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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 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.	Marcos, I. R.
Binay, M. L. N. S.	Pacquiao, E. M. D.
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.
Go, C. L. T.	Sotto III, V. C.
Hontiveros, R.	Tolentino, F. T. N.
Lacson, P. M.	Villanueva, J.
Lapid, M. L. M.	Zubiri, J. M. F.

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

Senators Gordon and Villar arrived after the roll call.

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

Senator Pangilinan was absent.

**DEFERMENT OF APPROVAL
OF THE JOURNAL**

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body deferred the consideration of the Journal of Session No. 14 (August 27, 2019) to a later hour.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS**

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

- Mayor Charlton L. Uy, Vice Mayor Mario I. Acosta and the Sangguniang Bayan members of the Municipality of Cabatuan, Province of Isabela;
- Councilor Edwin Nestal of Gitagum, Misamis Oriental;
- Occidental Mindoro Board Member AJ Rebong; and
- National Commission for Muslim Filipinos Secretary Saidamen B. Pangarungan with the NCMMF directors and staff.

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Senate President Sotto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR TOLENTINO

Senator Tolentino recalled that before the session was adjourned the previous day, the referral of Senate Bill No. 934 (*Free On-Site Living Quarters for Public School Teachers Act*) was transferred from the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement following the suggestion of Senator Drilon.

Seeking a ruling from the Chair, he then inquired whether bills with appropriations impact should be referred to the Committee on Finance as the primary committee in light of Section 15 of the Rules which he quoted, to wit:

“Although a measure covers subject matters falling within the jurisdiction of more than one (1) committee, it shall be referred to not more than two (2) committees: *Provided, however,* That a motion for referral to a third committee shall be referred to the Committee on Rules: *Provided, further,* That measures involving the appropriation of funds or embodying tax or revenue proposals shall be respectively referred also to the Committee on Finance for the appropriations aspect...”.

He further inquired whether the action of the Body to refer Senate Bill No. 934 primarily to the Finance Committee was meant to supersede Section 15 which, he noted, is also related to Section 26 which provides that “In case a bill or joint resolution is reported out by a committee which contains an appropriation, revenue or tax aspect, the same shall be referred by the primary committee to the Committee on Finance.”

Senate President Sotto explained that it is very seldom that a bill is primarily referred to the Committee on Finance, and that Senate Bill No. 934 was referred to the Committee on Finance only upon the suggestion of Senator Drilon. However, he said that the Body could entertain a motion to refer the bill to another primary committee, with the Committee on Finance as a support committee.

To Senator Tolentino’s concern that the arrangement might set a precedent wherein all bills with an appropriation aspect, whether a part, feature or portion of it, would automatically be referred to the Committee

on Finance as the primary committee, Senate President Sotto reiterated that referral of such nature seldom happens, noting that it is only the General Appropriations Bill (GAB), once transmitted to the Senate, that is referred to the Committee on Finance as the primary committee.

He again explained that the referral of Senate Bill No. 934 to the Committee on Finance was upon the suggestion of Senator Drilon, and he clarified that said referral did not necessarily supersede the Rules. Thus, he said that the Committee on Finance could be made the secondary committee.

Senator Zubiri stated that if the said bill has a funding requirement, the Committee on Finance would only be the secondary committee as the main subject of the bill is housing for teachers.

Moreover, Senator Zubiri stated that the reason why the bill was initially referred to the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture as the primary committee and to the Committee on Finance as the secondary committee was that it was the same measure that was filed in the Seventeenth Congress and referred to the same committees; thus, the Secretariat deemed it fit to follow the same referral in the present Congress. However, he said that nothing would prevent the Body from reversing such referral as it could be changed anytime.

CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERRAL

Thereupon, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of Senate Bill No. 934 (*Free On-Site Living Quarters for Public School Teachers Act*) to the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement as the primary committee, and to the Committee on Finance as the secondary committee.

DEFERMENT OF THE REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the reading of the Reference of Business was deferred to a later hour to give way to the holding of an all-senators’ caucus.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 3:09 p.m.

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RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:54 p.m., the session was resumed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

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

- Mr. Edgardo De Leon Patiño, the 2019 World Class Achiever as Outstanding Violinist in Luthier in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and
- Mr. Fernandico Gonong, Jr., president of the Filipino-American Community in Los Angeles, California.

Senate President Sotto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

MANIFESTATION OF SENATOR TOLENTINO

Senator Tolentino prefaced his manifestation with a quotation from Lincoln Chafee, to wit: “In the world of diplomacy, some things are better left unsaid.”

Senator Tolentino informed the Body that he has received reports that afternoon pertinent to the June 9 incident involving Chinese and Filipino vessels near the Recto Bank that the shipowner of the Chinese vessel had issued an apology through an association — the Association of Guangdong Fish Vessels. He quoted a pertinent provision of the letter which was coursing through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, to wit: “The shipowner of the Chinese fishing boat involved, through our Association, would like to express his sincere apology to the Filipino fishermen.”

Senator Tolentino noted that the apology was issued on the eve of the President’s departure for the People’s Republic of China and on the eve of the game of the country’s basketball team in Guangdong. However, he believed that the country should still pursue its claims for damages, as also mentioned in the apology letter, in order to give justice to the Filipino fishermen.

Senator Tolentino stated that the letter of apology showed the righteousness, correctness, and validity

of the Filipino version of the said ramming incident. He likewise reiterated the necessity of the passage of his pending bill — the proposed Good Samaritan at Sea Law — which would ensure the safety and would guarantee civil compensation for all those who will be involved in similar incidents.

REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATION TO COMMITTEE

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair referred the manifestation of Senator Tolentino to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

COMMITTEE CHAIARMANSHIP

Upon nomination by Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, Senator Binay was elected chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology vice Senator Gatchalian.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL

Pursuant to Resolution No. 6 which amended Section 16 of the Rules, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of the following bills, which were originally secondarily referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, to the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture as the secondary committee:

- Senate Bill No. 42 (*Teaching Supplies Allowance Act*);
- Senate Bill No. 75 (*Teaching Supplies Allowance Act of 2019*);
- Senate Bill No. 115 (*Increasing the Monthly Minimum Wage of Public School Teachers*);
- Senate Bill No. 131 (*Upgrading the Minimum Salary Grade Level of Teachers*);
- Senate Bill No. 152 (*Additional Benefits for All Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel in Public Basic Education Schools*);
- Senate Bill No. 178 (*Increasing the Salary Grade of Teacher I to Teacher III*);
- Senate Bill No. 302 (*The Public School Teachers’ Salary Upgrading Act*);



- Senate Bill No. 396 (*Expanding the Purposes and Application of the Special Education Fund*);
- Proposed Senate Resolution No. 34 (*Reported Closure of 55 Lumad Schools for Indigenous Children in the Davao Region*); and
- Proposed Senate Resolution No. 41 (*Inquiry on the Displaced Students of the 55 Schools for Indigenous Children*).

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral of the following bills, which were originally secondarily referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, to the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education as the secondary committee:

- Senate Bill No. 1 (*Medical Scholarship Act*);
- Senate Bill No. 41 (*One Town, One Doctor Act*);
- Senate Bill No. 151 (*Providing for Additional Benefits for All Teaching Personnel in State Universities and Colleges*);
- Senate Bill No. 231 (*Police Scholarship Program*); and
- Senate Bill No. 254 (*Establishing the Philippine Air Force Academy*).

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE REFERRAL

Pursuant to Section 15 of the Rules, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the referral of Senate Bill No. 19 (*Adjustment in the Minimum Basic Salary of Public School Teachers/Higher Education Teaching Personnel*), which was primarily referred to the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation, to the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture as the secondary committee, and to the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education as the tertiary committee.

Likewise, upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the referral of the following bills to the committees hereafter indicated:

- Senate Bill No. 127 (*Tulong Kabataan sa Agrikultura Act of 2019*), to the Committees on Agriculture, Youth, and Finance;
- Senate Bill No. 210 (*National Teachers Medical Center Act*), to the Committees on Health and Demography, Ways and Means, and Finance; and
- Senate Bill No. 243 (*Uniformed Personnel Educational Assistance and Benefits Act*), to the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation, Ways and Means, and Finance.

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. 953, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE MARINE CORPS, DEFINING ITS POWER AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 954, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE, RECOVERY, COLLECTION, AND DISPOSAL OF PLASTIC DRINKING STRAWS IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND IN PRE-PACKED BEVERAGES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

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Senate Bill No. 955, 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 Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 956, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUPPORT MECHANISMS AND PROTECTION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL IN MATTERS OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE FOR CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 957, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 958, entitled

AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OLD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHER-

WISE KNOWN AS THE “GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT 1997”

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senator Drilon stated that Senate Bill No. 958 should also be referred to the Committee on Finance because reducing the retirement age would require a lot of funding.

Upon motion of Senator Drilon, there being no objection, Senate Bill No. 958 was also referred to the Committee on Finance as the tertiary committee.

Senate Bill No. 959, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND INNOVATION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 960, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF DISASTER AWARENESS AND DISASTER MITIGATION AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 961, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AN ADVANCED



STUDIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 962, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 963, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL BY RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING POSITIONS 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. 964, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH HANDICAPS

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 965, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT, AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 966, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NO-HOMEWORK POLICY FOR ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY

Introduced by Senator Poe

To the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture

Senate Bill No. 967, entitled

AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.

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

Senate Bill No. 968, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, REINSTITUTING FOR THE PURPOSE A MANDATORY RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) PROGRAM IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE, DIPLOMA, CERTIFICATE OR TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TERTIARY-LEVEL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Recto	Senate Bill No. 973, entitled AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND REORIENT THE MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE FOOD SUFFICIENCY, FOR THAT PURPOSE RATIONALIZING ITS FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
Senate Bill No. 969, entitled AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO EGOR DMITRIEV	Introduced by Senator Revilla, Jr.
Introduced by Senator Pacquiao To the Committee on Rules	 To the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Agriculture and Food
Senate Bill No. 970, entitled AN ACT INCREASING THE HAZARD PAY OF ALL PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND PROVIDING HAZARD PAY TO ALL CIVILIAN DOCTORS AND NURSES UNDER THE AFPMMC ASSIGNED IN CONFLICT AREAS PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR	Senate Bill No. 974, entitled AN ACT DEFINING GOOD CONDUCT, INSTITUTING ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 97 AND 99 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE
Introduced by Senator Pacquiao To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance	Introduced by Senator Gordon To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; and Finance
Senate Bill No. 971, entitled AN ACT REDEFINING THE CRIME OF GAME-FIXING AND PRESCRIBING STIFFER PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 483	 ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS
Introduced by Senator Pacquiao To the Committee on Sports	 RESOLUTIONS
Senate Bill No. 972, entitled AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE GOOD SAMARITANS WHO PROVIDE REASONABLE ASSISTANCE IN AN EMERGENCY BY PROTECTING THEM FROM LIABILITY	Proposed Senate Resolution No. 108, entitled RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT 10592 PARTICULARLY THE COMPUTATION OF THE GOOD CONDUCT ALLOWANCES (GCTA) OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY, IN LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING RELEASE OF 11,000 INMATES DUE TO THE REVISION OF THE COMPUTATION OF GCTA AND ITS RETROACTIVE APPLICATION
Introduced by Senator Gordon To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Justice and Human Rights	R W

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 109, entitled

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE 2019 METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS TO BE HONORED ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT THE METROBANK PLAZA IN MAKATI CITY, PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 110, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUBMISSION OF A POST BUDGET STATUS REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF LEGISLATING MORE EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS AND STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OVER THE UTILIZATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 111, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS AND PROGRESS OF THE “BUILD, BUILD, BUILD PROGRAM,” WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MITIGATING THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS IMPLEMENTATION, ADDRESSING

ISSUES THAT IMPEDE ITS PROGRESS, ENSURING THE REALIZATION OF ITS OBJECTIVES, AND SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC INTEREST

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Economic Affairs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 112, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BIDDING PROCESS OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) PROJECTS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT THE FILIPINO PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT FROM QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES AT THE LEAST POSSIBLE COST

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Works

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 113, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINGENT LIABILITIES ARISING FROM PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) PROJECTS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTIONALIZING FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS TO ENFORCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OVER THE UTILIZATION AND REPORTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 114, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO

CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE AFRICAN SWINE FEVER, WITH THE INTENT OF DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION TO PREVENT AND CONTROL THE OUTBREAK OF TRANS-BOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES IN THE COUNTRY, AND STRENGTHENING THE MANDATES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN ENSURING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF LOCAL LIVESTOCK INVENTORIES, THE SECURITY OF LIVELIHOOD OF LOCAL LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, AND THE ACCESSIBILITY AND ADEQUACY OF FOOD SUPPLY IN THE PHILIPPINE MARKET

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 115, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONDITION OF THE JAIL AND PRISON FACILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES, WITH THE INTENT OF STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT MANDATE TO UPHOLD THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON, TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY, AND TO REHABILITATE AND REFORM INDIVIDUALS IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 116, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRACTICE OF OUTSOURCING THE PROCURE-

MENT OF NON-COMMON-USE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS TO ENFORCE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAWS, IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY IN THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS, ADOPTING AND ENFORCING A SIMPLE, STREAMLINED AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF PROCUREMENT, AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE, SATISFACTORY AND TIMELY PUBLIC SERVICE FOR ALL

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 117, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VIABILITY OF THE PREVAILING PENSION PROGRAMS OF THE MILITARY AND OTHER UNIFORMED PERSONNEL ORGANIZATIONS, WITH THE INTENT OF ENSURING EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES, ADEQUATE BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE TO FILIPINO PENSIONERS, AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF GOVERNMENT PENSION PROGRAMS

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 118, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DREDGING OF SAND AND OTHER AGGREGATES FROM VARIOUS BODIES

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OF WATER IN THE PHILIPPINES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT MECHANISMS TO ENFORCE PHILIPPINE MINING LAWS, SAFEGUARDING PHILIPPINE NATIONAL INTERESTS, AND MAINTAINING A BALANCED AND HEALTHFUL ECOLOGY FOR ALL

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 975, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WELFARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND BY OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 976, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISCLOSURE OF FOOD ALLERGEN INFORMATION ON MENUS AND BOARDS OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND RAISING AWARENESS ON FOOD ALLERGENS

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 977, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING 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 Lapid

To the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and National Defense and Security

Senate Bill No. 978, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL LEAVES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PROVIDING PARAMETERS THEREFOR, AND AMENDING FOR SUCH PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN ACT

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Senate Bill No. 979, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE ROAD TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 980, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY PLAYERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Finance

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Senate Bill No. 981, entitled

AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS ABS-CBN CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7966, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELEVISION AND RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Recto

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 982, entitled

AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE ORDER OF PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION

Introduced by Senator Lacson

To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes

Senate Bill No. 983, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE FACILITY FOR PRISONERS CONVICTED OF HEINOUS CRIMES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

CHANGE OF COMMITTEE REFERRAL

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body approved the change of referral

of Senator Gordon's privilege speech on the prevalence of dengue and the Dengvaxia issue that he delivered on August 20, 2019, from the Committee on Health and Demography to the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) as the primary committee, and the Committee on Health and Demography as the secondary committee.

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body also approved the change of referral of Senate Bill No. 103 (*Construction of a Potable Water Supply System in Every Barangay in the Country*) to the Committee on Local Government as the primary committee given that the Department of the Interior and Local Government currently has a "Salintubig Program" that gives potable water to the barangays, to the Committee on Health and Demography as the secondary committee, and to the Committee on Public Works as the tertiary committee pursuant to Section 15 of the Rules of the Senate, considering that it is the Department of Public Works and Highways that would implement the project.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 2, 2019.

It was 5:18 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

ATTY. MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA

Secretary of the Senate

Approved on September 2, 2019