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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:21 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri led the Body in prayer, to wit:

Let us feel the presence of the Lord, with the Holy Family – His Father Joseph and Mama Mary – whose birthday is celebrated today. We dedicate our undying devotion to her. Like Jesus Christ, she was conceived without sin.

She was a gift to Saints Joachim and Anna, of the noble house of Solomon and David – from where ascends the heir to Israel. Born late in the life of her parents' married life, Mary was destined to live a holy life like Jesus.

Lord, help us be like how Joachim and Anna were to Mary. And, like how Joseph and Mary were to Jesus. They showered their offspring with firm love, wise counsel and constant care. They built a home where righteous learning leads a child to the correct shining path. Mary and Jesus were very blessed to be born into those homes.

Dear Father, help us emulate the Holy Family. Please make us become the channel of blessings for Filipino children. Help us make laws, craft a budget and disperse resources that will provide their needs, including the unborn in their mothers' wombs. Help us create a wholesome environment free of grime, poverty, violence and despair that often rule our material and spiritual life.

Lord, You are the only power that will help us rise above the aimless conflicts besetting our family, work and national life. Only You can show us how to owe up to our weaknesses and thereby be strengthened by the forgiveness of others and most importantly Yours. Our confession and Your forgiveness will give us harmony and peace in all our relationships with family, coworkers and neighbors.

All of these we humbly ask through Your grace so that we may be privileged to glimpse heaven in our life here on earth.

Amen.

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:

Cayetano, A. P. C. S.	Legarda, L.
Cayetano, C. P. S.	Marcos Jr., F. R.
Drilon, F. M.	Osmeña III, S. R.
Ejercito Estrada, J.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Enrile, J. P.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Honasan, G. B.	Sotto III, V. C.
Lapid, M. L. M.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 14 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Angara, Escudero, Guingona and Recto arrived after the roll call.

Senators Arroyo and Villar were on official mission abroad.

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. 19 (September 7, 2010) and considered it approved.

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests:

- Dr. Christopher Mall and Dr. Todd Alammin, orthopedic surgeons from Stanford University;
- Political Science students from Universidad de Manila; and

 Journalism students from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines headed by Georgine Lagare.

The Senate President Pro Tempore welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Availing himself of the privilege hour to speak on matters of public interest, Senator Zubiri delivered the following speech, joining the Muslim community in the celebration of *Eid ul-Fitr*:

Assalamu Alaikum! Peace in the name of God.

This Friday, September 10, was declared a national holiday by virtue of Republic Act No. 9177. The celebration is called *Eid ul-Fitr*, an Islamic holiday that marks the end of Ramadan – the month-long fasting of our Muslim brothers and sisters. In other Asian countries, it is also called *Hari Raya Puasa*, *Hari Lebaran* or *Aidilfitri*. Generally, *Eid* is Arabic word for "festivity" while *Fitr* means "to break the fast." Thus, *Eid ul-Fitr* means "The Festival of Fast Breaking." It is celebrated on the first day of *Shaw'waal*, which is the tenth month of the Islamic calendar.

Unfortunately, there are still many out there who are ignorant of the religious practices of our Muslim brothers and sisters and, because of such, many have suffered from the bigotry of this ignorance.

An important question was raised recently by the *Time Magazine*: "Is America Islamophobic?" I would like to borrow that question and ask: Is the Philippines Islamophobic? On this day, nearing the end of Ramadan, I confidently say: No, the Philippines is not Islamophobic. In fact, this holiday is the second major Islamic holiday that we have set for their celebration in recognition of our country's tolerance for religious freedom and our respect for our diverse population.

Eid ul-Fitr is one of the two most revered days among Muslims around the world, the other being the Eid ul-Adha – a measure that I sponsored in the last Congress, which we also declared as a national holiday through Republic Act No. 9849.

To give a bit of a background to those not familiar with the customs and traditions of our

Muslim brothers and sisters — on the day of the celebration, a typical Muslim family gets up very early in the morning, dresses up by wearing the best clothes available. They have breakfast before leaving for prayer ground. The *Eid* prayer is performed in congregation in open areas like fields, squares or mosques. After the prayers, people visit their relatives, friends and acquaintances and give gifts especially to children.

Eid ul-Fitr is the celebration of the end of Ramadan or the ninth month commemorating the month when Mohammad fasted for 30 days and received the first verses of the Quran in the wilderness of Mount Hira in the year 610 of the Common Era.

On the 27th day, according to Muslim scholars, the Angel Gabriel handed down to Mohammad the first verses of the Quran which, with the *Hadith*, or sayings, laid down the ideology and dogma of Islam. The writing of the Quran went on for 23 years, evolving as the religious, political and social map for all Muslims, wherever they may be. This map is observed in the five pillars of faith, prayer, almsgiving, the Ramadan fast and the *Hajj*. However, extremist Islam would add a sixth pillar, which is that of the *jihad*.

Eid ul-Fitr is a joyous occasion with important religious significance as Muslims celebrate the achievement of enhanced piety. It is a day of forgiveness, moral victory, peace of congregation, fellowship, brotherhood and unity.

In the last Congress, we also passed a law declaring July 27 of every year as "Araw ng Iglesia ni Cristo" to show our solidarity and recognition of the contribution to nation-building of other religious faiths. Indeed, as I have mentioned earlier, we are showing to the whole world that the Philippines is a place where religious tolerance and inter-faith solidarity is possible. In our midst are various Islamic communities established through close coordination between the Philippine government and other Islamic countries. In these communities, our Muslim countrymen are free to establish mosques and Madrasahs. Within these communities, government also provides the basic social services.

However, except for a few who are born to wealth, majority of Muslims are poor as can be seen in many Muslim communities scattered nationwide and especially in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). I am hoping that these regular celebrations integrated into our national life will remind us of our commitments to improve the plight of the Muslim

poor. There are large disparities between the rich and the poor. And it is to our own interest as a nation to bridge that wide income and opportunities gap.

Since Eid ul-Fitr is also an occasion for peace-making. I would like to express our sincerest hope to our Muslim brothers and sisters that the peace talks with the MILF and other Muslim separatist movements on one side, and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on the other, under the Aquino administration will succeed. It is our fervent prayer that peace and justice will reign, especially in Mindanao where these conflicts are usually happening. We face this Eid ul-Fitr celebration with renewed hope and sense of unity among Christians and Muslims in the country. I am optimistic that in the coming days the peace talks will resume and proceed without much delay.

We may not have a member in this august Chamber who is a Muslim but certainly we have staff or Secretariat employees who are Muslims. Thus, I join in this festival of our Muslim brothers and sisters and greet them *Eid Mubarak*!

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR LEGARDA

Senator Legarda associated herself with the privilege speech of Senator Zubiri, being an honorary Bai Alabi (Honorary Muslim Princess) of the Marawi Sultanate League, as a Filipino citizen and friend to her Muslim brothers and sisters, and as principal author and sponsor of the law honoring Eid ul-Fitr that was enacted during her first term as legislator.

She thanked Senator Zubiri for having sponsored the bill recognizing *Eid ul-Adha*. She said that she joins her Muslim brothers and sisters in the celebration of *Eid ul-Fitr* and expressed hope that the celebration of Muslim holidays would usher in a spirit or an era of brotherhood, economic development, progress, peace and prosperity.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR SOTTO

Likewise availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Sotto spoke on his strongly held advocacy the eradication of illegal drugs in the country.

The full text of his speech was as follows:

My main advocacy these past couple of decades had been the eradication of illegal drugs in our country. The universal strategies adopted by states and the international community are

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two - 1) supply reduction - pagbabawas ng mga gumagawa o nagbebenta ng droga o "tulak" sa salitang kalye; and 2) demand reduction - pagbabawas ng mga taong gumagamit o bumibili ng droga, o kaya ay "batak," sa salitang kalye - the opposite of "tulak."

Other strategies include law enforcement, information and preventive education, and alternative development. Iyon pong alternative development, ang ibig sabihin po noon ay ang pagbibigay ng ibang hanapbuhay o gawain sa mga nagtatanim ng marijuana o ng coca plant and the like at tinuturuan sila ng tinatawag naman na sericulture - the production of silk through the planting of mulberry trees for the silkworms to produce silk. We have successfully done this in Benguet province, in the municipality of Kapangan. They are now producing silk instead of planting marijuana. And soon to follow are the municipalities of Bakun and Kibungan. In Cebu, in the municipality of Balamban, we have started the abaca production instead of marijuana plantations in the area.

I am laying out this predicate because there is an important matter that the Senate has to take up, I believe, especially the Executive department.

Supply Reduction Strategy Program and the Demand Reduction Program

Last March 2009, this Representation had the privilege of representing the country in the 52nd Session of Narcotics Drugs of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes (UNODC) held in Vienna, Austria. In that conference, I had the honor of speaking for Asia and the Asean, and I affirmed the two strategies of demand reduction and supply reduction as our cornerstone directions, and hoping to lick this malady by 2015, our target time frame. I distinctively remember during that time, outside the halls of the UN auditorium where the conference was being held, a sizeable crowd of placard-bearing mix of young and mature drugusers, were espousing the curious strategy known as Harm Reduction. Ito iyong Harm Reduction Program na itinutulak ng mga iba, some member-countries of the United Nations. Ito po ay, tutal, hindi na sila mapipigilan sa paggamit ng droga o magturok ng bawal na sustansya, ang mabuti pa ay bigyan na lang sila ng kanilang mga gobyerno ng libre at malilinis na karayum o pang-iniksyon at nang hindi sila magkahawahan ng HIV-AIDS. Ang pangpapatamis ng kanilang argumento po ay ito - para hindi kumalat ang HIV-AIDS na galing sa kuntaminadong mga karayom. Ito po ang Harm Reduction, kung tawagin. Bawasan ang pagkalat ng HIV-AIDS pero tuloy po ang kanilang pagbibisyo. Tama po ba ito? Huwag nating pakalatin ang HIV-AIDS cases pero kunsintihin natin ang mga gumagamit ng bawal na gamot? Magandang layunin, maling paraan. Will we now give a clean knife to a would-be suicide so that he won't die of tetanus but continue to kill himself? Shall we provide clean and sanitary tooters to our shabu dependents so that there would be no contamination among those who share shabu tooters?

Up to now, I was confident that this Harm Reduction strategy was a symptom of advanced and tolerant societies in the western world. In that conference in Austria, specifically during the high-level segment Round Table discussion that I attended for the Asean group, I vehemently objected to the proposal of the representative of Sweden to include Harm Reduction in the program of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC). He was being supported by the UN representatives from the United Kingdom, Sweden, Switzerland, and some other European countries that I do not recall right now.

I objected. I explained to them why. I even told them that if they have so much money to spend for syringes for drug abusers, there are so many countries in the world whose people go hungry for days. I asked: Why do they not just give us the money to give to our people, instead of spending for syringes to give to their drug dependents? I was supported by the representative of the U.S. Drug Control Policy Program, We were supported by Russia and the entire Asean group. Fortunately, they were not successful. As a matter of fact, it was voted down in that Round Table discussion. Thus, the Harm Reduction Program was not included in the output of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes after that conference.

But now I am soundly alarmed. I am worried that my thinking of a symptom of advanced and tolerant societies in the western world is fast coming close to us. Why? In these past few days, I have received reports that our Department of Health has started to experiment on this misguided proposition.

In a news item carried by the Sun Star Daily dated September 4, 2010, the head of the Cebu City Health Department admitted that they are implementing a Harm Reduction Program, with NGO and DOH officials providing syringes to drug abusers particularly in Barangay

Kamagayan, Cebu City. The Dangerous Drugs Board's Technical Working Group has identified Barangay Kamagayan as the barangay with the highest number of nubain abuse. Nubain is the new dangerous drug that is being injected. They say that HIV-AIDS is prevalent in the area. But providing syringes to drug abusers is a crime under Article II of Republic Act No. 9165, particularly Sections 5 and Section 10 that pertain to the administration of dangerous drugs.

To "administer" is defined by the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 as "any act of introducing any dangerous drug into the body of any person, with or without his/her knowledge, by injection, inhalation, ingestion or other means, or of committing any act of indispensable assistance to a person in administering a dangerous drug to himself/herself unless administered by a duly licensed practitioner for purposes of medication."

It is about time that we were made aware of this contradiction in our practices and policies. We cannot be hitting the drug criminals with our right hand and providing them with the tools of their crime with our left hand. We have to have policy consistency. We must nip this DOH trend of thought in the bud, or else we shall be sending mixed signals to the youth of the land.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEES

Upon his motion, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senator Sotto's speech to the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Health and Demography.

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. 1701, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713, ALSO KNOWN AS AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND BEING A PUBLIC TRUST, GRANTING INCENTIVES AND

REWARDS FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE, ENUMERATING PRO-HIBITED ACTS AND TRANSAC-TIONS AND PROVIDING PENAL-TIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1702, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FIREARMS ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO TERRORISTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Senate Bill No. 1703, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM BY THE EMPLOYER LAW, AS AMENDED, INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR NONREMITTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM BY THE EMPLOYER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 1704, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO POST TRANSACTION FEES FOR EACH AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE TRANSACTION; AND RESTRICTING TRANSACTION FEES FOR AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 1705, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF "ASPARTAME" ON FOOD, BEVER-AGES AND DRUGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1706, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARIES OF HEALTH AND LABOR TO ISSUE REGULATIONS TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMIZE THE SIGNIFICANT RISK OF NEEDLESTICK INJURY TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1707, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TIRES AGED OVER SIX (6) YEARS, AND REQUIRING THE STATING OF THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE, AND THE MANDATORY POSTING OF THE DANGERS OF AGED TIRES AT THE POINT OF SALE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1708, entitled

AN ACT AGGRAVATING THE PUNISH-MENT FOR THE CRIME OF RECK-LESS IMPRUDENCE IF COMMITTED BY A PERSON DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR PROHIBITED DRUGS Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1709, entitled

AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE IF A TELEVISION RECEIVER, A VIDEO MONITOR, OR A TELEVISION OR VIDEO SCREEN, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR MEANS OF VISUALLY DISPLAYING A TELEVISION BROADCAST OR VIDEO SIGNAL THAT PRODUCES ENTERTAINMENT OR BUSINESS APPLICATIONS, IS OPERATING AND IS LOCATED IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE AT ANY POINT FORWARD OF THE BACK OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT, OR IS OPERATING AND VISIBLE TO THE DRIVER WHILE HE OR SHE IS DRIVING THE MOTOR VEHICLE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1710, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS REGARDING SAFE USE OF THE INTERNET THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF INTERNET SAFETY AND PUBLIC AWARENESS WITHIN THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1711, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS REGARDING THE QUALITY OF WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE AND TO MONITOR COMPLAINTS REGARDING SUCH SERVICE

To the Committees on Public Services; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1712, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING ANY PERSON 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 Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1713, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DECEPTIVE CONDUCT IN THE RATING OF VIDEO AND COMPUTER GAMES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1714, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SCIENCE START GRANT PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1715, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REDUCTION OF METALS IN PACKAGING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1716, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR UNI-FORM WARNINGS ON PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR OCCUPATIONAL USE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1717, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1718, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PROSTATE CANCER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1719, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION FROM REPRISALS TO EMPLOYEES OF CONTRACTORS FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO SUBSTANTIAL VIOLATION OF LAW RELATED TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS INCLUDING THE COMPETITION FOR NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1720, 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 Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1721, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1722, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR SUPERVISED VISITATION CENTERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1723, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987 BY PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM BEING APPOINTED AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WITHIN THE NEXT THREE (3) YEARS AFTER RELIEF, SEPARATION OR RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIP-PINES (AFP)

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 1724, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING A VEHICLE PROCEEDING UPON A HIGHWAY AT A SPEED LESS THAN THE NORMAL SPEED OF TRAFFIC TO DRIVE IN THE RIGHT-HAND LANE FOR TRAFFIC OR AS CLOSE AS PRACTICABLE TO THE RIGHT-HAND EDGE OR CURB

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1725, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL PROGRAM THAT WILL PROVIDE PREGNANT WOMEN WITH ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1726, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMERS OF WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Services; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1727, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING VIOLATIONS OF OUARANTINE ORDERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1728, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A TOXIC WASTE INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1729, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION IN THE HUMANITIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1730, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR APPLYING AIRPORT BUBBLES AS A METHOD OF IDENTIFYING, ASSESSING, AND REDUCING THE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE AIRPORT GROUND AND FLIGHT OPERATIONS AND IMPROVING THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1731, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TECHNICAL PREPARATION EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1732, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1733, entitled

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SAFETY OF DAMAGED MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1734, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING USED CAR
DEALERS TO PROVIDE CONSUMERS
WITH A WRITTEN WARRANTY
AGAINST DEFECTS AND REQUIRING PRIVATE SELLERS TO
DISCLOSE ANY KNOWN USE OR
SAFETY DEFECTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1735, entitled

AN ACT CREATING OFFICE ERGO-NOMIC STANDARDS TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH RISKS RELATED TO COMPUTER USE IN THE WORKPLACE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1736, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED AND ISSUED VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1737, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, ALSO KNOWN AS AN ACT IMPOSING MOTOR VEHICLES USER'S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, SECTION 6 ON THE PENALTY FOR OVERLOADING

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Services; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1738, entitled

AN ACT COMMISSIONING A RESEARCH ON CLIMATE CHANGE DRINKING WATER ADAPTATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1739, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL AND MORAL WELL-BEING FOR THE FILIPINO YOUTH, AMENDING SECTIONS 329, 389 AND 426 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 1740, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD OF APPLICANTS FOR AN ENVIRON-MENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFI-CATE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 1741, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE EXPRESS, WRITTEN CONSENT OF A PATIENT OR HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENT-ATIVE TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESENCE OF NON-MEDICAL PERSONNEL DURING SURGERY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1742, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOY-MENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1743, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE, PURCHASE AND STORAGE OF ELEMENTAL MERCURY BY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1744, entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO HAVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS OF THEIR STUDENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1745, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CELLULAR OR MOBILE TELE-PHONES IN CERTAIN PUBLIC AREAS OF HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, OR ANY OTHER TREATMENT CENTER

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1746, entitled

AN ACT TO PREVENT DEATHS
CAUSED BY DRUG OVERDOSE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1747, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Public Services; and Finance Senate Bill No. 1748, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1749, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REWARDS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING TERRORISM PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1750, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND BARANGAY EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 1, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance, on Senate Bill No. 2486, with Senators Ejercito Estrada, Villar, Cayetano (P), Pangilinan, Recto and Drilon as authors thereof, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND PROPAGATE FOSTER CARE FOR ABUSED, ABANDONED, NEGLECTED AND OTHER CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, PROVIDING

APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,

recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 680 and 1080.

-Sponsors: Senators Cayetano (P), Pangilinan, Recto and Drilon

To the Calendar for Ordinary Business

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. 1751, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE TO BETTER PROVIDE CARE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 1752, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 1753, entitled

AN ACT TO IMPROVE GOVERN-MENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS TO FACILITATE HIRING OF FULL-TIME GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1754, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING HAZARDOUS PAY TO PAROLE OFFICERS WHO PERFORM THE DUTY OF SUPER-VISING AND COUNSELING PAROLEES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1755, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CLUBS TO HAVE STAFF MEMBERS TRAINED IN FIRST AID

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1756, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1757, entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO DESIGNATE HEALTH EMPOWER-MENT ZONES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1758, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING CHILD CARE CENTERS

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

Senate Bill No. 1759, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST INNOVA-TIVE NATURAL DISASTER FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Local Government; National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1760, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STRICT REGULATION AND STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL/ UNLAWFUL IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, ACQUISITION, SALE, DISPOSITION OR POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES AND CHEMICALS OR ACCESSORIES USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES, REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 522 AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1866, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Senate Bill No. 1761, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CREDIT CARD CORPORATIONS TO GIVE THEIR CONSUMERS NINETY DAYS NOTICE BEFORE CHANGING THEIR ANNUAL CREDIT PERCENTAGE RATE OF INTEREST APPLICABLE ON ANY CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT OR BEFORE CHANGING THE INDEX USED TO DETERMINE SUCH RATE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 1762, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF POLITICAL PUBLIC RELATIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 1763, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS FOR COMMERCIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1764, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC OF VIOLENT VIDEO PROGRAMMING DURING HOURS WHEN CHILDREN ARE REASONABLY LIKELY TO COMPRISE A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THE AUDIENCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1765, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1766, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT FIREARMS SOLD, MANUFACTURED OR

IMPORTED BE MADE CHILD-PROOF

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs; and Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1767, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FLEXIBLE WORKING SCHEDULE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLES 83, 85 AND 87 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1768, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A GUN SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM AND INCLUDE THIS IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1769, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL REGISTRY OF DISEASES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1770, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE CITIZEN AWARENESS OF INSURANCE INFORMATION AND SERVICES BY ESTABLISHING STANDARDS IN THE LANGUAGE EMPLOYED IN INSURANCE DOCUMENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1771, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF CARNAPPED VEHICLES TO THE LAWFUL OWNERS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. NO. 6539, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-CARNAPPING ACT OF 1972" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1772, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING WHO ARE INSTI-TUTIONALIZED PERSONS AND PENALIZING THEIR MALTREAT-MENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 1773, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ON THE USE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS FOR DISSE-MINATING PUBLIC INFORMATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1774, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING CHILDREN PROTECTION AGAINST ENVIRON-MENTAL POLLUTANTS

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

Senate Bill No. 1775, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO GIVE EXACT CHANGE TO CONSUMERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1776, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE RAW MATERIALS FOR THE PRODUC-TION OF DRYWALLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1777, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PUR-POSE OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING MODEL HIGH SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1778, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF STALKING AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws Senate Bill No. 1779, entitled

AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY FOR USE IN REMOVING GREENHOUSE GASES FROM THE ATMOSPHERE AND CREATING A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION ATMOSPHERIC REMOVAL COMMISSION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Climate Change; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1780, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING COSMETIC PACKAGING TO BEAR A WARN-ING LABEL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN INGREDIENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1781, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERN-MENT EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE NOTICE ON ANY CHARGES OR CONVICTION AGAINST THEM TO THEIR DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY HEAD

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1782, entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT OR SUPPORT RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON THE USE OF FINANCIAL AND INKIND SUBSIDIES AND REWARDS TO PROMOTE WELLNESS, ADOPT HEALTHY BEHAVIORS, AND USE

EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1783, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAIN-TENANCE OF AN UNDIAGNOSED DISEASES REGISTRY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1784, entitled

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE POSTING OF POLITICAL SIGNS ON GOVERN-MENT PROPERTY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1785, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING THE USERS OF RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICA-TION DEVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1786, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BLUEPRINT FOR HEALTH IN ORDER TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF CARE INCORPORATING MEDICAL HOMES TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY AND AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTH CARE THROUGH DISEASE PREVENTION, HEALTH PROMOTION,

AND EDUCATION ABOUT AND BETTER MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1787, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING MEAT PACKERS TO DISCLOSE THE ADDITIVES THAT THEY PLACE IN THEIR PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1788, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF CARE COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN WITH SERIOUS EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1789, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A MEDICINE BANK

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1790, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE HANDL-ING AND DISPOSAL OF POLYCHLO-RINATED BIPHENYLS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1791, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 952 ON LEGACIES AND DEVICES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1792, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Public Works

Senate Bill No. 1793, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 1794, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING CHEMICAL TESTING FOR PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1795, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM FOR PREDISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION ENCHANCE-MENT Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1796, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF DESCRIPTIVE TERMS IN FOOD PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1797, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE FERTILIZER INGREDIENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1798, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING DOLPHINS BY INFORMING CONSUMERS OF THE ORIGIN OF TUNA PRODUCTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1799, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN ENERGY FOR HOMES AND BUILDINGS PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSIST-ANCE TO PROMOTE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL SCALE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ON-SITE RENEWABLE **TECHNOLOGIES**

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Energy; and Finance ar

Senate Bill No. 1800, entitled

AN ACT IDENTIFYING AND PROMOT-ING RESEARCH ON THE HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF BREAST IMPLANTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 158, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION (REDD) PROGRAMMES TO THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committee on Cultural Communities

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 159, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE FEASIBILITY OF MASSIVE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR CELL STEM RESEARCH, INTER-VENTION AND APPLICATION WITH THE END OBJECTIVE OF MAKING HEALTH POLICIES RESPONSIVE TO THE CITIZENS' NEEDS, PROBLEMS AND ACCESS-**IBILITY**

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 160, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED MASSIVE BLEACHING OF THE COUNTRY'S CORAL REEFS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INTENSIFYING NATIONAL AND LOCAL EFFORTS ON CORAL REEF CONSERVATION

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Ateneo Law students under the Constitutional Law class of Atty. Carlos Medina.

The Senate President Pro Tempore welcomed the guests to the Senate.

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 Monday, September 13, 2010.

It was 4:07 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

EMMA LIRIO REYES Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 13, 2010