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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:15 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel, called the session to order.

PRAYER

Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan II led the prayer, to wit:

Father Almighty, grant that the coming change may address the need for unity, peace and a better life for our people.

Give us the collective will and sense of purpose that we may overcome the challenges facing our country during these trying times.

Please do not allow passions and divisiveness to distract us from dialogue, reason and compassion as we work to repair damaged institutions and focus on the difficult task of nation building.

All these we ask in Your Holy Name.

Amen.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Lutgardo B. Barbo, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Lacson, P. M.
Aquino, P. B. IV B.	Legarda, L.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
De Lima, L. M.	Pangilinan, F. N.
Drilon, F. M.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Ejercito, J. V. G.	Sotto III, V. C.
Escudero, F. J. G.	Trillanes IV, A. F.
Gatchalian, W.	Villanueva, J.
Gordon, R. J.	Villar, C. A.
Honasan, G. B.	Zubiri, J. M. F.
Hontiveros, R.	

With 21 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Poe and Recto arrived after the roll call.

Senator Cayetano was on "official business" as indicated in the August 16, 2016 letter of the Senator's chief of staff.

150 pmt

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. 9 (August 15, 2016) and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

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

- Rizza Lao, chairperson and founder of Miss Global Philippines Tourism Foundation Incorporated, together with Miss Global 2015 Jessica Peart, Miss Global 2016 Camille Hirro and the tourism ambassadors; and
- Vice Mayor Jennifer Cruz of Pola, Oriental Mindoro.

Senate President Pimentel welcomed the guests to the Senate.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary of the Senate read the following bills which the Chair referred to the committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 901, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAX ALL ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 902, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN THE FORMULATION OF NATIONAL REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Senate Bill No. 903, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON FOOD AND OTHER BASIC COMMODITIES TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO AFFORDABLE FOOD AND ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLY, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 904, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 905, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE CATCHING, SALE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION, AND EXPORTATION OF ALL SHARKS AND RAYS OR ANY PART THEREOF IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 906, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE TEACHER EDUCATION AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR TEACHING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 907, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 908, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERNET CAFES, OR COMPUTER RENTAL SHOPS, AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS OFFERING COMPUTER SERVICES TO MINORS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 909, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR OTHER ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9287, ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL NUMBERS GAMES, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1602, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committees on Games and Amusement; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 910, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING INCLUSION OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED

BARANGAY OFFICIALS AS COMPULSORY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE *REVISED GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE ACT OF 1977*

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 911, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 69, 261 (CC) AND 264 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Senate Bill No. 912, entitled

AN ACT TO INCLUDE ETHNIC ORIGIN IN THE NATIONAL SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Cultural Communities; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 913, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PEOPLE'S BROADCASTING CORPORATION, ABOLISHING THE PEOPLE'S TELEVISION NETWORK, INC., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 914, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AND ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER MOBILITY OPTIONS

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 915, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Legarda

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

Senate Bill No. 916, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS A QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 917, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 918, entitled

AN ACT SUPPORTING THE PRODUCTION OF FILIPINO FILMS BY PROVIDING GRANTS TO FILM-MAKERS WHO ARE GIVEN HONORS IN NOTABLE INTERNATIONAL FILM COMPETITIONS AND FESTIVALS

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

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

Senate Bill No. 919, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE PERSONAL EXEMPTION OF INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 35 (A) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 920, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2015 AND PRIOR YEARS

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 921, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, JOURNALS, REVIEWS, BULLETINS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL OR LEARNING MATERIALS MADE OR PUBLISHED

IN DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC FORMAT FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 922, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING MEMBERSHIP FEES, AND OTHER ASSESSMENTS/CHARGES COLLECTED BY CONDOMINIUM CORPORATIONS FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 923, entitled

AN ACT LOWERING THE TAX RATE ON CAPITAL GAINS FROM THE SALE, EXCHANGE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24 (D) (1) AND 27 (D) (5) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 924, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING ELECTRICITY RATES BY ALLOCATING THE NET NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHARE FROM THE MALAMPAYA NATURAL GAS PROJECT FOR THE PAYMENT

OF THE STRANDED CONTRACT COSTS AND STRANDED DEBTS OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Finance; and Energy

Senate Bill No. 925, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING GREEN VEHICLES FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLES USER'S CHARGE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 2 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ACT OF 2000

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Public Works; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 926, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) HELP AND PROTECTION DESKS IN ALL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE STATIONS NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE TITLE VII OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8551, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 927, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL REGIME AND REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENT FOR LARGE-SCALE METALLIC MINING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 928, entitled

AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING LIBEL, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 360, 361 AND 362 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE REVISED PENAL CODE" AND SECTION 4 (c) 4, CHAPTER II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10175, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CYBER-CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2012

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 929, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING ACCESS TO SECONDARY EDUCATION BY CONVERTING ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS INTO INTEGRATED SCHOOLS OFFERING COMPLETE BASIC EDUCATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 930, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ONE TOWN: ONE DOCTOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 931, entitled

AN ACT REDUCING THE CIVIL PENALTIES AND INTEREST IMPOSED ON THE FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURNS AND PAY THE TAX DUE THEREON, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 248 AND 249(A) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 932, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER IMPROVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 9485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation

Senate Bill No. 933, entitled

AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ECONOMIC REGULATION OF WATER UTILITIES, CREATING THE WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 934, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION

Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 935, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION (SOGIE) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros

To the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 936, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MANDATING THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS PROVIDE LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE AND OTHER BASIC SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992

Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 937, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 938, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 939, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

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

Senate Bill No. 940, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE "SAN JUAN CITY NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 941, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE

Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

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To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 942, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2015 AND PRIOR YEARS

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 943, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NEW PASSPORT LAW, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. NO. 8239), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Senate Bill No. 944, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING PAG-ASA ISLAND CLUSTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALAYAAN, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION AND PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 945, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 946, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 947, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RURAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 948, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF AGE, RACIAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR ACTIVITY, POLITICAL INCLINATION OR CONVICTION, SOCIAL CLASS, SEX, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSIONS, MARITAL OR RELATIONSHIP STATUS, DISABILITY, HIV STATUS, HEALTH STATUS OR MEDICAL HISTORY, LANGUAGE, PHYSICAL FEATURES, AND OTHER STATUS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 949, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 950, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING WIRE TAPPING IN CASES INVOLVING VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002,” AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4200, ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AND PENALIZE WIRE TAPPING AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS OF THE PRIVACY OF COMMUNICATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Deputy Secretary for Legislation, Atty. Edwin B. Bellen, read the following Senate bills which the Chair referred to the committees hereunder indicated:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 951, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC – PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND

MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committees on Public Works; Economic Affairs; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 952, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DHUD), DEFINING ITS MANDATES, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 953, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL, BY REDEFINING, EXPANDING STRENGTHENING, RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 954, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FORFEITURE LAW, TO PROVIDE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE VALUE OF FORFEITED PROPERTIES IN CORRUPTION CASES AS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE

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Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 955, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE HAZARD PAY OF ALL PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THEIR BASE PAY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 956, 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 Sonny Angara

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 957, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 958, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S GROSS INTER-

NATIONAL RESERVES (GIR), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 32 AND 151 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 959, entitled

AN ACT REDEFINING THE CRIME OF SYNDICATED ESTAFA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1689

Introduced by Senator Leila M. de Lima

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 960, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING BLACK SAND MINING IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Leila M. de Lima

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 961, entitled

AN ACT REDEFINING THE CRIME OF ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT COMMITTED BY A SYNDICATE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 38 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES," AS AMENDED AND SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Leila M. de Lima

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

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Senate Bill No. 962, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FULL TUITION SUBSIDY FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 963, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PATERNITY LEAVE ACT OF 1996

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 964, entitled

AN ACT INTEGRATING VOTER EDUCATION IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Senate Bill No. 965, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 966, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE AS THE NATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE OF THE FILIPINO DEAF AND THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT IN ALL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE DEAF, AND MANDATING ITS USE IN SCHOOLS, BROADCAST MEDIA, AND WORKPLACES

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

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

Senate Bill No. 967, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE INSETS FOR LOCAL NEWS PROGRAMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWD)

Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Senate Bill No. 968, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva

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

Senate Bill No. 969, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING

INDUSTRY CLUSTER-BASED PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THROUGH INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATIONS

Introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 970, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7719, AN ACT PROMOTING VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION, PROVIDING FOR AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SAFE BLOOD, REGULATING BLOOD BANKS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICES ACT OF 1994, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 971, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZE THE POLICE SERVICE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Senate Bill No. 972, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE MEDICINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE POOR AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 973, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 974, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP (PRESENT) PROGRAM AND PROMOTING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES WITH THE POOR AS PRIMARY STAKEHOLDERS

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 975, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MECHANISM TO FACILITATE THE DISPOSITION OF IDLE GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committees on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 976, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417

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AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
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Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 977, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION (PCIC), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 978, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING RESOURCE CENTERS FOR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO ENHANCE AND ENSURE DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committees on Cultural Communities; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 979, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING A SIX-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE INCREASE OF ALL GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 980, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 84, 86, 89 AND 97 OF TITLE III, CHAPTER I, ESTATE TAX OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Sonny Angara

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 981, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF BICYCLES AS AN ALTERNATIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

To the Committees on Public Services; Public Works; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 982, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 8 AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9485 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation

Senate Bill No. 983, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING INTEGRATED URBAN AGRICULTURE AND VERTICAL FARMING TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY CONCERN AND TO PROVIDE LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 984, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF REDISTRIBUTING AND RECYCLING FOOD WASTE TO PROMOTE FOOD SECURITY

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 985, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING THE IMPOSITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY FOR HEINOUS CRIMES INVOLVING CHILD TRAFFICKING, EXPLOITATION, PROSTITUTION, PORNOGRAPHY, AND RAPE

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 986, entitled

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE ROAD BOARD AND TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committees on Public Works; and Public Services

Senate Bill No. 987, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 988, entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION VIDEO (CCTV) AND THE PROCEDURE FOR ACCESS TO THE IMAGES

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Senate Bill No. 989, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE CREATION OF A SCHOOL DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT SAFETY DRILLS FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN ALL SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 990, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND CLASSIFICATION BOARD TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMES AND OUTDOOR MEDIA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1986

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 991, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 3(B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT

IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committees on Public Works; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 992, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 993, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING THE APPLICATION OF THE LOCAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT FUND BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committee on National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 994, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT CENTER, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 995, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING PLACEMENT AND CONTENT OF BILLBOARDS INCLUDING THEIR SUPPORT STRUCTURES

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committee on Public Works

Senate Bill No. 996, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 997, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS AT ALL PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHING FACILITIES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 998, entitled

AN ACT MODIFYING THE COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND THE BASE PAY SCHEDULE OF MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT

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Introduced by Senator Legarda

To the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 999, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY POWERS TO MANAGE, MITIGATE AND SOLVE THE TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION CRISIS ACROSS THE PHILIPPINES, TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT MEASURES THAT SHALL PROVIDE REAL LASTING SOLUTIONS AS WELL AS THE EARLIEST RESPITE FROM TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Cayetano

To the Committees on Public Services; Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 1000, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH

Introduced by Senator Win Gatchalian

To the Committees on Youth; and Finance

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

Senator Sotto acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the guests of Senator Villar, Mayor Antonio "Tony" Carolino and his wife, former Mayor Cindy Carolino of Santa Maria, Laguna.

Senate President Pimentel welcomed the guests to the Senate.

COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSONS

On behalf of Senator Villar, Senator Sotto manifested for the record the designation of Senators Legarda and Ejercito as vice chairpersons of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

MOTION OF SENATOR SOTTO

Acting on the request of Senator Recto, Senator Sotto moved to amend the primary and secondary referral of Senate Bill No. 264 (instituting reforms to further protect and develop micro, small and medium enterprises) from the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies as the primary committee, with the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises as secondary committee.

He said that he found merit on the request of Senator Recto because after going over the provisions of the bill, it appeared that the measure relates more to matters that would affect the functions and operations of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) as a bank or financial institution.

INQUIRY OF SENATOR GORDON

At this point, Senator Gordon asked what the bill was, the referral of which is being sought to be changed.

Senator Sotto replied that the measure is Senate Bill No. 264.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Sotto, the session was suspended.

It was 3:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:56 p.m., the session was resumed.

Upon resumption, Senator Sotto informed the Body that after consultation between the chair of the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies and the chair of the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises, both agreed that Senate Bill No. 264 should be primarily referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies.

Senator Gordon said that he was not objecting to the change of referral of bills. However, he requested that the chairs of the respective committees to which the bills were previously referred

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be notified in advance before any changes in referral are made on the floor.

He said that while there were no problems in the particular change in the referral, there could be problems in the future and, for that reason, reiterated his request that from hereon, the affected committee chairs be given advance notice so that they would have enough time to see whether the change of referral was proper. He explained that he has no intention of disrespecting anyone and that he was making the comment in the interest of good order and friendship and a relationship which he would not want to be threatened by surprises.

Senator Sotto said that Senator Gordon's request was well taken and he instructed the Secretariat to ensure that the concerned committee chairs are properly notified prior to making any changes in the referral of bills.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Acting on the previous motion of Senator Sotto, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senate

Bill No. 264 primarily to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies, and secondarily to the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

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

It was 3:59 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

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ATTY. LUTGARDO B. BARBO
(Senate Secretary of the Senate)
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Approved on August 17, 2016