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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:24 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Juan Ponce Enrile, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Joker P. Arroyo led the prayer, to wit:

Lord, we thank You for another beautiful day.

We thank You for another day at work in a calling that allows us to help this wonderful nation and its people.

We thank You for our friends and colleagues here in the Senate, they who work together to bring about positive changes to our country.

We thank You for our families who continually support and encourage us in our endeavors.

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:

Angara, E. J.	Lapid, M. L. M.
Arroyo, J. P.	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.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Sotto III, V. C.
Guingona III, T. D.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Honasan, G. B.	

With 17 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senator Cayetano (A) was on official mission.

Senators Recto 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. 21 (September 13, 2010) and considered it approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 3:27 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:29 p.m., the session was resumed with Senate President Pro Tempore Ejercito Estrada presiding.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Availing himself of the privilege hour, Senator Zubiri spoke on the misunderstanding between officials of the Executive branch and members of the Judiciary over budget cuts.

The text of his speech follows:

"Hunger makes a thief of any man."

- Pearl S. Buck, quoted in You Said a Mouthful

I am worried about the recent verbal tussle between the Executive or some of its officials and the Judiciary, particularly on the issue of budgetary cut in the proposed budget of the Judiciary.

The issue stems from the budget submitted by the Judiciary to the Department of Budget and Management during the budget call and what Malacaffang submitted to Congress under the National Expenditure Program (NEP) or what we call the "President's budget." The Judiciary submitted P27.1 billion to the DBM but Malacaffang submitted under the NEP only P14.3 billion or a difference of P12.8 billion or a 48% decrease.

In 2007, the Judiciary received 0.76% of the national budget, it received 0.88% in 2008 and 0.94% in 2009. It received a total of P13.5 billion in 2009; however, for 2010 it received P11.16 billion. To quote Supreme Court Administrator and Spokesman Midas Marquez, "The Judiciary has not been given even one percent of the national budget in the last four years and worse, there is a high probability in 2011 of a decreased budget."

Although I have not yet seen the specific line items or expenditures in the P27.1 billion submission of the Judiciary to the DBM as well as the specific cuts made by the Palace, I would like to emphasize that the Judiciary, its efficient and effective functioning, the speedy administration of justice, are essential components of the core program of the Aquino administration—its anti-corruption program—to succeed. They must be able to support the Judiciary.

According to Mr. Marquez, Malacañang's cuts in the proposed budget of the Judiciary will affect big-ticket items that would remain without funds such as the P10.3 billion allocated for personal services; the P416 million fund for retirees; the P1.3 million health allowances for workers; and the P1.875 billion proposed budget for capital outlay, including the building of a hall of justice in Manila.

I remember that some time ago, a witness was shot inside the sala of Judge Silvino Pampilo of Manila RTC because the premises are hard to secure, if not utterly decrepit. Such situations prevail in many of our lower courts. Our courts do not have the dignity they deserve in terms of physical infrastructure and security for our magistrates.

If I am not mistaken, many LGUs build the halls of justice on behalf of the Judiciary in their provinces. Like ours in Bukidnon, we spent for the building of the hall of justice.

In the 12th Congress, we heeded the call of our magistrates as well as the public. In order to give our judges and justices dignified living they deserved and lessen, if not eliminate, the so-called misfits in robes or others even called them "hoodlums in robes," we raised their allowances through Republic Act No. 9227. We did that so that our judges will not go hungry and drive them to become thieves or be lured to accept bribes from wealthy litigants or be corrupted by them. We did that so that the Judiciary can attract the brightest members of the legal profession to become members of the bench.

Our courts are saddled with too many case backlogs. Mr. Marquez stated that there are 600,000 cases pending before the courts all over the country with 2,200 judges. The Supreme Court has 6,000 cases pending.

Mr. Marquez also made statements earlier, and I quote: "Our courts will continue to function as they have always functioned fairly and heroically, under extreme stress and under favorable conditions that undermine their judicial independence, efficiency and integrity. Many of our judges and justices will continue to use their own personal computers and printers, repair their own courtrooms, work on weekends to declog their dockets. But until when can they last? We do not know. Are we waiting for our justices and judges to march on the streets, for the Judiciary

to revolt, for justice to ground to a halt? Are we courting chaos?"

This Representation sympathizes with the Judiciary. I appreciate the need to give it the necessary budget for its administration of justice, a pillar of any democracy. However, I am alarmed by the statement of Mr. Marquez when he said: "Are we waiting for our justices and judges to march on the streets, for the Judiciary to revolt?" We need not go that far. I wish this will not happen.

Our Congress and our republican system have enough mechanisms to deal with the issue or find a more acceptable situation for all of us. All Congress has to do is to assert its power of the purse. By listening to the parties concerned during our budget hearings, we will be educated on the real situation of the Judiciary. We will learn and unearth more facts that will help us decide and guide us in giving the appropriate budget for the Judiciary. I just hope and pray that when that time comes, Congress will muster enough courage to exercise its power of the purse and not to easily succumb to the wishes of the DBM and the powers that be by the Pasig River.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ARROYO

Senator Arroyo asked how many justices from the Supreme Court are sitting in the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET). Senator Zubiri replied that three of the most senior justices of the Supreme Court are members of the SET.

Senator Zubiri stated that he was not fighting for a particular justice but for the whole Judiciary as he noted that in many parts of Mindanao, for instance, the halls of justice, the salas, and the municipal trial courts need renovation and repair. He believed that like him, many of his colleagues are also fighting for the restoration of the cuts effected on the budget of the Judiciary.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR DRILON

Preliminarily, Senator Drilon clarified that the budget of the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET) is with the Senate and not with the Judiciary, thus, the concern of Senator Zubiri had nothing to do with the SET.

Senator Drilon expressed support for the plea of Senator Zubiri to give additional budget to the Judiciary. But he explained that there was actually no reduction in the budget for the Judiciary because it was still being deliberated upon and its plea would be heard at the proper time. He acknowledged, however, that the budget proposal submitted by the Judiciary to the Executive was not entirely granted.

Asked by Senator Drilon how much was the across-the-board cut that was effected on the budgets of all government agencies, Senator Zubiri replied that the budget proposals of almost all government agencies were slashed except for the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) which received a 123% increase. He confirmed that there was indeed an across-the-board cut not only in the budget of the Judiciary but also in other government agencies. Senator Drilon revealed that only 70% of the budget proposals found their way into the National Expenditure Program (NEP) because the deficits had to be controlled.

Asked where the funds to reinstate the budget cuts of the Judiciary could be sourced, Senator Zubiri admitted that reinstating the P27.1 billion would be a tall order because it would mean slashing the budgets of other agencies, departments and even debt servicing.

But Senator Drilon pointed out that debt service payments cannot be slashed because the interest expense of the debt payment is no longer part of the new appropriations. Senator Zubiri agreed but he asserted that it had been done by the previous Congress. Senator Drilon maintained that the process cannot be done at present because it would mean increasing the budget. Senator Zubiri clarified that precisely, he would leave it to the chair of the Committee on Finance to find ways to meaningfully increase the budget of the Judiciary, for instance, by utilizing the subsidies from the GOCCs.

Senator Drilon stated that he has no problem with the proposal as long as a source of the restoration can be identified, otherwise, it would mean cutting the budget of one agency to augment the budget of another, but he warned that this might jeopardize the priorities and concerns of the latter. While he understood the plight of the Judiciary, he wished that the issue was taken up and debated during the budget hearings, and not in media. Senator Zubiri agreed as he lamented the verbal tussle between the Judiciary and the Executive, believing that Congress can come up with the solution to the problem.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

Senator Pangilinan agreed with Senator Zubiri on the need to address the concerns of the Judiciary. He stated that the Committee on Justice that he chaired from 2001 to 2004 had looked into the problems plaguing the justice system. He noted that year in, year out, the public has been exposed to corruption, scandals involving misuse of public funds, extrajudicial killings, criminality like kidnapping and carjacking, and just recently the hostage-taking crisis. He noted that there is disrespect for the rule of law because the justice system is not responsive enough.

Senator Pangilinan stated that when someone takes the law into his hands, he does so believing that no one is ever convicted or ever punished anyway; and more often than not, aggrieved parties lose interest in their case as it takes the court so long to resolve it and often, it is just dismissed. He underscored that the Aquino administration ran on a campaign against corruption and poverty but he asserted that to address corruption squarely, offenders should be punished with swiftness.

Citing the Ombudsman, Senator Pangilinan stated that out of 10 cases filed in this office, eight are dismissed, and this, he said, is an open invitation to government officials and employees to commit corrupt acts and to violate the law. He posited that if the conviction rate were similar to Hong Kong's 79% or Japan's 90%, it would deter anyone from abusing his office. He believed that the modernization of the Judiciary is the key to a responsive justice system.

Senator Pangilinan recalled that during the 14th Congress, the Judiciary, Executive, Legislative Advisory Consultative Council (JELACC) was formed to look into the budgetary requirements for the modernization of the Judiciary. He said that sitting in the *ad hoc* Committee were the President, the Senate President, Speaker of the House, and the Supreme Court Justice.

Asked by Senator Pangilinan if he would support a call to convene the JELACC, Senator Zubiri replied in the affirmative. He believed that when the JELACC was formed, the senators were unanimous in supporting the move and would continue to do so.

Senator Pangilinan stated that the problem with the Judiciary is likened to a fever that refuses to go away. He noted that the symptoms in 2001 when he first started as a senator persist until today. He opined that things should be done differently and the Senate should be willing to experiment on new and creative ways of putting an end to the problems of the Judiciary.

Quoting Albert Einstein, Senator Pangilinan said that "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result is insanity." He stated that doing the normal process of confronting and addressing the problems of the Judiciary would not resolve the issue but an outside approach through the JELACC and modernizing the justice system would. He expressed hope that the JELACC would be convened soon.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR ESCUDERO

At the outset, Senator Escudero joined Senator Zubiri in bewailing the budget allocated by the DBM to the Judiciary. He stated that according to Senator Drilon, the budget of the Supreme Court was increased as a whole by P1 billion. However, he pointed out that there was a decrease of P48 million in the allocation for the Court of Appeals and P13.5 million for the Sandiganbayan. On the other hand, he noted that the budget of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET) in 2010 was P59.867 million; this year the Supreme Court proposed a P65.561 million budget for the PET and the DBM granted P67.377 million. He stated that given the reduction in the allocations for various courts, it seemed that the PET benefitted from an increase that the Supreme Court itself did not propose.

Senator Escudero asked whether Senator Zubiri, in his days in Congress, had ever seen the budget submission of an agency increased by the DBM when, as Senator Drilon pointed out earlier, it made an across-the-board cut in all budget proposals with the exception of the DSWD which got a 123% increase and the DILG, a 30% increase. In reply, Senator Zubiri stated that since the 11th Congress, more often than not, the budget proposals of agencies are slashed, thus, they hardly receive the amounts they asked for.

Senator Escudero joined Senator Pangilinan's call to convene the JELACC. As regards the reduction in the budget of the Judiciary, he disclosed that he inquired from Attorney Marquez, the Court

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Administrator, if the Judiciary was consulted by the DBM about the budget cut. He explained that during the budget call, all government agencies submit their respective budget proposals, and the DBM has to sift through all available resources to determine how much money it can allocate to a particular agency. He assumed that the DBM would ask the concerned agency whose budget is to be cut what the middle ground would be and what its priorities are because after all, governance is about allocating scarce resources. He expressed doubt that the DBM is empowered to decide these matters on its own since ultimately, the national budget has to be submitted to Congress. He agreed with Senator Drilon that Congress will be faced with the simple problem of where to source the money to be allocated.

Further, Senator Escudero pointed out that once the national budget is submitted to Congress, it is already a zero-sum game, meaning, the budget ceiling cannot be exceeded and the only way to increase the allocation for an agency is to take away money from another agency, quite difficult to do because the concerned agency would try to defend its budget and the congressman of the concerned district would do likewise. While Congress indeed has the power of the purse, he said, it is hard put to find the needed money, in this case, even one-fourth of the P12 billion because it means taking away that sum from another agency that also needs it.

Even before convening the JELACC, Senator Escudero stated he would have wanted the DBM to consult the concerned agencies about the budget cuts and not do it out of whim. He stressed that the problem could have been avoided had the DBM consulted the Supreme Court or, at least, gave it ample time and notice about slashing its budget.

To emphasize his point, Senator Escudero disclosed that during the deliberations on the budget of the DSWD, when he made the observation that there was no prior consultation between the DBM and the Department of Agriculture/NFA about the transfer of the rice subsidy from the NFA to the DSWD, the response he got was that consultation was made on August 24, 2010. But he doubted if consultation ever took place because the national budget that took weeks to print was submitted to Congress on August 26, 2010, so on August 24, 2010, it was probably on its way to Congress.

In closing, Senator Escudero joined the call of Senators Pangilinan and Zubiri to convene the

JELACC at the soonest possible time to avoid any misunderstanding between the Executive branch and the Judiciary.

Reacting thereto, Senator Zubiri stated that Senator Escudero was correct in his assumptions as he hoped that with the convening of the JELACC, the disagreement between the Executive branch and the Judiciary would remain within the four corners of an executive session rather than be played out in the trimedia because it has sent out the confusing signal that the Judiciary resented the actuation of the Executive branch. He cautioned that this might create problems especially among the adventurous groups out to destabilize the government.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR PANGILINAN

For his part, Senator Pangilinan recalled that the JELACC convened twice in 2008 and the minutes of the meetings might be on file with the Office of the Senate President. He suggested that the membership of the JELACC be expanded to include the chair of the Committee on Finance and the members of the Minority. He believed that if the Senate leadership endorsed the proposal, it would be a good way of addressing the issues between the two branches of government that media had taken note of.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEES

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred the speech of Senator Zubiri and the interpellations thereon to the Committees on Finance; and Justice and Human Rights.

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. 1951, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE CRIME OF AGRI-BIOTERRORISM

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1952, entitled

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE PARA-METERS OF RESPONSIBILITY OF AN EMPLOYER IN CASES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1953, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RIGHTS OF TAXI PASSENGERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1954, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS, DISTRICT SUPERVISORS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, AND OTHER SCHOOL OFFICIALS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1955, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN CONDUCT RELATING TO THE USE OF HORSES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 1956, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EVALUATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE RATE OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1957, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOODS WHICH CONTAIN SATURATED FAT AND CHOLESTEROL

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1958, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY IN ANY GROUP HEALTH PLAN OR HEALTH INSURANCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 1959, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO
DISCLOSE PARTICIPATION AND
PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENDITURES IN COLLEGE ATHLETIC
PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1960, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 337 OF THE PENAL CODE, ELIMINATING GENDER BIAS IN QUALIFIED SEDUCTION AND INCREASING THE IMPOSABLE PENALTY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1961, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE UNLAW-FUL SALE AND PURCHASE OF DISSERTATIONS, THESES, TERM PAPERS, ESSAYS, REPORTS, OR ANY OTHER ASSIGNMENT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 1962, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING RACKETEERS AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES, PROHIBITING SUCH CRIMINAL ENTERPRISES AND RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS FROM INFILTRATING, CONTROLLING OR OTHERWISE INFLUENCING PHILIPPINE COMMERCE

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1963, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE UNAUTHORIZED INSTALLATION OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND TO REQUIRE THE CLEAR DISCLOSURE TO COMPUTER USERS OF CERTAIN COMPUTER SOFTWARE FEATURES THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO USER PRIVACY

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Science and Technology

Senate Bill No. 1964, entitled

AN ACT TO ASSURE MEANINGFUL DISCLOSURES OF THE TERMS OF RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING DISCLOSURES OF ALL COSTS TO CONSUMERS UNDER SUCH AGREEMENTS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE RIGHTS TO CONSUMERS UNDER SUCH AGREEMENTS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 1965, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GRANTS TO PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUCH INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1966, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL CENTER FOR INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELAT-ING TO ALL TYPES OF FAMILY RESOURCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

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

Senate Bill No. 1967, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLIC OFFICERS FROM CLAIMING CREDIT

THROUGH SIGNAGE ANNOUNCING A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Public Works

Senate Bill No. 1968, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOB TRAIN-ING PROGRAM FOR MATURE OR OLDER WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1969, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 968, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PROBATION LAW OF 1976, AS AMENDED, ON THE GRANT OF PROBATION

Introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 1970, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1971, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 1972, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE AGRICUL-TURAL AND FISHERIES MECHANI-ZATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Science and Technology; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1973, 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 Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1974, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7880 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS' BUDGET FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1975, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF AGRICULTURAL DEV-ELOPMENT WORKERS Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1976, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1977, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE PROHIBITED ACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN ON ACCOUNT OF SEX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 135 AND 137 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 1978, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOOKS FOR THE BARRIOS PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1979, entitled

AN ACT GIVING INDIGENT BUT GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1980, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CRIMES RELATING TO FIREARMS AND LIGHT WEAPONS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1866, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8294, AND FOR RELEVANT PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1981, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A P125.00
DAILY ACROSS-THE-BOARD
INCREASE IN THE SALARY RATES
OF EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS
IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 1982, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 91 AND 97 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998, AND PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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



Senate Bill No. 1983, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC FOOD SECURITY RICE RESERVE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1984, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING MATERNITY LEAVE BENEFITS TO UNMARRIED PREGNANT WOMEN WHO ARE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1985, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING AND RENAMING THE PHILIPPINE RETIREMENT PARK SYSTEM, ENLARGING ITS POWERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Tourism; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1986, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHER-WISE KNOWN AS THE PATERNITY LEAVE ACT OF 1996

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1987, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 212 AND 214 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 1988, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING AS A CRIME THE ACT OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR PROHIBITED DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1989, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1990, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE WORD "MUSLIM" OR "ISLAMIC" IN PRINT, RADIO, TELEVISION INCLUDING CABLE TELEVISION AND OTHER FORMS OF BROADCAST MEDIA TO REFER TO OR DESCRIBE ANY PERSON SUSPECTED OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR UNLAWFUL ACT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 1991, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL GUIDELINESS FOR THE PHILIP-PINE HALAL SYSTEM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIP-PINE HALAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND CONVERTING THE SAME INTO A BOARD AFTER THE TRANSITION PERIOD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1992, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SOME PROVI-SIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1460, AS AMENDED, OTHER-KNOWN WISE AS INSURANCE CODE OF 1978 BY PRESCRIBING Α **CRIMINAL** PENALTY UPON ANY PERSON FOR REFUSING TO SETTLE ANY CLAIM FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE FOR WHICH AN INSURER MAY BE LIABLE WITHIN THE PERIOD PRESCRIBED BY THE CODE

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 1993, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR ANIMAL VACCINE AND DISEASE DIAGNOSTIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1994, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION AND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1995, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CAREER EXECUTIVE SYSTEM

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 1996, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 3, 5, AND 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7900, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HIGH VALUE CROPS DEVELOP-MENT ACT OF 1995 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 1997, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7659, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE CRIME OF PLUNDER

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Justice and Human Rights Senate Bill No. 1998, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN BOARD TO IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE POOR, DEFINING ITS IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 1999, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THEIR STUDENT POPULATION WHO ARE POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 2000, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 2206 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Report No. 2, submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies, on Senate Bill No. 107, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO

SUBMIT A WRITTEN PERMISSION OR WAIVER IN FAVOR OF THE OMBUDSMAN TO LOOK INTO ALL DEPOSITS OF WHATEVER NATURE WITH BANKS OR BANKING INSTITUTIONS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING INVESTMENT BONDS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND INSTRUMENTALITIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR,

recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Escudero

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 following referrals:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 2001, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 385 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1460, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 1455, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 2002, entitled

AN ACT REVISING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24, CHAPTER 9, TITLE VI, BOOK IV OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 2003, entitled

AN ACT TO INTEGRATE A COMPUTER EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 2004, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS AND CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL PARENT COUNCIL

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2005, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 2006, entitled

PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance Senate Bill No. 2007, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A DENTAL UNIT IN EVERY RURAL HEALTH UNIT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS PART OF THE PRIMARY APPROACH IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PROVID-ING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2008, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE CORDILLERA TERRACES AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2009, entitled

STOCK MARKET COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2010, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING AND RENAMING THE PHILIPPINE RETIREMENT PARK SYSTEM, ENLARGING ITS POWERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Tourism; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2011, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION THREE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUM-BERED THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ARMED FORCES-RETIREMENT LAW

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 2012, entitled

AN ACT TO INTEGRATE COMPUTER EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2013, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING AN ELECTIVE OFFICIAL *IPSO FACTO* RESIGNED FROM HIS ELECTIVE OFFICE UPON THE FILING OF HIS CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2014, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COURT TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE PENALTY OF ARRESTO MENOR, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE ARTICLE 88 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws Senate Bill No. 2015, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 334 OF ACT NUMBER 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2016, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING STRICTER PENALTIES ON THE CRIME OF DELIVERING PRISONERS FROM JAIL AND INFIDELITY IN THE CUSTODY OF PRISONERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 156, 223 AND 224 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2017, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE WORD "MUSLIM" OR "ISLAMIC" IN PRINT, RADIO, TELEVISION AND OTHER FORMS OF BROADCAST MEDIA TO REFER TO OR DESCRIBE ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME, OR SUSPECTED OF COMMITTING ANY UNLAWFUL ACT, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 2018, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A SELF-SUSTAINING FOREST MANAGE- MENT PROGRAM, BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO TREE PLANTERS ON PRIVATE LANDS, FOREST LANDS, AND OTHER PUBLIC LANDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2019, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 2020, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AURORA INTEGRATED PROTECTED LAND-SCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2021, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BATAAN NATURAL PARK AND THE SUBIC WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF HERMOSA, ORANI, SAMAL, ABUCAY, BAGAC AND MORONG IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN AND A PORTION OF THE SUBIC BAY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE WITHIN THE ISLAND OF LUZON AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF A NATURAL PARK, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2023, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE QUEZON CANAL ZONE AUTHORITY, DEFIN-ING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Public Services; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2024, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION, INCREAS-ING THE MONTHLY COMPENSA-TION OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2025, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL SITES AND THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, REHABILITATION, AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2026, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPRE-HENSIVE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY PROGRAM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIP-PINE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (PTSA), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Public Services; Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2027, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE ENHANCE-MENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES, STRENG-THENING ORGANIZATIONAL RELA-TIONSHIPS AND REINFORCEMENT OF RELATED LAWS AND OTHER STATUTORY PROVISIONS ON ENERGY

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Energy; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2028, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Public Services; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2029, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUND PROVIDING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2030, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INVEST-MENT INCENTIVES TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT IN MINDANAO, CREATING THE MINDANAO INCENTIVES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2031, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE PROPER DISPOSAL THEREOF IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE INTRODUCTION OF MERCURY INTO THE ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2032, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION, CREAT-ING FOR THE PURPOSE THE LAND ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2033, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF ART FORGERY, PROVIDING PENALTIES

THEREOF AND CREATING THE ART AUTHENTICATION BOARD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2034, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED SIX HUNDRED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MARINE POLLUTION DECREE OF 1974

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2035, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8545, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE EDUCATION ACT" PROVIDING FOR AN EXPANDED VOUCHER OR COUPON SYSTEM IN SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2036, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY CAPTAINS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2037, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2038, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2039, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC RETENTION BY THE BARANGAY OF ITS FIFTY PERCENT (50%) SHARE IN THE COMMUNITY TAX COLLECTED BY SAID BARANGAY, AMENDING SECTION 164 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2040, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, THEIR SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTION 13 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1177, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BUDGETARY REFORM ACT OF 1977

Introduced by Senator Angara



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

Senate Bill No. 2041, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AFP MILITARY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION DECREE OF 1979

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 2042, entitled

AN ACT TO HELP PERSONS AFFLICTED WITH RARE DISEASES BY CREATING AN OFFICE OF RARE DISEASES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ENCOURAGING THE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ON RARE DISEASES, AND PROVIDING FOR FISCAL AND REGULATORY INCENTIVES FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR IMPORTATION OF HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS FOR USE BY SUCH PERSONS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2043, entitled

AN ACT TO SET THE PHILIPPINE STANDARD TIME (PST) IN ALL OFFICIAL SOURCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SYNCHRONIZED TIME DEVICES TO BE DISPLAYED IN KEY PUBLIC PLACES AND TO DECLARE THE FIRST WEEK OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL TIME CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2044, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2045, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING THE USE AND PROTECTION OF THE RED CROSS, RED CRESCENT AND RED CRYSTAL EMBLEMS

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 2046, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES, CONSTITUTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2047, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIP-PINE AIR FORCE ACADEMY (PAFA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara



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

Senate Bill No. 2048, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 26TH OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR AS PHILIP-PINES-FRANCE FRIENDSHIP DAY

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2049, entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE AND MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE OF CHEMISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. 754 ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF CHEMISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2050, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EMER-GENCY MEASURE TO ALLEVIATE THE PLIGHT OF COCONUT FARMERS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY LOW PRICES OF COPRA AND OTHER COCONUT PRODUCTS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

SECOND ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 2051, entitled

AN ACT REVITALIZING THE COCONUT INDUSTRY, APPROPRIATING

FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2052, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8353, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RAPE LAW OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2053, entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT IN LIBEL CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 355, 356, 357 AND 360 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2054, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS
TO MILITARY DEPENDENTS,
CREATING THE MILITARY
DEPENDENTS WELFARE OFFICE,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2055, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE GROWTH

OF A BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE CREATION OF WEALTH FROM BIODIVERSITY

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2056, entitled

AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE AND ENHANCE THE PRACTICE OF AGROFORESTRY IN THE COUNTRY, CREATING THE BOARD OF AGROFORESTRY UNDER THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS COMMISSION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2057, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AN ADVANCED STUDIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2058, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Agriculture and Food; and Finance Senate Bill No. 2059, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND RATIONALIZING THE CAREER SERVICE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE CAREER SERVICE, PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Accounts; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2060, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES ON LAND, WATER AND AIR TRANSPORT UTILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 2061, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE SHEIKH KARIMUL MAKHDUM MOSQUE, CONSIDERED AS THE FIRST AND OLDEST MUSLIM HOUSE OF PRAYER OR MOSQUE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CONSTRUCTED IN 1380 A.D. AT TUBIG, INDANGAN, SIMUNUL, PROVINCE OF TAWITAWI, AS A NATIONAL SHRINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Finance

Senate Bill No. 2062, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2063, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS TO DEPENDENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AMENDING FOR THESE PURPOSES REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER FORTY-SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY (R.A. NO. 4670) OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2064, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT TO FRANCHISES TO DEVELOP THE RURAL AIRPORT INFRASTRUC-TURE NETWORK IN THE PHILIP-PINES FOR COMMERCIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Public Services; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2065, entitled

AN ACT TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF IDLE AND UNDERUTILIZED AGRICULTURAL LANDS AS A MEANS TO GENERATE EMPLOYMENT

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2066, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE STRENG-THENING OF THE NATIONAL EXTENSION SYSTEM TO ACCE- LERATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2067, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 442 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHER-WISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government; and Cultural Communities

Senate Bill No. 2068, entitled

AN ACT ADOPTING A SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BENCH AND OTHER LAWYERS IN THE JUDICIARY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2069, entitled

AN ACT ACCREDITING THE PHILIP-PINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AS THE INTEGRATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2070, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING GOVERN-MENT HOSPITALS TO UTILIZE ALL ITS INCOME FOR HOSPITAL OPERATIONS PARTICULARLY MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (MOOE) AND CAPITAL OUTLAY

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 2071, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERN-MENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DISCLOSE THE IDENTITY OF THEIR FOREIGN CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION, PERKS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, AND PROVID-ING PENALTIES IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 2072, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CIVIL SERVICE CODE OF THE PHILIP-PINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2073, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS LIVER CANCER AND HEPATITIS-B AWARENESS MONTH

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 2074, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 2075, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE OPERATION OF COMPUTER RENTAL SHOPS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 2076, entitled

AN ACT ACCREDITING THE PHILIP-PINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATON AS THE INTEGRATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 2077, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING EVERY THIRD WEEK OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL CONSCIOUS-NESS WEEK AGAINST COUNTER-FEIT MEDICINES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)



To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 2078, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING DRUNK DRIVING, PROVIDING FOR STRICT PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR THE OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 2079, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE PROPER LABELING OF PLANTS, FOOD AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING GENETIC-ALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM AND/OR ARE RESULT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 2080, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

To the Committees on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Senate Bill No. 2081, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIP-PINE SPECIAL CHILDREN CENTER, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 2082, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING 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 Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 2083, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS TO COMFORT WOMEN, APPROPRIAT-ING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 2084, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 2085, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY TO

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BE KNOWN AS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY

Introduced by Senator Cayetano (P)

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

Senate Bill No. 2086, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2087, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 220, CHAPTER II, TITLE VIII OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHER-WISE KNOWN AS AN AMENDING THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2088, entitled

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OR THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 2089, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCURE-MENT REFORM ACT

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2090, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EDUCA-TION TRUST FUND FOR GRANTEES OF GSIS AND SSS MEMBERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Education, Arts and Culture; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2091, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL CAREER ASSESSMENT EXAMINATION TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A CAREER DIRECTION PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY GRADUATES, DEFINING ITS SCOPE AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2092, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF WORKERS IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 7160 AND 8282

Introduced by Senator Escudero



To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2093, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 7, 10, 23, 30, 31, 42 AND 52 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GSIS ACT OF 1997

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 2094, entitled

AN ACT GOVERNING THE SYSTEM OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION BY PRESCRIBING STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS OF PRESCHOOL FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 2095, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE COMMITTED BY COMMON CARRIERS, FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 365 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OR THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2096, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL COMPEN-SATION IN THE FORM OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCES FOR JUSTICES, JUDGES AND ALL OTHER POSITIONS IN THE JUDICIARY WITH THE EQUIVALENT RANK OF JUSTICES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2097, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9298, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ACCOUNTANCY ACT OF 2004

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 2098, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING INTERNET SAFETY AND PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2099, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING FOSTER CARE FOR QUALIFIED CHILDREN, APPRO-PRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Escudero

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

Senate Bill No. 2100, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING AND PENAL-

IZING THE PILFERAGE AND THEFT, UNAUTHORIZED USE, INTERCONNECTION OR RECEPTION OF ANY SIGNAL OR SERVICE OFFERED OVER A CABLE TELEVISION (CATV) OR CABLE INTERNET SYSTEM AND/OR NETWORK OR THROUGH ANY UNAUTHORIZED INSTALLATION, ACCESS OR CONNECTION THERETO THROUGH THE USE OF CABLE OR OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Escudero

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Justice and Human Rights

COAUTHOR

Upon his request, Senator Lapid was made coauthor of Senate Bill Nos. 1802, 1804, 1809, 1814, 1816 and 1833.

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 4:36 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

EMMA LIRIO REYES

Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 15, 2010