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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 252

Submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food and the Committee on Finance on _____FEB_0_6_2007______.

Re: House Bill No. 5841

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay, Jr.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Agriculture and Food and Finance, to which was referred House Bill No. 5841, introduced by Representative Villafuerte, entitled:

"AN ACT

TO ESTABLISH AN OYSTER AND MUSSEL FARM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the bill be approved with the following amendments:

- 1. On page 1, Section 2, line 7, delete the letter "s" from the word "oysters", and then delete the word "and";
- 2. On the same page and section, line 8, insert the phrase "CRAB, PRAWN, AND SHRIMP AND SUCH OTHER MARINE AND AQUATIC ANIMALS" between the words "mussels" and "and", then delete the word "through" after the word "provide";
- 3. On the same page and section, still line 8, delete the words "oyster and mussel" and in lieu thereof insert the word "SAID";
- 4. On the same page and section, line 9, delete the word "and" between the words "oyster" and "mussel" and in lieu thereof, insert a comma ",";
- 5. On the same page and section, still line 9, insert the phrase "CRAB, PRAWN, AND SHRIMP AND SUCH OTHER MARINE AND AQUATIC ANIMALS" between the words "mussel" and "farm";
- 6. On page 2 section 3, line 4, delete the word "and" between the words "oyster" and "mussel" and in lieu thereof, insert a comma "," then add a comma after the word "mussel"; This will apply also to line 6 and line 13;
- 7. On the same page, same section, line 5, add the phrase "CRAB, PRAWN, AND SHRIMP AND SUCH OTHER MARINE AND AQUATIC

- ANIMALS" before the word "farm"; This will apply also to line 6 after the word "farming";
- 8. On the same page, same section, line 8, insert the word "THE" between the words "assist" and "local", then delete the letter "s" from the word "governments"; and
- 9. The Title shall read as follows:

"AN ACT

TO ESTABLISH AN OYSTER, MUSSEL, CRAB, PRAWN AND SHRIMP FARM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND APPROPRIATING **FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5841

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLAFUERTE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1995

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OYSTER AND MUSSEL FARM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Agriculture is hereby authorized to establish an oyster and mussel farm in the Municipality of Calabanga, Province of Camarines Sur, which shall be under the supervision and control of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of the Department of Agriculture or its equivalent office.

SEC. 2. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources shall take such steps as may be necessary to demonstrate the scientific culture of oysters and mussels and provide through the facilities of the oyster and mussel farm the technology of operating and maintaining an oyster and mussel farm as a

- technically sound and commercially viable venture, and for this purpose, may 1
- 2 issue such rules and regulations to effectively implement the purposes and
- intents of this Act. 3

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- SEC. 3. The Department of Agriculture, through the oyster and mussel 4 5 farm, is hereby authorized to conduct such researches and experiments as may be necessary to improve existing technology on oyster and mussel farming and 6 to enhance and maximize income potentials of said industry.
 - The Department shall assist local governments to establish, in appropriate locations, their own oyster and mussel farms as pilot demonstration farms or as economic enterprises for local revenue generating purposes.
 - SEC, 4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the funding requirements for the establishment and operationalization of the oyster and mussel farm in the Municipality of Calabanga, Province of Camarines Sur. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 17 Approved,