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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 101

Submitted by the Committee on Finance on 11 SEP 2006

RE : House Bill No. 5679

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsor: Senator Drilon

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 5679 introduced by Representative Salceda, entitled:

“AN ACT

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P500,000,000.00) AS STANDBY FUND FOR THE REPATRIATION, EVACUATION AND RELIEF OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND OTHER FILIPINO NATIONALS IN LEBANON AND OTHER AFFECTED COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

has considered the same and has the honor to report the bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with amendments, as follows:

1. On line 2, between the words “the” and “repatriation”, insert the following phrases:

“following purposes:

- A. Clean up of the oil spill off the Province of Guimaras and for livelihood and other assistance for the victims of the oil spill

P400,000,000.00

Relief operations for the victims of the eruption of Mayon Volcano

P50,000,000.00”



2. On line 2, between the words “the” and “repatriation”, insert “C.”
3. On line 2, for the word “repatriation”, change small letter “r” to capital letter “R”
4. On line 4, after the word “East, insert the amount in figure of P50,000,000.00
5. Between lines 4 and 5, insert the amount in figures of “P500,000,000.00”
6. On line 5, delete the phrase “Sec. 2. Use and Release of Funds.”
7. On line 6, delete the word “special”
8. On line 7, change capital letter “P” to small letter “p”
9. On line 9, between the word “offices” and the word “agencies”, insert a “comma (,)” and delete the word “and”
10. On line 9, between the word “agencies” and “in”, insert a “comma (,)” and the phrase “ and Local Government Units (LGUs)
11. On line 10, between the word regulations and period (.), insert a colon (:) and insert the phrase :

“PROVIDED, THAT THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P200,000,000.00) SHALL BE USED FOR LIVELIHOOD AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE GUIMARAS OIL SPILL AND SHALL BE RELEASED DIRECTLY TO THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS OF GUIMARAS, ILOILO, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND OTHER AFFECTED LGUS IDENTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE FISHERMEN WHO WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIVELIHOOD DUE TO THE OIL SPILL SHALL BE GIVEN PRIORITY BY THE LGUS IN PROVIDING SUCH LIVELIHOOD AND OTHER ASSISTANCE”

12. Between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

Sec. 2. AUGMENTATION. THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE REPATRIATION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN LEBANON IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P50,000,000.00) UNDER SECTION 1(C) HEREOF SHALL BE AUGMENTED BY THE THREE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P350,000,000.00) APPROPRIATED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION (OWWA), UNDER OWWA BOARD RESOLUTION NOS. 009, 012 AND 014 (SERIES OF 2006), AS CONTINGENT FUND FOR THE REPATRIATION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN LEBANON, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE SAID BOARD RESOLUTIONS.



13. On line 13, delete the phrase "provisions of this Act" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase:

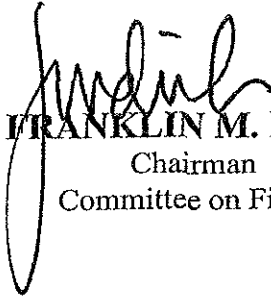
**FOUR HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P400,000,000.00)
STANDBY FUND FOR THE REPATRIATION OF OVERSEAS
FILIPINO WORKERS IN LEBANON AND OTHER
AFFECTED COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.**

14. On line 14, change the figure "6" to "4"

15. The title of the bill is hereby amended to read as follows:

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STANDBY FUND IN THE SUM OF
EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P850,000,000.00)
FOR THE CLEAN UP OF THE GUIMARAS OIL SPILL, FOR
THE RELIEF OPERATIONS FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE
ERUPTION OF MAYON VOLCANO, AND FOR THE
REPATRIATION, EVACUATION, AND RELIEF OF
OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND OTHER FILIPINO
NATIONALS IN LEBANON AND OTHER AFFECTED
COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

Respectfully submitted:


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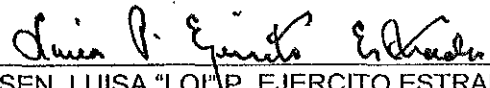

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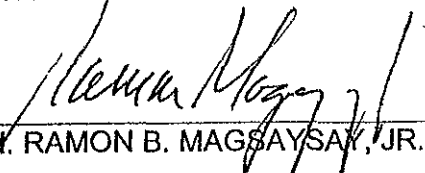
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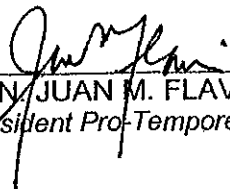

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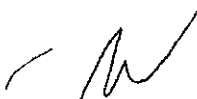

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5679

BY REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1844

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P500,000,000.00) AS STANDBY FUND FOR THE REPATRIATION, EVACUATION AND RELIEF OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND OTHER FILIPINO NATIONALS IN LEBANON AND OTHER AFFECTED COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Appropriations.* – The sum of Five hundred million pesos
2 (P500,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated as standby fund for the repatriation,
3 evacuation and relief of Overseas Filipino Workers and other Filipino nationals
4 in Lebanon and other affected countries in the Middle East.

5 SEC 2. *Use and Release of Funds.* – The amounts herein appropriated
6 shall be used for the purpose indicated and subject to the applicable Special
7 Provisions under Republic Act No. 9336, the FY 2005 General Appropriations
8 Act, as reenacted. Such funds shall be released to the relevant departments,
9 bureaus, offices and agencies in accordance with budgeting laws, rules and
10 regulations.

11 SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Task Force
12 created under Executive Order No. 551 dated July 26, 2006 shall issue the
13 necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

14 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its enactment into
15 law.

Approved,