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## BILLS ON FIRST READING

**SBN 2630** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE PHILIPPINES THROUGH MANDATORY TREE PLANTING AND ADOPTION OF A FOREST SANCTUARY BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION"

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance*

**SBN 2631** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NEW OFFICE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INCREASE THE EMPHASIS ON URBAN AGRICULTURAL ISSUES, EFFECTIVELY ENCOURAGE LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF FRESH FOOD IN URBAN AREAS, PARTICULARLY UNDESERVED COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING HUNGER, POOR NUTRITION, OBESITY, AND FOOD INSECURITY"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Health and Demography*

**SBN 2632** "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PRICES FOR HOSPITAL AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER PROCEDURES AND DRUGS"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance*

**SBN 2633** "AN ACT TO IMPOSE STIFFER PENALTY FOR THE FALSIFICATION OF TORRENS CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 171 AND 172 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS, THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws*

**SBN 2634** "AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF THE COUNTRY'S RICH ARTISTIC, CULTURAL, AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9167"

- *Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance*

**SBN 2635** "AN ACT TO UPHOLD THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE UNBORN CHILD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 256, 257, 258 AND 259 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws*

**SBN 2636** "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ACCESS OF MINORS TO ALCOHOL AND PENALIZING ESTABLISHMENTS THAT FURNISH ALCOHOL TO MINORS"

- *Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance*

**SBN 2637** "AN ACT DECLARING THE FILING OF FALSE COMPLAINTS AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICERS AS A CRIME AGAINST HONOR, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws*

**SBN 2638** "AN ACT PENALIZING THEFT AND TAMPERING OF DISASTER WARNING AND RISK REDUCTION DEVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Environment and Natural Resources*

**SBN 2639** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 447(A)(3)(IV) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, REQUIRING ALL SIGNS, SIGNBOARDS, OR BILLBOARDS WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER

THAN ENGLISH TO BEAR CORRESPONDING FILIPINO OR ENGLISH TRANSLATION”

- *Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

**SBN 2640** “AN ACT TO PROMOTE FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND FISCAL DISCIPLINE IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN ITS GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TO MAKE THEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- *Introduced by Senators Franklin M. Drilon, Edgardo J. Angara, Ralph G. Recto, Manny Villar and Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises*

**SBN 2641** “AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ECONOMIC REGULATION OF WATER UTILITIES, CREATING THE WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- *Introduced by Senator Edgardo J. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance*

**SBN 2642** “AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL GARDENS IN ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, MAKING IT A REQUIREMENT FOR THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Ways and Means*

**SBN 2643** “AN ACT PROMOTING JOB GENERATION BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES TO MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES”

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Ways and Means*

**SBN 2644** “AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF THE BUYERS OF PREPAID SIM CARDS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Trade and Commerce*

**SBN 2645** "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386 OR THE CIVIL CODE AS AMENDED"

- *Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws*

**SBN 2646** "AN ACT DEFINING THE OFFENSE OF CARNAPPING BY A SYNDICATE AND INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE OF CARNAPPING THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws*

**SBN 2647** "AN ACT TO PROTECT ALL AGRICULTURAL LANDS FROM INDISCRIMINATE LAND CONVERSION, AMENDING SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, FOR THIS PURPOSE"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Agrarian Reform; and Local Government*

**SBN 2648** "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance*

**SBN 2649** "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws*

**SBN 2650** "AN ACT TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO REVISE REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE RECORDING AND REPORTING OF OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

**SBN 2651** "AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF CARNAPPING AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6539"

- *Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws*

**SBN 2652** "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCRIMINATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL ON THE BASIS MERELY OF AGE"

- *Introduced by Senator Pia S. Cayetano*
- *Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

**SBN 2653** "AN ACT EARMARKING FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF PHILHEALTH'S EXCESS RESERVE FUNDS TO FUND PUBLIC HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR ALL FILIPINOS AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies*

**SBN 2654** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, AMENDING SECTIONS 98 AND 100 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon*
- *Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Local Government*

**SBN 2655** "AN ACT MANDATING THE FULL DISCLOSURE BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF LOCAL BUDGET AND FINANCES, INCLUDING BIDS AND PUBLIC OFFERINGS, AMENDING SECTION 352 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

**SBN 2656** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL LEVY ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE SPECIAL HEALTH FUND, AND AMENDING SECTION 235 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

**SBN 2657** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Finance*

**SBN 2658** "AN ACT CREATING A CODE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND RECODIFY THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND OTHER RELATED SPECIAL CRIMINAL LAWS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance*

**SBN 2659** "AN ACT SETTING A CEILING TO THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ENSURE MACRO-ECONOMIC STABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Economic Affairs*

**SBN 2660** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DIOSDADO P. MACAPAGAL MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM"

- *Introduced by Senator Edgardo J. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture*

**SBN 2661** "AN ACT MANDATING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS TO APPEAR BEFORE CONGRESS SEMI-ANNUALLY TO REPORT ON THE STATUS AND DIRECTIONS OF THE FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES OF THE STATE"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Economic Affairs*

**SBN 2662** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TRICYCLE DRIVER TRAINING AND MOTORIST AWARENESS PROGRAMS"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; Local Government; and Finance*

**SBN 2663** "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO MAKE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CARRY OUT EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Local Government; and Finance*

**SBN 2664** "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPETENCE ACCREDITATION PROGRAM FOR BUS DRIVERS AND TO REQUIRE THAT THEY BE PAID THE MINIMUM WAGE"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Public Services*

**SBN 2665** "AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED OUTSIDE OF THEIR CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND PROVINCES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance*

# PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

**PSRN 320** "RESOLUTION COMMENDING SENATOR ALAN PETER CAYETANO FOR BEING ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN (TOYM) AWARDS"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Archives*

**PSRN 321** "RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON WAYS TO SUPPORT THE FARMING AND PRODUCTION OF BROWN RICE IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CURBING THE RICE PRODUCTION DEFICIT IN THE COUNTRY"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food*

**PSRN 322** "RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON WAYS TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT LUNG CANCER AND PROVIDE AND ENHANCE THE SCREENING, STANDARD OF CARE, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT TO THOSE AFFLICTED OF THE SAME"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

**PSRN 323** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO LOOK INTO THE NUANCES OF COMPUTERIZATION OF LAND REGISTRATION IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND AID THE SAID AGENCY IN UNDERTAKING REFORMS IN ITS AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND AT THE SAME TIME GRANT THE PUBLIC A CONVENIENT AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROCESSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization*

**PSRN 324** "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN

INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PLIGHT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS VIS-A-VIS THE RAMPANT HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING THE LAWS THEREOF”

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations*

**PSRN 325** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ACTS OF TAXI OPERATORS IN CHARGING EXORBITANT BOUNDARY RATES AND ADOPTING OTHER SIMILAR SCHEMES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFEGUARDING THE DAILY WAGES OF TAXI DRIVERS AND PREVENTING ANY DIMINUTION THEREOF”

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

**PSRN 326** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTS THAT ONE OUT OF FIVE FILIPINOS INFECTED WITH THE HUMAN IMMUNE-VIRUS (HIV) ARE OVERSEAS WORKERS”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Health and Demography*

**PSRN 327** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS THAT THE ANTIMICROBIAL COMPOUNDS AND TRICLOCARBAN ARE HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Environment and Natural Resources*

**PSRN 328** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROVISIONAL FARE HIKE OF THE MASS RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEMS”

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri*

- *Referred to the Committee on Public Services*

**PSRN 329** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) AND/OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO COMPLAINTS OF ANOMALIES AND ALLEGED COLLUSION WITHIN THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) LEADING TO THE TRAFFICKING AND ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS"

- *Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

**PSRN 330** "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SERVICES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE INCREASE IN TOLL RATES AND TRAIN FARES TO MOTORISTS, ENTREPRENEURS, BUS COMPANIES, STUDENTS, LOW-INCOME WORKERS AND THE RIDING PUBLIC IN GENERAL"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Public Services*

**PSRN 331** "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED UNSOLVED CRIMES INVOLVING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND THE ALLEGED ABSENCE OF ASSISTANCE FROM CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations*

**PSRN 332** "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED RISE OF KIDNEY STONES DISEASES IN FILIPINO ADULTS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR ITS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE TO AFFLICTED CITIZENS"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*

- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

**PSRN 333** "RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON MEASURES TO PROTECT CRITICALLY ENDANGERED SPECIES UNIQUE TO THE PHILIPPINES AND TO FORMULATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS INCLUDING BIOSECURITY AND CAPTIVE BREEDING TO PREVENT THEIR EXTINCTION"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

**PSRN 334** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF THE PHILIPPINE BANANA INDUSTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING THE SECTOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Agriculture and Food*

**PSRN 335** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MECHANISMS ADOPTED TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE ACTIONS AND POLICY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT TRAFFIC RULES ARE IMPLEMENTED IN CONSONANCE WITH COMMITMENTS TO ENFORCE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ROAD SIGNS AND SIGNALS"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Works; and Public Services*

**PSRN 336** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS AND/OR SUCH APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE POOR STATE OF PHILIPPINE SPORTS AND THE POOR PERFORMANCE OF PHILIPPINE ATHLETES, DESPITE THE MILLIONS OF PESOS GOVERNMENT DISBURSED TO THE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND OTHER ENTITIES"

- *Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports*

**PSRN 337** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT

AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE PLEA BARGAINING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN GOVERNMENT PROSECUTORS AND GENERAL CARLOS GARCIA WHO IS CHARGED WITH PLUNDER WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO CURTAIL CORRUPTION AND PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE GOVERNMENT”

- *Introduced by Senator Alan Peter S. Cayetano*
- *Referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Justice and Human Rights*

**PSRN 338** “RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TRANSPARENT DISCUSSION ON THE PLANNED INTRODUCTION OF 'LOTERYA NG BAYAN', THE REINVENTED SMALL TOWN LOTTERY (STL), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING ITS NECESSITY AND MERIT”

- *Introduced by Senators Manny Villar and Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Referred to the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports*

**PSRN 339** “RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD MAP FOR PHILIPPINE TOURISM CONSISTING OF SHORT-TERM MECHANISMS AS WELL AS LONG-TERM APPROACHES TO PUMP PRIME THE TOURISM CAMPAIGN REDOUNDING TO NATIONAL ECONOMY”

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committee on Tourism*

**PSRN 340** “RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO MODEL DANICA FLORES MAGPANTAY FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS 2011 FORD MODELS SUPERMODEL OF THE WORLD ON 22 JANUARY 2011 IN NEW YORK CITY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

- *Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 341** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF FORMAL INVESTIGATIVE TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*

- *Referred to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs*

**PSRN 342** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INCIDENTS OF DEATH AND HARASSMENT AGAINST GOVERNMENT ANTI-ILLEGAL LOGGING AGENTS COMMITTED BY ARMED MEN ALLEGEDLY LINKED TO ILLEGAL LOGGING OPERATORS"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Environment and Natural Resources*

**PSRN 343** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED THEFT OF FLOOD WARNING EQUIPMENT IN THE AGNO AND TARLAC WEATHER STATIONS"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights*

**PSRN 344** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CURTAIL THE PREVAILING PRACTICE OF LOANING COMPANIES AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF DELAYING COLLECTIONS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE INTEREST DUE ON A DEBTOR'S OBLIGATION"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Trade and Commerce*

**PSRN 345** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LACUNA IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT, WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE LAW'S INSUFFICIENCY IN MITIGATING THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Climate Change*

**PSRN 346** "RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AZKALS, FOR THE FAIR PLAY AWARD THEY RECEIVED DURING THE 2010 AFF SUZUKI CUP"

- *Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 347** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8799 WHICH AS RESULTED IN UNDUE DELEGATION, MONOPOLY AND RESTRAINT OF TRADE AND VIOLATION OF OTHER RELATED LAWS SUCH AS THE GENERAL BANKING LAW AND THE SECRETARY OF BANKS DEPOSITS ACT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME AND PROTECT NATIONAL AND FINANCIAL SECURITY, AND THE INVESTING PUBLIC"

- *Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies*

**PSRN 348** "RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE AND EXTENT OF DEFORESTATION IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FORMULATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS TO CURB ITS EFFECTS WHILE INITIATING REFORESTATION EFFORTS"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

**PSRN 349** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE OWNERSHIP, CONTROL AND OPERATION OF THE METRO RAIL TRANSIT III (MRT 3) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME"

- *Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Services*

**PSRN 350** "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE CONGRATULATING THE PONTIFICAL AND ROYAL UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS, THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES ON ITS QUADRICENTENNIAL YEAR OF EDUCATING THE YOUTH, TRANSFORMING THEM INTO COMPETENT AND COMPASSIONATE FILIPINOS IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND COUNTRY"

- *Introduced by Senators Manny Villar, Joker P. Arroyo and Juan Miguel F. Zubiri*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 351** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE LITTLE RAZCALS FOR WINNING THE FIRST-EVER ASIA PACIFIC ZONE PONY MUSTANG BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ON 16 JANUARY 2011 AT THE VIHN YEN BASEBALL FIELD IN VINH PHUC PROVINCE, VIETNAM"

- *Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 352** "RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC WORKS; PUBLIC SERVICES; FINANCE; HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; AND ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LOOMING GARBAGE CRISIS FACING METRO MANILA"

- *Introduced by Senator Manny Villar*
- *Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government*

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- *Introduced by Senators Jinggoy Ejercito-Estrada, Vicente C. Sotto III, Alan Peter Cayetano, Edgardo J. Angara, Pia S. Cayetano, Joker P. Arroyo, Franklin M. Drilon, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Teofisto "Tg" Guingona III, Gregorio B. Honasan II, Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid, Loren B. Legarda, Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Sergio R. Osmeña III, Francis N. Pangilinan, Ralph G. Recto, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV and Juan Miguel F. Zubiri*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 354** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE AUGMENTATION OF POLICE WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ESTABLISHING A UNIFIED SECURITY APPARATUS"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs*

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**CTE. REPORT NO. 15**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Finance; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises, on **SENATE BILL NO. 2640**, with Senators Drilon, Angara, Recto and Villar as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT TO PROMOTE FINANCIAL VIABILITY AND FISCAL DISCIPLINE IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE STATE IN ITS GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT TO MAKE THEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2566, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2580, Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 61, 66 and 88.

- *Sponsored by Senator Franklin M. Drilon*
- *Referred to the Calendar For Ordinary Business*

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