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**FIFTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:27 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

**PRAYER**

The Body observed a minute of silent prayer.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session.

*It was 3:28 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:29 p.m., the session was resumed.

**ROLL CALL**

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Emma Lirio-Reyes, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Arroyo, J. P.	Honasan, G. B.
Cayetano, C. P. S	Legarda, L.
Drilon, F. M.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Sotto III, V. C.
Enrile, J. P.	Villar, M.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 12 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Angara, Cayetano (A), Guingona, Osmeña, Pangilinan, Recto and Revilla arrived after the roll call.

Senator Lapid was on official mission.

Senator Defensor Santiago was on sick leave.

Senator Lacson was absent.

Senator Trillanes was unable to attend the session as he was under detention.

**APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 15 (August 25, 2010) and considered it approved.

**CHANGE OF REFERRAL**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 62 from the Committee on Economic Affairs to the Committee on Rules.

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**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1251, entitled

**AN ACT INCLUDING BARANGAY OFFICIALS WITHIN THE COVERAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM**

*Introduced by Senator Villar*

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1252, entitled

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM REWARD SYSTEM IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIME AND LAWLESSNESS**

*Introduced by Senator Villar*

**To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1253, entitled

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RENDITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU OF DETENTION TO SERVE SENTENCE, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMUNITY WORK CAMPS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

*Introduced by Senator Villar*

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1254, entitled

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON**

**MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE II AND SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE III OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Introduced by Senator Villar*

**To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1255, entitled

**AN ACT INTEGRATING ROBOTICS APPLICATION IN THE TEACHING OF SECONDARY SCIENCE EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Introduced by Senator Villar*

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Science and Technology; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1256, entitled

**AN ACT SAFEGUARDING THE HEALTH OF FILIPINO MOTHERS AT THE TIME OF THEIR CHILDBIRTH, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Introduced by Senator Villar*

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1257, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY COUNCIL, PROVIDING POWERS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Introduced by Senator Villar*

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1258, entitled

AN ACT COMPLEMENTING THE HIGHEST HONOR OF PRIDE TO ALL NATIONAL ARTIST OR "ARTISTA NG BAYAN" AWARDEES BY GRANTING THEM CASH PRIZES AND OTHER NON-MONETARY RECOGNITION

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1259, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANT TO AT LEAST TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THEIR STUDENT POPULATION WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1260, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC OR MEDIA OF SUSPECTS PRIOR TO THE FILING OF FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST THEM

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1261, entitled

AN ACT ALLOCATING TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FEES REGISTRATION TO FUND SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Local Government**

*At this juncture, Senate President Enrile relinquished the Chair to Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada.*

Senate Bill No. 1262, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION AND AWARENESS AMONG ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP SAFETY AND SECURITY AWARENESS IN OUR CITIZENRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1263, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAM (SHNP) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1264, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PENAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO DELINQUENT PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 276, 277 AND 278 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

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Senate Bill No. 1265, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ARTISTS CAREER SERVICE, RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OF ARTISTS IN GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1266, entitled

AN ACT AUGMENTING THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF THE FAMILY HOME EXEMPT FROM EXECUTION, FORCED SALE OR ATTACHMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 OF THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1267, entitled

AN ACT TO PREVENT CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1268, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION IN FAVOR OF RESIGNED OR TERMINATED EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 1269, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF FAMILY PRIVACY

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1270, entitled

AN ACT DESIGNATING OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1271, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE NEGATIVE PORTRAYAL OF A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY IN MOVIES, TELEVISION, STAGE AND OTHER FORMS OF MASS COMMUNICATION

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media**

Senate Bill No. 1272, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CIVIL ACTION FOR A MINOR INJURED BY EXPOSURE TO AN ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCT CONTAINING MATERIAL THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1273, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AUTISM  
REGISTRY**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and  
Culture; Youth, Women and Family Relations;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1274, entitled

**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE EXACTION  
OF FEES AND UNNECESSARY  
SERVICES FROM JOB APPLICANTS**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment  
and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 1275, entitled

**AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN  
AND FUNCTIONING OF FAMILIES  
BY ESTABLISHING A COMPRE-  
HENSIVE CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and  
Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and  
Rural Development; Ways and Means; and  
Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1276, entitled

**AN ACT INCREASING THE CASH  
AWARDS OF NATIONAL ARTISTS,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 208**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and  
Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1277, entitled

**AN ACT TO DECLARE THE MONTH  
OF SEPTEMBER AS CEREBRAL**

**PALSY AWARENESS AND  
PROTECTION MONTH**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-  
graphy**

Senate Bill No. 1278, entitled

**AN ACT REGULATING PAWNSHOP  
ESTABLISHMENTS AND OPERA-  
TIONS**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial  
Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 1279, entitled

**THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL ACT**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Justice and Human  
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1280, entitled

**AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY  
REPORTING OF MARINE CASUAL-  
TIES**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Services; and  
Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1281, entitled

**AN ACT DESIGNATING DECEMBER OF  
EACH YEAR AS CHILD PROTEC-  
TION MONTH**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Youth, Women and  
Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1282, entitled

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
CRIME DATABASE**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Order and  
Illegal Drugs; and Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1283, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN  
THE EXISTING MECHANISM FOR  
DETERRENCE TO THE COMMISSION  
OF CRIME IN THE CONDUCT OF  
FRATERNITY, SORORITY, CON-  
FRATERNITY AND ORGANIZATION  
INITIATION RITES, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT  
NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND  
AND FORTY NINE

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and  
Culture; and Constitutional Amendments,  
Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1284, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING UNLAWFUL THE  
COMMERCIAL USE OF TELE-  
PHONES FOR MAKING INDECENT  
OR OBSCENE COMMUNICATIONS  
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES  
THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1285, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING HEAVY PENAL-  
TIES ON RACKETEERS AND  
ORGANIZED SYNDICATES IN THE  
PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revi-  
sion of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1286, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING NATIONAL  
CEMETERIES AND PROVIDING

**FOR THEIR ADMINISTRATION  
AND MAINTENANCE**

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on National Defense  
and Security; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1287, entitled

AN ACT TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH  
OF JUNE AS DEAF-BLIND AWARE-  
NESS MONTH

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Health and Demo-  
graphy**

Senate Bill No. 1288, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR UNIFORM  
STANDARDS OF LIABILITY FOR  
HARM ARISING OUT OF GENERAL  
AVIATION

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1289, entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE OFFENSES IN  
RESPECT OF UNIQUE ELEC-  
TRONIC EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIERS  
OF MOBILE WIRELESS COMMUNI-  
CATIONS DEVICES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Services; and  
Justice and Human Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1290, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE  
PROVISION ON THE MANDATORY  
PERIODS FOR THE RESOLUTION  
OF LABOR CASES BY IMPOSING  
CERTAIN PENALTIES AGAINST  
LABOR OFFICIALS FOR THEIR  
NONCOMPLIANCE THEREWITH,  
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE

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ARTICLE 277 OF THE LABOR CODE  
OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment  
and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 1291, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE  
OF INFORMATION TO POLICE  
RESPECTING PERSONS BEING  
TREATED FOR GUNSHOT WOUNDS

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Order and  
Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1292, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 39 OF  
ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, THE  
REVISED PENAL CODE, DEFINING  
THE EXTENT TO WHICH SUB-  
SIDIARY IMPRISONMENT SHALL  
BE REQUIRED

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Justice and Human  
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1293, entitled

AN ACT CONSTITUTING THE INCLU-  
SION OF WORKERS EDUCATION  
ON THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF  
DANGEROUS DRUGS AS A  
REQUIRED BARGAINING CLAUSE

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment  
and Human Resources Development; and Public  
Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1294, entitled

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE THREE  
HUNDRED AND ONE (301) DAYS  
CRIMINAL PROHIBITION TO

REMARRY AND ALLOWING THE  
REMARRIAGE OF A WIDOW OR A  
SEPARATED WOMEN FORTY (40)  
DAYS AFTER THE DEATH OF HER  
HUSBAND OR THE ANNULMENT  
OR DISSOLUTION OF HER PREVI-  
OUS MARRIAGE, AMENDING FOR  
THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 351 OF  
ACT NO. 3815 AS AMENDED,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and  
Family Relations; and Constitutional Amend-  
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1295, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 29 OF  
ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, THE  
REVISED PENAL CODE, IN ORDER  
TO GIVE OFFENDERS THE FULL-  
EST BENEFIT OF PREVENTIVE  
IMPRISONMENT AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revi-  
sion of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1296, entitled

AN ACT ACCORDING EQUAL RIGHTS  
TO WIVES AND HUSBANDS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES BY AMENDING  
ARTICLES 333, 334, AND 344 OF  
THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Youth, Women and  
Family Relations; and Constitutional Amend-  
ments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1297, entitled

AN ACT CRIMINALIZING NECRO-  
PHILIA OR CARNAL KNOWLEDGE  
WITH THE DEAD AND IMPOS-

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ING APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREOF, INCORPORATING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 335-A INTO ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1298, entitled

AN ACT TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF MAY OF EVERY YEAR AS MOUNTAINEERING MONTH

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Games, Amusement and Sports; and Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1299, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING AVAILABILITY OF HANDGUNS ONLY TO PERSONS WITH DEMONSTRATED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN THEIR SAFE USE, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1300, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING THE CHARGING OF TAXI FARES WHICH ARE HIGHER THAN THE OFFICIAL RATES, THE FAILURE TO USE THE TAXI METERS OR THE REFUSAL TO CARRY WITHOUT CAUSE TAXI PASSENGERS TO THEIR PLACES OF DESTINATION

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Services**

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 1301, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE VALUE OF MONEY UPON WHICH THE PENALTIES OF SOME CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY ARE MEASURED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 217, 309 AND 315 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1302, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF THEFT OF A FIREARM BY THE LEGAL OWNER THEREOF AND PROVIDING CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

Senate Bill No. 1303, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING CREDIT CARD FRAUD AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies**

Senate Bill No. 1304, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ANY PERSON

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WHO INDUCES OR CAUSES ANOTHER TO USE A FICTITIOUS NAME, OR CONCEALS HIS TRUE NAME, OR USURPS THE CIVIL STATUS OF ANOTHER PERSON, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 178 AND 348 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 1305, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SERVICE OF WARRANTS OF ARRESTS IN CERTAIN CASES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1306, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PRICE GOUGING RELATING TO CERTAIN GOODS AND SERVICES IN AREAS AFFECTED BY MAJOR DISASTERS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1307, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AS A CRIME THE ACT OF DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR AND/OR PROHIBITED DRUGS AND PROVIDING GRADUATED PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1308, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TOY SAFETY LABELING

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1309, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM DISALLOWING STUDENTS WITH DELINQUENT TUITION FEES TO TAKE THE MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1310, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION AND REMEDIES TO BUYERS OF NEW AND USED MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1311, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE RECYCLING AND THE UTILIZATION OF RECYCLED MATERIALS BY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1312, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING QUALITY STANDARDS FOR MINERAL WATER AND CARBONATED WATER

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Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Trade and Commerce; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1313, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE, DEVELOP AND ASSIST MICRO AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES BY PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE AND RATIONAL SYSTEM TO ADDRESS THEIR PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1314, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS WORKERS BANK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1315, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY MOTORISTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VEHICLES TO USE HANDS-FREE DEVICES WHILE DRIVING

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1316, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO SSS OR GSIS MEMBERS WITHIN A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE RETIREMENT DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises**

Senate Bill No. 1317, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPENING OF NIGHT CLASSES USING EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1318, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1319, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL MARKET CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Local Government; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1320, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE USE OF THE POLICE, FIRE OR RESCUE/DISASTER LINE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs**

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Senate Bill No. 1321, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING PRISON REFORMS, IMPOSING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1322, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY MOTORISTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC VEHICLES TO APPROPRIATELY RESTRAINT ALL CHILD OCCUPANTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1323, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR THE PUNONG BARANGAY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY WHO HAVE SERVED THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS AS SUCH OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Local Government; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1324, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE CRIME AWARENESS AND SECURITY IN CAMPUSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1325, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS AND MINIPARKS IN BARANGAYS, MUNICIPALITIES, CITIES AND PROVINCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Works; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1326, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1327, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING SHIPPING VESSELS COASTING PHILIPPINE WATERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF SHORES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Public Services; and Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 1328, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING MINIMUM STANDARDS OF FAIR CONDUCT IN FRANCHISE SALES AND FRANCHISE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1329, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO GIVE EXACT CHANGE TO CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1330, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SMALL  
AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
STOCK EXCHANGE

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial  
Institutions and Currencies; Economic Affairs;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1331, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING NATIONAL  
TEACHER ACADEMIES IN ORDER  
TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE  
ENTRY INTO THE TEACHING  
PROFESSION

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committees on Education, Arts and  
Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1332, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING PRIORITY TO  
HONOR GRADUATES OF STATE  
COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVER-  
SITIES IN THE APPOINTMENT OF  
CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Civil Service and  
Government Reorganization**

Senate Bill No. 1333, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING SCHOOL BUS  
SAFETY STANDARDS AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

**To the Committee on Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1334, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 19, 28,  
30, 37, 38 AND 65 OF REPUBLIC

ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES  
CODE OF 1998

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Public Services; and  
Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1335 entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENAL-  
TIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT  
AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE  
TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Justice and Human  
Rights**

Senate Bill No. 1336 entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAGNA  
CARTA FOR BARANGAYS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Local Government;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1337 entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE STRENG-  
THENING OF THE NATIONAL  
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES  
EXTENSION SYSTEM TO ACCELE-  
RATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHER-  
IES DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIAT-  
ING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food;  
Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1338, entitled

AN ACT PUNISHING THE WILLFUL  
FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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**To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1339, entitled

AN ACT TO PREVENT AND PUNISH DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1340, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING COMPULSORY COVERAGE TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1341, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL DULY-APPOINTED BARANGAY SECURITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To The Committees on Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1342, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING RELIGIOUS OR RACIAL PROFILING

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Cultural Communities; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 1343, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT, BY INCREASING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR ITS VIOLATION FROM TEN (10) YEARS TO THIRTY (30) YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1344, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BANK DEPOSITS OF SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE 20% WITHHOLDING TAX ON INTEREST INCOME, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development**

Senate Bill No. 1345, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE CONDUCT OF FIRE, EARTHQUAKE, AND OTHER HAZARDOUS PHENOMENA DRILLS IN EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS/ ESTABLISHMENTS, SCHOOL BUSES, AND HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Education, Arts and Culture**

Senate Bill No. 1346, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SHARI'A DISTRICT COURT SYSTEM IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM) AND IN THE AREAS OUTSIDE THE

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SAID AUTONOMOUS REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1083 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MUSLIM CODE OF PERSONAL LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1347, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER AND ASSIST IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY-BASED FEEDING ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND DEPRESSED URBAN AREAS TO PROMOTE INCREASED ACCESS TO AND CONSUMPTION OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND OTHER HEALTHY FOODS AMONG CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN THEREIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Agriculture and Food**

Senate Bill No. 1348, entitled

AN ACT TO UPHOLD THE RIGHTS AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF DAY CARE WORKERS BY CONSIDERING THEM PART OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7305 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1349, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF *MORINGA OLEIFERA LAMK*, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS *MALUNGGAY*, MANDATING THE CREATION OF A FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Trade and Commerce; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1350, entitled

AN ACT GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ACCREDITATION OF MICRO-ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Economic Affairs; Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Ways and Means**

**SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1351, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1352, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Science and Technology; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

#### REQUEST OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Noting that the Members did not have a copy of the Second Additional Reference of Business, Senator Pangilinan requested that consideration thereof be deferred until copies shall have been distributed to the senators.

At this juncture, the Chair directed the Secretariat to furnish the senators with copies of the Second Additional Reference of Business.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

With the permission of the Body, the Chair suspended the session.

*It was 3:52 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:53 p.m., the session was resumed.

#### SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*(Continuation)*

Senate Bill No. 1353, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1354, entitled

AN ACT TO SPUR THE PLANTING OF A BILLION TREES THROUGH COMPLEMENTARY TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS OF THE DENR AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, AND CIVIC AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, PROTECTING THE REMAINING NATURAL FORESTS AND FOREST PLANTATIONS, AND CREATING A FUND THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance**

#### SUSPENSION OF THE SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Second Additional Reference of Business to a later hour.

#### PRIVILEGE STATEMENT OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon informed the Body that the Committee on Finance has been conducting hearings on the salaries and compensations of members of the board of directors/trustees of GOCCs, in the course of which abuses were discovered. He then urged the Senate to urgently request President Aquino to suspend the grant of allowances and bonuses to the boards of directors/trustees of GOCCs which he described as obscene, otherwise, the abuses continue unabated. He warned that unless the President ordered an immediate suspension of the grant of allowances, public interest would continue to suffer.

In this regard, Senator Drilon proposed that the Body adopt a resolution, subject to style, expressing its deep concern over the salaries and allowances of the board of directors/trustees of the different GOCCs. He clarified that the resolution would only be asking for the suspension of bonuses of the board of directors/trustees and not of the management and rank-and-file of the concerned GOCCs.



Senator Drilon stated that in the committee meetings it was discovered that:

- The Chairman of Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) received in 2009 a bonus equivalent to 25 months of salary alone and P5 million for attending board meetings despite the fact the MWSS incurred a P3.5 billion loss in 2008;
- The Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) receives a P1.8 billion annual subsidy from the national government, yet the members of its board of directors were granted bonuses amounting to millions of pesos per year;
- The members of the board of trustees of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) receives P6 million for attending board meetings and since they meet 12 times a year, they are receiving an equivalent of P500,000 per board meeting; and
- The members of the board of trustees of the Social Security System (SSS) sit in the boards of the investee corporations (corporations where the SSS invests trust funds) such as Philex Mining whose board of directors, including the SSS representatives, enjoy bonuses amounting to 1.5% of the profit after taxes; in the case of Unionbank, the three trustees representing the SSS's investment received bonuses amounting to P46 million, whereas the SSS investment was only entitled to P100 million in cash dividends in 2009.

Apart from the bonuses, Senator Drilon stated that the members of the board of directors/trustees are entitled to extraordinary and miscellaneous expenses, noting that one GOCC director had a P10 million extraordinary and miscellaneous expense which he liquidated by simply issuing a certification that he spent the amount without presenting a single receipt.

He said that the Committee would craft a bill that would intend to regulate and hopefully stop these abuses that went unabated despite the various executive orders issued to govern these grants of allowances and bonuses. In particular, he cited Memorandum Order 20 issued by then President Arroyo in 2001 which imposed a ceiling which was an amount double the salary of a Cabinet Secretary.

Moreover, Senator Drilon stated that certain GOCCs have not remitted dividends to the national

government in accordance with RA 5663 as he averred that they preserved their cash in order to declare bonuses. He said that it would take the Committee some time to craft an appropriate measure but in the meantime, he stressed that the abusive bonuses should be temporarily stopped. He reiterated that the suspension of bonuses was not intended for the people performing line functions but only for the trustees who attend board meetings and receive gargantuan bonuses.

While it is not be an easy task, Senator Drilon declared that the Committee would still conduct hearings because the matter has never been looked into before. He believed that if these abuses are stopped and the dividends are remitted, there would be no need to impose new taxes. He bared that just last week, *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* agreed to remit P9.3 billion in back dividends; and the Development Bank of the Philippines agreed to declare additional dividends out of their P18 billion retained earnings. He said that such steps would help augment the government's coffers without imposing new taxes. He believed that the dividends could go a long way: build more schools, hire more teachers; provide the PNP with the equipment it needs to better handle dangerous situations like the Quirino Grandstand incident.

Thereupon, Senator Drilon moved that the Body adopt, subject to style, a resolution expressing deep concern over the allowances and salaries of the chairs and members of the governing boards of the GOCCs and asking President Aquino to immediately suspend their bonuses pending the passage of a law that will better govern and regulate the compensation packages of said members.

#### INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

At the outset, Senator Pangilinan said that in principle, he has no objection to the proposal to ask President Aquino to suspend the grant of bonuses to the chairs and members of the boards of directors of GOCCs as he revealed that he has monitored the Committee hearings and has already informally shared his concerns with Senator Drilon.

Senator Pangilinan pointed out that the issue that confronts the Body is whether or not the President has the power to suspend the grant of such allowances. He said that initially, the intent of the hearing

was to help the senators craft legislation to empower the President to address the unconscionable and excessive bonuses and allowances of the chairs and members of the governing boards of the GOCCs. He recalled that in 2009, Congress passed Joint Resolution No. 4 adjusting the compensation of government employees under the Salary Standardization Law (SSL) and it contains a specific provision granting to the President the power to make the necessary adjustments or approve the compensation packages of exempt institutions that include MWSS, GSIS and other government corporations.

Asked on the legal basis of the resolution, Senator Drilon said the President has power of supervision and control over the entire executive department including the GOCCs. He emphasized that he was recommending only the suspension of the bonuses of the chairs and members of the governing boards as they are not covered by the SSL.

Senator Pangilinan recalled that the same issue was raised before and Memorandum Order No. 20 was issued precisely to put a cap on real salaries. He noted that the debate then was that a memorandum order cannot compel GOCCs with charters to put a cap because by law they are allowed to come up with compensation packages for their board of directors, officers and employees. He said that the argument offered by the GOCCs was that the law allowed them such compensation packages independent of the SSL.

Asked how the resolution would address that argument, Senator Drilon said that he would debate that point when the substantive law is presented to the Chamber but at this point, he said, the Body is just urging the Chief Executive to suspend the grant of bonuses to the chairs and members of the GOCC governing boards. He said that there can be another debate as to whether or not the action of the governing boards to grant bonuses to themselves is legal but he believed that it is an abusive and immoral act. He stated that through the resolution, the Body would just ask the President to exercise his broad power of control over the Executive Branch to suspend such bonuses. He pointed out that the SSL covers only the executives and the rank-and-file personnel but not the chairs and members of the GOCC governing boards.

Senator Pangilinan believed, however, that the President is already empowered by Joint Resolution

No. 4 which provides that "upon recommendation of the DBM, a compensation package would be submitted to the President for his approval." Therefore, he stressed, the provision covers institutions under the SSL as well as exempt entities. In reply, Senator Drilon stated that the exemption from the SSL refers to the salaries of executives and rank-and-file personnel of the GOCCs, adding that it was never the intention of the SSL to cover officers not in the regular payroll of the GOCCs. He said that he would not know if it was in the contemplation of the law to include board members who receive millions of pesos for attending board meetings, and also sit in the boards of investee corporations supposedly to represent and guard the pension fund but misappropriate for their personal use millions of pesos that belong to the pension fund.

#### INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR OSMEÑA

Preliminarily, Senator Osmeña said that he supports the efforts of Senator Drilon to look into the anomalous, immoral, and incredible plunder of the people's money, several examples of which have been bared in the Committee hearings.

Asked if the resolution has been drafted, Senator Drilon replied that it would be presented to the Body in the next day's session for final review and approval. Senator Osmeña said that he would appreciate seeing the final draft because it may miss some like the stocks option.

On whether the officers who sit on the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) board of directors also sit on the boards of local water utility districts, Senator Drilon said that from the hearings, he gathered that LWUA has formed two subsidiaries and purchased a thrift bank in Cavite for P80 million; however, he has to check if LWUA officers sit on other boards.

Senator Osmeña expressed concern that the MWSS lost about P3.5 billion in 2008, yet each member of the board collected on the average P4.3 million for supposedly outstanding performance. He pointed out that normally, bonuses are tied to the performance of the corporation and they are not given if the corporation does not meet its performance. He commented that in this particular case, he certainly would not give 25-month bonuses to officers of a corporation that lost an incredible amount of money, in fact, these officers ought to be fired instead.

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Senator Drilon agreed, saying that unfortunately the designation of the GOCC board of directors has nothing to do with their competence or experience in the particular field in which the corporation is engaged but was more of a political patronage, especially in the case of the former administration.

Asked to confirm whether the members of the board of directors of the DBP collect more or less P9 million, Senator Drilon recalled that in 2009, the DBP had P6 billion in profit and declared P3 billion as dividend but the Committee has not been informed as to how the other P3 billion was spent. He added that the DBP has about P18 billion in retained earnings.

Asked whether a member of the governing board of a GOCC collects a salary or *per diem*, Senator Drilon clarified that members of governing boards are not covered by the SSL, so they collect *per diems*, bonuses, extraordinary and miscellaneous allowances, and representation and transportation allowance.

Asked further whether the resolution only covers *per diems*, Senator Drilon replied in the affirmative, saying that it also covers bonuses and grants. He noted that the *per diems* range anywhere from P2,500 to P14,000\* per board meeting, as in the case of MWSS. Moreover, he bared that the MWSS has several bonuses such as the annual bonus, Christmas bonus, a traditional Christmas package, a family week bonus, among others. He said that MWSS board members are also provided cars and have a car loan to boot.

#### INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ARROYO

Asked by Senator Arroyo whether the gist of the resolution would be something like the issuance of the temporary restraining order only for the board of directors and for a limited purpose so that there will be no further damage to the government coffers, Senator Drilon replied in the affirmative.

Senator Arroyo observed that the resolution is akin to that of a restraining order issued to enable the court to decide an issue in a very dispassionate manner, in the same way that Congress will also deliberate on the matter in a very dispassionate manner so that the necessary legislation can be crafted.

\* As corrected by Senator Drilon on August 31, 2010.

Senator Drilon agreed, stressing that if the Senate does not adopt the resolution, the members of the GOCC governing boards would continue receiving bonuses which would be difficult to recover.

Asked on the basis of the grant of bonuses, Senator Drilon said that aside from using the law and their charters as bases, some GOCCs secure the authority of the President while others simply rely on the broad powers of the board of directors to fix compensation, unfortunately to their advantage, which is a classic case of conflict of interest. He cited the MWSS where the management would negotiate with the employees' union which, in turn, would demand a number of bonuses in a month, the management would approve the bonuses so that in the following week, the same bonuses would be approved for the board of directors and those not covered by the collective negotiation agreement. He then stressed the need to scrutinize such agreements especially as they involve the other executives of the GOCCs.

Moreover, Senator Drilon revealed that the MWSS board of directors received bonuses equivalent to 25 months salary in one year based on the salary of the personnel appearing on the MWSS payroll. Similarly, he bared that the members of the GSIS Board receive three months bonus based on the salary of the President and General Manager; thus, if each of the two positions receives a monthly compensation of P600,000, each member would receive a bonus of P1.8 million.

Replying to another query, Senator Drilon expressed assurance that no harm would be inflicted on those who are running the corporations on a day-to-day basis.

Commending Senator Drilon for coming up with the resolution, Senator Arroyo pointed out that GOCCs are part of the Executive branch and, as such, are covered by the issuances of the President as provided for under the Administrative Code.

Senator Drilon said that in case the Senate is proven wrong after the conduct of the public hearings, the GOCC boards could get back all their bonuses if they so wish.

#### INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Asked by Senator Sotto if he agrees to the suggestion of Senator Osmeña that a draft of



the resolution be prepared first before its approval, Senator Drilon replied in the affirmative, adding that all the facts that the Committee on Finance has so far gathered would be incorporated therein to justify the urgent recall for a suspension of the allowances of the GOCC boards. He then requested the inclusion of the resolution on the next day's agenda.

Senator Sotto stated for the record that he had earlier wrote the members of the Committee on Rules to inform them that the Committee has come up with a standing policy requiring all resolutions to go through the legislative mill, this in reaction to the observations of some members of the Committee on the proliferation of Senate resolutions especially those that simply commend or congratulate someone.

Asked by Senator Sotto on the number of GOCCs, Senator Drilon said that based on facts gathered during the day's hearing of the Committee on Finance, there are about 800 water district GOCCs—about 500 of which are active—and 157 non-water district GOCCs, 26 of which are exempted from the Salary Standardization Law. He pointed out that the board members who theoretically set policies do not report to the office for eight hours everyday but only for about two hours a month, except for the MWSS board who met 47 in 52 weeks in 2009, earning for themselves P14,000 in *per diems* per meeting. If the agenda is split in half and there are two meetings in a day, he said that a board member would receive P28,000 in one day, spending only about two hours of their time per meeting.

Replying to further queries, Senator Drilon said that the minimum amount of *per diem* that a member of the Board would receive is P2,500 per day with a maximum of four board meetings per month, or P10,000 a month, exclusive of *per diems* internally-generated from committees, such as trust committees. The maximum amount of *per diems*, he said, is P500,000 per board meeting. In the case of the GSIS, he said that a member of the Board of Trustees receives P250,000 per board meeting, earning for himself or herself P6 million a year for attending anywhere between 12 to 24 board meetings, exclusive of non-cash benefits such as hospitalization and insurance.

On the extent of the words "obscene" and "abusive" in describing the compensation, Senator Drilon believed that earning P55 million in three years on a stock option plan is obscene. He revealed

that in the case of Philex Mining, the Chairman of the Social Security System designated himself to sit in the Board of Philex representing the investment of the Social Security Pension Fund in Philex which declared first bonuses equal to 1½ percent of profits before taxes. He said that this was appropriated by the representative of the SSS even if he did not have investments in Philex. Worse, he said, there were stock options in Philex granted to the board of directors at the strike price of P1.90 at the time when the market was at P19.50. He disclosed that in its audited financial statements, Philex asserts and considers the difference between the market price and the price when the option was exercised as part of the fees of the Board of Directors. Thus, he said that in a single transaction, the SSS Commissioner who was at the same time a member of the board of directors of Philex earned P55 million in one transaction.

Replying to further queries, Senator Drilon agreed that the transactions are obscene and abusive because, first, the board member is giving the money to himself and, second, it is not even the government's money but the money contributed by the workers to the pension fund of the SSS. He reiterated that the resolution would affect only the bonuses and *per diems* of the board members and not the salaries of the executives and line personnel of the GOCCs.

Asked if the proposed resolution would not meet the same fate that happened to Memorandum Order No. 20 if the President does agree to suspend the bonuses of the GOCC board members, Senator Drilon expressed confidence that the President would take the resolution into account, given the fact that he made a campaign promise to: 1) set crooked things right; and 2) not to impose additional taxes. He believed that consequently, the government could realize funds to be used for the grant of additional compensation to teachers, police and health workers.

Asked on the classification of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Senator Drilon said that it is a GOCC with Armand Arreza as administrator and Feliciano Salonga as chairman. He said that what was peculiar was that former President Arroyo appointed two persons when, under the law, the administrator of the SBMA is *ex officio* chairman of the board. He disclosed that both officials each earned about P8 million in allowances and bonuses in 2009.

Senator Drilon clarified that urging the suspension of salaries and bonuses of executives could not be done by a mere resolution. However, in the case of the board of directors, he said that there is absolutely no justification why they should receive bonuses three times the salary of the President of the Philippines.

Senator Drilon pointed out that one of the issues that he had raised during the hearing was why a lot of heads of agencies and GOCCs have questionable funds and allowances which are accounted for, like in the case of Mr. Benny Ricafort of Clark Development Corporation, with a mere certification that he spent P10 million for extraordinary miscellaneous expenses which was in turn approved in audit. It is for this reason, he said, that he asked COA to conduct a special audit of the funds so that the Committee would be able to take a second look on their compensation package.

As to where the P10 million was spent by Mr. Ricafort, Senator Drilon replied that he merely issued a certification that the said amount was spent. However, he gave the assurance that he would ask the same question in the next hearing of the Committee on Finance.

Senator Sotto said that he would wait for the draft of the resolution and expressed the hope that it would be adopted in tomorrow's session.

Senator Drilon informed the Body that Senator Osmeña will not object if the Body would adopt the resolution now, subject to style and to be formally considered in the next day's session.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the proposed Senate resolution was adopted, subject to style and formal presentation of its final copy in tomorrow's session.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

At this juncture, Senator Zubiri thanked the Metrobank Foundation for the privilege to serve as co-chairman of the board of judges in the search for the outstanding teachers for 2010 which, to him, was a memorable experience. He then presented the ten winners to the Senate, to wit:

- Mrs. Grace U. Salvatus, teaching for 14 years as a Master Teacher I with English as field of specialization at the Municipal Sector Elementary School and earned the distinction of being the first winner from Calauag, Quezon to win the award;
- Mrs. Miladith B. Polutan, teaching for 19 years as a Master Teacher I with specialization on teaching multiple disabilities and visual impairment at the Special Education Unit of the Oroqueta City Central Elementary School;
- Mrs. Conchita A. Ibarondo, for 39 years teaching Pilipino at the San Antonio Elementary School in Iriga City, Camarines Sur;
- Mrs. Nancy S. Aquino, teaching for 17 years as Master Teacher II with Pilipino as field of specialization at the M'lang Pilot Elementary School in M'lang, Cotabato, and also the distinction as the first teacher to win the award;
- Mrs. Janeth Morata-Fuentes, teaching for 12 years as Special Science Teacher III with chemistry as field of specialization at the Philippine Science High School, Eastern Visayas campus in Palo, Leyte;
- Mrs. Mercedita S. Villamayor, teaching for 27 years as Associate Professor III with mathematics as field of specialization at the Bukidnon State University, Secondary School Laboratory, Malaybalay City;
- Mrs. Estrelita A. Pena, teaching for 12 years as Master Teacher I with English as field of specialization at the Cabansalan National High School in Zamboanga Sibugay and the first to win the award in the province;
- Mrs. Mercelita J. Labial, teaching for 16 years as a senior faculty member and Chair of the English Department at the Xavier University High School in Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan de Oro City;
- Dra. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara, teaching for 25 years as Professor VI and past chair of the Engineering Department, with digital and signal processing as field of specialization, University of the Philippines, Diliman Quezon City; and
- Dr. Raymond C. Sison, teaching for 23 years as Professor VI with software engineering as field of specialization at De la Salle University, Manila.

Stating that the experience he gained as a judge in the search was both enriching and inspiring, Senator Zubiri said he felt ashamed of his public service record while listening to the testimonies of sacrifices, hardships and the dangers that some of the awardees have to endure to fulfill their responsibilities.

In closing, Senator Zubiri urged his Colleagues to give the 10 awardees a warm applause.

### **CONGRATULATORY REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

In behalf of the Senate, Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada congratulated the ten outstanding teachers for 2010.

### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI**

Senator Zubiri recalled that last week the Body already adopted Senate Resolution No. 9 which Senate President Enrile presented to the teacher-awardees early this afternoon.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended to allow the senators to congratulate the 2010 ten outstanding teachers.

*It was 4:49 p.m.*

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 5:04 p.m., the session was resumed.

### **MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)**

Senator Cayetano (P) stated that the procedure and jurisdiction of committees to hear various subject matters have already been settled among the senators. However, she said that she wanted to bring up the matter for future reference and for the proper guidance of all the senators and the committees, in particular the Committee on Rules.

She pointed out that the subject matter of trafficking has historically been referred to the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations, more specifically in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

She said that as the current committee chair, she has been dealing very closely with the NGOs and various sectors involved in the trafficking issue.

However, she stated that it has come to her attention that Senator Legarda, chair of the Committee on Foreign Relations, has expressed an interest in the trafficking issue which, in fact, was brought up during its organizational meeting. She noted that Senator Legarda has filed Proposed Senate Resolution No. 100 inquiring into the issue of trafficking which was referred to the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations.

Senator Cayetano (P) stated that when she learned of Senator Legarda's interest in the matter, she suggested to the Majority Leader, with proper notice to the staff of Senator Legarda who was not present in the session hall at that time, that a subcommittee to be chaired by Senator Legarda would be formed to hear the resolution. She noted, however, that the Committee on Foreign Relations issued a notice of hearing on matters concerning anti-trafficking but not on Proposed Senate Resolution No. 100. She stressed that her office has coordinated with the various staff and even requested for clarification from the Committee on Rules which, in fact, had allowed the Committee on Foreign Relations to conduct hearings as a secondary committee.

Senator Cayetano (P) disagreed that a secondary committee can conduct hearings on a matter that is within the jurisdiction, authority or domain of a primary committee. She noted that the Majority Leader had even stated that a secondary committee cannot hold a hearing without the express consent of the primary committee.

She stated that issue has caused unnecessary delay, especially for the staff coordinating the hearing. She stated that her staff has received calls from NGOs to ask if her Committee would take part in the hearing. She stressed that a hearing which is called a briefing does not change the fact that the subject matter is the same. She stressed that her Committee will continue to play an active role in the matter of anti-trafficking so that the concerned sectors would not think that her Committee has abrogated its authority or interest.

*At this juncture, Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada relinquished the Chair to Senator Zubiri.*

## REMARKS OF SENATOR LEGARDA

At the outset, Senator Legarda thanked Senator Cayetano (P) for creating the subcommittee. She narrated that it was during the organizational hearing of the Committee on Foreign Relations that the issue of human trafficking was mentioned, and it was decided that the issues on human trafficking and the Visiting Forces Agreement, among others, would be discussed in the next hearing of the Committee. She pointed out that the issue of human trafficking is serious and unless properly addressed, the country would be downgraded from tier two to tier three, and as a consequence, it could affect the development assistance from the Millennium Challenge Corporation that amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars and which is scheduled to be signed when the President visits the United States in September. She explained that if the country is consistently in tier two for two years and then automatically downgraded to tier three, it becomes ineligible to receive official development assistance.

She disclosed that she requested her staff to convey to the staff of Senator Cayetano (P) to look into the possibility of creating a subcommittee. She agreed with Senator Cayetano (P) that there must be a clear rule on the subject matter to avoid confusion with reference to Rule XI, Section 25 of the Rules which states, "Should a secondary committee submit its report without the report of the primary committee having been submitted, such report of the secondary committee will be referred to the Committee on Rules for proper disposition." She said that the rule implies that the secondary committee should submit its recommendations if a committee meeting was not called by the primary committee.

Senator Legarda stated that she has made an effort to instruct her staff to ask the concerned Secretariat officers to ensure there would be no overlapping in jurisdiction or confusion as to who should be invited as resource persons. She pointed out that in her 12 years in the Senate, she has never wanted to step on the toes of any of Member, in fact, she has worked with collegiality and cooperativeness, for instance, when Senator Cayetano (P) wanted to sponsor the Organic Farming Bill, she, as chair of the Committee on Agriculture, created a Subcommittee on Organic Farming.

To avoid a similar confusion, Senator Legarda requested the Committee on Rules to look into the

matter although the practice is that a subcommittee is created with the prior consent of the Chair. She said that the Committee on Rules should shed light on the matter because Section 25 of Rule XI is vague.

## REMARKS OF SENATOR SOTTO

Senator Sotto maintained that the rule is quite clear and it is a polite way of saying that the primary committee, not the secondary committee, reports out the bill, except if the chair of the primary committee does not want to report it out, in which case, the signatures of the majority of the members of the committee are sought to compel the submission of the report to plenary.

Senator Sotto confirmed that he and Senator Cayetano (P) did talk about the matter before the session started but he assured that it would be taken up by the Committee on Rules, if Senator Legarda so desires.

## MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR CAYETANO (P)

Senator Cayetano (P) pointed out that Section 25 takes off from Section 24 which states that: "The Committees shall hold meetings to discuss, decide and submit a report on all matters transmitted to them." She explained that this provision presupposes that the primary committee held hearings; on the other hand, Section 25 provides that the secondary committee cannot submit its own report as this is the primary function of the primary committee.

In reaction, Senator Legarda clarified that her office did not send out the notice of the meeting of the Committee on Foreign Relations. She reiterated that she wanted a clear ruling on the delineation of jurisdiction and the role of the secondary committee.

## COAUTHORS

Upon their request, the following senators were made coauthors of the bills hereunder indicated:

Senator Trillanes — Senate Bill No. 1;  
 Senator Recto — Senate Bill Nos. 1,  
 39, 40, 44, 54, 55, 56, 57, 68, 70 and  
 74; and  
 Senator Escudero — Senate Bill Nos. 808,  
 840, 849, 955, 961, 985, 988, 991, 994,  
 995 and 1011.

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**PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 62, entitled

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE SPECIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS UNTIL THE END OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS.

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

**MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR SOTTO**

Senator Sotto informed the Body that the term of the Special Oversight Committee on Economic Affairs was set to end today, August 31, 2010, and as such, it was necessary to adopt Proposed Senate Resolution No. 62 extending its life until the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress. He said that Senator Cayetano (A) had agreed to its extension.

**ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, Proposed Resolution No. 62 was adopted by the Body.

**SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**  
*(Continuation)*

The Secretary of the Senate read the following matters and the Chair made the corresponding referrals:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

Senate Bill No. 1355, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1356, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT ISAROG NATURAL PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR A SPECIAL ECOLOGICAL TOURISM ZONE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1357, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE IMPORTATION OF SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 1358, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS THE ECOLOGICAL TOURISM CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1359, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, DESIGNATING THE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, PROVIDING INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AMONG RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Economic Affairs; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1360, entitled

AN ACT TOTALLY BANNING LOGGING OPERATIONS FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 1361, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES TO SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN FORESTED AREAS WITHIN THEIR SUBDIVISIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement**

Senate Bill No. 1362, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) SYSTEM, TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION THEREIN, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1363, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FRAMEWORK IN THE CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGE-

MENT AND UTILIZATION OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1364, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE A LOW CARBON ECONOMY ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE EMISSION CAP-AND-TRADE SYSTEM IN THE INDUSTRY SECTOR TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND PROTECT THE CLIMATE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Climate Change; Trade and Commerce; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1365, entitled

AN ACT INCLUDING AMONG THE AREAS CLOSED TO MINING APPLICATIONS THOSE DECLARED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AS NO MINING ZONES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7942 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 1366, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM, CREATING THE LAND ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1367, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1368, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PROACTIVE APPROACH IN RECYCLING USED PLASTIC BAGS BY STORES AND OTHER RETAIL OUTLETS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Trade and Commerce**

Senate Bill No. 1369, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1370, entitled

AN ACT TO ADOPT INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT AS A NATIONAL STRATEGY TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COASTAL AND MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES AND TO ESTABLISH

**SUPPORTING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION**

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture and Food; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1371, entitled

AN ACT IMPROVING PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION BY PROVIDING THE NECESSARY MECHANISMS FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE OCCURRENCE AND PROTECTION FROM THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1372, entitled

AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND PREFERENCE IN CERTAIN CASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Cultural Communities**

Senate Bill No. 1373, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESETTLEMENT, AID AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND HOMELESS CITIZENS AFFECTED BY THE DEMOLITION OF HOUSES/DWELLINGS ALONG DANGER AREAS AS WELL AS THE VICTIMS

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OF DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES  
AND THOSE AFFECTED BY  
GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Urban Planning,  
Housing and Resettlement; Local Government;  
and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1374, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING ENVIRON-  
MENTAL UNITS IN EVERY BANK-  
ING INSTITUTION TO ASSESS THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT  
OF LOAN APPLICATIONS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Banks, Financial  
Institutions and Currencies; and Environment  
and Natural Resources**

Senate Bill No. 1375, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM-  
ATIC AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF  
THE ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND  
VIABILITY OF GOVERNMENT-  
OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORP-  
ORATIONS AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Government Corp-  
orations and Public Enterprises**

Senate Bill No. 1376, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE AKLAN  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Government Corp-  
orations and Public Enterprises; Public Services;  
Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1377, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN  
PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 6971 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
"THE PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVES  
ACT OF 1990" AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Labor, Employment  
and Human Resources Development**

Senate Bill No. 1378, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 363  
AND 364 OF ACT NO. 3815,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Justice and Human  
Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revi-  
sion of Codes and Laws**

Senate Bill No. 1379, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND  
STREAMLINING THE PHILIPPINE  
PORTS AUTHORITY, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NO. 857 AS AMENDED,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
REVISED CHARTER OF THE  
PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Government Corp-  
orations and Public Enterprises; and Public  
Services**

Senate Bill No. 1380, entitled

AN ACT ACCELERATING THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL  
RAILWAY SYSTEM, CREATING  
FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL  
RAILWAY AUTHORITY, PRESCRIB-  
ING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND  
DUTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Public Services**

Senate Bill No. 1381, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LLDA), REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4850, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1966, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Economic Affairs; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1382, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1383, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PRESCRIBING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Foreign Relations; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1384, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE (1) HEALTH WORKER IN EVERY BARANGAY, INCREASING THEIR SALARIES, HONORARIA AND BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1385, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE ENTRY LEVEL SALARY OF PRIORITY HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH (HRH)

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1386, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH NETWORK AS A STRUCTURE TO SUPPORT HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1387, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DONATION AND TRANSPLANT OF HUMAN ORGANS AND TISSUES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

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Senate Bill No. 1388, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Ways and Means; and Health and Demography**

Senate Bill No. 1389, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL HOSPITALS, CLINICS, HEALTH CENTERS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS RENDERING MATERNITY SERVICES TO ESTABLISH LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR ALL EXPECTANT PARENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1390, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOR FILIPINO INFANTS AND CHILDREN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1391, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING THE FILIPINO CHILDREN FROM MALNUTRITION, INSTITUTIONALIZING FOR THIS PURPOSE "THE MILK FEEDING PROGRAM," APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; Ways and Means; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1392, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS (HMOs), PROVIDING THEM INCENTIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Ways and Means**

Senate Bill No. 1393, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BREAST CARE CENTERS IN EVERY REGION NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1394, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY DRUGSTORES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "BOTICA SA BARANGAY" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government**

Senate Bill No. 1395, entitled

AN ACT TO MANAGE MEDICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1396, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING THE REGULATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1397, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HOSPITAL FOR TEACHERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1398, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PREGNANCY TESTING OF ALL WOMEN OF CHILD-BEARING AGE WHO WILL UNDERGO COSMETIC PROCEDURES THAT ARE HARMFUL TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND UNBORN CHILDREN, AND DISCLOSURE OF THE POTENTIAL RISKS OF SUCH PROCEDURES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Youth, Women and Family Relations**

Senate Bill No. 1399, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CONDUCT A QUARTERLY BREAST CANCER DETECTION PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committees on Health and Demography; Local Government; and Finance**

Senate Bill No. 1400, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6850 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO GRANT CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES APPOINTED UNDER PROVISIONAL OR TEMPORARY STATUS WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF SEVEN (7) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

**To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization**

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

*It was 5:36 p.m.*

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 6:41 p.m., the session was resumed.

**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the list of senators designated by the Senate President as members of the Oversight Committees hereunder indicated was deemed submitted and read into the Journal and Record of the Senate, with consent of the Minority, except for the Oversight Committees on Automated Election System, Overseas Voting Act of 2003, and Public Expenditure.

**Agrarian Reform**

Chair	:	Honasan
Members	:	
		Pangilinan
		Lapid
		Arroyo

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**Anti-Money Laundering Law**

Chair : Guingona  
 Vice Chair : Osmeña  
 Members :

Escudero Estrada  
 Revilla Cayetano (P) (minority)  
 Arroyo (minority)

**ARMM Organic Act**

Chair : Marcos  
 Member : Lapid

**Biofuels**

Chair : Osmeña  
 Ex Officio : Pangilinan  
 Villar

Members :

Revilla Zubiri  
 Honasan Cayetano (P) (minority)

**Chain Saw Act**

Chair : Zubiri  
 Members :

Lapid Cayetano (P)  
 Marcos Arroyo  
 Osmeña

**Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines**

Chair : Revilla  
 Members :

Zubiri Honasan  
 Ejercito Estrada Arroyo

**Clean Air Act**

Chair: Zubiri  
 Members appointed on August 9:

Honasan Recto  
 Legarda Cayetano (P)

**Clean Water Act**

Chair : Cayetano (P)  
 Members appointed on August 9:

Legarda Recto  
 Osmeña Zubiri

**Climate Change**

Chair : Legarda  
 Members designated on August 9:

Angara Zubiri  
 Honasan Cayetano (P)

**COCAFAM**

Chair : Pangilinan  
 Members appointed on August 9

Lapid Honasan  
 Recto Osmeña  
 Angara Arroyo

**COCLE**

Chair : Estrada  
 Members :

Legarda Revilla  
 Drilon Arroyo

**COMSTE**

Chair : Angara  
 Members :

Marcos Zubiri  
 Pangilinan Legarda

**Cooperatives**

Chair : Zubiri  
 Members appointed on August 4:

Legarda Lapid  
 Angara Cayetano (P)

**CTRP**

Chair : Recto  
 Members appointed on August 4:

Drilon Arroyo  
 Pangilinan Cayetano (P)

**Dangerous Drugs**

Chair : Honasan  
 Villar Sotto  
 Zubiri Arroyo  
 Marcos Cayetano (P)

**Ecological Solid Waste**

Chair : Zubiri

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**Members appointed on August 9:**

Revilla	Legarda
Ejercito Estrada	Arroyo

**E-commerce****Chairmen :**

Villar	– Trade
Angara	– Science and Technology
Drilon	– Finance

**Economic Affairs**

Chair	:	Villar
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**Members :**

Defensor Santiago	Sotto
Osmeña	Arroyo

**Finance**

\*\*\* utilized by Standing Committee on Finance  
(under Senator Angara)

**Human Security Act**

Chair	:	Honasan
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Escudero	Arroyo
Revilla	Cayetano (A)
Lacson	

**Intelligence Funds**

Chair	:	Escudero
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**Members :**

Recto	Drilon
Honasan	Arroyo

**LOVFA**

Chair	:	Legarda
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Co-Chair	:	Escudero
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**Members appointed on August 10:**

Angara	Arroyo
Ejercito Estrada	Cayetano (A)
Honasan	

**Official Development Assistance (ODA)**

Chair	:	Recto
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**Members appointed on August 4:**

Drilon	Lacson
Guingona	Arroyo (minority)
Zubiri	Cayetano (P) (minority)
Escudero	

**Optical Media Board**

Chair	:	Lapid
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Co-Chair	:	Villar
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**Members :**

Cayetano (P)	Sotto
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**POWERCOM**

Chair	:	Osmeña
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Vice Chair	:	Guingona
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**Members :**

Escudero	Legarda
Defensor Santiago	Arroyo (minority)
Honasan	

**Quality Affordable Medicines**

Chair	:	Villar
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Vice-Chair	:	Cayetano (P)
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**Members :**

Lapid	Sotto
Recto	

**Special Purpose Vehicle Act**

Chair	:	Marcos
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**Members :**

Recto	Trillanes
Escudero	Cayetano (P)
Villar	Cayetano (A)

**Tourism**

Chair	:	Lapid
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**Members :**

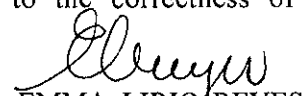
Drilon-Finance	Guingona
Villar	Ejercito Estrada

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Senate President Pro Tempore declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of the following day.

*It was 6:42 p.m.*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
EMMA LIRIO REYES  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 1, 2010