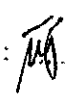


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 138**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights and on Finance on **10 OCT 2006**.

Re : House Bill No. 5071

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor : Senator Enrile 

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights and on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 5071, introduced by Representatives Gullas, Datumanong and Andaya Jr., entitled:

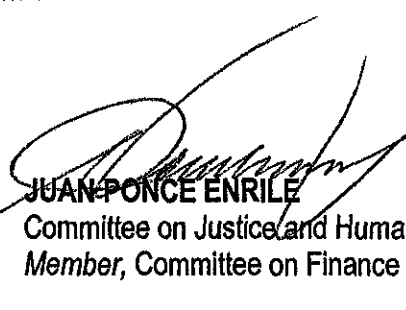
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FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS  
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY  
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved without amendment.

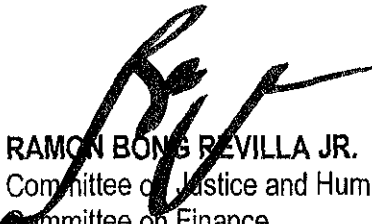
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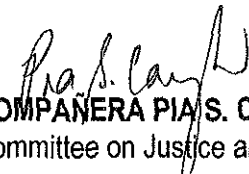
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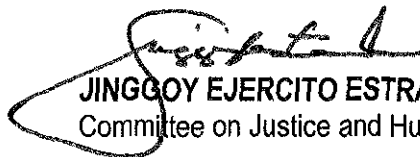


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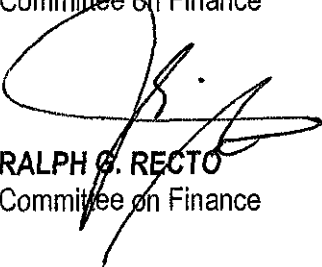


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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5071

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BY REPRESENTATIVES GULLAS, DATUMANONG AND ANDAYA, PER  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1362

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AN ACT CREATING TWO BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES FOR THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TALISAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (h) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,  
2 otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is  
3 hereby further amended to read as follows:

4                   “SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* —

5                   “x   x   x

1           “(h) [Sixty-four] **SIXTY-SIX** Regional Trial Judges shall  
2           be commissioned for the Seventh Judicial Region. There shall  
3           be:

4           “X   X   X

5           “[Thirty-five] **THIRTY-SEVEN** branches with seats thereat  
6           for the Province of Cebu and the Cities of Cebu, Danao,  
7           **TALISAY**, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue and Toledo, with seats at Cebu  
8           City, Danao City, **TALISAY CITY**, Argao, Lapu-Lapu City,  
9           Mandaue City, Toledo City, Barili, Bogo, and Oslob;

10          “X   X   X.”

11          SEC. 2. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as  
12          the “Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, is hereby further  
13          amended to read as follows:

14                 “SEC. 29. *Municipal Trial Courts in Cities.* – In every  
15                 city which does not form part of a metropolitan area, there shall  
16                 be a Municipal Trial Court with one branch, except as hereunder  
17                 provided:

18                 “X   X   X

19                 “**TWO BRANCHES FOR TALISAY CITY;**

20                 “X   X   X.”

1           SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with  
2 the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the  
3 Court's program the operationalization of two additional Regional Trial Court  
4 branches and an additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in cities for the  
5 Province of Cebu to be stationed at Talisay City, the funding of which shall be  
6 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

7           SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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