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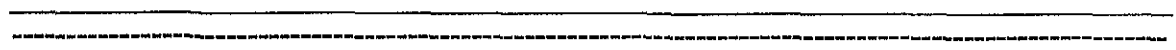
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 257

Submitted by the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization jointly with the Committees on Ways and Means and Trade and Commerce, on FEB 06 2007

RE : S. B. NO. 2597 prepared by the Committees

Recommending its approval in substitution of S.B. Nos. 1740, 2036, and 2583.

Sponsor: Senator Panfilo M. Lacson



MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization jointly with the Committees on Ways and Means and Trade and Commerce, to which were referred:

Senate Bill No. 1740, introduced by Senator Gordon, *entitled:*

**“AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9280,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CUSTOMS
BROKERS ACT OF 2004”**

Senate Bill No. 2036, authored by Senators Pimentel, Jr., Lacson and Magsaysay, Jr., *entitled:*

**“AN ACT
AMENDING SEC. 6, 27, 28 AND 29 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9280,
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ACT OF 2004, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

and Senate Bill No. 2583, introduced by Senator Mar Roxas, *entitled:*

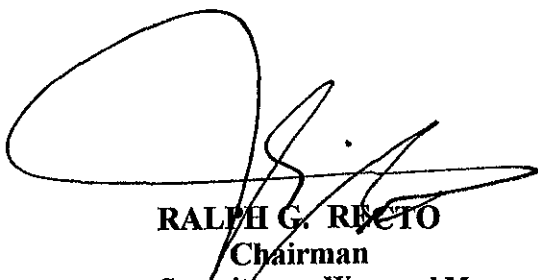
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have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached S.B. No. 2597, prepared by the Committees, *entitled:*

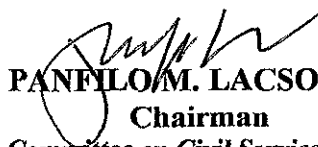
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be approved in substitution of S.B. Nos. 1740, 2036 and 2583, with Senators Gordon, Pimentel, Jr., Lacson, Magsaysay, and Roxas, as authors thereof.

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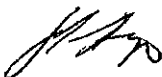


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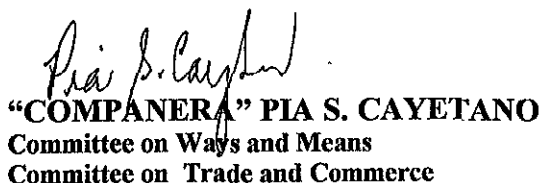
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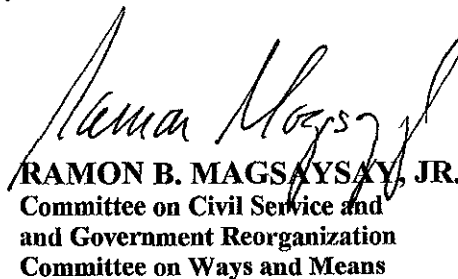
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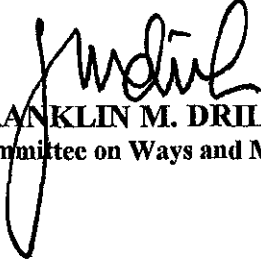
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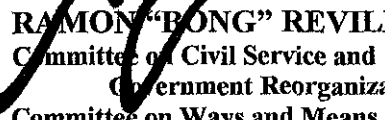
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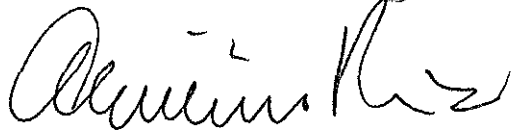
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 29 of Republic Act No. 9280 is hereby amended to read
2 as follows:

3
4 “Sec. 29. [*Prohibition Against Corporate Practice*]
5 **ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.** – The practice of
6 *customs broker is a professional service, admission to which shall be*
7 *determined upon the basis of individual and personal qualifications. No*
8 *firm, company or association may be registered or licensed as such for*
9 *the practice of customs broker profession.*

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11 **NOTHING IN THIS ACT SHALL PROHIBIT A**
12 **CORPORATION FROM HIRING THE SERVICES OF AN IN-**
13 **HOUSE CUSTOMS BROKER FOR PURPOSES OF**
14 **ACCREDITATION BY THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND**
15 **FACILITATION OF THE ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN SEC.**
16 **6.”**

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18 **SEC. 2.** Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
19 memorandum orders, and other administrative orders, rules and regulations or parts
20 thereof contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed,
21 modified or amended accordingly.

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23 **SEC. 3.** Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
24 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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26 Approved.