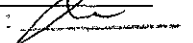


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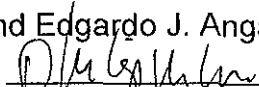
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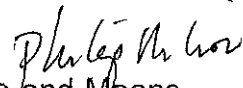
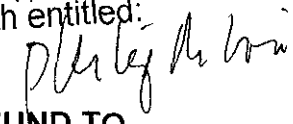
Re: Senate Bill No. 2409 (Prepared by the Committees)

Recommending its approval in substitution of S.B. Nos. 619 and 1720

Sponsors: Senators Alan Peter S. Cayetano and Edgardo J. Angara  
and Sen. Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada 

Mr. President:

The Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and on Ways and Means to which were primarily and secondarily referred Senate Bill No. 1720, introduced by Senator Angara and Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, both entitled:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING A NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO  
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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 bill, S.B. No. 2409, prepared by the Committees, entitled:

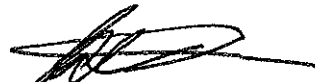
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be approved in substitution of S. B. No. 1720, with Senators Angara and Estrada, Cayetano, Alan Peter, as authors thereof.

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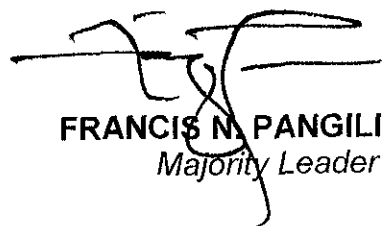
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(In substitution of Senate Bill No. 1720)

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Introduced by Senators Angara, Estrada and Cayetano (A), and Members of  
the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture and on Ways and Means

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**AN ACT**  
**CREATING A NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT**  
**FILIPINO AUTHORSHIP**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "National Book Development  
2 Trust Fund Act."

3           **SEC. 2.** *Statement of Policy.* - It is the policy of the State to promote the continuing  
4 development of the book publishing industry in all regions of the country as embodied in  
5 Republic Act No. 8047 or the "Book Publishing Industry Development Act" Since  
6 authorship is one of the major components of book publishing, the national book policy  
7 obliges the State to create a dynamic and conducive environment for the promotion of  
8 Filipino authorship and other creative activities in book development.

9           **SEC. 3.** *The National Book Development Trust Fund.* - A National Book  
10 Development Trust Fund, hereinafter referred to as the Fund, is hereby established  
11 exclusively for the support and promotion of Filipino authorship especially in Science and  
12 Technology and in subject areas wherein locally authored books are either few or non-  
13 existent. The Fund shall be subject to the following:

14           (a) The contribution to the Fund shall be sourced from the following.

- 1           1.           The amount of fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) shall be allotted in the  
2                           annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) for the next five (5) years  
3                           starting from the enactment of this law;
- 4           2.           The amount of fifty million pesos (P50,000,000.00) shall be taken from  
5                           the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) fund at  
6                           five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) per month for ten (10) months;
- 7           3.           Another amount of fifty million pesos (50,000,000.00) shall be taken from  
8                           the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) at five million pesos  
9                           (P5,000,000.00) per month for ten (10) months.

10           (b) Only the interest drawn from the Fund from sources cited in Sec. 3 (a1), (a2),  
11 and (a3) shall be awarded as grants to promote Filipino authorship and to support the  
12 completion of local manuscripts or research works for publication;

13           (c) The grants can be awarded only after one (1) year from the organization of the  
14 Fund, and the grants shall be awarded equitably among the regions;

15           (d) Government corporations are hereby authorized to give grants to the Fund at  
16 their discretion;

17           (e) The private portion of the Fund shall be raised from donations and other  
18 conveyances including funds, materials, property and services, by gratuitous title;

19           (f) Contributions to the Fund shall be exempt from the donor's tax and the same  
20 shall be considered as allowable deductions from the gross income of the donor, in  
21 accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as  
22 amended: *Provided*, That the allowable deductions shall be equivalent to 150 percent of  
23 the value of such donation.

24           (g) The National Book Development Board (NBDB) shall be the administrator of the  
25 Fund;

26           (h) For the sound and judicious management of the Fund, the NBDB shall appoint  
27 a government financial institution, with sound track record on fund management, as  
28 portfolio manager of the Fund, subject to guidelines promulgated by the NBDB; and

1 (i) The NBDB shall prepare the implementing guidelines and decision-making  
2 mechanisms, subject to the following:

3 1. No part of the seed capital of the Fund, including earnings thereof, shall be used to  
4 underwrite overhead expenses for administration, and

5 2. There shall be an external auditor to perform an annual audit of the Fund's  
6 performance.

7 3. **SEC. 4. *Promotional Initiatives.*** – The Board in coordination with the national and  
8 local government units (LGUs) shall undertake activities to inform, promote and  
9 develop Filipino authorship.

10 **SEC. 5. *Incentives to Local Government Units (LGUs).*** – The Board may provide  
11 incentives to LGUs such as, but not limited to, matching the funds being provided by the  
12 LGUs, in activities that reflect their partnership towards attaining the objectives of this Act.

13 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.*** -- Should any provision herein be declared  
14 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Act.

15 **SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or  
16 other issuances or parts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or  
17 modified accordingly.

18 **SEC. 8. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication  
19 in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

20 APPROVED,