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AT DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY, INTO A NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT, MANAGEMENT AND FORECASTING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1168, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1169, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1170, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DIVULGE

THE IDENTITY OF HIRED FOREIGN CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION, PERKS, AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1171, entitled

AN ACT STREAMLINING THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS BUREAUCRACY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1172, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM, OR SALE OF TICKETS TO, ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, OR EMPLOYEE BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1173, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE EDUCATION AND LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS AND THEIR PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1174, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING LINE ITEM BUDGETING IN THE BUDGETARY PROCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1177, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No. 1175, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1176, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 80 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 705, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED FORESTRY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1175

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1177, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN REFORM ADJUDICATION COMMISSION, DEFINING

ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Agrarian Reform; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1178, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT OF REPLY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Justice And Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1179, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXPEDIENCY AND EFFICIENCY IN DEALING WITH GOVERNMENT, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A HARMONIZED DATABASE SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 1180, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FAIR PRACTICES IN THE PROCESSING OF INFORMATION RELATING OR PERSONAL TO INDIVIDUALS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 1181, entitled

COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES
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Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 1182, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE
OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1183, entitled

AN ACT TREATING LOCALLY MANU-
FACTURED INSTANT NOODLES
AS BASIC NECESSITY, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3,
SUBPARAGRAPH (1) OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7581, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE PRICE ACT

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1184, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS
PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL
SECURITY LAW

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

**To the Committees on Government Corp-
orations and Public Enterprises; and Labor,
Employment and Human Resources Develop-
ment**

Senate Bill No. 1185, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND GOVERN
THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOICE
OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL IN
THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1186, entitled

AN ACT UPHOLDING THE RIGHT OF
ACQUISITION BY QUALIFIED
BENEFICIARIES OF GOVERNMENT-
OWNED LANDS THEY ACTUALLY
OCCUPY, AMENDING CERTAIN
PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
HOUSING ACT OF 1992, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

**To the Committee on Urban Planning,
Housing and Resettlement**

Senate Bill No. 1187, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE
MONITORING AND SUPERVISORY
FRAMEWORK FOR THE LIQUEFIED
PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INDUSTRY,
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL POWERS
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY,
DEFINE AND PENALIZE CERTAIN
ACTS

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce;
and Energy**

Senate Bill No. 1188, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN
PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF
THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1189, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8479, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOWNSTREAM OIL INDUSTRY DEREGULATION ACT

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committees on Energy; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1190, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING ECONOMIC COORDINATION, ADOPTING THE APPROPRIATE MECHANISM THEREOF, 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. 1191, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE MINOR CHILDREN OF SOLDIERS AND POLICEMEN WHO ARE SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1192, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN THE PROFESSION OF MIDWIFERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7392 OR THE PHILIPPINE MIDWIFERY ACT OF 1992, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 1193, entitled

AN ACT UPHOLDING THE RIGHT OF PATIENTS TO THE REDRESS OF THEIR TREATMENT-RELATED GRIEVANCES BY MANDATING THE CREATION OF GRIEVANCE BOARDS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS TO BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 1194, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVIDENT PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN KNOWN AS THE PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Introduced by Senator Mar Roxas

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

Senate Bill No. 1195, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE, ARTICLE 941, ON LEGACIES AND DEVICES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1196, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF STALKING AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES THEREFOR

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Justice and Human
Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revi-
sion of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1197, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING CHILDREN
PROTECTION AGAINST ENVIRON-
MENTAL POLLUTANTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1198, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE
RETURN OF CARNAPPED VEHICLES
TO THE LAWFUL OWNERS THEREOF,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539, OTHER-
WISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-
CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amend-
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1199, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
ARTICLE 952, ON LEGACIES AND
DEVISES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amend-
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1200, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING SWIFT AND
CERTAIN PUNISHMENT FOR

CRIMINALS IN ORDER TO DETER
VIOLENT CRIME

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1201, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND EXECUTIVE
ORDER NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS
THE FAMILY CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 18

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1202, entitled

A BILL TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM
EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL
TOBACCO SMOKE IN THE
PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S
SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1203, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING IMMUNITY FROM
PERSONAL CIVIL LIABILITY, UNDER
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO
VOLUNTEERS WORKING ON
BEHALF OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZ-
ATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITIES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
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To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 1204, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1818, SECTION 1 ON JURISDICTION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1205, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SCIENCE START GRANT PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1206, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDUCTION OF METALS IN PACKAGING

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1207, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING HARASSMENT AND INVASION OF PRIVACY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1208, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING MODEL HIGH SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1209, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS REGARDING EARLY DETECTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND INTERVIEW FOR NEWBORNS AND INFANTS WITH HEARING LOSS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1210, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE FAILURE TO REPORT ACTS OF HAZING, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1211, entitled

AN ACT IDENTIFYING AND PROMOTING RESEARCH ON THE HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF BREAST IMPLANTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

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Senate Bill No. 1212, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PRIORITY TO HONOR GRADUATES OF STATE COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1213, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CLEARINGHOUSES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1214, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ANY PERSON WHO INDUCES OR CAUSES ANOTHER TO USE A FICTITIOUS NAME, OR CONCEALS HIS TRUE NAME, OR USURPS THE CIVIL STATUS OF ANOTHER PERSON, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 178 AND 348 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

At this juncture, Senate President Villar relinquished the Chair to Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada.

Senate Bill No. 1215, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE RIGHTS TO BE ACCORDED VICTIMS OF CRIMES, DEFINING THE DUTIES

OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1216, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION FROM REPRISALS TO EMPLOYEES OF CONTRACTORS FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO SUBSTANTIAL VIOLATION OF LAW RELATED TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS INCLUDING THE COMPETITION FOR NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1217, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1218, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT FIREARMS SOLD, MANUFACTURED OR IMPORTED BE MADE CHILD-PROOF

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

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Senate Bill No. 1219, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING WHO ARE INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS AND PENALIZING THEIR MALTREATMENT

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 1220, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PROSTATE CANCER

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1221, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING AND ENHANCING THE DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1222, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC OF VIOLENT VIDEO PROGRAMMING DURING HOURS WHEN CHILDREN ARE REASONABLY LIKELY TO COMPRISE A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE AUDIENCE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1223, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND RATIONALIZING THE CAREER SERVICE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE CAREER SERVICE, PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Accounts; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1224, entitled

AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE SOCIO-CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORDILLERA REGION BY ESTABLISHING A STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO TO BE KNOWN AS THE IFUGAO STATE UNIVERSITY (IFSU), CONVERTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE IFUGAO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY INTO A UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pimentel Jr.

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 1225, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS, GENERATION COMPANIES OR ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPERS TO REMIT THE AMOUNT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SET ASIDE AS FINANCIAL BENEFIT DIRECTLY TO THE HOST COMMUNITIES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committees on Energy; and Local Government

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Senate Bill No. 1226, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE EDUCATION AND LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS AND THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2382, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

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

Senate Bill No. 1227, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE PILFERAGE AND THEFT, UNAUTHORIZED USE, INTERCONNECTION, OR RECEPTION OF ANY SIGNAL OR SERVICE OFFERED OVER A CABLE TELEVISION (CATV) OR CABLE INTERNET SYSTEM AND/OR NETWORK OR THROUGH ANY UNAUTHORIZED INSTALLATION, ACCESS OR CONNECTION THERETO THROUGH THE USE OF CABLE OR OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1228, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING 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. 1229, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 1230, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

Senate Bill No. 1231, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE POSSESSION, LICENSING, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION THROUGH THE CREATION OF FIREARMS REGULATORY BOARD, IMPOSING TAXES AND FEES THEREON, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1232, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE IMPORTATION OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1233, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE TO EXCLUSIVELY INVESTIGATE, PROSECUTE AND HANDLE TAX RELATED CASES, AMENDING SECTION 220, CHAPTER II, TITLE VIII OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1234, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 20, 21, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 41, 43, 46 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136 ENTITLED AN ACT ORDAINING REFORMS IN THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Enrile

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

Senate Bill No. 1235, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE CHEMISTRY PROFESSION, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 754, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHEMISTRY ACT OF 1952

Introduced by Senator Gordon

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

Senate Bill No. 1236, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE PREMIER STATE UNIVERSITY

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 1237, entitled

AN ACT REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE OF BASIC AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 1238, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD AS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT COMMISSIONED SERVICE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1239, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATION TRUST FUND FOR GRANTEEES OF GSIS AND SSS MEMBERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

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

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Senate Bill No. 1240, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 1241, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO GOVERNMENT RETIREES ON THE DATE OF THEIR RETIREMENT

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 1242, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING INFLUENCE PEDDLING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 1243, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING AUTOMATIC PROMOTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES UPON RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 1244, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7309, ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING A BOARD OF CLAIMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF UNJUST IMPRISONMENT OR DETENTION AND VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 1245, entitled

AN ACT EXTENDING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 1246, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO MADRASAH SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 1247, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL OWNERS OR OPERATORS OF TELEVISION NETWORKS OR STATIONS AND PRODUCERS OF TELEVISION NEWS PROGRAM TO HAVE THEIR NEWS PROGRAMS BROADCAST WITH CLOSED-CAPTION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1248, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PRE-TRIAL RELEASE FOR THE ACCUSED, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PRE-TRIAL RELEASE OFFICE (PTRO), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1249, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8353, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RAPE LAW OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 1250, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER AND DATE OF ELECTION OF SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LOCAL SANGGUNIAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 128, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RISING INCIDENCE OF CREDIT CARD FRAUD IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING THE PROVISIONS OF EXISTING LAWS TO PROTECT THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM THESE UNLAWFUL TRANSACTIONS

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 129, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF AWARDING THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK CONTRACT TO THE CHINESE FIRM ZHONG XING TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT COMPANY LIMITED (ZTE CORPORATION), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROVIDING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION THAT WILL FURTHER PROTECT OUR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and National Defense and Security

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 130, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF PAST AMNESTY PROCLAMATIONS COVERING ARMED INSURGENT GROUPS, INCLUDING THE PERFORMANCE RECORD AND FUND UTILIZATION OF THE AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE, IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY AMNESTY MEASURES AS A VIABLE FORMULA FOR PEACE AND UNITY AND TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS

Introduced by Senator M. A. Madrigal

To the Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1251, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, PROVIDING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1252, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1253, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6646, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE ELECTORAL REFORMS LAW OF 1987", TO REMOVE THE MANDATE FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 1254, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISES BY OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (OFs), PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1255, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO GIVE EXACT CHANGE TO CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1256, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO KNOW WORK CONDITIONS AFFECTING THEIR HEALTH

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1257, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A "PARENTS
AS PARTNERS IN LEARNING"
PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1258, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CODE
OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
FOR THE PRACTICE OF POLITICAL
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1259, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CREDIT CARD
CORPORATIONS TO GIVE THEIR
CONSUMERS NINETY-DAYS NOTICE
BEFORE CHANGING THEIR ANNUAL
CREDIT PERCENTAGE RATE
OF INTEREST APPLICABLE ON
ANY CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT
OR BEFORE CHANGING THE
INDEX USED TO DETERMINE
SUCH RATE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1260, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT EMPLOY-
MENT DISCRIMINATION ON THE
BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENT-
ATION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1261, entitled

AN ACT SAFEGUARDING THE
PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO TRAVEL BY
PROVIDING GUIDELINES UNDER
WHICH SUCH RIGHT MAY BE
REGULATED

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1262, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 7394, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
"CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIP-
PINES," ARTICLE 77 ON LABELS
OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS MANU-
FACTURED BY FILIPINO-OWNED
ENTERPRISES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1263, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE
IMPACT OF FILIPINO CULTURE ON
THE YOUTH

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1264, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, ALSO KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE, ARTICLE 73, ON THE CHARGE AGAINST THE COMMUNITY PROPERTY OF AN OBLIGATION OF A SPOUSE WHO PRACTICES A PROFESSION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1265, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS ENCOURAGING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT SERVICES OFFICES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1266, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONGRESS TO PURCHASE RECYCLED PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PRACTICABLE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1267, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1268, entitled

AN ACT INITIATING A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR OSTEOPOROSIS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1269, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMER PRIVACY IN CREDIT CARD AND CHECK TRANSACTIONS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1270, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN LABELING OF PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO THE PHILIPPINES AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LABELING REQUIREMENTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 1271, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NATIONAL FOLIC ACID EDUCATION PROGRAM TO PREVENT BIRTH DEFECTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1272, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Games, Amusement and Sports

Senate Bill No. 1273, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1274, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LABELING OF IMPORTED MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1275, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE LAW AGAINST GAMBLING AND/OR BETTING BY PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES, FORFEITURE AND CONFISCATION PROVISIONS AND ESTABLISHING A *PRIMA FACIE* PRESUMPTION FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THESE PURPOSES PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1602

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

At this juncture, for the information of students in the gallery, Senator Pimentel explained that only a few senators were present in the Chamber because the Reference of Business, the first step in lawmaking, does not involve active discussion or debating among the senators but simply a reading of bills filed by the senators and their referrals to proper committees that would hear them and correspondingly file the necessary reports.

Thereafter, the Deputy Secretary for Legislation read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

Senate Bill No. 1276, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7353, ALSO KNOWN AS THE RURAL BANKS ACT OF 1992

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES AND REQUIRING DEBT COLLECTORS TO OBSERVE SUCH PRACTICES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 1278, entitled

AN ACT SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS, THAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PARENTS WHO WANT TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN BECOME SUCCESSFUL READERS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1279, entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO TAKE SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CHILDREN OR TO PARTICIPATE IN LITERACY TRAINING

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1280, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT ON THE BASIS OF SEX, ETHNICITY, PHYSICAL CONDITION, RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION IN CONNECTION WITH ADMISSION TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PARTICIPATING IN ANY PROGRAM AUTHORIZED UNDER THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1281, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF TITLE THREE, BOOK FOUR, OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1282, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING THE FAMILY CODE, ARTICLE 26 ON THE VALIDITY OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1283, entitled

AN ACT CREATING PROGRAMS FOR INCARCERATED MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1284, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE THROUGH REDUCING THE DEMAND FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS

AND THE INAPPROPRIATE USE
OF ILLEGAL DRUGS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1285, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING CERTAIN
TYPES OF MEDICAL COMMUNICA-
TIONS BETWEEN A HEALTH CARE
PROVIDER AND A PATIENT

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1286, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PREPARA-
TION AND ISSUANCE OF THE
CERTIFICATE OF VOTES AS
REPLICA OF THE ELECTION
RETURNS AND PRESCRIBING A
REVISED C.E. FORM NO. 13,
AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE
SECTION 215 OF THE OMNIBUS
ELECTION CODE, AS AMENDED
BY R.A. NO. 6646, SECTION 16

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amend-
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1287, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE INTEGRA-
TION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOP-
MENT PROCESS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and
Family Relations; and Civil Service and Govern-
ment Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1288, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING NATIONAL
TEACHER ACADEMIES IN ORDER
TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE
ENTRY INTO THE TEACHING
PROFESSION

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1289, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7394 ALSO KNOWN AS
THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE
PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 94

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1290, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL
POLLING PLACE FOR THE DIS-
ABLED AND THE ELDERLY

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Constitutional
Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and
Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 1291, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ADVERTISE-
MENTS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
TO BEAR HEALTH WARNINGS

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

**To the Committees on Health and Demo-
graphy; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1292, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1293, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 32 OF R.A. NO. 7166 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 1991 SYNCHRONIZED ELECTION LAW

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Senate Bill No. 1294, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING COMPUTER EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1295, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH HOME VISITING PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1296, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETING CLAIMS MONITORING PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Trade and Commerce; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1297, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1298, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING A REAL ESTATE COMMISSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1299, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Youth, Women and Family Relations *112*

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Senate Bill No. 1300, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT
SEVENTY-NINE FORTY-ONE,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PARTY LIST SYSTEM ACT

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor
Santiago

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Pangilinan, the session
was suspended.

It was 5:10 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:11 p.m., the session was resumed.

REMINDER OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

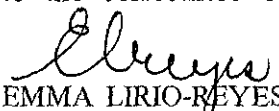
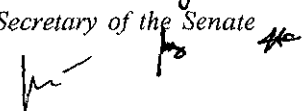
Senator Pangilinan reminded the Body that there
would be an all-senators caucus the following day
to discuss, among others, Senator Biazon's earlier
manifestation and the legislative agenda.

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 the following day.

It was 5:11 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the
foregoing.


EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate 

Approved on September 11, 2007