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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., the Senate President, Hon. Vicente C. Sotto III, called the session to order.

PRAYER

The Body observed a minute of silent prayer.

ROLL CALL

Upon direction of the Senate President, the Secretary of the Senate, Atty. Myra Marie D. Villarica, called the roll, to which the following senators responded:

Angara, S.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
Binay, M. L. N. S	Pangilinan, F. N.
Cayetano, P. S.	Pimentel III, A. K.
Dela Rosa, R. B. M.	Poe, G.
Drilon, F. M.	Recto, R. G.
Gatchalian, W.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Gordon, R. J.	Sotto III, V. C.
Hontiveros, R.	Villanueva, J.
Lacson, P. M.	Villar, C. A.
Marcos, I. R.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

With 20 senators present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum.

Senators Go, Lapid and Tolentino arrived after the roll call.

Senator De Lima was unable to attend the session as she was under detention.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the Journal of Session No. 10 (August 13, 2019) and considered it approved.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATE PRESIDENT SOTTO**

Senate President Sotto noted that for the first time the session was called to order at four o'clock because of the very important and revealing hearing of the Blue Ribbon Committee.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

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

- *Lupon ng Tagapamayapa* of Barangay Narra, Francisco Homes, San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan;

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- Board Member Minerva “Bing Bing” Casanibe of the Province of Bukidnon;
- Mayor Joganie Rarang of Anda, Pangasinan;
- Mayor Jose Padrid of Bay, Laguna;
- Vice Mayor Restituto “Buboy” Fernandez of Polangui, Albay; and
- Former Cong. Emil Ong of Northern Samar and Former Mayor Quintin Saludaga of Lavezares, Northern Samar.

Thereafter, Senator Zubiri announced that the day was special for all the women not only in the Senate but the working women in the country as it was the 10th year anniversary of the Magna Carta for Women. He said that Senator Hontiveros would deliver a privilege speech concerning women.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF SENATOR HONTIVEROS

Availing herself of the privilege hour, Senator Hontiveros spoke about the incident involving 28-year old transwoman Gretchen Diez who was denied access to use a ladies’ restroom. She said that this was a case of discrimination which, to her, underscored the urgency of passing the SOGIE Equality Bill.

Senator Hontiveros narrated that on August 13, 2019, coming from her friend’s house, Gretchen went to KFC, Farmer’s Plaza, Cubao for lunch, and before heading home from a hectic day, she had to pass by the toilet to pee. She said that it took Gretchen almost 12 hours to get home because she was detained at Station 7; handcuffed and brought to Camp Karingal; and then brought again to another police station before she finally got home in Barangay Socorro in Quezon City at one o’clock in the morning.

Senator Hontiveros lamented that Gretchen was being charged for being a transwoman who needed to pee in the ladies’ toilet. She then presented a video file of the incident which Gretchen took.

Senator Hontiveros stated that Gretchen was the one who called the police because the restroom attendant did not allow her to use the female bathroom at the Farmer’s Plaza. She said that since Gretchen knew of Quezon City’s Gender Fair Ordinance which prohibits discrimination in the access to services, goods and facilities on the basis of her sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, she was expecting

the police officers to extend help, but to her surprise, she found herself handcuffed, berated and insulted, and later brought to Camp Karingal and they never listened to her as she aired her side. She explained that Gretchen was insisting on using the women’s toilet because 1) she is a transwoman; and 2) she was afraid of being harassed, rebuked and abused as a transwoman if she used the men’s toilet. She then challenged anyone present to tell Gretchen Diez, who was present in the hall, and the LGBTIQA community that there is no discrimination against them.

She believed that the incident underscored the grave and urgent need for Congress to pass the SOGIE Equality Bill so that the LGBTIQA community would get the respect and protection that they deserve. She called on the Members of Congress to stand by those who speak their truths, saying that the LGBTIQA has long been patient with the shortcomings of the government. She then urged the Body to pass the SOGIE Equality Bill for the sake of Gretchen and other Filipino LGBTIQA who have long been held in cuffs, insulted and discriminated.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR MARCOS*

Senator Marcos expressed her full support for the SOGIE Equality bill.

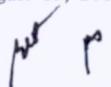
MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR GO

Senator Go expressed his support for the SOGIE Equality Bill, as he recalled that months ago, Congresswoman Geraldine Roman sought his help for the passage of the bill and that earlier that day, Senator Hontiveros spoke to him about her advocacy to promote the rights and uplift the welfare of the members of the various sectors of society including the LGBTIQA through the SOGIE measure.

Senator Go stressed that he fully supports the bill, saying that Davao City actually has an Anti-Discrimination Ordinance which declares as unlawful the acts and conduct of discrimination based on sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, descent, national or ethnic origin. He said that every December, Davao City, under the leadership of then Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, would hold a party for the LGBTIQA community.

He believed that everyone is equal under the law and that the Senate is duty-bound to ensure that all

*As corrected by Senator Hontiveros dated August 19, 2019



Filipinos, regardless of their age, sex, religion, ethnicity or gender orientation, are treated equally and justly.

Moreover, he stated that it is only right to protect the welfare of the country's gender minorities who have contributed to nation-building and have served and continue to serve the Filipino people well.

Finally, Senator Go stressed that as a country that prides itself for its diversity, it is the Senate's moral obligation to safeguard a culture of acceptance and inclusivity to ensure that the children and future generation of Filipinos would live in a nation where they feel loved, cared for, and accepted.

INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR PIMENTEL

Asked by Senator Pimentel to clarify the term "transwoman," Senator Hontiveros replied that in the LGBTIQZ+ community, not just in the Philippines but all over the world, a transwoman is an individual who, although born as a male possessing the sexual characteristics of a male, identifies and expresses himself as a woman, whose orientation is that of a straight woman. She stressed that the basic principle is that every individual has a SOGIE or sexual orientation, gender identity and expression – an individual's gender identity is his or her sexual orientation.

As regards the difference between a transgender and a transsexual, Senator Hontiveros explained that there are people born with the sexual characteristics of a particular sex but they identify and express themselves as another gender or another sex. She stated that whenever there is physical procedure done in a person's body, some would end up as transsexual. However, she said that even those who did not undergo "sex change" operations may identify themselves as transgender because they are either a transwoman or transman.

On whether the person involved is a transwoman but not a transsexual, Senator Hontiveros stated that she was not sure if Gretchen is a transsexual but Gretchen identified herself as a transgender. She affirmed that person who did not undergo a sex change operation is not a transsexual.

At this point, Senator Pimentel noted that Gretchen is not a transsexual but is referred to as a "she" because of her gender identification.

Asked if under the Quezon City ordinance a male would be allowed to use a women's comfort

room, Senator Hontiveros answered in the affirmative, pointing out that one basic provision of the local ordinance is non-discriminatory access of all individuals to facilities such as restrooms whatever their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Assuming there was no such Quezon City ordinance, Senator Pimentel asked if a violation was committed supposing a male entered a comfort room for female. In reply, Senator Hontiveros cited the anti-voyeurism law as an example of laws that could be applied to prohibited acts in varying situations or incidents. She then urged the Body to support the SOGIE Equality Bill to give every Filipino, regardless of his/her sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, the constitutionally enshrined right to have access to comfort or rest facilities.

To the observation that with a SOGIE law in place, one has to look something or some way before he/she is allowed to use the "other gender" comfort room, Senator Hontiveros explained that the spirit of the proposed SOGIE Equality bill covers an individual born with male sex characteristics, who may be seen at first as a straight male but has a different gender identity. She said that usually, gender identity conforms with one's sexual orientation and gender expression. She said that if the SOGIE Equality bill is passed into law, its implementing rules and regulations could serve as guide for those managing public facilities in interpreting and implementing the law. She said that she was glad that in the absence of a national SOGIE law, there were already local anti-discrimination ordinances. But she lamented that apparently there were lapses on the part of the establishment in orienting their employees of the existence of an anti-discrimination ordinance in Quezon City which should have been institutionalized and adopted in their customer relations, particularly in the use of comfort rooms in malls.

At this juncture, Senator Lacson warned of the possibility of a straight male person dressed in a female attire entering a ladies' room with voyeuristic intent.

Senator Hontiveros concurred that it would be dangerous if it were a common occurrence, but she explained that straight men with voyeuristic intent would usually enter the ladies room as themselves, dressed in their usual everyday garb without pretending to be female. She said that in the situation cited by Senator Lacson, a complaint should be filed against the man going inside the ladies' room for voyeurism, harassment, and other cases for which there are already existing laws.

As to whether the Quezon City ordinance covers the situation where a physical male would be allowed to use a women's comfort room, Senator Hontiveros clarified that Section 4 of the Quezon City ordinance requires establishments to provide gender-inclusive facilities or all-gender comfort rooms.

Senator Pimentel acknowledged the provision of the ordinance but noted that in the specific facts of the case, it was Gretchen who wanted to use the ladies' room but became the recipient of a complaint. He expressed concern over the possibility of a person wrongly judging a male who appears straight-looking but mentally identifies himself as a female who, by virtue of the SOGIE law, has the right to use a female restroom.

Senator Hontiveros thanked Senator Pimentel for helping her conceptualize on how to provide a just and reasonable law. She said that gender-neutral bathrooms, such as those that already exist and are commonly used by all genders in their homes and in other public places, could be provided to comply with the SOGIE law.

Senator Pimentel agreed that as far as the use of comfort rooms are concerned, the need for gender-neutral bathrooms may be solved by infrastructures. However, he pointed out there are other issues involved in SOGIE, among which are academic freedom and even parental authority. He said that while he supports the efforts to eliminate discrimination in society, it should not be at the expense of more people facing formal charges.

Asked by Senate President Sotto what a "transvestite" is, Senator Hontiveros explained that the word "transvestite" is an old term which the LGBT community considers as derogatory. She said that the self-identification of a transperson is either as transman, transwoman, transgender or transsexual, with transgender as the more all-embracing term which refers to an individual who was born with a certain set of characteristics and who, after getting to know himself or herself, might not conform with the gender identity stated in his or her birth certificate. She added that transgenders are also transsexuals who identify and express themselves differently.

Asked if she prefers the term "transgender," Senator Hontiveros said that the term is what is being used and taught in the LGBT community. She explained that a transsexual may be a subset of transgender, the universe of transpeople.

To Senator Pimentel's remark that the present term is LGBTIQA, Senator Hontiveros replied that the appropriate term is LGBTIQA+ because human sexuality has so many colors and shades that the spectrum may forever be refined as people get to know themselves even further.

Senator Hontiveros said that she would love to put on record again that one of her favorite letters in the acronym LGBTIQA+ is "Q," which means "queer" since queers are not bothered as to how their gender is identified since the gender orientation of the person they love does not matter as long as they love each other.

Senate President Sotto asked why there was a need to segregate gays from the lesbians and the straight guys as he proposed the term "*homo sapiens*" for after all every one is a human being. Senator Hontiveros said there was not supposed to be a need to segregate them had the human civilization, the societies, even the Philippine society evolved to where there is no discrimination and there is equality among all regardless of identity and regardless of expression. But since there is discrimination, she said, the LGBTIQA+ community felt the need to push for an anti-discrimination law. She believed that Gretchen has given a face, name, story, life, and fresh wind in the fight for the SOGIE Equality Bill.

Senator Pimentel said that his interpellation was just a preview of the interpellations when the committee report on the bill reaches the plenary. In the case of Gretchen, he said that the burden would be on the Quezon City government to give life to its ordinance. He agreed to investigate what happened to Gretchen's case but hoped that the person who prevented Gretchen from using the ladies' room be spared since the concept and the rules that apply are not clear and to just allow the situation to be a learning experience for all.

At this juncture, Senator Pimentel congratulated the Quezon City government for being one of the first two cities to come up with the anti-discrimination ordinance. However, he reminded the city government to make sure that the ordinance is properly understood and implemented.

Senator Hontiveros placed on record that Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte had said that there was a violation of the city ordinance.



INTERPELLATION OF SENATOR GORDON

Preliminarily, Senator Gordon asked if the word “lady” is a pejorative term at present and that the right word instead is “person.” Senator Hontiveros replied that it differs from woman to woman although the term is acceptable. Senator Gordon said that he finds it difficult to live in the current society because of the changing gender roles which, he believed, should be treated with civility. He noted that people have been primitive for the last several years and it was only recently discovered that they have to live with who they are but the problem was that society would not let them be. Senator Hontiveros agreed.

On whether it is not by choice that some people are born that way but a decision whether they are going to be transgenders, Senator Hontiveros replied that it is not just about sex and gender but a choice to live the truth which, for some LGBTQs, is more difficult because the society militate against them. Senator Gordon said that it is because convention dictates that people take traditional positions on the matter.

Senator Gordon asked on the future of toilet facilities, noting the case of transgenders who use ladies’ toilet. He said that there is a need for additional infrastructure in the country, like having either three toilets, or four or just one which is “gender-neutral.” But he foresaw problems arising from these toilet facilities, especially with the children; also, there is possibility that criminals would take advantage of the toilet design to commit crimes.

Senator Hontiveros said that there is no law yet that protects and gives equality to LGBT persons. She believed that providing a wider scale of gender-neutral toilet facilities is one big step to achieving the goal of being a SOGIE-equal society that is free from discrimination. She admitted that the matter of public safety and crime prevention remains a concern that should addressed too.

Senator Gordon said that the measure needs some “fine-tuning” considering the fact that those people born that way should be respected as it is quite difficult for them to adjust to the life that they seek.

Senator Hontiveros noted the struggles of the LGBTQs, especially the mothers who are equally concerned about the safety of their LBTQA+ children. She said that these persons should have access to

gender-neutral toilets, and enjoy equal rights with others in the use of such facilities.

Senator Gordon called the attention of the Body to the names used for toilets, such as neutral toilet, gender-neutral toilet, restrooms with different type of symbols, among others.

Noting that the letter “Q” was added to “LGBT” which means “Queer,” Senator Hontiveros explained that it is the community itself that added the letter “Q” in their self-identification.

Asked how the term LGBTQ is translated in *Tagalog* or *Bisaya*, Senator Hontiveros replied that it would evolve naturally as the gender equality and anti-discrimination is institutionalized and accepted by different people of the country who have different dialects.

Senator Gordon said that he was trying to think of a crime committed by the policeman who arrested and handcuffed a person inside the bathroom relative to Article III, Section 1 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution, which said that “All men are created equal” and that they have the right to life, liberty and property.

On whether an LGBTQ person would be discriminated against from joining the police force, Senator Hontiveros replied that even before the passage of the anti-discrimination measure, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police have already implemented the equal opportunity employment for members of the LGBTQ+ community who have had a calling to the profession.

At this point, Senator Gordon asked the opinion of Senator Dela Rosa as regards the case of the arresting policeman in Quezon City. Senator Dela Rosa believed that if the hands of the person were swollen because of the handcuff, the case against the cop would be slight physical injuries but it would not be called as an illegal arrest.

Asked how an LGBTQ police queer would be called, Senator Hontiveros replied that he/she would be called a police officer. She clarified that “queer” is a redeemed word by the community which was used against them but have claimed it in the same way that African-Americans use among themselves, like teasing each other with the “N” word but if the white Americans used it, they are called racist.

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Senator Gordon stressed that he is for equality and respects individuals for what and who they are, and that he would strive to ensure that everybody treats them equally.

Senator Hontiveros cited some terms that are gender-neutral, such as flight attendants, seafarers and fisherfolk. She said that comfort rooms of some establishments are also gender-neutral. Quoting from the words of one of her favorite authors, Arundhati Roy, she said that, "If you think political correctness is difficult, try oppression." Finally, she believed that the members of the Senate are against oppression and for human liberation.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri said that he had supported the SOGIE bill of Senator Hontiveros in the last Congress and would support it again in the present Congress.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the speech of Senator Hontiveros and the interpellations thereon were referred to the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Senator Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following guests from Porac, Pampanga:

- Councilor Remberto M. Lapid (brother of Senator Lapid);
- Councilor Edwin L. Abuque; and
- Councilor Michael L. Tapang.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE REFERRAL

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair referred Senate Bill Nos. 347 and 574 to the Committee on Energy as the secondary committee.

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. 751, entitled

AN ACT CREATING MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE PROGRAM FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF QUALIFIED FILIPINOS WHO WILL SERVE AS PRIMARY CARE WORKERS IN PRIORITY BARANGAYS, MUNICIPALITIES, AND CITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 752, 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 Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 753, entitled

AN ACT REIMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR CRIMES INVOLVING DANGEROUS DRUGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002"

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 754, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE RIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) MEMBERS, PROVIDING THEM ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION IN THE GSIS BOARD, ENSURING PROMPT PAYMENT OF ALL THEIR BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 755, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL PENSION SYSTEM, CREATING THE MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL INSURANCE FUND, AMENDING SECTIONS 3 AND 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8291, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; National Defense and Security; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 756, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING BROADER PROTECTION TO CONSUMERS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES"

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 757, entitled

AN ACT RESCINDING THE RESTRICTIONS ON OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFERABILITY OF LANDS AWARDED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 758, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE DIRECT REMITTANCE TO THE HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF ITS FORTY PERCENT (40%) SHARE DERIVED FROM THE NATIONAL WEALTH AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 293 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 759, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING CARPOOL SERVICE IN THE COUNTRY, REGULATING ITS USE AND OPERATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 760, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL MARICULTURE PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 761, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TIMBANGAN NG BAYAN CENTERS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARKETS NATIONWIDE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 762, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FOR DETERMINING STATUTORY RAPE TO PROVIDE STRONGER PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN, AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 763, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING THE FUNDAMENTAL EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN ON LAWS RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST CHASTITY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 333 AND REPEALING ARTICLE 333 OF ACT 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 764, 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 Angara

To the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Senate Bill No. 765, entitled

AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG CAMPAIGN AND RESEARCH PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 766, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 767, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

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SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 768, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9505, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (PERA) LAW AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 769, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG) AND AMBISYON NATIN 2040 FUND

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 770, entitled

AN ACT EXPANDING SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO BENEFICIARIES OF UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP), BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG), NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI), AND PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (PDEA) KILLED OR

PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY OR BY REASON OF HIS OFFICE OR POSITION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6963, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 771, 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 Angara

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 772, 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. 773, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND ENHANCING SUPPORT FOR SMALL ORGANIC FARMERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068 OR THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010

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Introduced by Senator Poe

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 774, entitled

AN ACT RAISING THE AGE OF CONSENT AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 266 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Senate Bill No. 775, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR DIGNIFIED COMMUTING, CREATING THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF COMMUTER AFFAIRS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 776, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

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

Senate Bill No. 777, entitled

AN ACT PENALIZING PREMATURE CAMPAIGNING, AMENDING SECTION 15 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8436, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9369

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation

Senate Bill No. 778, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE," AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 779, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING CONSUMERS AND USERS AGAINST FORCED E-BILLING, ADDING FOR THIS PURPOSE A NEW PROVISION AND AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 780, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 14 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE TO ADD, AS AN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE, THE CRIME HAVING BEEN COMMITTED AGAINST LAWYERS AND JUSTICE SECTOR OFFICIALS

Introduced by Senator De Lima

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To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 781, entitled

AN ACT TO HARMONIZE LEGAL EDUCATION IN OUR COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 782, entitled

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 783, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator De Lima

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

Senate Bill No. 784, entitled

AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF LARENA, PROVINCE OF SIQUEIJA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 785, entitled

AN ACT ADDRESSING THE SYSTEM OF PROSTITUTION, IMPOSING PENALTIES ON ITS PERPETRATORS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ITS VICTIMS, AND DECRIMINALIZING VAGRANCY, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND AMENDING R.A. 9208, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 786, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGROBUSINESS VENTURES ARRANGEMENTS (AVAS) IN AGRARIAN REFORM LANDS

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committee on Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 787, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS THE RIGHT TO EQUAL PROTECTION ON MONEY CLAIMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

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Senate Bill No. 788, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL EVALUATION POLICY

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 789, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY FOR ALL KASAMBAHAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. THE ACT SHALL BE CALLED AS "NATIONAL KASAMBAHAY DAY" OR "ARAW NG KASAMBAHAY"

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 790, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE COMPLETION OF THE LAND ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION (LAD) COMPONENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM (CARP) PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW," AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committee on Agrarian Reform

Senate Bill No. 791, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL AUTISM CARE PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 792, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 6 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSEFA LLANES ESCODA

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 793, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committees on Public Services; and Science and Technology

Senate Bill No. 794, entitled

AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF TANDANG SORA

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 795, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONALIZING OPEN DATA GOVERNANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

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Senate Bill No. 796, entitled

AN ACT RE-INSTITUTING THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 797, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 798, entitled

AN ACT ASSISTING YOUNG ATHLETES BY PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 799, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 800, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Revilla Jr.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 77, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO EXPEDITE THE RETURN TO SOUTH KOREA OF THE ILLEGALLY IMPORTED PLASTIC WASTES IN MINDANAO

Introduced by Senator Pimentel III

To the Committee on Foreign Relations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 78, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ROBOTICS TEAM FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL AND FOURTH PLACE ON THE WORLD ROBOT OLYMPIAD FRIENDSHIP INVITATIONAL 2019 HELD LAST AUGUST 1-4, 2019 IN AARHUS, DENMARK

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 79, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE POSSIBLE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF TRANSFORMING THREE STRATEGIC ISLANDS IN NORTH-

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ERN PHILIPPINES INTO ECONOMIC AND TOURISM ZONES

Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 80, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS AND VIABILITY OF THE APPROVED FLOOD MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN FOR METRO MANILA AND SURROUNDING AREAS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING A COMPREHENSIVE AND COST-EFFICIENT SOLUTION TO THE FLOODING PROBLEM THAT WOULD IMMEDIATELY BRING RELIEF TO THE PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Works

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 81, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT AMID THE WORSENING TRAFFIC GRIDLOCKS WHERE PRECIOUS RESOURCES AND MAN-HOURS ARE WASTED, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING IF SUCH TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN WOULD ACTUALLY EASE CONGESTION IN MAJOR URBAN CENTERS AND SPEED UP THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 82, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF INTERNATIONALLY AND LOCALLY-MANUFACTURED FALSIFIED MEDICINES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM AND ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 83, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EXISTENCE AND PROLIFERATION OF UNLICENSED AND UNREGISTERED COURIER AND FREIGHT FORWARDERS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING THE CONSUMERS, AND THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE GOODS BEING DELIVERED THROUGH THESE COURIER AND FREIGHT FORWARDING SERVICE PROVIDERS

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 84, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF FOREIGN ENTITIES IN THE ISLANDS OF FUGA, GRANDE AND CHIQUITA,

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AND OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS TO PRESERVE THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND TO MITIGATE POTENTIAL RISKS TO NATIONAL SECURITY OR PUBLIC INTEREST ARISING FROM ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS ENTITIES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Economic Affairs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 85, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS (POGOs), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT THE SAID OPERATIONS ABIDE BY THE COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS ON SECURITY, IMMIGRATION, LABOR AND GAMING OPERATIONS, AND TAX COLLECTION, AMONG OTHERS

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 86, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE 2019 METROBANK FOUNDATION TEN OUTSTANDING FILIPINO AWARDEES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 87, entitled

RESOLUTION POSTHUMOUSLY HONOR-

ING DR. GEORGE S.K. TY FOR HIS PHILANTHROPIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Drilon

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 88, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2019

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 89, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UNCOLLECTED TAXES FROM REGISTERED AND UNREGISTERED FOREIGN WORKERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATORS (POGO) INDUSTRY, AND RELATED ISSUES ON THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAX, IMMIGRATION AND LABOR LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES, WITH THE END VIEW OF ENACTING AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LEGISLATION THAT WILL SUPPORT EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT REVENUE GENERATION, RESOURCE MOBILIZATION, AND TRADE FACILITATION

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 90, entitled

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2019 METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS

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Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 91, entitled

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE 15TH INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS CONTEST

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

To the Committee on Rules

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 801, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 802, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS ACADEMY AS AN ATTACHED AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PROVIDING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 803, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING A BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL OF TOURISM ENTERPRISES, TOURISM-ORIENTED NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND

PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS OF TOURISM-RELATED SERVICES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

To the Committee on Tourism

Senate Bill No. 804, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 805, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE BOXING AND COMBAT SPORTS COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 806, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING WORKERS RIGHT TO SECURITY OF TENURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 106, 107, 108, AND 109 OF BOOK III, AND ARTICLES 294 [279], 295 [280], 296 [281], AND 297 [282] OF BOOK VI OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

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To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 807, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE FIBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 808, entitled

AN ACT ENHANCING ADMINISTRATIVE FEASIBILITY AND EQUITABILITY OF THE TAX SYSTEM AND RATIONALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF THE VALUE-ADDED TAX TO ADDRESS INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 809, entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8436, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9369, ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO USE AN AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM IN THE MAY 11, 1998 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTORAL EXERCISES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 810, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 811, entitled

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PLASTIC STRAWS AND STIRRERS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 812, entitled

AN ACT DEFINING GENDER-BASED ELECTRONIC VIOLENCE, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 813, entitled

AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND PENALIZING THE

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**ACTS OF ARBITRARY INTERNAL
DISPLACEMENT**

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 814, entitled

**AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 6 OF
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE
THE DEATH AND CONTRIBUTIONS
OF DR. FE DEL MUNDO**

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 815, entitled

**AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 21
OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL
WORKING HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF FRANCISCA
REYES-AQUINO**

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 816, entitled

**AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20
OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL
WORKING HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF GABRIELA
SILANG**

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 817, entitled

**AN ACT PROMOTING WOMEN
PARTICIPATION AND EQUITABLE
REPRESENTATION IN AND BY
POLITICAL PARTIES, GIVING
INCENTIVES THEREFOR, CREATING
THE WOMEN IN POLITICAL
PARTIES EMPOWERMENT FUND,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 818, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 819, entitled

**AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE USE OF
NATIONAL WEALTH FOR LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK II
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"**

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 820, 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 Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 821, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE SCIENTIFIC PROPAGATION, PROCESSING, UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PHILIPPINE NATIVE ANIMALS, HEREBY CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIVE ANIMAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 822, 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 Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 823, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 824, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 825, entitled

AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 826, 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 OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 827, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTER THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

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Senate Bill No. 828, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES," APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pangilinan

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 829, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OR IMPORTATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND SALE OF ELECTRICITY FROM THE VALUE-ADDED TAX, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 108 AND 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 830, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ACADEMY, ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Health and Demography; Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 831, entitled

AN ACT ADVANCING THE RIGHTS OF STREET CHILDREN BY STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILD-

REN (BCPC) AND ESTABLISHING AN INCENTIVES SYSTEM FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGED IN THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF STREET CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 832, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS TO FURTHER PROTECT AND DEVELOP THE NURSING PROFESSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 9173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002"

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 833, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 834, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STANDARD OF CARE AND TREATMENT CENTERS FOR PERSONS WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFO

Introduced by Senator Binay

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To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 835, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXTENSION SYSTEM TO ACCELERATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 836, entitled

AN ACT MODERNIZING HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, PROVIDING FUNDS FROM THE ANNUAL VALUE-ADDED TAX COLLECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Recto

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

Senate Bill No. 837, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR FRAUD COMMITTED IN RELATION TO THE MANDATORY EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 838, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS

IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 839, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE TAXING POWERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 840, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BUSINESS-FRIENDLY TAX REMEDIES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 841, entitled

AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE CREDIT FINANCING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

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Senate Bill No. 842, entitled

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 843, entitled

AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY LOCAL TAXES TO ENHANCE TAX COMPLIANCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK II OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 844, entitled

AN ACT TO ENHANCE INTER-LGU COOPERATION BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK I OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 846, entitled

AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE THE FUNCTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHER-

WISE KNOWN AS THE “LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 847, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR A COMMUTER-CENTERED TRANSPORTATION POLICY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 848, entitled

AN ACT URGING THE PLANNING AND PROMOTION OF THE PHILIPPINE MANGO FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPORT ESTABLISHING THE MANGO EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

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

Senate Bill No. 849, entitled

AN ACT FULFILLING THE EMANCIPATION OF TENANTS FROM THE BONDAGE OF THE SOIL, AMENDING P.D. NO. 27, AND R.A. NO. 6657, AS AMENDED, AMONG OTHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Agrarian Reform; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 850, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREA-

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TION OF THE PHILIPPINE ROAD
SAFETY INSTITUTE UNDER THE
U.P. NATIONAL CENTER FOR
TRANSPORT STUDIES

Introduced by Senator De Lima

**To the Committees on Public Services;
Higher, Technical and Vocational Education;
and Finance**

**PERIOD OF INTERPELLATIONS
ON SENATOR PACQUIAO'S
PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

(Continuation)

Upon motion of Senator Gordon, there being no objection, the Body resumed the period of interpellations on the privilege speech of Senator Pacquiao.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR DRILON

At this juncture, Senator Drilon said that while there were still a number of issues that he would like to raise relative to the privilege speech of Senator Pacquiao, he would simply raise them instead in the committee, most likely to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights before which the bill on the implementation of the death penalty is pending. Thus, he said that he would not object to the termination of the period of interpellations.

**MANIFESTATION
OF SENATOR TOLENTINO**

For his part, Senator Tolentino manifested the possible need to expand the coverage of the death penalty given the crimes of fraud, deceit, lies, and other white-collar crimes that have surfaced in the recently concluded Blue Ribbon Committee hearing concerning the PhilHealth scam. He believed that the

expansion of the coverage of the death penalty to include white collar crime would prevent non-violent and non-drug related schemes from happening.

At this point, Senator Drilon stated for the record that he would oppose the reimposition of the death penalty, regardless of its coverage. Reiterating his suggestion to refer the speech to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, he said that he was looking forward to the committee hearings and debates on the bill.*

**REFERRAL OF SPEECH
TO COMMITTEE**

Upon motion of Senator Gordon, there being no objection, the Chair referred the privilege speech of Senator Pacquiao and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Gordon, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, August 19, 2019.

It was 5:30 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

ATTY. MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate

Approved on August 20, 2019

*As corrected by Senator Drilon dated August 19, 2019