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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

Sen. Pia S. Cayetano led the prayer, to wit:

Let us bow our heads and put ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

Heavenly Father, we come together today as dutiful servants of Your people to begin another journey towards realizing Your great plans for our beloved nation.

As we embark on the task of fighting for the welfare of our countrymen, we humbly ask for Your wisdom as well as Your guidance.

May You fill our hearts and minds with the deeper understanding of Your teachings that we may be able to work in unity towards making the best decisions for our country.

We draw inspirations from Your Holy Word when You said in James 1:5: "If any of you lack wisdom, you should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to you."

All these we lift up in Your precious Name, Jesus.

Amen.

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.	Recto, R. G.
Drilon, F. M.	Revilla Jr., R. B.
Gatchalian, W.	Sotto III, V. C.
Go, C. L. T.	Tolentino, F. T. N.
Hontiveros, R.	Villanueva, J.
Lacson, P. M.	Villar, C. A.
Lapid, M. L. M.	Zubiri, J. M. F.



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

Senators Gorden, Pangilinan and Poe 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. 2 (July 23, 2019) and considered it approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF GUESTS

Senator Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the gallery of the following:

- Mrs. Nancy dela Rosa, wife of Senator Dela Rosa;
- Guests of Senator Zubiri — Gov. Mamintal “Bombit” Alonto Adiong Jr. of Lanao del Sur; Mayor Datu Pax Ali Mangudadatu of Abdullah Sangki, Maguindanao; Mayor Victor Samama of Datu Piang, Maguindanao; and Mayor Hadar Hajiri of Lugus, Sulu;
- Guests of Senator Gorden from the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia headed by Hon. Faley Abdullah Al Subaie and accompanied by Nasser Matlak Al Subaie and Meteo Muhammad Al-Waysa;
- Mayor Anthony Uy and all the Sangguniang Bayan members of Impasugong, Bukidnon, together with Mayor Pizarro of Don Carlos Bukidnon and Congressman Estrella from the House of Representatives; and
- Mayor Majual Usman Gandomra of Marawi City.

Senate President Sotto welcomed the guests to the Senate.

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. 101, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY UNIT THROUGH SUPPORT FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND BARANGAY VOLUNTEER WORKERS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 102, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN EVERY BARANGAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, FURTHER EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 103, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 104, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDI-

**TIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPEN-
SATION FOR EDUCATORS IN
BASIC EDUCATION**

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 105, 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 Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 106, entitled

AN ACT RESTORING AND REHABILITATING THE EXISTING LINES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS, EXTENDING FURTHER THE SOUTHERN LINE TO MATNOG, SORSOGON AND ESTABLISHING THE RAILWAY EXTENSION LINE FROM CALAMBA CITY TO BATA-NGAS CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4156, ENTITLED "AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION" AS AMENDED BY R. A. NO. 6366, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 107, entitled

PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

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

Senate Bill No. 108, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS INTO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 109, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS IN MOBILE PHONES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committees on Public Services; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 110, entitled

AN ACT REDEFINING THE COVERAGE AND EXTENDING THE MANDATORY CREDIT ALLOCATION TO MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR SMALL ENTERPRISES" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Zubiri

To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Economic Affairs

Senate Bill No. 111, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262, DEFINING ELECTRONIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN OR E-VAW, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Science and Technology

Senate Bill No. 112, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULARIZATION OF PUNONG BARANGAY, SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY MEMBERS, SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN CHAIRMAN, BARANGAY SECRETARY AND BARANGAY TREASURER

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 113, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SAFETY INTERNET EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE CURRICULUM OF ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 114, entitled

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF

PLASTIC BAGS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 115, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY MINIMUM WAGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TO TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND PESOS (P28,000.00) AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL TO SIXTEEN THOUSAND PESOS (P16,000.00)

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 116, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING WOMEN TO REVERT TO THEIR MAIDEN SURNAME, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR REVERSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 117, entitled

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM INCOME TAX COMPENSATION GIVEN TO TEACHERS FOR SERVING AS MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL BOARD FOR NATIONAL OR LOCAL ELECTIONS

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

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Senate Bill No. 118, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 119, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS, INFIRMARIES AND PUERICULTURE CENTERS TO GIVE FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN

Introduced by Senator Binay

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

Senate Bill No. 120, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 121, entitled

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND HONESTY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 122, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD

Introduced by Senator Poe

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 123, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 124, entitled

AN ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF THE PHILIPPINES, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RESILIENCE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMPOWERING THE REGIONAL FIELD OFFICES, ESTABLISHING COORDINATING MECHANISMS, STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

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Senate Bill No. 125, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 126, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010"

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 127 entitled

AN ACT ENCOURAGING YOUTH SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE A "TULONG KABATAAN SA AGRI-KULTURA PROGRAM" AND A "TULONG KABATAAN SA AGRI-KULTURA TRUST FUND," APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

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

Senate Bill No. 128, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING AND REGULATING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES

AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

To the Committee on Public Services

Senate Bill No. 129, entitled

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE VALUE OF RESPONSIBLE, FAIR AND TRUTHFUL USAGE AND ENJOYMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Public Information and Mass Media

Senate Bill No. 130, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR TRICYCLE DRIVERS AND OPERATORS, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Poe

To the Committees on Public Services; Local Government; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 131, entitled

AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE LEVEL 11 TO 19

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

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Senate Bill No. 132, entitled

AN ACT GRANTING DISCOUNTS ON BASIC AND EDUCATION SERVICES TO UNDEPRIVILEGED STUDENTS IN ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THOSE ENROLLED IN TECH-NICAL-VOCATIONAL (TECH-VOC) INSTITUTIONS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 133, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 134, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS WARD OR UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 135, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS

Introduced by Senator Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 136, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAYS

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 137, 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 Angara

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

Senate Bill No. 138, entitled

AN ACT ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY, ADEQUACY, ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY OF FOOD TO EVERY FILIPINO

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 139, entitled

AN ACT TO RESTRUCTURE AND RATIONALIZE THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEVELOPMENT, PROTECTION AND REGULATORY FUNC-

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TIONS, INCLUDING THE PROMOTION OF DAIRY AND NATIVE ANIMALS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 140, entitled

AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE RESILIENCY OF SMALL FARMERS AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE AND EXTREME WEATHER RISKS BY ESTABLISHING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND PROGRAM FOR A FREE WEATHER INDEX-BASED CROP INSURANCE, PROVIDING THE SOURCE OF FUNDING THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 141, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 142, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

At this juncture, Senate President Sotto reiterated the manifestation of Senator Cayetano the previous day that the referrals of bills would be reviewed once the appropriate resolution amending the Rules is acted upon by the Committee on Rules and approved by the Body.

Senate Bill No. 143, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LAS PIÑAS GENERAL HOSPITAL AND SATELLITE TRAUMA CENTER IN LAS PIÑAS CITY, METRO MANILA, FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 144, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No. 145, entitled

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "BUY PINOY, BUILD PINOY MONTH" TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO PRIORITIZE THE PURCHASE AND UTILIZATION OF FILIPINO PRODUCTS, LABOR AND SERVICES

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Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 146, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068 OR THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT 2010

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Senate Bill No. 147, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL GARDENS IN ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, MAKING IT A REQUIREMENT FOR THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

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

Senate Bill No. 148, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION, REFORESTATION, AFFORESTATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MANGROVE FORESTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villar

To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 149, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL HEALTH FACILITIES FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS)

AND THEIR DEPENDENTS TO BE KNOWN AS BAGONG BAYANING FILIPINO HOSPITAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

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

Senate Bill No. 150, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FREE INSURANCE FOR COVERED APPLICANTS OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

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

RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 8, entitled

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO INQUIRE INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11058, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF" AND DOLE LABOR ADVISORY NO. 4, SERIES OF 2016

Introduced by Senator Lapid

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 9, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPRO-

PRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9999, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE ACT 2010” WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT FREE LEGAL AID WAS EXTENDED TO THE INTENDED BENEFICIARIES

Introduced by Senator Lapid

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 10, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY AND INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT’S POLICIES AND PROJECTS ON FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCE CONSERVATION; MARITIME TRANSPORT, SHIP-BUILDING AND REPAIR; SEAFARER’S RIGHTS AND WELFARE; MARINE TOURISM AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE COUNTRY’S MARITIME AND OCEAN AFFAIRS, WITH THE END-GOAL OF FORMULATING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL POLICY ON THE STRATEGIC AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY’S “BLUE ECONOMY”

Introduced by Senator Angara

To the Committees on Economic Affairs; and Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 11, entitled

RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY, AND PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION

INTO THE KILLING OF KATELEEN MYCA ULPINA AND OTHER MINOR INDIVIDUALS

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 12, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE IN THE PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF FISHERIES SUBSIDIES IN THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 13, entitled

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPORTS TO INQUIRE ON THE STATUS OF THE PREPARATIONS BY THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION, PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, AND THE PHILIPPINE SEA GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

To the Committee on Sports

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 14, entitled

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO INCORPORATE THE CONCEPT OF SMART CITIES IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Introduced by Senator Tolentino

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 15, entitled

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL ALIENS ENTERING INTO THE PHILIPPINES THEREBY COMMITTING VIOLATIONS OF C.A NO. 613, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1940, AMONG OTHERS

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS BILLS ON FIRST READING

Senate Bill No. 151, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR ALL TEACHING PERSONNEL IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND STATE-RUN TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

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

Senate Bill No. 152, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR ALL TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL IN PUBLIC BASIC EDUCATION SCHOOLS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

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

Senate Bill No. 153, entitled

AN ACT ALLOWING THE ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE WORK ARRANGEMENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 154, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND ENHANCING THE SKILLS CERTIFICATE EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM (SCEP) OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (CSC) AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

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

Senate Bill No. 155, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION TO FREELANCERS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Villanueva

To the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Senate Bill No. 156, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE IMPLEMENTATION BY BRAND OWNERS OF MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT PROVIDE REFUND VALUES FOR CERTAIN BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

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Introduced by Senator Villanueva	AND ABOVE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED
To the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources, Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Finance	
Senate Bill No. 157, entitled	Introduced by Senator Hontiveros
AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SPORTS VARSITY TEAMS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES	To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance
Introduced by Senator Villanueva	Senate Bill No. 161, entitled
To the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Sports; and Finance	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY IN PREVENTING TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, INSTITUTIONALIZING SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR TEENAGE PARENTS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR
Senate Bill No. 158, entitled	Introduced by Senator Hontiveros
AN ACT STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO CREDIT OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6977, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "MAGNA CARTA FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES	To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance
Introduced by Senator Villanueva	Senate Bill No. 162, entitled
To the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Economic Affairs	AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN BY PROHIBITING AND DECLARING CHILD MARRIAGE AS ILLEGAL, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES THEREOF
Senate Bill No. 159, entitled	Introduced by Senator Hontiveros
AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION (SOGIE) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR	To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development
Introduced by Senator Hontiveros	Senate Bill No. 163, entitled
To the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality	AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8353, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RAPE ACT OF 1997, BY RAISING THE AGE OF SEXUAL CONSENT TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OLD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
Senate Bill No. 160, entitled	Introduced by Senator Hontiveros
AN ACT GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS AGED 65 YEARS OLD	To the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Justice and Human Rights

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Senate Bill No. 164, entitled

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 8972 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ACT PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 165, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM, INCREASING COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHW), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 166, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS AND CADAVERS IN HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CLINICS, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR FACILITIES ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9439 ENTITLED "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES"

Introduced by Senator Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill. No. 167, 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 Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 168, 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 Hontiveros

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

Senate Bill No. 169, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS THE INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC AND PLANNING AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230 SERIES OF 1987, AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 170, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING CONSUMER PROTECTION AND FOSTERING COMPETITION IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY BY MANDATING THE UNLOCKING OF MOBILE WIRELESS DEVICES

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 171, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING LEARNING RESOURCE 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 Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 172, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ENERGY RESEARCH AND POLICY INSTITUTE, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

To the Committees on Energy; Science and Technology; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 173, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY AND FRAMEWORK FOR ENERGY ADVOCACY

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 174, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING THE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 175, entitled

AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF MICROGRID SYSTEMS FOR THE TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION OF UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AREAS

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

To the Committee on Energy

Senate Bill No. 176, entitled

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL USERS OF PRE-PAID SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

To the Committees on Public Services; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 177, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTITU-

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TIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN ARMED FORCE OR ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 178, entitled

AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY GRADE OF TEACHER I TO TEACHER III, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

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

Senate Bill No. 179, entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 180, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRISON REFORM AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN THE PHILIPPINE

CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator De Lima

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

Senate Bill No. 181, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING A UNIFIED CORRECTIONS AND JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, INTEGRATING THE NATIONAL PRISONS AND PENAL FARMS, AND THE PROVINCIAL, SUBPROVINCIAL, CITY, DISTRICT AND MUNICIPAL JAILS, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONS AND JAIL MANAGEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator De Lima

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

Senate Bill No. 182, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5180, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BY PROVINCIAL AND CITY FISCALS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS, AND BY STATE ATTORNEYS OR THEIR ASSISTANTS," AND OTHER RELATED LAWS AND ISSUANCES

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 183, entitled

AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE

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**COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
OF THE PHILIPPINES AS THE
NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
INSTITUTION, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 184, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR CHILD DAY CARE WORKERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 185, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKER'S BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator De Lima

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

Senate Bill No. 186, entitled

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE LAW ON STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Introduced by Senator De Lima

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

Senate Bill No. 187, entitled

AN ACT PUNISHING EXTRAORDINARY HEINOUS CRIMES WITH THE PENALTY OF QUALIFIED RECLUSION PERPETUA, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 188, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator De Lima

To the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 189, entitled

AN ACT IMPOSING DEATH PENALTY AND INCREASED PENALTIES ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES WHICH INVOLVES MANUFACTURING AND TRAFFICKING OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

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

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Senate Bill No. 190, entitled

AN ACT AUTHORIZING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE (P4), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

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

Senate Bill No. 191, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN ARMED FORCE OR ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT," AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

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

Senate Bill No. 192, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

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

Senate Bill No. 193, entitled

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

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

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

Senate Bill No. 194, entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

To the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 195, entitled

AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

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

Senate Bill No. 196, entitled

AN ACT MANDATING ALL FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT TO PROVIDE FREE SAFE AND CLEAN POTABLE SERVICE WATER FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

To the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship

Senate Bill No. 197, entitled

AN ACT BANNING THE USE OF

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CIGARETTES, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES OR VAPES AND SIMILAR TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND ENCLOSED SPACES

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

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

Senate Bill No. 198, entitled

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT, AMENDING THEREBY R. A. NO. 10121, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Pacquiao

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

Senate Bill No. 199, entitled

AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING MALASAKIT CENTERS TO COMPLEMENT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT" BY REQUIRING PHILHEALTH TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN MALASAKIT CENTERS IN ALL DOH, LGU, SUC, AND DND HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by Senator Go

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

Senate Bill No. 200, entitled

AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL

Introduced by Senator Go

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

**SECOND ADDITIONAL
REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution of Both Houses No. 1, entitled

A RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIVE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS IN THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SPECIFICALLY ON ARTICLES XII, XIV AND XVI THEREOF

Introduced by Senator Gatchalian

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; and Economic Affairs

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, entitled

JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO OR REVISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committees on Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; and Economic Affairs

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 16, entitled

RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE RECODIFICATION OF ELECTION LAWS BY THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes

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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 17, entitled
RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE ROBOTICS TEAM FOR WINNING THE SILVER AWARD AT THE FIRST LEGO LEAGUE (FLL) ASIA PACIFIC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP THAT WAS HELD IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA ON JULY 4 TO 7, 2019

Introduced by Senator Binay

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 18, entitled
RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS AND PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAMS CREATED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS CHILD UNDERNUTRITION AND, IF NEEDED, CRAFT APPROPRIATE MEASURES, THEREBY SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHT TO HEALTH OF FILIPINO CHILDREN AGES ZERO (0) TO FIVE (5)

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 19, entitled
RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ACCRUED TOTAL AMOUNT, ADMINISTRATION AND PROPER DISBURSEMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL GUARANTEE FUND POOL (AGFP), AS PROVIDED IN R.A. NO. 10000 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "AGRI-AGRA REFORM CREDIT ACT OF 2009"

Introduced by Senator Marcos

To the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 23, entitled
RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE

AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE MAJOR GENERAL JOSE V. BALAJADIA, JR., AFP (RETIRED), SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by Senator Gordon

To the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 24, entitled
RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 13 (22), RULE X OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Introduced by Senators Gatchalian and Villanueva

To the Committee on Rules

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body elected the following senators as Chair of the committees hereunder indicated:

<i>Youth</i>	– Angara
<i>Climate Change</i>	– Binay
<i>Peace, Unification and Reconciliation</i>	– Dela Rosa
<i>Science and Technology</i>	– Gatchalian
<i>Sports</i>	– Go
<i>Justice and Human Rights</i>	– Gordon
<i>Accounts</i>	– Lacson
<i>Electoral Reforms and People's Participation</i>	– Marcos
<i>Ethics and Privileges</i>	– Pacquiao
<i>Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship</i>	– Pimentel
<i>Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies</i>	– Poe
<i>Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation</i>	– Revilla
<i>Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement</i>	– Tolentino
<i>Agrarian Reform</i>	– Villar

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Environment and Natural Resources – Villar
Cooperatives – Zubiri

Committee on Accounts
Vice Chairs: Poe
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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Upon nomination by Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the committees hereafter indicated:

Committee on Rules

Members :

Majority

Villanueva	Lacson
Angara	Gatchalian
Pacquiao	Gordon

Minority

Hontiveros	Pangilinan
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Committee on Agriculture and Food

Members :

Majority

Marcos	Lacson
Binay	Go
Poe	Pacquiao
Dela Rosa	Lapid

Minority

Pangilinan	Hontiveros
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Committee on Energy

Members :

Majority

Binay	Marcos
Angara	Pacquiao
Dela Rosa	Pimentel
Gordon	Poe
Lacson	Villanueva
Lapid	

Minority

De Lima	Pangilinan
Hontiveros	

Members :

Majority

Pacquiao	Tolentino
Villanueva	Dela Rosa
Gatchalian	Revilla

Minority

Pangilinan	Hontiveros
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Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Members :

Majority

Poe	Tolentino
Marcos	Lacson
Lapid	Go

Minority

Pangilinan	Hontiveros
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Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality

Members :

Majority

Cayetano	Poe
Binay	Villar
Marcos	Dela Rosa
	Gatchalian

Minority

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SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 3:45 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:51 p.m., the session was resumed.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Upon nomination by Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the following senators were elected to the committees hereafter indicated:

Committee on Local Government

Members :

Majority

Marcos	Binay
Dela Rosa	Villar
Go	Lacson
Revilla	Villanueva
Gatchalian	Pimentel

Minority

Pangilinan	Hontiveros
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At this juncture, Senator Zubiri reminded Senator Tolentino that there were still two unfilled slots for the Majority in the committee membership. Senate President Sotto said that the said slots could be filled up later.

Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Members :

Majority

Go	Binay
Pacquiao	Villar
Villanueva	Lapid
Revilla	Lacson

Minority

Hontiveros	Pangilinan
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At this juncture, Senate President Sotto reminded the Members that unless otherwise manifested by the committee chair regarding his/her choice for the vice chairmanship, the first in the list of names presented on the floor automatically becomes the vice chairman.

Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

Members :

Majority

Lacson	Pacquiao
Go	Revilla
Gordon	Tolentino

Minority

Hontiveros	De Lima
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Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation

Members :

Majority

Go	Marcos
Pimentel	Binay
Pacquiao	

Minority

Hontiveros	
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Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations

Members :

Majority

Angara	Lapid
Lacson	Cayetano
Pacquiao	Go
Poe	Revilla
Villar	Marcos
Gatchalian	Tolentino
Pimentel	

Minority

Hontiveros	De Lima
Pangilinan	

Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Members :

Majority

Lacson	Lapid
Pacquiao	Angara
Gatchalian	Pimentel

Minority

Pangilinan	De Lima
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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF SENATOR DRILON

Senator Drilon noted that earlier, the Chair mentioned that the first in the list of members nominated on the floor shall automatically become the vice chairman. Commenting thereon, he pointed

out that under the Rules, the designation of the vice chair is optional. He then requested a clarification of the rule insofar the designation of vice chairperson is concerned.

In reply, Senate President Sotto adverted to Section 18, Rule X of the Rules of the Senate, to wit:

"SEC. 18. The membership of the permanent committees, including their respective Chairmen, shall be chosen by the Senate. The Chairman of each committee may designate the Vice Chairman or such Vice Chairmen of his committee and create such subcommittees as may be deemed necessary."

Senate President Sotto agreed that the chairperson may or may not designate a vice chairperson and that if ever the chairperson decides to designate, he/she is not limited to one vice-chairman. But he recalled that it has been the practice before that the first name mentioned in the list is usually the vice chair, unless another is manifested by the committee chair himself/herself.

As to whether a chairperson can manifest his or her choice of vice chairperson, or manifest that he or she does not need any, Senator Zubiri affirmed that both scenarios are possible. He agreed that there is no limit on the number of vice chairpersons that could be designated, unlike the Rules of the House of Representatives which is specific in the number of vice chairpersons of a committee.

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body considered Proposed Senate Resolution No. 23, entitled

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE
AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE
LATE MAJOR GENERAL JOSE V.
BALAJADIA, JR. AFP (RETIRED),
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, SENATE OF
THE PHILIPPINES.**

With the permission of the Body, only the title of the resolution was read without prejudice to the insertion of its full text into the Record of the Senate.

Thereupon, the Chair recognized Senator Gordon for the sponsorship.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF SENATOR GORDON

Senator Gordon presented for plenary consideration Proposed Senate Resolution No. 23 which honors the service and contributions of former Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Major General Jose Villaruz Balajadia, Jr. (Ret.) who died at the age of 75 years old.

(Along with Senator Gordon's sponsorship speech was a presentation showing General Balajadia's service, achievements and contributions not only as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate but as soldier and civil servant par excellence.)

Senator Gordon narrated General Balajadia's—or Badjao's—beginnings, from the time he was born in Baguio on November 23, 1943, to his attendance to the Saint Louis University as an Electrical Engineering student until he decided to become a reserve pilot during his sophomore year.

Senator Gordon said that the young Balajadia formally started his military pilot training at the Philippine Air Force Flying School in Fernando Air Base, Lipa City from 1962 to 1972 where he earned his air crew badge; FAM course for F-86 Sabre which was the most modern jet fighter aircraft at that time; jet qualification training; advanced combat training; combat crew training; and aircraft maintenance officer course. He said that then reservist Balajadia never lost sight of the fact that he had to be educated to pursue a career and move ahead; thus, he studied and earned BSE Aviation and AB English degrees from Basa Air Base College in Pampanga, completed a master's degree in Business Administration from De La Salle Graduate School of Business, and studied again at the Civil Aviation Training Center in 1994.

Senator Gordon said that General Balajadia was able to rise through the ranks from being a reservist to a Second Lieutenant in 1964 and Major General on September 28, 1998.

Back when the country's air force was at its golden age, when F-86 squadrons would be sent to other countries as part of the peacekeeping forces, Senator Gordon recalled that the quiet, dignified but very friendly General Balajadia was at one time commander of the 6th Tactical Fighters Squadron of the Philippine Air Force from 1976 to 1978 and was, in fact, team leader of the highly esteemed Blue Diamonds of the Philippine Air Force Aerobatic



Group that performed very serious acrobatic drills with F-86 and F-5 jets.

Senator Gordon said that General Balajadia held a premier position as deputy commander of the Armed Forces of the Philippines' Southern Command in Zamboanga until he became an executive officer of the Clark Air Base Command under the US Air Force, and officer-in-charge of Rescue and Relief Operations at Clark Air Base during the 1991 Mt. Pinatubo eruption. He remembered General Balajadia as a true humanitarian who was always willing to help during huge disasters like the cataclysmic eruption of Mt. Pinatubo and the major earthquake that hit Baguio City.

Moreover, Senator Gordon stated that General Balajadia became the wing commander of the 600th Air Base Wing in Clark and commander of the Air Reserve Command from 1995 to 1998, and deputy chief-of-staff for Reservist and Retiree Affairs from 1998 to 1999. He said that "Badjao" certainly served the country well as proven by the medals given to him: two Silver Wing medals for meritorious achievement while performing an aerial flight and a single act of merit for participating in sustained operations activities against the enemy while in an aerial flight mode; Distinguished Service Star — the third highest military award — in 1993 in recognition of eminently meritorious and valuable service rendered while holding a position of great responsibility; two Gawad sa Kaunlaran awards from the Armed Forces of the Philippines — considered the second highest distinction award presented by the Armed Forces of the Philippines to civilians and government officials; three Bronze Cross medals for heroism in risking life either for voluntary action in the face of great danger above and beyond the call of duty or two other deeds evidenced by extraordinary bravery not involving direct combat with the enemy; seven military merit medals; two Military Commendation Medals (MCM) for his exemplary execution of military duty; four military civic action medals from 1973 to 1993; award for meritorious achievement in the conduct of humanitarian civic actions in direct support of military operations; Kahusayan award; Mutual Defense Award; February 1986 Revolution Ribbon bestowed upon all officers and enlisted personnel in the AFP and PNP in recognition of their professionalism and dedication to duty as well as their contribution to the preservation of democracy and peace; AFP Combat Badge (Kagitingan) awarded by the commanding general of the Philippine Army to Philippine Army

officers and enlisted personnel who commanded combat and combat support units for at least one cumulative year; and many other awards.

(*At this juncture, Senate President Sotto relinquished the Chair to Senate President Pro Tempore Recto.*)

Acknowledging General Balajadia's distinguished professional career, Senator Gordon said that the General's career did not end with his retirement from the military as he went on to earn another great achievement when he was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate by Senate President Drilon and four other Senate Presidents — Villar, Enrile, Pimentel III and Sotto.

He lauded General Balajadia for being instrumental in keeping the discipline, security and enforcement of the law in the Senate as Sergeant-at-Arms, adding that the Senate never had a problem with security because of his great listening skills which made him an effective leader.

Senator Gordon likewise expressed great pleasure and comfort for having General Balajadia and his staff watch his back during the Blue Ribbon Committee hearings involving tough, powerful and influential people involved in criminal organizations and commended him for protecting the senators during the impeachment trial of former Chief Justice Renato Corona, and even during the arrest of Senator Leila De Lima — a kind of service which General Balajadia did with much equanimity. He added that General Balajadia was proud of and he was a darling of the media.

He said that General Balajadia was also instrumental in ensuring the safekeeping of Bureau of Immigration Commissioner Al Argosino and Michael Robles who were jailed for contempt, and for safeguarding the Senate during the temporary detention of Nicanor Faeldon, Kenneth Dong, Mark Taguba, Wally Sombero, and Marina Signapan, among others.

Senator Gordon said that on top of General Balajadia's kindness, he did his job extremely well as he always secured the Senate from bomb threats.

He expressed certainty that the new Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Major General Rene Samonte, would likewise take care of everyone in the Senate.

Amid all of his capabilities, accomplishments, professionalism, and humanitarian feats, Senator



Gordon said that General Balajadia was a true Christian, a good and dutiful husband to Thelma, his wife of 50 years, and a loving father to Rey Jose, Maria Araceli, Maria Cristina, Maria Isabel, and Jonathan, whose 50-year inspiring love story with his wife Thelma was featured in 2018 as part of the CNN Philippines' Valentine Special. He noted that the late General had the essentials to a happy and successful relationship particularly since his wife managed to keep him in high gear.

Senator Gordon also considered General Balajadia as a simple and humble man, who never left his old Fairview residence and only shared in the use of his son's car, who never abused his prerogatives even while serving as a commander in the air force, as well as for being firm and fair while being a kind and approachable gentleman.

Aside from commending the late general for his 38 years of service to the country as part of the uniformed personnel and as a support staff to the senators, Senator Gordon said that he even thought of asking Senate President Sotto to put the flag at half-mast in his honor.

Senator Gordon said that he admired General Balajadia more because even as he was suffering from prostate cancer, he never complained, never failing to greet him and take time to talk to him about work in the Senate and the country's state of affairs.

He said that the resolution was the Senate's way of thanking and exalting the late General who, as a professional in his military and civic duties as well as great family man and a compassionate, caring and humanitarian individual, ought to be emulated by the senators and staff alike.

ALL SENATORS AS COAUTHORS

Senator Zubiri manifested that all senators were coauthors of Proposed Senate Resolution No. 23.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, Proposed Resolution No. 23 was adopted by the Body, subject to style.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, the session was suspended.

It was 4:25 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:30 p.m., the session was resumed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR ZUBIRI

Senator Zubiri requested the Members to meet after the adjournment of session to discuss options on the legislative calendar for the First Regular Session of the 18th Congress so that the same could also be presented to the House of Representatives.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Upon motion of Senator Zubiri, there being no objection, the Senate President Pro Tempore declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, July 29, 2019.

It was 4:31 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


ATTY. MYRA MARIE D. VILLARICA
Secretary of the Senate


Approved on July 29, 2019