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SENATE'S BEST¹

by Senate President
Vicente C. Sotto III



Good afternoon to my fellow Senators, other civil servants, distinguished guests, friends, my fellow Filipinos.

Today we close the 2nd Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress which convened in July last year.

Naalala ko, Hulyo noong nagdaang taon, nagtipon-tipon ang inyong mga Senador sa pagbubukas ng sesyon sa kasagsagan ng pandemya.

Matindi ang mga agam-agam sa mga panahong iyon; ngunit nanatili ang pag-asang magiging maayos din ang lahat. Hindi nawalan ng loob ang inyong Senado. Bagkus, mabilis itong umaksiyon. Kaya noong September 2020, agad na naipasa ang batas na nagpapalawig ng naunang Bayanihan, na tinawag nating Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, na nakatuon hindi lamang sa kalusugan ng bawat Pilipino ngunit pati na rin sa muling pagbangon ng ekonomiya.

Lumipas ang mga araw, at sa pagdating ng mga unang buwan ng 2021, nakahinga tayo nang maluwa. Sa mga araw na iyon, natukoy natin ang mga pangunahing hakbang para maging ligtas ang ating mga komunidad. Nagbigay ng mga ayuda ang mga sangay ng ating pamahalaan sa ating mga kababayan. Unti-unting nagluwag

¹*Sine die* adjournment speech delivered on 03 June 2021.

ang panuntunan ng kuwarentenas. Umasa tayong lahat na—kahit na papaano—makababalik na sa trabaho ang marami sa atin. Na napanghawakan na natin ang pandemya.

But when we thought we had a handle on the situation, when for a moment we saw the beginnings of a silver lining, a spike of infections hit Metro Manila. The numbers rose as infections spread. Our health system become overburdened again. It seemed as if we were again knocked down on our knees.

The experts have predicted that this would happen. A pandemic’s cycle may involve waves of resurgence as communities wade into the ebb and flow quarantine restrictions. And while the experts search for further solutions, your Senate’s desire to work together with the House of Representatives as well with the Executive branch to contain yet again the virus, did not falter.

Kaya naman maliban sa Bayanihan Laws, isinabatas na ng Senado noong Pebrero 2021 ang pagpopondo, agarang pagbili, at ang paglalahad ng pamamaraan at proseso ng pagbabakuna.² Isa itong kritikal na hakbang para mapangalagaan ang immunity ng lahat, at sa huli ay manumbalik sa normal and lahat.

In this regard, some people say that—as a prediction based on science—the ensuing spike could not have been avoided. On the other hand, some people think that the government should have done more.

I know that in difficult times, the blame game is easy to play. But I also know it does not do the situation any good. *Madali ang humanap ng sisi. Ngunit, sa ganang akin, hindi ito nakabubuti.*

²Republic Act No. 11525.

Nonetheless, I also believe that in moments of national crisis, our people expect more from their government. And, therefore, it becomes the duty of us in the Senate to fulfill this expectation to the highest degree possible.

Mga kababayan ko, alam nating patuloy na binabago ng pandemya ang takbo ng ating buhay.

Sabi ng mga siyentipiko, mananatili ang buhay kuwarentenas habang hindi napipigil ang paglaganap ng virus.

Alam nating nakasalalay—hindi lamang sa isang sector kundi sa bawat isa sa atin—ang masinop, at maagang pagbangon ng ating bayan. Higit kailanman, nasa harap natin ang pagsubok sa ating tataag at pagkakaisa.

Dahil sa panahon ng krisis, alam nating marami ang umaasa sa pamahalaan. Nakikiisa ang Senado sa mga nakadadanas ng hirap. Hindi natin sila pababayaan.

To ensure that all public services be maintained, your Senate approved the extension of the availability of the 2020 appropriations to December 2021, and of the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act funds up to June 30, 2021.³

Aware of the urgent needs of the pandemic, your Senate committed to a legislative policy of shepherding government programs and resources for fighting COVID-19. Early this year, Republic Act No. 11523, otherwise known as the Financial Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act, was passed into law to ensure financial resiliency against the pandemic.

Simultaneously while addressing the medical aspect of the pandemic, we have—since day one—been in discussion with key

³Republic Act No. 11520.

people in an effort to address the labor and financial; the cultural and psychological repercussions of a society that requires social distancing.

Some say that we only need to ride out the worst part of the pandemic; that, for now, no one is expected to demand more.

I say that more is required from the government, not only because it has the resources to do so but because the best public service is government's covenant to its people.

As Senate President, and in behalf of my colleagues, I am here to commit to that promise. Our people have given us their trust. And by the grace of God, we will not fail them.

The Senate, through its hearings, and informal consultations, is in touch with the medical experts with the end in view of crafting laws to stay steps ahead of the natural course of the pandemic.

We have, in various legislative stages, twenty-one (21) bills of local application creating schools, hospitals, and expanding bed capacity in hospitals in various parts of the country. Our bill granting scholarship to medical students has passed into law as Republic Act No. 11509, or the Doktor Para sa Bayan Act.

Through dialogue with business leaders and financial advisers, the Senate is also keeping track of the effect of the pandemic on the economic growth of our country.

We have legislated, and continue to legislate, on improving financial benefits to medical workers and easing tax incidence on businesses. We have passed a law to suspend, for a certain period, the increases in the contribution to the Social Security System.⁴

⁴Republic Act No. 11548.

The passing of the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act (or the CREATE Act)⁵, for example, grants tax relief for companies in the red.

Your Senate also worked in amending the Retail Trade Liberalization Law, which is now pending in the Bicameral Conference Committee. We have, up to this time, been in the process of discussing the Public Service Act, which we shall continue to do when session resumes.

Nais ko rin po sanang ibahagi sa ating kababayan na maliban sa mga pang-medikal at pang-ekonomiyang usapin, nakikipag-ugnayan din ang inyong Senado sa mga dalubhasa sa sikolohiya upang tapatan ng lunas ang lungkot na dala ng social distancing at iba pang dagok sa ating buhay.

We hope to reach out and look towards our cultural agencies to fill the void by lifting our national spirit.

There are other laws that your Senate passed in the 2nd Regular Session of this Congress. For brevity of this speech, may I ask the Secretariat to insert the list into the records.

All the Senate's accomplishments that this representation has mentioned will not be possible without the unwavering service and dedication of all the Senate staffers—both from the offices of the Senators and from the Secretariat. My utmost and fervent gratitude to all of you. As well as, of course, to my dear colleagues for your continued support and for always being one with me in the pursuit of coming up with legislations that are in the interest of the people, fair, and reasonable.

Mga kababayan ko, alam nating sa ngayon, ang pagbabakuna ang nakikitang pangunahing sagot sa

⁵Republic Act No. 11534.

pandemya. Sa usaping medikal, ito ang panangga sa pagkakasakit at impeksiyon. Ang pagbabakuna sa ating komunidad ang susi sa lubos na pagbubukas ng ekonomiya. Pangalagaan natin at pagtuunan ng pansin ang programang ito.

We often think that our government is not acting fast enough. There may be some truth to the statement. But let me put it in context: in extraordinary times such as this—where there are so many unknowns—no government, not even the most advanced country in the world, can act fast enough.

I say this not as an excuse, but as an exhortation to be patient. *Hindi ko nais na isawalang bahala ang inyong puna, kung mayroon man. Hangad ko lang na habaan natin ang ating pisi at pasensiya.*

As Senate President, I give you a simple promise; We, in the Senate, will do our best.

I would like to think that similar to the fable of the tortoise and the hare, we will win over the pandemic not because of how fast we run, but how wise we are at strategizing for the win.

Nakikiusap ako sa ating lahat—sa mga mamamayan ng ating bayan—sa mga kapwa kong naglilingkod sa ibat't ibang sangay ng pamahalaan, patuloy tayong mag-ugnayan tulad ng isang bansa.

Huwag tayong magpapadala sa panimdim. Buksan natin ang ating mga kalooban sa pagtulong sa kapwa.

Magpasalamat tayo sa ating buhay ano mang antas ang kinalalagyan nito.

Ipunin natin ang ating pag-asa, iwaksi ang pangamba, huwag maglimayon sa kalungkutan, ipagdasal ang mga mahal nating yumao.

Sabay nating harapin ang liwanag ng mas magandang bukas. Pinatumba man tayo ng pandemya, alam kong lalaban ang bayang Pilipinas. Babangon itong mas malakas, at mas matatag at mas hihigitan ang lugmok ng kanyang pagkakadapa.

Mabuhay ang Pilipinas. Mabuhay tayong lahat!

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AGRICULTURE

R.A. No. 11511 An Act Amending Republic Act No. 10068 Or The Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 (S. No. 1318/ H. No. 6878) [December 23, 2020]

The law establishes a Participatory Guarantee System (PGS), which refers to a locally-focused quality assurance system that is developed and practiced by people actually engaged in organic agriculture.

The law also creates the National Organic Agriculture Program–National Program Coordinating Office (NOAP-NPCO) under the Department of Agriculture (DA), which will serve as the planning and administrative secretariat of the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) and coordinating office of the NOAP.

Furthermore, the amendatory law also restructures, strengthens, and empowers the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS), which will provide technical assistance to the NOAB and the NOAP-NPCO. The BAFS will also be tasked to formulate and update standards relevant to organic agriculture; issue accreditation to Organic Certifying Bodies (OCBs); conduct inspections on compliance of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups with the Philippine National Standards for organic agriculture, and publish at least once a year the list of compliant PGS groups.

The law defines Organic Certifying Body (OCB) as a legal entity accredited by a government agency to perform inspection and certification activities. OCB is responsible for verifying that a product sold or labeled as “organic” is produced, processed, prepared, or handled according to relevant guidelines.

This Act appropriates an annual budget amounting to P1 Billion, with specific allocations such as shared facilities, seeds development, distribution of planting materials and animals, feeds for aquaculture, soil amendments and bio-control agents, extension and training, socialized credit, small scale irrigation system, research for development, and marketing and promotion.

R.A. No. 11524 An Act Creating the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund, Providing for Its Management and Utilization, Reconstituting for The Purpose the Philippine Coconut Authority Board, And for Other Purposes (S. No. 1396/H. No. 8136) [February 26, 2021]

The law creates the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund to allow coconut farmers and workers to directly benefit from coco levy funds. The law also reconstitutes the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) to reflect the proposed membership of the Trust Committee tasked to manage the coconut levy trust fund. The trust fund will be utilized for coconut farm improvements to encourage self-sufficiency among farmers, programs for shared facilities and scholarship programs and initiatives for the empowerment of coconut farmers’ organizations and their cooperatives. The trust fund will also be appropriated through the General Appropriations Act. The PCA Board shall be appointed by the President and shall be composed of the following:

1. The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA), as Chairperson;
2. The Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF), as Vice Chairperson;

3. The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);
4. The Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST);
5. The Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
6. The Administrator of the Authority; and
7. Three (3) members from the coconut farmers sector (one each from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao).

In the formulation of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Plan, the PCA shall be guided by the following objectives:

1. Increased incomes of coconut farmers;
2. Poverty alleviation and social equity; and
3. Rehabilitation and modernization of the coconut industry towards farm productivity.

A Trust Fund Management Committee shall be created comprising authorized representatives from the DOF and DOJ which shall be responsible for setting the Investment Strategy of the Trust Fund. The Committee shall submit to the President a report on the disposition of the Coconut Levy Assets on a semi-annual basis.

R.A. No. 11547 An Act Declaring the City of Davao as The Chocolate Capital of the Philippines and The Entire Region X1 (Davao Region) As The Cacao Capital of the Philippines (S. No. 1741/H. No. 7460) [May 27, 2021]

This law declares Davao City as the Cacao and Chocolate Capital of the Philippines as it recognizes the city as the country’s biggest producer of cacao. Further, it also recognizes the city’s vital contribution in making the Philippines world-renowned and sought after by chocolate makers from the US, Japan and Europe

This law also seeks to garner government support not only to maintain, promote, and protect the country’s cacao industry, but most importantly, to ensure its sustainability for the benefit of farmers and other stakeholders.

S. No. 1927 An Act Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to Use the Annual Tariff Revenues in Excess of P10 Billion, Under Republic Act 11203 Or “An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice Lifting for The Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction On Rice, and for Other Purposes,” For Direct Cash Assistance to Farmers Owning One (1) Hectare or Less of Rice Land Until 2024

The bill seeks to authorize the Department of Agriculture (DA) to use the annual revenues in excess of P10 Billion under the Rice Tariffication Act, for direct cash assistance to rice farmers owning one hectare and below until 2024. This is in view of the current state of declining palay prices and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill also requires that the DA and the Bureau of Customs shall submit separate reports to Congress, at year end, through the Committee on Agriculture, on the remittance of funds and the actual fund disbursement for the year, respectively.

APPROPRIATIONS

R.A. No. 11518 An Act Appropriating Funds for The Operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand and Twenty-One, And for Other Purposes (H. No. 7727) [December 28, 2020]

This Act provides the amount of P4.506 Trillion for the national budget of the Philippines in 2021. This amount is nine point nine percent (9.9 %) higher than the 2020 national budget,

and represents twenty-one point eight percent (21.8 %) of the projected 2021 gross national domestic product (GDP). In terms of sectoral allocation, the social services sector gets the highest share of the national pie (37%), followed by economic services (29.4%), general public services (16.6%), debt service (12.4%), and defense (4.6%).

In expense allocation, the budget for personnel services garners the largest appropriation, for P1.299 Billion. Below is the table showing appropriation regarding expense class:

Budget Dimensions by Expose Class, GAA 2021	
Particulars	Amount (in billion Pesos)
Personnel Services	1,299.3
Capital Outlays	869.9
Allotment to LGUs ¹	844.6
Maintenance & others ² Operating Expenses	732.1
Debt Burden	560.2
Support to GOCCs	158.4
Tax Expenditure	14.5
Total	4,506.0
¹ Inclusive of Internal Revenue Allotment. Special Shares of LGUs in the Proceeds of National Taxes, Local Government Support Fund, MMDA and Other Financial Assistance to LGUs. BARMM-Block Grant ² Inclusive of Financial Expenses	

The top ten departments receiving the largest allocation are the following:

1. Education (includes DepEd, SUCs, CHED, TESDA), P751.7 Billion or 16.7% of the 2021 budget;
2. Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), P695.7 Billion or 15.4% of the budget;
3. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), P695.7 Billion or 5.5% of the budget;
4. Department of Health (includes P71.4 Billion budget of PhilHealth), P210.2 Billion or 4.7% of the budget;
5. Department of National Defense (DND), P205.8 Billion or 4.6% of the budget;
6. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), P176.9 Billion or 3.9% of the budget;
7. Department of Transportation (DOTr), P87.9 Billion or 2% of the budget;
8. Department of Agriculture (DA), P71 Billion or 1.6% of the budget;
9. Judiciary, P45.3 Billion or 1% of the budget, and
10. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), P37 Billion or .8% of the budget.

R.A. No. 11519 An Act Extending the Availability of Appropriations Under Republic Act No. 11494, Otherwise Known as The “Bayanihan to Recover as One Act” (H. No. 8063) [December 29, 2020]

This act extends the availability of appropriations authorized under Republic Act No. 11494 or the *Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*, which includes among others, automatic appropriations of new programs, activities and projects (P/A/Ps) under Section 4 of said measure. The release, obligation, and disbursement of funds on these P/A/Ps shall be until June 30, 2021. However, the appropriations from reprogrammed, reallocated and realigned savings in RA No. 11465 or the GAA

2020 shall be valid for release, obligation, and disbursement under the provisions of GAA 2020 as long as the use of these funds are in accordance with Section 4 of the *Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*.

The special and general provisions of the 2020 GAA shall be supplementary to *Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*.

The balances of fund transfers between agencies, instrumentalities and government-owned and-controlled corporations (GOCCs) that are obligated but remain unused, unutilized, unspent, and undisbursed as of June 30, 2021 shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. Any balances of fund transfers in the books of the Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) shall also revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund upon the effectivity of this measure.

The authority of the President to exercise powers granted under RA No. 11494 or *Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*, including the authority to reprogram, reallocate, and realign other items in the appropriations of the Executive Department in the 2020 GAA, shall be valid only until December 19, 2020.

The validity of advises of allotments issued by DBM for fund releases charged against Section 10 (Standby Fund) of *Bayanihan to Recover as One Act* shall be extended until June 30, 2021 in accordance with Section 1 of this measure. Likewise, the fund releases to LGUs and GFIs for P/A/Ps cited in the same section shall extend until June 30, 2021. These fund releases shall be governed by conditions stipulated under Section 10 of same law.

However, fund releases to LGUs and GFIs sourced from savings in the 2020 GAA shall be governed only by applicable provisions of GAA 2020.

R.A. No. 11520 An Act Extending the Availability of The 2020 Appropriations to December 31, 2021, Amending for The Purpose Section 60 Of The General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11465 Or The General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2020 (H. No. 6656) [December 29, 2020]

This Act amends Section 60 of GAA 2020 on provision of the Cash Budgeting System. It provides that all appropriations in GAA 2020 including budgetary support to GOCCs shall be available for release and disbursement until December 31, 2021.

Likewise, appropriations for financial assistance to local government units (LGUs) released during FY 2020 shall be available for disbursement until December 31, 2021. However, statutory shares of LGUs (like the internal revenue allotment) shall be available for obligations and disbursement until fully expended.

After said validity period, all unreleased appropriation shall lapse; unexpended or undisbursed funds shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. Said funds shall not be available for expenditure except by subsequent legislative enactment.

Another set of funds that shall revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund are the obligated balances of fund transfers between agencies, instrumentalities and GOCCs, but are unused, unutilized, unexpended, and undisbursed as of December 31, 2021.

Another source of unappropriated surplus of the General Fund can be derived from balances of fund transfers in the books of the Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC). This Act stipulates that the PITC shall not be allowed to accept outsourcing requests from other agencies or enter into agreements with instrumentalities and/or GOCCs.

The law also cites the following items as valid for obligation until December 31, 2021:

1. For FY 2020, appropriations for infrastructure capital outlays including subsidy releases to GOCCs for infrastructure projects; However, completion of construction, inspection, and payment shall be made not later than December 31, 2021.
2. Appropriations for MOOE and other capital outlay items; However, delivery, inspection, and payment shall not be later than December 31, 2021.

The DBM is authorized to issue guidelines for the effective implementation of the cash budgeting system. Further, it is also mandated to submit a report on the releases, obligations and disbursements to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Committee on Appropriations, the President of the Senate, and the Senate Committee on Finance.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL REFORM

R.A. No. 11521 An Act Further Strengthening the Anti-Money Laundering Law, Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as The “Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001”, As Amended (S. No. 1945/ H. No. 7904) [January 29, 2021]

This Act expands the coverage of the law on persons and transactions that may be used for money laundering activities in relation to financing terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. It expands the functions of the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) and prescribes lawful processes for investigations and imposition of sanctions on violation of the Anti-Money Laundering Law.

The measure covers the following persons:

- (1) real estate developers and brokers,
- (2) persons covered under Section 3(a)(9) of this Law or real estate developers and brokers with transactions involving an amount in excess of P7.5 Million or its equivalent in any currency, in a single transaction,
- (3) offshore gaming operators and their service providers that are supervised, accredited or regulated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporations (PAGCOR).

This law also covers the following transactions:

- (a) transaction in cash or monetary instrument in excess of P500,000.00 within one banking day,
- (b) Single casino transaction in excess of P5 Million or its equivalent in any currency.

“Suspicious” transactions and unlawful activities are also covered under this law and are listed, among others as:

- 1) a transaction where there is no underlying legal or trade obligation, purpose or economic justification,
- 2) where client is not properly identified,
- 3) the amount involved is not commensurate with the business or financial capacity of the client,
- 4) fraudulent practices and violations of RA 8799 or the Securities Regulation Code of 2000,
- 5) violation of Section 19 (a)(3) of RA 10697 or Strategic Management Act in relation to proliferation of weapons of mass destruction pursuant to UN Resolution 1718 of 2006 and 2231 of 2015.

The law mandates that AMLC should apply for a search and seizure order as well as issuance of *subpoena ad testificandum* and *subpoena duces tecum* from a competent court in the conduct of its investigation. It shall apply financial sanctions, such as *ex parte* freeze on funds and assets that are owned, controlled and generated by entities listed under said UN Resolution 1718 and 2231.

The freeze order may be issued immediately by the Court of Appeals (CA) and be effective for twenty (20) days, during which said court shall conduct a summary hearing whether to lift, modify the freeze order or to extend the period of its effectivity. The freeze shall not exceed six (6) months, and when there is no case filed against the involved person within said period, the freeze is considered lifted. There shall be no TRO or writ of injunction on the freeze, except by the Supreme Court. The AMLC shall also have the power to freeze, without delay, if this concerns proliferation of weapons of mass destruction as per said UN Resolution. Within twenty (20) days from its issuance, the aggrieved party may file petition with the CA, to determine the basis of the freeze, in accordance with the principle of effective judicial protection. However, the aggrieved person may draw sums from the frozen funds or assets for his and his family’s monthly sustenance as determined by the AMLC. He shall also draw from the said funds or assets to finance the services of his counsel and his or his family’s medical needs.

For its part, the AMLC may initiate civil forfeiture proceedings such as the *freeze* so as not to dissipate said funds or assets. No TRO or writ of injunction may be issued against such freeze except from the CA or Supreme Court.

This law also provides that AMLC shall not intervene in the independent operation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). However, AMLC may coordinate with the BIR on investigations

on violations of Section 254 of NIRC, as amended, as predicate offense to money laundering.

In the course of its investigations, the AMLC and its secretariat shall protect the information it gathered and not reveal these even after their separation from the AMLC.

The law provides for sanctions on breach of information security and confidentiality. This may take the form of imprisonment from three (3) to eight (8) years and a fine of not less than P500,000.00 but not more than P1 Million. If the offender is a public official or employee, he shall be temporarily or forever barred from public office, aside from suffering the imprisonment and fine as aforementioned. If the information is published or reported in the media, the responsible reporter, writer, president, publisher, manager, and editor in chief shall also be liable under this Act.

R.A. No. 11523 An Act Ensuring Philippine Financial Industry Resiliency Against the COVID-19 Pandemic (S. No. 1849/H. No. 6816) [February 16, 2021]

This law, also known as the Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act, aims to improve the financial system by mobilizing the potential value of resources embedded but lying dormant in Non-Performing Assets (NPA) and Non-Performing Loans (NPL). Mobilizing the value of these resources can generate liquidity that can ease the flow of much needed funds to reverse a sluggish economy into one of steady growth and stability.

This act authorizes the creation of Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer Corporation (FISTC) to achieve said objective. The FISTC is a stock corporation organized in accordance with RA No. 11232 (Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines). A FISTC shall not be formed as a one-person corporation. An entity becomes a FISTC upon filing of application for establishment and registration at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

and its subsequent approval. Filing of application shall be within 36 months from the effectivity of this law. The FISTC shall submit a FISTC Plan to SEC within a period prescribed by latter. A complete plan shall contain information required and listed under Section 8 of this law, some of which are: (1) investment policies of the FISTC, (2) features of the Investment Unit Instruments (IUIs)-including the specific amounts issued and to be issued, (3) details of distribution policies, (4) methods for the liquidation and distribution of assets to holders of IUIs, and (5) name of external auditor of the FISTC; the presence of an external auditor was especially cited in the law. FISTC has to acquire the plan's Certificate of Approval from SEC in order that it can sell or issue the IUIs as stated in the plan. FISTC can only sell or issue IUIs to "permitted" investors as defined in Section 11 of this act.

A FISTC shall have a minimum authorized capital stock of P500 Million, with a minimum subscribed capital stock of P125 Million, and a minimum paid-up capital of P31.250 Million.

Where land and foreign equity participation are concerned, the FISTC shall comply with the provisions of the Constitution and the minimum capital requirements in accordance with RA No. 7042 (Foreign Investments Act), as amended.

The FISTC's functions are that of acquiring NPAs and NPLs from financial institutions (FIs) and transfer or sell these to third parties, thus earning revenues, interest and profits. It can buy or transfer shares issued by a borrower of the FIs. It can also lease acquired assets and thus collect rents from it. A FISTC can restructure NPLs or convert it to equity.

FISTCs shall also enjoy incentives and tax exemptions among which are the following: (1) documentary stamp tax, (2) capital gains tax, (3) creditable withholding income taxes, (4) value-added tax on the transfer of NPAs as may be imposed under Title IV of NIRC 1997.

As in any corporation, FISTC shall keep books of accounts and records. It shall appoint an external auditor that is acceptable to SEC. The latter, the BSP and the BIR may examine the books of accounts and records of FISTC at reasonable hours on business days after due notice.

The FISTC shall set up a financial consumer protection mechanism taking into consideration provisions of existing laws, rules and regulations protecting the borrower. Financial consumer mechanism shall include standards of disclosure and transparency, conflicts of interests, protection of client information, fair treatment, prevention of over-indebtedness and exhaustion of all remedies, among others.

A person who avails of tax exemptions and privileges under this law, but is not entitled to, shall refund the government double the amount of tax exemptions and privileges availed under this law plus interest of 12% per year from the date prescribed for its payment until full payment.

Moreover, the violator shall be fined P100,000.00 to not more than P200,000.00 or imprisonment of not less than six (6) years nor more than 12 years, or both. If the offender is an alien, he shall be immediately deported without further proceedings after payment of aforementioned penalties. If the offender is a public official or employee, he shall be disqualified from public office and suffer the abovementioned penalties and sanctions.

A Joint Congressional Oversight Committee (JCOC) shall be formed with five (5) members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives. It shall be cochaired by the chairpersons of the Senate's Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies, and the House Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries. The Senate President and the Speaker of the House

shall designate the other four (4) members of the JCOC from their end.

This act repeals RA 9182 or the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Act of 2002. Entities specified under SPV 2002 can avail of the privileges under the FIST Act.

CHILD AND YOUTH

S. No. 1373 An Act Protecting Children by Prohibiting and Declaring Child Marriage as Illegal and Providing Programs and Penalties Thereof

The bill considers the act of child marriage a public crime, and penalizes any person who facilitates and solemnizes this union with the penalty of *prision* mayor in its medium period and a fine of not less than P40,000.00.

Child Marriage is defined as any marriage entered into and solemnized in civil or church proceedings, or in any recognized traditional, cultural, or customary manner, where one or both parties are persons below 18 years of age, or those unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, exploitation, or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition.

The bill also introduces a culturally-appropriate program and services that will be responsive to the needs of those who will be affected by this law. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) shall be the lead duty-bearer in the formulation of such program and services, and in the implementation of the law.

S. No. 2124 An Act to Further Empower the Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) By Amending Certain

Provisions in Republic Act No. 10742, Otherwise Known as The ‘Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015’

The bill amends RA 10742, otherwise known as the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015. It grants a monthly honorarium to Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) members, secretaries, and treasurers chargeable against SK Funds, subject to guidelines issued by the DBM. The Personnel Service allocation, however, shall not exceed 25% of the funds which would allow the bulk of the SK funds to be dedicated to their projects and programs for the youth. LGUs will also be allowed to provide additional honorarium to the SK Chairperson and its members via local ordinance.

The bill also provides additional qualifications for the SK Treasurer to ensure that only competent individuals are able to take this position. The SK Treasurer is required to have an educational and/or career background relating to Business Administration, Accountancy, Finance, Economics, or Bookkeeping. Only if no person meets the required educational background can the SK Chairperson consider other suitable nominees. These SK Treasurers are also required to undergo mandatory Bookkeeping training from TESDA prior to assuming office and they are required to be bonded officers.

The bill also provides guidelines on how SK funds may be used. In particular, such funds can be utilized for student stipends, book and education allowances, sports and wellness projects, skills training, OJT assistance, cash-for-work, livelihood assistance, environment conservation, calamity preparedness, and capacity building. Meanwhile, a maximum of 15% of these funds must be set aside for the mandatory and continuing training of the SK.

Moreover, the measure grants additional privileges to SK officials, such as exemption from taking any of the National

Service Training Program (NSTP); entitlement to appropriate Civil Service Eligibility provided that the official has rendered a full term of office.

The SK are mandated to (1) formulate and approve internal rules; (2) appoint its secretary and treasurer; and (3) set the schedule for regular SK meetings and SK assemblies within 60 days from their assumption to office. Every province, city or municipality shall appoint a local youth development officer, with the rank of at least division chief.

The measure also mandates LGUs to appropriate no less than one percent (1%) of their annual budget for the Local Youth Development Office.

S. No. 2209 An Act Strengthening Protections Against Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children, Amending for This Purpose Republic Act No. 9775 Or The Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009; Amending for This Purpose Republic Act No. 9995, Or The Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act of 2009, Providing Penalties for Its Violations, And for Other Purposes

The proposed Special Protections against Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) Law provides special protection to children from all forms of sexual violence, abuse and exploitation especially those committed with the use of information and communications technology. The measure provides sanctions for violators, as well as identifies programs for the prevention, deterrence, and intervention that will help prevent online sexual abuse and exploitation of children.

Child Sexual Abuse, as defined in the bill, is any form of communication through any platform or format, or any physical interaction between a child and any person when the child is being used for any act or activity inducing sexual stimulation or for the

purpose of sexual gratification, regardless of the consent of the victim.

Child Sexual Exploitation, meanwhile, is defined as sexual abuse and/or other sexualized acts using children that involve an exchange of some kind, including money, affection, food, drugs, shelter, protection, favor, or influence.

The Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) referred in this bill is the use of digital or analog communication as a means to abuse and exploit children sexually. This includes the production, dissemination, and possession of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Materials (CSAEM); online grooming of children for sexual purposes; sexual extortion of children, sharing image-based sexual abuse; commercial sexual exploitation of children; exploitation of children through online prostitution; and live-streaming of sexual abuse, with or without the consent of the victim.

The bill considers offenses under this Act as public crimes. Therefore, any person who has personal knowledge of the commission of these crimes, such as the victim-survivor, the parents, spouse, siblings, legal guardian, officer, or social worker or representative of a licensed child-caring institution, officer or social worker of the DSWD, Philippine National Police (PNP) and National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), barangay chairperson and at least three (3) concerned citizens where the violation occurred, may file a complaint against the offender.

The bill also prohibits the entry into the Philippines of all convicted offenders of OSAEC or similar or equivalent crimes in other jurisdictions, or those aliens reported to or being monitored by the Philippine law enforcement authorities for conducting OSAEC activities.

The bill proposes the creation of a National Coordination Center Against OSAEC (NCC-OSAEC) to be formed under the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT, RA No. 9208). The bill also proposes the amendment of RA No. 9208 by providing the additional mandate of addressing cases falling under OSAEC; and the addition of the Secretary of the Department of Education and the Secretary of the Department of Information and Communication Technology as members of the IACT.

Further, the bill provides penalties for the commission of crimes under this proposed law, from an imprisonment of six (6) months to life imprisonment and; a fine ranging from P500,000.00 to P5 Million.

Moreover, the bill provides for the creation of the OSAEC Offenders Registry. The registry shall contain the list of adult individuals, Filipino nationals and foreigners, with their personal information, who were convicted of OSAEC and other sexual offenses against children.

CITIZENSHIP

R.A. No. 11543 An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Kakou Ange Franck Williams Kouame (H. No. 7332) [May 18, 2021]

The law grants Philippine citizenship to Kakou Ange Franck Williams Kouame, with all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and other laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

Mr. Kouame shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to

administer the same and said Oath shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

H. No. 8631 An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Bienvenido Morejon Marañon

The bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Bienvenido Morejon Marañon, with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

Mr. Marañon shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same and said Oath shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

**CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION**

R.A. No. 11517 An Act Authorizing the President to Expedite the Processing and Issuance of National and Local Permits, Licenses and Certifications in Times of National Emergency (S. No. 1844/H. No. 7884) [December 23, 2020]

The law authorizes the President of the Philippines, in times of national emergency, to accelerate and streamline regulatory processes and procedures for new and pending applications for permits, licenses, clearances, and certifications including shortening the periods; suspend or waive the requirements in securing such permits, licenses, clearances, certifications, notwithstanding any law to the contrary; and prescribe to make permanent, the streamlined regulatory processes and procedures, suspension or waiver of the requirements in securing permits.

The authority granted to the President shall not undermine the existing procedures and processes under applicable laws meant to protect the environment especially those which aim to safeguard protected areas and the environmentally critical areas.

The law covers all agencies of the Executive branch, including departments, bureaus, offices, commissions, boards, councils, government instrumentalities, government-owned and -controlled corporations, and local government units.

The President is also authorized to suspend or remove any government official or employee who performs acts contrary to law, upon determination of a competent body.

S. No. 643 An Act Granting Night Shift Differential Pay to The Government Employees Including Those in Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations and Appropriating Funds Therefor

The bill proposes to grant night shift differential pay to government employees under Salary Grade 1 to Salary Grade 24, including those in the government-owned and controlled-corporations, whether the nature of their employment is permanent, contractual, temporary, or casual.

The employees shall be paid night shift differential at a rate not exceeding 20% of the hourly basic rate for each hour of work performed between the hours of 6:00pm and 6:00am of the following day. The night shift differential pay will be in addition to and will not in any way diminish whatever benefits and allowances the government employees enjoy.

The following government employees are not covered by this bill:

- a) Government employees whose schedule of office hours fall between 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. However, services rendered beyond the regular eight-hour work schedules are paid overtime pay in accordance with existing laws.
- b) Government employees whose services are required, or are on-call, twenty-four (24) hours a day such as uniformed personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and other similarly situated, as may be determined by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this bill shall be funded as follows:

- a) For the national government entities, the initial amount shall be charged against existing appropriations for the purpose of departments, bureaus, offices, and agencies concerned.

Thereafter, such sum as maybe necessary for the continuous implementation of this bill shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act;

- b) For local government units, the amount shall be charged against their respective funds; and for government-owned or controlled corporations and their subsidiaries, the amount shall come from their respective corporate funds.

S. No. 1092 An Act Institutionalizing the Grant of a Teaching Supplies Allowance for Public School Teachers and Appropriating Funds Therefor

The bill authorizes the grant of teaching supplies allowance for the purchase of teaching supplies and materials, and for the conduct of various learning delivery modalities (LDMS) in the amount of P5,000.00 per teacher for the school year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

It further grants the amount of P7,500.00 per teacher for the school year 2023-2024; and P10,000.00 per teacher for the school year 2024-2025, and thereafter. This allowance shall be exempt from income tax.

The grant of the cash allowance covers teachers who are engaged in teaching public basic education, consistent with the learning modalities recognized by the Department of Education (DepEd).

The amount necessary for the grant of teaching supplies allowance for teachers shall be charged against the appropriations of the DepEd under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The bill also mandates the Secretary of Education to conduct a periodic review of the teaching supplies allowance, taking into account the current prices of teaching supplies and materials. The Secretary may recommend the necessary increase in the amount of the allowance, if warranted.

ECONOMY

R.A. No. 11494 An Act Providing for Covid-19 Response and Recovery Interventions and Providing Mechanisms to Accelerate the Recovery and Bolster the Resiliency of the Philippine Economy, Providing Funds Therefor, And for Other Purposes (S. No. 1564/H. No. 6953) [September 11, 2020]

This law institutes a set of response and recovery interventions for the whole nation in a state of national emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It installs a mechanism for testing, tracing, treatment and isolation of suspect-infected or infected individuals and grant of assistance to vulnerable sectors like displaced workers and their families, returning OFWs, health workers and small businesses.

The law specifies the role of LGUs, national government agencies like PhilHealth and government financial institutions (GFIs) and banks as well as other sectors in this massive aid initiative.

The measure also creates a national referral system that provides patients a fast and efficient way to locate and avail services of hospitals, clinics, isolation centers, ambulance transport, and the like. It declares tax exemption of retirement benefits in the private sector as well as tax exemption on the sale, barter or exchange of shares of stocks listed and traded through initial public offering. Moreover, it grants appropriation for a standby fund that shall finance these interventions and identifies the sources of the fund.

This law also mandates the President to submit a monthly report to Congress and the Commission on Audit (COA) on all actions in the implementation of this measure, including the terms and conditions of loans committed by the government to fund programs and projects pursuant to this Act. A Joint Congressional Oversight Committee (JCOC) composed of four (4) members from each House shall be formed to determine that acts, orders, rules, and regulations are within the bounds provided by this measure.

Under the law, an emergency subsidy of P5,000.00 to P8,000.00 shall be granted to low-income households under granular lockdown as well as those who became unemployed or involuntarily separated from work because of the imposed

lockdown. This benefit shall also be given to OFWs who were repatriated due to pandemic-related work stoppage in their host countries as well as those whose deployment were suspended.

A P10-Billion fund shall be allotted for testing and procurement of Covid-19 medication and vaccine.

Health workers shall be entitled to a special risk allowance; hazard pay (per Magna Carta for Health Workers) as well as active hazard duty pay. The law mandates that they will be compensated in case they contract the infection or die from it.

Local Government Units (LGUs) shall be authorized to realign their local funds and channel these to COVID-19 responses. These includes, but not limited to, the development fund, Gender and Development Fund, Sangguniang Kabataan Fund, Special Education Fund, and other local funds, including unutilized or unreleased subsidies and transfers.

National government agencies are also encouraged to channel unutilized funds and savings to COVID-19 response.

The DBM and the Bureau of Treasury (BTR) shall automatically, and completely, release any adjusted or remaining shares of LGUs in national wealth and National Tax Allotment (NTA) pursuant to Section 286 of Republic Act 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991). A standby fund is also available for the government agencies to institute COVID-19 responses. Amounts are specified for the construction of field hospitals, quarantine facilities and expansion of government hospitals throughout the country; the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) can access this fund to finance their programs for displaced workers, both domestic and OFWs; government financial institutions (GFIs) and the banking industry can avail of capital infusion through this standby fund.

Government financial institutions (GFIs) and banks are enjoined to make credit available to productive sectors especially in the countryside, by lowering lending rates of interest. Regulatory agencies are also encouraged to decrease the reserve requirements of banks and channel accrued funds to COVID-19 response. Further, the law directs the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) to introduce a low interest or a “flexible term” loan program for operating expenses to be made available to affected businesses.

This measure also highlights the role of information and communications technology (ICT) in the activities under the new normal and way of living amidst the pandemic. ICT cuts across all sectors and facilitates processes in both private and government entities. Thus, the law provides funds to encourage all the concerned agencies to come up with measures to partner with internet and communication service providers to accelerate the building of infrastructure, the development of software and wireless technologies and the increase of internet speed and ensure its stability throughout the country.

R.A. No. 11510 An Act Institutionalizing the Alternative Learning System in Basic Education for Out-Of-School Children in Special Cases and Adults and Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 1365/H. No. 6910) [December 23, 2020]

This Alternative Learning System Act institutionalizes the Alternative Learning System (ALS) as a parallel learning system complementary to the formal education system through the establishment of the Bureau of Alternative Education (BAE) within the Department of Education (DepEd).

The law also expands and strengthens the ALS Program and provides increased opportunities for out-of-school youths, adults, and children in special extreme cases to develop basic and

functional literacy, life skills, and pursue an equivalent pathway to complete basic education. It covers those who have been deprived of access to formal basic education due to economic, geographic, political, cultural, and social barriers, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, children in conflict with the law, and learners in emergencies, persons deprived of liberty, migrant workers, and other marginalized sectors of society.

The law mandates the DepEd to regularly conduct ALS A&E Assessments and Certifications as a means to measure and certify competencies of ALS program completers and other learners.

The law further facilitates the recruitment of new ALS teachers and facilitators, and provides the means for professional growth of existing ALS teachers. It mandates the DBM to work with the DepEd and the Civil Service Commission in the creation of teaching positions for ALS teachers and allocate the corresponding salary grades. In addition, the DepEd shall also hire ALS literacy volunteers and instructional managers to be ALS teachers through a contracting scheme to augment the needed human resource requirements for the implementation of ALS programs. ALS teachers are provided with allowances for transportation and teaching aids.

Furthermore, the law mandates the establishment of at least one ALS Community Learning Center (CLC) in every municipality and city throughout the country. Priority should be given to areas where there is limited or no access to formal basic education or high concentration of out-of-school youths, adults, and children in special extreme cases.

The measure empowers the private sector to partner with government in the delivery of ALS services by mandating the formulation of standards for service delivery, including teacher qualifications, teacher deployment, teacher training, remuneration,

and system of rewards and incentives which are responsive to the needs and distinct situations of the particular areas serviced by these non-governmental actors.

All DepEd ALS programs are free of charge and collection of all kinds of fees, costs, or charges is prohibited.

Funding of the program shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DepEd. Continuous implementation of this Act, including the construction or provision of the ALS CLCs and the payment of transportation and teaching aid allowance for ALS Teachers and Community ALS implementors, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act

R.A. No. 11549 An Act Lowering the Minimum Height Requirement for Applicants of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), And Bureau of Corrections (BuCor), Amending Republic Act No. 6975, As Amended, Republic Act No. 9263, And Republic Act No. 10575 (S. No. 1563/H. No. 8261) [May 26, 2021]

This law lowers the minimum height requirement to 1.57 meters or 5 feet 2 inches for males, and 1.52 meters or 5 feet for females in the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor).

This measure also automatically waives such requirements for applicants from cultural communities and indigenous groups.

EDUCATIONAL REFORMS

R.A. No. 11509 An Act Establishing a Medical Scholarship and Return Service Program for Deserving

Students, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 1520/H. No. 6756) [December 23, 2020]

The law creates a scholarship and return of service program for qualified students who shall pursue or are currently pursuing a Doctor of Medicine degree in state universities and colleges (SUCs) and private higher education institutions (PHEIs). This measure integrates the graduates of this program into the public health system, to address the lack of medical support for the underprivileged and the population in the underserved, remote and economically underdeveloped areas.

The scholarship grant shall cover the following:

1. tuition and other school fees;
2. books, supplies and equipment;
3. clothing or uniform;
4. dormitory or boarding house allowance;
5. transportation;
6. internship fees, including financial assistance during the required internship period;
7. medical review fees and licensure fees;
8. annual medical insurance; and
9. subsistence or living allowance.

The following are qualified to apply for the scholarship:

1. natural-born or naturalized Filipino citizen residing in the Philippines;
2. graduating student or a graduate of an undergraduate degree course that is a prerequisite for a Doctor of Medicine degree from a CHED-recognized school;
3. have passed the entrance test and other requirements for admission to the Doctor of Medicine degree in the SUC or PHEI where the applicant intends to enroll; and

4. have obtained a National Medical Admission Test (NMAT) score as mandated by CHED and the required cut-off score by the SUC or PHEI where the applicant intends to enroll.

Once accepted in the scholarship program, students should satisfy other requirements such as: carrying a full load per semester; no dropping which will lead to underloading; finishing the program within the prescribed time-frame given by the SUC or HEI; pursuing their internship in a DOH-accredited public facility or hospital; and taking the medical board examination within one year after completing the internship period.

In exchange for the scholarship grant, the new doctor shall serve in a government or public health office or in a government hospital in his/her hometown, province or region or in an underserved municipality as determined by the DOH.

The new doctor shall render the mandatory return service within six (6) years from the time of passing the PLE for those who have availed of a four (4)-year program, and seven (7) years for those who have availed of a five (5)-year program. The doctor shall be required to render one year of service for every year that the scholarship grant is availed of.

The law imposes sanctions for those who fail to satisfy the return of service requirements unless the new physician contracts severe or serious illness in which case she/ he will be unable to perform the service required.

Funding of the program shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the participating SUC, DOH and CHED.

Continuous implementation of this scholarship grant shall be lodged under the annual scholarship program of SUCs and CHED in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

R.A. No. 11522 An Act Declaring May 18 Of Every Year as The National Higher Education Day (S. No. 1216/H. No. 4851) [February 5, 2021]

The law declares the 18th day of May of every year as the National Higher Education Day in commemoration of the founding anniversary of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

The law encourages all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned-and-controlled corporation, local government units, public and private educational institutions, employers in the private sector, and industry associations, to afford time and opportunities for their students or employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their schools, offices or establishments in celebration of this day.

R.A. No. 11551 An Act Integrating Labor Education in The Tertiary Education Curriculum (S. No. 1513/H. No. 4466) [May 27, 2021]

The law mandates the integration of labor education topics into selected core general education subjects in the higher education curriculum.

It also decrees integrating labor education into the technical and vocational education and training curriculum through appropriate modules of instructions and other relevant materials crucial to empowering future Filipino workers, employers, and entrepreneurs.

Furthermore, the law mandates the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), to develop appropriate modules of instructions and other relevant materials relating to labor education.

S. No. 1907 An Act Instituting Services and Programs for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education, Establishing Inclusive Learning Resource Centers of Learners with Disabilities in All Municipalities and Cities, Providing for Standards, and for Other Purposes

The bill seeks to provide learners with disabilities, access to the general formal education system by providing support services and programs to cater to their special needs.

The Inclusion Policy for Learners with Disabilities in Public and Private Schools expressly prohibits the denial of admission or inclusion of any learner with disability in any public or private basic education school.

To operationalize inclusive education for learners with disabilities nationwide, the bill provides for the implementation of comprehensive inclusionary reforms within the basic education system. Aside from the allocation of significant budgetary and human capital resources, this bill will also institutionalize innovative programs to identify learners with disabilities, assess their unique needs, and provide quality services to address these needs and help them succeed within the framework of the formal education system.

The bill establishes a national network of Inclusive Learning Resource Centers (ILRCs) at the city or municipal level by the DepEd, in collaboration with the local government units (LGUs). The ILRC will serve as a sort of one-stop-shop for the delivery of free support services to learners with disabilities and the local implementation of the various inclusive education programs established by this bill.

The ILRC will be staffed by multidisciplinary teams and mobile teams composed of special education teachers, psychologists, guidance counsellors, social workers, interpreters, and other allied medical professionals. The LGUs may also establish satellite ILRCs at the school level.

ILRCs will be in charge of implementing services for the benefit of learners with disabilities within their respective jurisdictions. These services include linguistic solutions for deaf learners' concerns, speech-language pathology and audiology services, interpreting services, intervenor services, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, recreation, social services, school health services, counselling and rehabilitation services, orientation and mobility services, medical services, and transportation services. ILRCs will also implement two programs: the Child Find System and the Individualized Education Plan.

The bill also mandates the formation of an Advisory Council for Education of Learners with Disabilities, which shall be composed of representatives from various organizations of persons with disabilities and a representative from the academe.

The council will collaborate the DepEd for policy formulation, research, and evaluation.

ENERGY

R.A. No. 11552 An Act Extending and Enhancing the Implementation of the Lifeline Rate, Amending for The Purpose Section 73 Of Republic Act No. 9136, Otherwise Known as The "Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001," As Amended by Republic Act No.10150 (S. No. 1877/ H. No. 8145) [May 27, 2021]

The law extends, and enhances, the Lifeline Rate, which will end in June 26, 2021, for 30 years. The Lifeline Rate is a socialized pricing mechanism that serves as subsidy for the poor.

Beneficiaries of this law are qualified marginalized end-users defined as household-beneficiaries under Republic Act No. 11310 or the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act”

S. No. 1296 An Act Establishing the Philippine Energy Research and Policy Institute, Defining Its Objectives, Powers, And Functions, Providing Funds Therefor, And for Other Purposes

The bill seeks to create a Philippine Energy Research and Policy Institute (PERPI), an agency attached to the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman. It shall be composed of an Executive Director, which shall be the head of the Institute and appointed by the UP President. The Executive Board shall be composed of seven (7) members with at least one (1) representative from the fields of engineering, law, science, statistics, economics, and public health, either from the academe or the private sector. The members of the Board shall also be chosen by the UP President and shall each have a term of three (3) years.

PERPI will be tasked to conduct multidisciplinary energy research and policy development on energy issues, develop cutting-edge technologies, create training programs, and serve as partner for the government during the energy policy-making process. It proposes P200 Million as the initial fund allocation to support the research policy development and training programs of the Institute.

The Institute shall be entitled to all tax exemptions enumerated under Section 25 of RA No. 9500 or the University of the Philippines Charter of 2008, as amended by RA No. 10963, otherwise known as the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Act.

S. No. 1955 An Act Providing for The National Energy Policy and Regulatory Framework for The Philippine Liquefied Petroleum Gas Industry

The proposed LPG Act seeks to strengthen and streamline the laws and regulations overseeing the domestic LPG industry. The bill aims at instituting reforms in the LPG industry, addressing concerns in health, safety, security, environmental, and quality standards for the benefit of consumers as well as LPG industry players.

This proposed measure shall apply to the importation, refining, refilling, transportation, conveyance, distribution, marketing of LPG, and manufacturing, requalifying, exchanging, and swapping of LPG pressure vessels, and covers all LPG industry players from the bulk suppliers, refillers, brand owners and marketers to the dealers and retailers.

The proposed measure will require LPG players to secure a license to operate from the DOE for a specific activity prior to their commencement of commercial operation. Such license will be valid for three (3) years. The DOE is tasked to regulate, supervise, and monitor the LPG industry participants, and to implement and ensure compliance with the quality and safety standards prescribed in the PNS.

The bill also enumerates the corresponding administrative and criminal penalties for specific violations such as hoarding, underfilling, illegal refilling and engaging in an activity without a valid license to operate, among others. Fines range from P5,000.00 to P1 Million, depending on the offense, aside from suspension of the license to operate, permanent disqualification from engaging in any activity as an LPG industry participant, impounding of LPG products and even imprisonment, depending on the nature of the violation.

S. No. 2220 An Act Enhancing the Powers and Functions of the Joint Congressional Energy Commission, Further Amending for the Purpose Section 62 Of Republic Act No. 9136, Otherwise Known as The Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001, As Amended

The bill seeks to amend the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA) by changing the expiration period of the Joint Congressional Energy Commission (JCEC), an oversight body in charge of implementing energy-sector laws.

The bill also seeks to include an additional provision amending the JCEC's oversight role to cover all existing energy laws, including but not limited to the Oil Exploration and Development Act of 1972 (PD 87), and the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998 (RA 8479), except the Biofuels Act of 2006 (RA 9367).

HEALTH

R.A. No. 11525 An Act Establishing the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program Expediting the Vaccine Procurement and Administration Process, Providing Funds Therefor, And for Other Purposes (S. No. 2057/H. No. 8648) [February 26, 2021]

This law provides for a procurement process for the vaccine. It outlines the manner of involvement of the DOH and the National Task Force Against COVID-19 (NTF), the national government agencies, and local government units (LGUs), as well as private entities and the role of the Philippine National Red Cross in the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines. It also provides for an indemnity fund and a vaccine card for those who have been inoculated. This measure also cites related laws that shall affect the vaccination program.

This law authorizes the DOH and the NTF to be in the forefront of the program. On account of the pandemic, the DOH and the NTF, either through themselves or jointly in cooperation with any national government agency or their instrumentality or LGU, are authorized to acquire the vaccine and ancillary supplies and services for their storage, transport, deployment, and administration, pursuant to Negotiated Procurement Under Emergency Cases, Section 53 (b) of RA 9184 (Government Procurement Policy Board) and Section 53.2 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9184.

This measure also provides guidelines for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines of the Philippine National Red Cross and private entities. In the procurement of vaccine, Red Cross shall prioritize its deployment in accordance with the set priority list and the rule that for every one vaccine bought, one vaccine shall be donated to the vulnerable and indigent. As for private entities, the latter shall make the procurement only in cooperation with the DOH and the NTF through a multiparty agreement which shall include the DOH and the supplier of the vaccine. Any vaccine procurement by these private entities shall be for the exclusive use of their companies and they shall formulate their own recipient list, and implement their operational procedures in accordance with national policies and procedures of DOH.

The law states that LGUs shall procure no more than 75% of their target population for vaccination. Depending on sufficiency of supply, this provision may be adjusted by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID).

The following groups shall be prioritized for vaccination:

- 1) healthcare workers,
- 2) senior citizens,

- 3) persons with co-morbidities,
- 4) frontline personnel in essential services including uniformed personnel and teachers, and
- 5) indigent population.

This measure requires that the national government, LGUs, private entities and Philippine Red Cross, can only procure vaccines that have a Certificate of Product Registration and an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and registered with the Philippine Food and Drug Administration (PFDA).

For transparency, it is required that within 30 days after award or execution of definitive agreement or after the effectivity of this law, the following information shall be posted in a conspicuous place of the procuring agency and in the online portal of the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB):

1. approved budget for the contract,
2. name and details of the COVID-19 vaccine or ancillary service or supplies,
3. name of the supplier, manufacturer, or distributor, and
4. amount of contract as awarded. Moreover, the law tasks the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC) to issue recommendations to DOH and Philhealth on the Covid-19 vaccine based on preliminary data of Phase III clinical trials and the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations.

The law grants an immunity from suit and liability to authorized persons involved in the vaccination program in relation to claims arising from the administration or use of the vaccine, except those that come from willful misconduct and gross negligence.

PhilHealth shall administer a National Vaccine Indemnity Fund as a trust fund to compensate any person inoculated through the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, in case of death, permanent disability or hospital confinement. The law authorizes P500 Million to augment the funds of PhilHealth for this purpose which will be sourced from the Contingent Fund under RA No. 11518 (General Appropriations Act of 2021).

A COVID-19 vaccine card shall be issued to Filipinos who have received the vaccine. It shall be a record of the inoculation of an individual and shall contain his/her personal information; brand name and manufacturer of the vaccine; date of inoculation; name of hospital or health facility where the vaccine was received; name and license number of health worker who administered the vaccine, among other information. Falsification of a vaccine card shall be sanctioned under the Revised Penal Code.

The Vaccine Czar, the DOH and the IATF-EID shall submit a monthly report to Congressional Oversight Committee on the implementation of Covid-19 Vaccination Program.

JUDICIAL REFORMS

S. No. 1886 An Act Further Expanding the Jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in Cities, Municipal Trial Courts, And Municipal Circuit Trial Courts, Amending for The Purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as The ‘Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980,’ As Amended

The bill seeks to expand the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in cities, Municipal Trial Courts, and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts by amending Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 or the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended.

1. The amendments in Section 19 provides that the Regional Trial Courts shall exercise exclusive original jurisdiction:

- 1) In all civil actions which involve the title to, or possession of, real property, or any interest therein, where the assessed value exceeds P400,000.00 except for forcible entry into, and unlawful detainer of lands or buildings, original jurisdiction over which is conferred upon the Metropolitan Trial Courts, and Municipal Trial Courts in Cities, Municipal Trial Courts, and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts;
- 2) In all actions in admiralty and maritime jurisdiction where the demand or claims exceeds P2 Million;
- 3) In all matters of probate, both testate and intestate, where the gross value of the estate exceeds P2 Million;
- 4) In all other cases in which the demand, exclusive of interest, damages of whatever kind, attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs or the value of the property in controversy exceeds P2 Million.

2. The amendments in Section 33 provide that the Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in Cities, Municipal Trial Courts, and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts shall exercise:

- 1) Exclusive original jurisdiction over civil actions and probate proceedings, testate and

intestate, including the grant of provisional remedies in proper cases, where the value of the personal property, estate, or amount of the demand does not exceed P2 Million), exclusive of interest, damages of whatever kind, attorney's fees, litigation expenses, and costs, the amount of which must be specifically alleged;

- 2) Exclusive original jurisdiction in all civil actions which involve title to, or possession of, real property, or any interest therein where the assessed value of the property or any interest therein does not exceed P400,00.00, exclusive of interest, damages of whatever kind, attorney's fees, litigation expenses and costs;
- 3) Exclusive original jurisdiction in admiralty and maritime actions where the demand or claim does not exceed P2 Million.

S. No. 1931 An Act Improving Confirmation of Imperfect Titles, Amending for The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 1529, Commonwealth Act No. 141, And Republic Act No. 9176, and for Other Purposes

The bill introduces the following amendments:

- 1) In Sec. 14 of P.D. No. 1529, the following persons may file in the proper Regional Trial Court an application for registration of title to land not exceeding twelve (12) hectares whether personally or their authorized representatives:

- 1) Those who have been in open, continuous, exclusive and notorious possession and occupation of alienable and disposable lands of the public domain under a bona fide claim of ownership for at least thirty (30) years immediately preceding the filing of the application for confirmation of title except when prevented by war or force majeure;
 - 2) Those who have acquired ownership of private lands or abandoned riverbeds by right of accession or accretion under the existing laws; and
 - 3) Those who have acquired ownership of land in any other manner provided for by law.
- 2) In Sec. 48, Chapter VII of Commonwealth Act No. 141, it provides that the following citizens of the Philippines, occupying lands of the public domain, but whose titles have not been perfected may apply to the Regional Trial Court where the land is located, for confirmation of their claims and the issuance of a certificate of title to wit:
- a) Those who have been in open, continuous, exclusive and notorious possession and occupation of alienable and disposable lands of the public domain under a bona fide claim of ownership for at least thirty (30) years immediately preceding the filing of the application for confirmation of title except when prevented by war or force majeure;
 - b) Those who have acquired ownership of private lands or abandoned riverbeds by right of accession or accretion under the existing law; and

c) Those who have acquired ownership of land in any other manner provided for by law.

- 3) The proposed measure inserts a new Sec. 45 which provides that all applications shall be filed with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO). The CENRO is mandated to process the application within 120 days to include compliance with the required legal requirements.

The CENRO shall forward their recommendation to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO), if the area of the land is below five (5) hectares; to the DENR Regional Director if the area of the land is five (5) to ten (10) hectares; and to the Secretary of DENR if the area of the land is more than ten (10) to twelve (12) hectares, who shall have five (5) days to approve or disapprove the patent.

- 4) In Section 7, it provides that in addition to the penalties provided in the Revised Penal Code and in R. A. No. 8560, as amended, a geodetic engineer who shall prepare willfully or through gross inexcusable negligence a sworn certification that contains false, fraudulent, or incomplete data or information, shall be penalized with a fine of not less than P100,000.00 but not more than P500,000.00, or imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not exceeding six (6) years, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

S. No. 1354 An Act Amending Articles 183 and 184 of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code

The bill amends Article 183 of the Revised Penal Code by increasing the imposable penalty from *arresto mayor* in its

maximum period to *prision correccional* in its minimum period, to *prision mayor* in its minimum period to *prision mayor* in its medium period, upon any person who, knowingly makes untruthful statements and not being included in the provisions of the next preceding articles, shall testify under oath, or make an affidavit, upon any material matter before a competent person authorized to administer an oath in cases in which the law requires.

The bill provides that the penalty shall be imposed in its maximum period if the person responsible for the commission of such felony is a public officer or employee. The bill provides that the offender shall also suffer a fine not to exceed P1 Million and perpetual absolute disqualification from holding any appointive or elective position in the government or in any agency, entity or instrumentality thereof.

LOCAL/REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

R.A. No. 11535 An Act Making the Position of a Cooperatives Development Officer Mandatory in the Municipal, City and Provincial Levels, Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 7160, Otherwise Known as The “Local Government Code of 1991”, As Amended (S. No. 1855/H. No. 5925) [April 9, 2021]

The law makes the position of Cooperative Development Officer (CDO) mandatory in the municipal, city and provincial levels. The CDO shall take charge of the office for the development of cooperatives registered with the Cooperative Development Authority. He/she shall formulate measures and develop plans for the integration of cooperatives values and practices in programs and projects which the governor or mayor is empowered to implement.

PUBLIC ORDER AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION

S. No. 1055 An Act Establishing a Separate Facility for Prisoners Convicted of Heinous Crimes

The bill proposes the construction of the Maximum Penal Institution in a suitable location as determined by the Secretary of the DOJ preferably within a military establishment or in an island separate in the mainland.

The proposal mandates that there shall be three Maximum Penal Institutions for heinous crimes in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

The transfer of inmates to the facility shall be headed by the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor). The bureau may seek the assistance of the Philippine National Police (PNP) through the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) when the means of transporting will be done through the use of an aircraft vessel. Such transfer shall be made within 30 days from the completion of the construction of the Heinous Crimes Facility.

S. No. 1155 An Act Fixing the Validity Period of License to Own and Possess, Permit to Carry Outside of Residence or Place of Business and Registration of Firearms, Amending for The Purpose Sections 7 And 19 Of Republic Act No. 10591, Otherwise Known as The ‘Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act’

This bill authorizes persons, whose lives are in imminent danger, to carry firearms outside of their residences. The following are qualified to apply for permit to carry firearms:

1. Members of the Philippine Bar;
2. Certified Public Accountants;

3. Accredited Media Practitioners;
4. Cashiers, Bank Tellers;
5. Priests, Ministers, Rabbi, Imams;
6. Physicians and Nurses;
7. Engineers; and
8. Businessmen, who by the nature of their business or undertaking, are exposed to high risk of being targets of criminal elements.

A permit to carry firearms shall be provided by the Chief Philippine National Police (PNP) to the abovementioned professions. It shall be the burden of the applicant to prove that his/her life is under actual threat by submitting a threat assessment certificate from the PNP.

All types of licenses to possess a firearm shall be renewed every five (5) years reckoned from the birthdate of the licensee, unless sooner revoked or suspended. The registration of firearm shall be renewed every five (5) years reckoned from the birthdate of the licensee. The application for the renewal of the license or registration may be submitted to the Firearms and Explosives Office (FEO) of the PNP, within six (6) months before the date of the expiration of such license or registration.

Failure to renew the license and registration on or before the date of expiration of the firearm shall cause the revocation of the license or registration of the firearm/s under said license. The firearm shall be confiscated in favor of the government after due process. Failure to renew the license or registration twice as prescribed shall cause the holder of the firearm to be perpetually disqualified from applying for any firearm license.

S. No. 1233 An Act Expanding the Use of the Legal Assistance Fund, Amending for The Purpose Section 26 Of Republic Act No. 8042, As Amended, Otherwise Known as The Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995

The bill amends R.A. No. 8042 by expanding the use of the Legal Assistance Fund to include fees for the foreign lawyers to be hired by the head of mission of the Philippine embassy concerned to represent migrant workers and overseas Filipinos facing charges, or in filing cases against abusive employers, and other offenders abroad; in obtaining bail bonds to secure the temporary release of migrant workers and overseas Filipinos in distress; and other kinds of bonds required by the foreign court, agency or tribunal where the case is pending.

The bill mandates that the legal assistance fund shall be immediately available to all migrant workers and overseas Filipinos in distress, from the time of the commencement of the complaint, and in all stages of the proceedings until the promulgation and execution of judgment, and at all levels of appeal.

S. No. 1832 An Act Strengthening and Modernizing the Bureau of Fire Protection, Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 6975, Otherwise Known as The Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes

The bill modernizes the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) by for revising its organizational structure and staffing pattern as well as upgrading its officers and other personnel.

The proposed measure grants the acquisition of new equipment for fire protection and the phasing out of old and obsolete ones. It presents the formation of a specialized services department that would handle high rise building fires, forest fires, chemical fires, aircraft and airport fires.

The expansion of BFP's responsibilities shall also extend to the prevention and suppression of fires in economic zones, agro-industrial zones, IT Parks, tourism eco-zones, forests, seaports

and vessels docked at piers and wharves, as well as petroleum industry installations.

The bill mandates the establishment of BFP regional offices. It proposes the formation of search and rescue force and hazardous materials (HAZMAT) units as well as emergency medical services (EMS) in first to third class municipalities and cities.

TAX ENHANCEMENT MEASURES

R.A. No. 11534 An Act Reforming the Corporate Income Tax and Incentives System, Amending for The Purpose Sections 20, 22, 25, 27, 28, 29, 34, 40, 57, 109, 116, 204 And 290 of The National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, As Amended, And Creating Therein New Title XIII, And for Other Purposes (S. No. 1357/H. No.4157) [March 26, 2021]

This Act amends 13 sections of the 1997 National Internal Revenue Code and creates a new title, Title XIII, on Fiscal Incentives Review Board.

These amendments aim to attract investments that will generate employment, enhance productivity, stimulate inclusive economic growth and countrywide development while exercising fiscal prudence and maintaining stability.

To attract investments, the law provides for direct decrease of tax rates, by applying deductions on gross income and by granting income tax holidays for corporations.

This law covers corporations, including one-person corporations; partnerships (regardless of how created or organized); joint stock companies; joint accounts; associations or insurance companies, but does not include general professional

partnerships, joint ventures or consortium formed for the purpose of undertaking construction projects or engaging in coal, geothermal, and other energy operations based on an operating consortium agreement under a service contract with the government.

This measure also imposes taxes on dividends of non-resident alien individuals; charges corporate income tax on domestic as well as resident foreign corporations, and regional operating headquarters of multinational corporations. The law, however, does not impose corporate income tax on regional or area headquarters.

The tax on non-resident alien individuals shall consist of tax on their dividends on stocks in domestic corporations or joint stock companies, mutual fund or insurance companies, regional operating headquarters or multinational companies as well as their share in the net income of partnership. Moreover, a 10% tax on royalties shall be imposed on their books, literary works and musical compositions. For royalties on cinematographic films, taxes shall be imposed in accordance with the provisions governing royalties derived from sources within the Philippines. However, the non-resident alien's interest income on long term deposit or investment shall not be taxed. Said no-tax interest income shall derive from savings, common or individual trust funds, deposit substitutes, investment management accounts and other investments as evidenced by certificates prescribed by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), provided that the holder does not preterminate the investment before the fifth year.

In general, the annual tax rate for income of a domestic corporation stands at 25%, effective July 1, 2020. For those with net taxable income that do not exceed P5 Million and with total assets not exceeding P100 Million, the tax rate is 20% for the taxable year. These assets do not include land on which the firm's office, plant or equipment are situated. However, the Act provides

for a minimum annual corporate income tax of two percent (2%) of gross income. This rate begins on the fourth (4th) taxable year immediately following the year in which such corporation commenced its business operations, when the minimum income tax is greater than the tax computed under subsection A of Section 6 of this law. This measure also provides that from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023, the minimum corporate income tax shall be one percent (1%) of gross income.

Dividend earnings of domestic corporation shall not be taxed but dividends coming from abroad should be invested in working capital, capital expenditures, dividend payments, investment in subsidiaries and infrastructure projects for the next taxable year so as to be tax-exempt. To be eligible, domestic corporations should hold at least 20% of the outstanding shares of that foreign corporation and should have held the shareholdings for a minimum of two (2) years at the time of dividend distribution.

For private educational institutions and hospitals, a 10% tax shall be imposed on taxable income. However, from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023, the rate shall be one percent (1%) of taxable income.

In general, rate of income tax of foreign corporation stands at twenty-five percent (25%) of taxable income, effective July 1, 2020. However, the law also provides for a minimum income tax for resident foreign corporations which is—effective July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2023—one percent (1%) of gross income as minimum rate.

This Act also provides for transactions that are exempt from value-added tax (VAT). These are sales on (socialized) low-cost lot and low-cost house and lot as defined under Republic Act 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act (UDHA) of 1992. This refers to a residential lot which costs P2.5 Million and below, and residential lot and dwelling costing P4.2 Million

and below. However, these values may change starting January 1, 2024, and every three (3) years thereafter, these amounts shall be adjusted to their current values using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Philippine Statistical Authority (PSA).

Other products that are VAT-free sale or VAT-free importation are the following:

(1) drugs and medicines for diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, cancer, mental illness, tuberculosis and kidney diseases, provided that DOH shall issue a list of the approved drugs and medicines within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act;

(2) sale or importation of the following from January 1, 2021-December 31, 2023: (a) capital equipment, its spare parts and raw materials for the production of PPE components such as coveralls, masks, gowns, surgical cap, N-95 masks, scrub suits, goggles and face shield, gloves, surgical gloves, shoes, shoe covers for COVID-19 prevention, (b) all drugs, vaccines and medical devices, prescribed and used for the treatment of COVID-19 (c) drugs for the *treatment of* COVID-19 approved by the FDA for use in clinical trials, including raw materials necessary for the production of said drugs;

(3) sale or lease of goods or properties or performance of services other than the abovementioned transactions, the gross annual sales or receipts do not exceed three million pesos (P 3,000,000.00).

In the new Title XIII, on the other hand, the law imbues the Fiscal Incentive Review Board (FIRB) with expanded powers and functions such as policy making and oversight, grant and administration of tax incentives and sanctions on violations.

To efficiently fulfill these functions, the law mandates a new organizational set-up for the Board. This shall be composed of a chairperson, to be held by the Secretary of Finance; a cochairperson who is the Secretary of Trade and Industry, and members to be composed of the Executive Secretary of the Office of the President; the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM); and the Director General of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

The Board shall have a technical unit that shall be composed of the following: (1) Undersecretary of Finance as chairperson, and members to be composed of the following: (1) Undersecretary of the Office of the Executive Secretary, (2) Undersecretary of Trade and Industry and Board of Investments Managing Head or Assistant Secretary of Trade and Industry, (3) Undersecretary or Assistant Secretary of DBM, (4) Deputy or Assistant Director General of NEDA, (5) Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, (6) Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Customs, (7) Commissioner of Philippine Competition Commission, and (8) Director General or Chairperson or Administrator of the Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs), provided that participation of the IPA representative in decision-making and deliberations in the technical committee shall be limited only to matters concerning their particular IPA. This technical unit shall be supported by a secretariat to be headed by an Assistant Secretary of Finance and staffed by the National Tax Research Center (NTRC). The latter shall have their own structure and staffing pattern and shall have an initial separate appropriation to be drawn from the National Treasury. Thereafter, funding shall be under the GAA.

FIRB shall have administration over business enterprises registered under the Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) and with approved project or activity under the Strategic Investment Priority Plan. IPAs are incentive granting government agencies like the Board of Investments (BOI), Philippine Economic Zone

Authority (PEZA), Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Clark Development Corporation (CDC), John Hay Management Corporation (JHMC), Poro Point Management Corporation (PPMC), among others. These agencies shall categorize the activities of businesses or enterprises to which they will grant tax incentives like deductions and income tax holidays. The Strategic Investment Priority Plan shall be formulated by the BOI and may alter the plan depending on criteria for investment priority.

To facilitate the availment of said incentives by registered enterprises, all investment promotion agencies are mandated to set up a one-stop shop action center. These centers shall facilitate the setting up and conduct of registered projects or activities of the enterprises, including coordination with the LGUs and other government agencies. This is also in compliance with RA 11032 or the law on Ease of Doing Business.

For transparency purposes, databases shall be maintained and reports shall be prepared on how the benefits garnered by the enterprises due to tax deductions, tax rates decrease and income tax holidays affected the sector concerned, and the economy as a whole. These shall be in the form of cost-benefit studies on the firm level and shall be published by the FIRB. Annual reports pertaining to these studies shall be submitted to the President and Congress.

The law provides sanctions for violations on reportorial requirements. Registered businesses that fail to comply with these requirements like the non-filing of electronic tax returns at the BIR shall be liable to pay graduated fines based on the number of offenses committed. Fines start at P100,000.00 and ends until the third violation with the cancellation of registration at the IPA concerned or other government agency administering tax incentives.

For a government employee or official who failed to furnish the required tax incentives report or other data and information required, he/she shall be penalized after due process with the withdrawal of his basic salary for a specified number of months in addition to the imposition of administrative penalties

S. No. 2208 An Act Extending the Estate Tax Amnesty and for Other Purposes, Amending Section 6 Of Republic Act No. 11213, Otherwise Known as The ‘Tax Amnesty Act’

This bill extends the period of estate tax amnesty from June 15, 2021 to June 14, 2023.

The administrator or executor of the estate, legal heirs, transferees, or beneficiaries who may avail of said amnesty shall file a sworn Estate Tax Amnesty Return with the Revenue District Office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). This shall be in a form as may be prescribed in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this measure. Said Revenue District Office shall be the last residence of the decedent, but in case of non-resident decedents, the Estate Tax Amnesty Return shall be filed and the corresponding amnesty tax shall be paid at the Revenue District Office No. 39, or any revenue district office that shall be indicated in the IRR.

If the said estate has properties still in the name of another decedent or donor, the present holder, heirs, executors or administrators, thereof, shall only file one (1) estate tax amnesty return and pay the corresponding estate amnesty tax based on the total net estate at the time of death of the last decedent covering all accrued taxes under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) of 1997, as amended.

The Revenue District Officer shall issue and endorse an acceptance payment form, as prescribed in the IRR for the authorized agent bank or, in the latter’s absence, the revenue

collection agent or municipal treasurer concerned to accept the tax amnesty payment. Proof of the settlement of the estate shall be attached to said return in order to verify the mode of transfer and the proper recipients.

S. No. 2232 An Act Taxing Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations, Amending for The Purpose Sections 22, 25, 27, 28, And Adding a New Section 125-A of The National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, As Amended, and for Other Purposes

This bill taxes the Offshore Gaming Licensee (OGL) or the offshore gaming operator, its employees, and its accredited service providers.

An OGL is a gaming operator duly licensed and authorized by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) through a gaming license. A special economic zone authority, a tourism zone authority or a free port authority may also issue such license to the OGL. The latter can conduct gaming operations, including acceptance of bets from offshore clients.

The OGL shall be charged with taxes on gaming-revenue and on non-gaming revenue.

The OGL shall be charged with a gaming tax of five percent (5%) of gaming income. It shall mean either the gross gaming revenue or the agreed predetermined minimum monthly revenue or receipts from gaming, whichever is higher. The gross gaming revenue shall mean gross wagers less pay-outs. The gaming income tax shall be directly remitted to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) not later than the twentieth (20th) day following the end of each month.

Income tax on non-gaming revenues of Philippine-based OGL shall be 25% of the taxable income derived from each taxable

year from all sources within and without of the Philippines. Income tax of foreign-based OGLs on non-gaming revenues attributed to game offerings or facilities located within the Philippines shall also be taxed at 25% of the taxable income.

Any special zone authority, a tourism zone authority or a free port authority may impose regulatory fees on the OGL which shall not cumulatively exceed two percent (2%) of the gross gaming revenue and similar activities of the OGL or from a predetermined minimum guaranteed fee, whichever is higher.

Alien individuals, who are employed by the OGL, regardless of visa status or employment permit, shall pay a final withholding tax of 25% on their gross income, provided that their withholding tax per month for any taxable month, shall not be less than P12,500.00. Gross income shall mean basic salary/wages, annuities compensation, remuneration, and other emoluments, such as honoraria and allowances received from such service provider or offshore gaming licensee.

An accredited service provider of the OGL shall be regarded as domestic corporation and shall pay the tax imposed in Section 27 (A) of the NIRC of 1997. It shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 125 (A) of the Code. An accredited service corporation provides ancillary services to the OGL. It is a corporation duly created or organized in the Philippines or under its laws and duly authorized by the PAGCOR, any special economic zone authority, a tourism zone authority or a free port authority.

TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

S. No. 1840 An Act Amending Republic Act No. 8762, Otherwise Known as The Retail Trade Liberalization Act

of 2000, By Lowering the Required Paid-Up Capital for Foreign Retail Enterprises, And for Other Purposes

The bill mandates that a foreign retailer shall maintain a minimum paid-up capital of the Philippine peso equivalent of three hundred thousand USD\$ 300,000.00 in his/her retail firm in the Philippines, regardless of whether it is a single proprietorship or a corporation.

In instances when the foreign retailer is engaged in retail trade in more than one physical store in the country, the investment for each store shall be the peso equivalent of USD\$ 150,000.00.

In case the foreign retailer has no physical store in the Philippines, he/she must have a fixed place of business in the Philippines, such as a place of management, a physical office housing their employees/ staff or a warehouse.

Registration of business by a foreign retailer corporation shall be made with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and for the foreign retailer single proprietor, registration shall be with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). For registration with the SEC or DTI, the retailer shall submit proof of inward remittance of its capital investment to its account with a bank in the Philippines, such as the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) registration document or a certificate of inward remittance of foreign exchange issued by a bank in the form prescribed by BSP.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) shall be in charge of monitoring foreign retailer corporation's maintenance of the required minimum paid up capital; for the foreign single proprietor, the monitoring authority shall be the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

The bill further provides that DTI, SEC, BSP and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall

review the minimum paid-up capital every five (5) years. The recommendation of these agencies shall be submitted to Congress.

For failure to comply with the reportorial requirement, a penalty of paying not less than P50,000.00 but not more than P500,000.00, for each violation, and a similar amount of penalty for each day thereafter until the reportorial requirement is fulfilled. Further, violation of any provision in this act shall be punishable by imprisonment of not less than six (6) years and one day but not more than eight (8) years and a fine of not less than P1 Million but not more than P20 Million.

RATIFICATION OF TREATIES AND/OR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS/CONVENTIONS

Res. No. 83 Resolution Concurring in the Ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (PSR-620) [February 1, 2021]

This resolution concurs in the ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The President of the Philippines ratified the treaty on November 18, 2020 and subsequently submitted the same to the Senate for concurrence, in accordance with the Constitution.

While prohibiting the use of nuclear weapons, the end goal of the treaty is the total elimination of all nuclear weapons. It prohibits State Parties from:

- 1) developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, transferring, possessing, stockpiling, using or threatening to use nuclear weapons;
- 2) assisting, encouraging or inducing anyone to engage in said activities; and

3) allowing nuclear weapons to be stationed, installed or deployed in their respective territories. It also commits State Parties to aid individuals affected by the use or testing of nuclear weapons and to take appropriate measures in the environmental remediation of areas contaminated by nuclear munitions.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

R.A. No. 11502 An Act Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as The “National Cooperative Month” (S. No. 1807/H. No. 5422) [December 16, 2020]

The law mandates the chairperson of the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), in coordination with the cooperative development councils, national and local federations and union of cooperatives, and other agencies of the government to promote the principles and values of cooperatives, and encourage cooperative movement during the month of October.

R.A. No. 11548 An Act Granting the President of the Philippines the Power to Defer the Increases in Contributions of the Social Security System for the Duration of the State of Calamity Under Proclamation No.929, S. 2020, As Amended by Proclamation No. 1021, S. 2020, Amending Section 4(A)(9) Of Republic Act No. 11199, Also Known as The “Social Security. Act of 20183 (S. No. 2027/H. No. 8512) [May 26, 2021]

The law gives the President of the Philippines the power to defer the implementation of increases in contribution rates of the Social Security System during the proclaimed state calamity due to COVID-19 or Proclamation No. 929, Series of 2020.

The law provides that the implementation of the increase of one percent (1%) in contribution rates in 2021, and the monthly

salary credits, may be suspended by the President of the Philippines for the duration of the state calamity, upon recommendation of the Social Security Commission, and after consultation with the stakeholders.

The other scheduled contribution rates and the monthly salary credits provided in the law shall continue to be valid and effective.

The law provides further that no changes in the implementing rules or administrative procedures shall be introduced by the Social Security Commission that will defer disbursement of benefits presently being enjoyed by its members.

S. No. 1077 An Act Creating a National Transportation Safety Board, And Appropriating Funds Thereof

The bill seeks to promote safety in the transportation of people and goods through cost-effective measures that may prevent, remedy or mitigate crashes, accidents, and serious incidents involving any mode of transport.

The bill proposes the creation of a National Transport Safety Board (NTSB) consisting of seven (7) full-time members, who shall be appointed by the President. The Board shall be headed by the Chairman with a term of five (5) years but may be renewed for a non-extendible period of one (1) year. The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Board. The members of the Board must represent each of the transportation sectors (land, rail, air, and sea); and at least two (2) of the full-time members must come from the commuting public representing organizations advocating for road safety. The Board shall have an Executive Director who will be appointed by the Chairman.

The overall policy in the creation of the NTSB is to promote safety in the transport of people and goods to prevent,

remedy, or mitigate accidents involving any mode of transport, including those that involve the use of pipelines and conveyors. In this regard, the NTSB is authorized to do any of the following, among others:

I. Conduct independent investigations on:

1. Aircraft accidents and serious incidents, except those involving State aircrafts;
2. Motor vehicles crashes;
3. Railroad incidents and accidents;
4. Pipeline incident
5. Major maritime transportation and aerial accidents or incidents occurring within Philippine maritime jurisdiction, except those involving domestic and foreign military vessels and ships, occurring within the Philippine National Territory
6. Other incidents which are catastrophic and a recurring character.

The Board shall submit a report to Congress and the President, within sixty (60) days from the completion of the Board's investigation on each incident. However, said report shall not be admitted as evidence or used in any suit or action for damages, except when the criminal aspect of the accident or incident is put into issue.

The members of the Board and its employees shall have immunity from suit arising from the performance of their functions conducted in good faith, without fault and negligence, and without violation of any existing laws, rules and regulations during the pendency of its investigation of a transportation-related accident under its jurisdiction as provided under this Act.

A Transportation Safety Fund shall be created from the Board's savings to be deposited in a special trust fund administered by the Board. The Fund shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:

1. Operational expenses in investigating major accidents;
2. Studies and research in the causes and possible prevention of accidents and other disasters;
3. Reimbursement of extraordinary expenditures and expenses of government and private agencies and/or persons mobilized by the Board in investigating major accidents; and
4. Training and related conferences to further and enhance the expertise of the officers and employees of the Board.

For the initial organization and operations of the Board, the sum of P50 Million shall be appropriated from the National Treasury.

S. No. 1582 An Act Establishing a Network of Pop-Up Bicycle Lanes and Emergency Pathways for Use During the Duration of the Covid-19 Pandemic, And for Other Purposes

This bill, or the Safe Pathways Act, proposes to create a network of pop-up bicycle lanes and people-oriented emergency pathways in local government units (LGUs).

The pathways are intended for non-motorized vehicles only, such as bicycles. This is in line with the need for physical distancing and limited mobility, amid the lack of public transport in the time of COVID-19 pandemic. These lanes, while intended for non-motorized vehicles may accommodate electric scooters, electric tricycles, and similar transport modes subject to guidelines to be set by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and other agencies. These pathways shall directly connect to medical facilities and other private and public places.

The bill also mandates the provision of adequate parking spaces for non-motorized vehicles in all public places, government offices, and major commercial establishments. To promote the use of non-motorized transport modes, public and private sectors are also instructed to develop necessary infrastructure facilities and programs for its implementation, such as showers, changing areas and hydration facilities. People involved shall follow physical distancing measures during travel.

This measure also provides that DOTr, DILG, and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), in coordination with relevant agencies, shall prepare to permanently adopt the safe pathways measure, as appropriate. In line with this, the DPWH is instructed to revise its manuals and guidelines for road design and construction to include the aspect of safety for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicle users; and to consider the allocation of road space for non-motorized vehicles on national and local roads.

The LGUs shall coordinate and issue the necessary measures for adoption and implementation of this measure.

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1. R.A. No. 11481 An Act Extending for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the Franchise Granted to First United Broadcasting Corporation, Presently Known as Global Satellite Technology Services Inc., Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8079, as Amended, Entitled An Act Granting the First United Broadcasting Corporation (FUBC) a Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate, and Maintain for Commercial Purposes Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations Anywhere in the Philippines, and for Other Purposes (H. No. 4463) [July 30, 2020]
2. R.A. No. 11482 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the

Franchise Granted to Broadcast Enterprises and Affiliated Media, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 8098 to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate, and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in the Philippines (H. No. 4583) [July 30, 2020]

3. R.A. No. 11483 An Act Converting the Sta. Ignacia-Guimba Provincial Road in The Provinces of Tarlac and Nueva Ecija Via Gerona-Pura Road Stretching from Barangay Nambalan, Municipality of Sta. Ignacia to Barangay Buenavista, Municipality of Pura, All in The Province of Tarlac into A National Road and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 1061) [August 14, 2020]
4. R.A. No. 11484 An Act Converting the Road Stretching from Barangay Anduyan, Municipality of Tubao Province of La Union to Barangay San Pascual, Municipality of Tubao, Province of Benguet into A National Road and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 1778) [August 14, 2020]
5. R.A. No. 11485 An Act Converting the Guimba-Talugtug-Umingan Provincial

Road in The Municipalities of Guimba and Talugtug, All in The Province of Nueva Ecija and the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan into A National Road and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5850) [August 14, 2020]

6. R.A. No. 11486 An Act Converting the Road Network Connecting Barangay Grijalvo in The Municipality of San Fernando and The Municipality of Bula, Province of Camarines Sur into A National Road (H. No. 5851) [August 14, 2020]
7. R.A. No. 11487 An Act Converting the Albay Diversion Road in The Municipalities of Minalabac, Bula, And Nabua, All in The Province of Camarines Sur, Into A National Road and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5852) [August 14, 2020]
8. R.A. No. 11488 An Act Transferring the Location of the Sorsogon Second District Engineering Office from Bulan, Sorsogon to Gubat, Sorsogon, Amending for The Purpose, Republic Act No. 9689, Entitled “An Act Establishing the Sorsogon Second District

- Engineering Office in The Province of Sorsogon and Appropriating Funds Therefor” (H. No. 5811) [August 14, 2020]
9. R.A. No. 11489 An Act Creating a District Engineering Office in The Seventh Legislative District of the Province of Cebu, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5853) [August 14, 2020]
10. R.A. No. 11490 An Act Establishing the Third District Engineering Office in The Municipality of M’lang, Province of Cotabato, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5888) [August 14, 2020]
11. R.A. No. 11491 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Crusaders Broadcasting System, Inc., Under Republic Act No. 8091, Entitled “An Act Granting the Crusaders Broadcasting System, Inc., A Franchise to Construct, Establish, Operate and Maintain Commercial Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations Within the Philippines” (H. No. 4584) [August 14, 2020]
12. R.A. No. 11492 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the

- Franchise Granted to Gold Label Broadcasting System, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 8087, Entitled “An Act Granting to the Gold Label Broadcasting System, Inc., a Franchise to Establish, Maintain, and Operate Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in Dumaguete City and Other Areas in the Visayas and Mindanao Where Frequencies and/or Channels Are Still Available for Radio and Television Broadcasting” (H. No. 4582) [August 14, 2020]
13. R.A. No. 11493 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the Franchise Granted to Bicol Broadcasting Systems, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 8092, Entitled “An Act Granting the Bicol Broadcasting Systems, Inc. (BBSI), a Franchise to Establish, Operate and Maintain Commercial Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in Region V” (H. No. 5490) [August 14, 2020]
14. R.A. No. 11494 An Act Providing for COVID-19 Response and Recovery Interventions and Providing Mechanisms to Accelerate the Recovery and Bolster the

Resiliency of the Philippine Economy, Providing Funds Therefor, And for Other Purposes (S. No. 1564/H. No. 6953) [September 11, 2020]

15. R.A. No. 11495

An Act Providing for The Establishment of a Women's and Children's Hospital in The Municipality of Pamplona in The Province of Camarines Sur, To Be Known as The Bicol Women's and Children's Hospital, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2444) [November 13, 2020]

16. R.A. No. 11496

An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Western Visayas Medical Center in Mandurriao, Iloilo City from Four Hundred Twenty-Five (425) Beds to Seven Hundred (700) Beds, Upgrading Its Professional Health Care Services and Facilities, Authorizing The Increase of Its Medical Personnel and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6035) [November 13, 2020]

17. R.A. No. 11497

An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Las Pinas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center in Las Piñas City, Metro Manila from Two Hundred (200)

To Five Hundred (500) Beds, Upgrading Its Professional Health Care Services and Facilities, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6036/S. No. 143) [November 13, 2020]

18. R.A. No. 11498

An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) In Tuguegarao City, Province of Cagayan, From Five Hundred (500) To One Thousand (1,000) Beds and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6144/S. No. 1103) [November 13, 2020]

19. R.A. No. 11499

An Act Expanding the Services of the Malita District Hospital in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental, Renaming It as The Malita Women's and Children's Wellness Center (H. No. 6218) [November 13, 2020]

20. R.A. No. 11500

An Act Upgrading the Siargao District Hospital in The Municipality of Dapa, Province of Surigao Del Norte into A Level II General Hospital to Be Known as The Siargao Island Medical Center, Increasing Its Bed Capacity, Upgrading Its Professional Health Care Services and Facilities,

Authorizing The Increase of Its Medical Personnel and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6365) [November 13, 2020]

21. R.A. No. 11501 An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Quirino Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City, Metro Manila from Five Hundred (500) Beds to One Thousand (1,000) Beds, Upgrading Its Professional Health Care Services and Facilities, Authorizing The Increase of Its Medical Personnel Complement and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6499) [November 13, 2020]

22. R.A. No. 11502 An Act Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as The “National Cooperative Month” (S. No. 1807/H. No. 5422) [December 16, 2020]

23. R.A. No. 11503 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to International Communications Corporation, Presently Known as Bayan Telecommunications, Inc., Under Republic Act No. 3259, Entitled “An Act Granting the International Communications Corporation a Franchise to

Establish Radio Stations for Domestic Telecommunications, Radiophone, Broadcasting and Telecasting”, As Amended by Republic Act Nos. 4905 And 7633 (H. No. 6371) [Lapsed into Law on December 20, 2020 without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27(1) of the Constitution)

24. R.A. No. 11504 An Act Renewing For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted To Caceres Broadcasting Corporation Under Republic Act No. 8106, Entitled “An Act Granting The Caceres Broadcasting Corporation A Franchise To Construct, Install, Operate And Maintain Radio And Television Broadcasting Stations In The Island Of Luzon And For Other Purposes” (H. No. 6374) [Lapsed Into Law On December 20, 2020 Without The Signature Of The President, In Accordance With Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

25. R.A. No. 11505 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Metro Manila Turf Club, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 7978, Entitled

“An Act Granting the Metro Manila Turf Club, Inc. A Franchise to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Race Track for Horse Racing in The City of Kalookan”, As Amended by Republic Act No.8298 (H. No. 6835) [Lapsed into Law On December 20, 2020 Without The Signature of the President, In Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

26. R.A. No. 11506

An Act Granting San Miguel Aerocity Inc. A Franchise to Construct, Develop, Establish, Operate, And Maintain a Domestic and International Airport in The Municipality of Bulakan, Province of Bulacan, and to Construct, Develop, Establish, Operate, And Maintain an Adjacent Airport City (H. No. 7507) [Lapsed into Law On December 20, 2020 Without The Signature of the President, In Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

27. R.A. No. 11507

An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to FBS Radio Network, Inc. Under Republic

Act No. 8114, Entitled “An Act Granting FBS Radio Network, Inc., A Franchise to Establish, Construct, Install, Maintain and Operate Commercial Radio and Television Stations in The Philippines, and for Other Purposes” (H. No. 6254) [Lapsed into Law On December 21, 2020 Without The Signature of the President, In Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

28. R.A. No. 11508

An Act Amending the Franchise Granted to Philippine Collectivemedia Corporation Under Republic Act No. 9773, Entitled “An Act Granting the Philippine Collectivemedia Corporation a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in Region VIII (Eastern Visayas)” (H. No. 6919) [Lapsed into Law On December 21, 2020 Without The Signature of the President, In Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

29. R.A. No. 11509

An Act Establishing a Medical Scholarship and Return Service Program for Deserving Students, And Appropriating Funds

Therefor (S. No. 1520/H. No. 6756) [December 23, 2020]

30. R.A. No. 11510 An Act Institutionalizing the Alternative Learning System in Basic Education for Out-Of-School Children in Special Cases and Adults and Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 1365/H. No. 6910) [December 23, 2020]
31. R.A. No. 11511 An Act Amending Republic Act No. 10068 Or The Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 (S. No. 1318/H. No. 6878) [December 23, 2020]
32. R.A. No. 11512 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the FRanchise granted to Cruz Telephone Company, Inc. under Republic Act No. 7961, Entitled “An Act Granting to Cruz Telephone Company, Inc. (CruzTelco), a Franchise to Install, Operate, and Maintain a Telecommunications System throughout the Philippines (H. No. 5491) [Lapsed Into Law On December 26, 2020 Without The Signature Of The President, In Accordance With Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]
33. R.A. No. 11513 An Act Renewing For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The

Franchise Granted To Century Communications Marketing Center, Inc., Doing Business Under The Name And Style Of Century Broadcasting Network, Under Republic Act No. 8133, Entitled “An Act Granting Century Communications Marketing Center, Inc., A Franchise To Construct, Install, Operate And Maintain For Commercial Purposes Radio And Television Broadcasting Stations In The Philippines, And For Other Purposes” (H. No. 6256) [Lapsed Into Law On December 26, 2020 Without The Signature Of The President, In Accordance With Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

34. R.A. No. 11514 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Tandag Electric and Telephone Company, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 8715, Entitled “An Act Granting the Tandag Electric and Telephone Company, Inc., A Franchise to Construct, Establish, Install, Maintain and Operate Local Exchange Network in The Province of Surigao Del Sur” (H. No. 6373) [Lapsed into Law On December 26, 2020 Without The

Signature of the President, In Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

35. R.A. No. 11515

An Act Extending for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to The Davao Light and Power Company, Inc., Under Republic Act No. 8960, Entitled “An Act Further Extending the Term of the Franchise Granted to Davao Light and Power Company, Inc. To Construct, Operate and Maintain an Electric Light, Heat and Power System in Davao City and The Municipalities of Carmen, Panabo, Dujali, And Santo Tomas, Province of Davao Del Norte, For A Period of Twenty-Five (25) Years and for Other Purposes” (H. No. 6836) [Lapsed into Law On December 26, 2020 Without The Signature of the President, In Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

36. R.A. No. 11516

An Act Renewing For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted To Negros Broadcasting And Publishing Corporation, Under Republic Act No. 8161, Entitled “An Act Granting The Negros

Broadcasting And Publishing Corporation A Franchise To Establish, Operate And Maintain Radio And Television Broadcasting Stations In The Visayas And Mindanao” (H. No. 7264) [Lapsed Into Law On December 26, 2020 Without The Signature Of The President, In Accordance With Article V, Section 27 (1) Of The Constitution.]

37. R.A. No. 11517

An Act Authorizing the President to Expedite the Processing and Issuance of National and Local Permits, Licenses and Certifications in Times of National Emergency (S. No. 1844/H. No. 7884) [December 23, 2020]

38. R.A. No. 11518

An Act Appropriating Funds for The Operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand and Twenty-One, And for Other Purposes (H. No. 7727) [December 28, 2020]

39. R.A. No. 11519

An Act Extending the Availability of Appropriations Under Republic Act No. 11494, Otherwise Known as The “Bayanihan to Recover as One

- Act” (H. No. 8063) [December 29, 2020]
40. R.A. No. 11520 An Act Extending the Availability of The 2020 Appropriations to December 31, 2021, Amending for The Purpose Section 60 Of The General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11465 Or The General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2020 (H. No. 6656) [December 29, 2020]
41. R.A. No. 11521 An Act Further Strengthening the Anti-Money Laundering Law, Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise Known as The “Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001”, As Amended (S. No. 1945/H. No. 7904) [January 29, 2021]
42. R.A. No. 11522 An Act Declaring May 18 Of Every Year as The National Higher Education Day (S. No. 1216/H. No. 4851) [February 5, 2021]
43. R.A. No. 11523 An Act Ensuring Philippine Financial Industry Resiliency Against the COVID-19 Pandemic (S. No. 1849/H. No. 6816) [February 16, 2021]
44. R.A. No. 11524 An Act Creating the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust

- Fund, Providing for Its Management and Utilization, Reconstituting for The Purpose the Philippine Coconut Authority Board, And for Other Purposes (S. No. 1396/H. No. 8136) [February 26, 2021]
45. R.A. No. 11525 An Act Establishing the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Vaccination Program Expediting the Vaccine Procurement and Administration Process, Providing Funds Therefor, And for Other Purposes (S. No. 2057/H. No. 8648) [February 26, 2021]
46. R.A. No. 11526 An Act Changing the Name of Pag-Asa National High School in Barangay Rawis, City of Legazpi, Province of Albay, To Legazpi City National High School (H. No. 1531) [March 12, 2021]
47. R.A. No. 11527 An Act Separating the Tabuk City National High School – Bantay Extension in Barangay Bantay, Tabuk City, Province of Kalinga from The Tabuk City National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Bantay National High School, And Appropriating Funds

- Therefor (H. No. 5740) [March 12, 2021]
48. R.A. No. 11528 An Act Separating the Guinzadan National High School – Mayag Extension in Barangay Mayag, Municipality of Bauko, Mountain Province from The Guinzadan National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Mayag National High School, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5741) [March 12, 2021]
49. R.A. No. 11529 An Act Separating the Lubon National High School – Mabalite Extension in Barangay Mabalite, Municipality of Tadian, Mountain Province from The Lubon National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Mabalite National High School, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5742) [March 12, 2021]
50. R.A. No. 11530 An Act Separating the Dalanao Elementary School – Dabburab-Dalanao Extension in Barangay Bacarri, Municipality of Paracelis, Mountain Province from The Dalanao Elementary School, Converting It into an Independent Elementary School to Be Known as Wellie Maclinic Elementary School, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5743) [March 12, 2021]
51. R.A. No. 11531 An Act Separating the Guina-Ang National High School – Mainit Extension in Barangay Mainit, Municipality of Bontoc, Mountain Province from The Guina-Ang National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Mainit National High School, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5872) [March 12, 2021]
52. R.A. No. 11532 An Act Changing the Name of Ilawod National High School in Barangay Ilawod, Municipality of Camalig, Province of Albay, To Camalig National High School (H. No. 1533) [March 24, 2021]
53. R.A. No. 11533 An Act Reapportioning the Second Legislative District of the Province of Rizal into Three (3) Legislative Districts (H. No. 6222) [March 25, 2021]
54. R.A. No. 11534 An Act Reforming the Corporate Income Tax and Incentives System, Amending for The Purpose Sections 20, 22, 25, 27,

28, 29, 34, 40, 57, 109, 116, 204 And 290 Of The National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, As Amended, And Creating Therein New Title Xiii, And for Other Purposes (S. No. 1357/H. No.4157) [March 26, 2021]

55. R.A. No. 11535

An Act Making the Position of a Cooperatives Development Officer Mandatory in The Municipal, City and Provincial Levels, Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 7160, Otherwise Known as The “Local Government Code of 1991”, As Amended (S. No. 1855/H. No. 5925) [April 9, 2021]

56. R.A. No. 11536

An Act Establishing a Separate Schools Division Office in The City of Canlaon, Province of Negros Oriental, Amending for The Purpose Section 86 Of Republic Act No. 3445, Entitled “An Act Creating the City of Canlaon” (H. No. 5744) [May 14, 2021]

57. R.A. No. 11537

An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Mindanao Islamic Telephone Company, Inc., Presently Known as Dito Telecommunity Corporation, Under Republic Act No. 8627,

Entitled “An Act Granting the Mindanao Islamic Telephone Company, Inc., A Franchise to Construct, Establish, Install, Maintain and Operate Wire and/ or Wireless Telecommunications Systems in The Philippines” (H. No. 7332) [May 18, 2021]

58. R.A. No. 11538

An Act Granting the City Government of Davao a Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate, and Maintain Radio Broadcasting Stations in Davao City (H. No. 7488) [May 18, 2021]

59. R.A. No. 11539

An Act Granting Instant Data, Inc., a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout the Philippines (H. No. 7615) [May 18, 2021]

60. R.A. No. 11540

An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the Franchise Granted to the University of the Philippines System Under Republic Act No. 8160 to Construct, Establish, Maintain, and Operate for Educational and Other Related Purposes Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations Within the University of the Philippines and

- in Other Areas Within the Scope of its Operations (H. No. 7616) [May 18, 2021]
61. R.A. No. 11541 An Act Granting Palawan Broadcasting Corporation a Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate, and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in the Philippines (H. No. 8553) [May 18, 2021]
62. R.A. No. 11542 An Act Granting Highland Broadcasting Network Corp. a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate, and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in Mindanao (H. No. 8860) [May 18, 2021]
63. R.A. No. 11543 An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Kakou Ange Franck Williams Kouame (H. No. 8632) [May 18, 2021]
64. R.A. No. 11544 An Act Converting the Municipality of Calaca in The Province of Batangas into A Component City to Be Known as The City of Calaca (H. No. 6598) [May 26, 2021]
65. R.A. No. 11545 An Act Reapportioning the First Legislative District of the City of Caloocan into Two (2) Legislative

- Districts (H. No. 7700) [May 23, 2021]
66. R.A. No. 11546 An Act Reapportioning the Province of Bulacan into Six (6) Legislative Districts (H. No. 6867) [May 26, 2021]
67. R.A. No. 11547 An Act Declaring the City of Davao as The Chocolate Capital of the Philippines and The Entire Region XI (Davao Region) As The Cacao Capital of the Philippines (S. No. 1741/H. No. 7460) [May 27, 2021]
68. R.A. No. 11548 An Act Granting the President of the Philippines the Power to Defer the Increases in Contributions of the Social Security System for The Duration of the State of Calamity Under Proclamation No. 929, S. 2020, As Amended by Proclamation No. 1021, S. 2020, Amending Section 4(A)(9) Of Republic Act No. 11199, Also Known as The “Social Security Act of 2018” (S. No. 2027/H. No. 8512) [May 26, 2021]
69. R.A. No. 11549 An Act Lowering the Minimum Height Requirement for Applicants of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau

of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), And Bureau of Corrections (BuCor), Amending Republic Act No. 6975, As Amended, Republic Act No. 9263, And Republic Act No. 10575 (S. No. 1563/H. No. 8261) [May 26, 2021]

70. R.A. No. 11550 An Act Dividing the Province of Maguindanao into Two (2) Provinces, Namely: Maguindanao Del Norte and Maguindanao Del Sur (H. No. 6413) [May 27, 2021]
71. R.A. No. 11551 An Act Integrating Labor Education in The Tertiary Education Curriculum (S. No. 1513/H. No. 4466) [May 27, 2021]
72. R.A. No. 11552 An Act Extending and Enhancing the Implementation of the Lifeline Rate, Amending for The Purpose Section 73 Of Republic Act No. 9136, Otherwise Known as The “Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001”, As Amended by Republic Act No. 10150 (S. No. 1877/H. No. 8145) [May 27, 2021]
73. R.A. No. 11553 An Act Providing for The Reapportionment of the Province of Bataan into Three (3)

Legislative Districts (H. No. 8664) [June 24, 2021]

74. R.A. No. 11554 An Act Converting the Basilan State College (BASSC) In The City of Isabela, Province of Basilan into A State University, To Be Known as The Basilan State University (BASSU), And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 7697) [June 24, 2021]
75. R.A. No. 11555 An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Baycomms Broadcasting Corporation Under Republic Act No. 8718, Entitled “An Act Granting the Baycomms Broadcasting Corporation, A Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Stations in The Philippines” (H. No. 8556) [June 24, 2021]
76. R.A. No. 11556 An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Lying-In Clinic in The Municipality of Rizal, Province of Palawan from Ten (10) Beds to Twenty (20) Beds, Upgrading Its Service Facilities and Professional Health Care Services, Authorizing The Increase of Its Medical Personnel, And Appropriating

Funds Therefor (H. No. 2582)
[June 24, 2021]

77. R.A. No. 11557 An Act Establishing a Three Hundred (300)-Bed Capacity Tertiary Training and General Hospital in Barangay Mauway, City of Mandaluyong to Be Known as The Senate President Neptali a Gonzales General Hospital, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5870) [June 24, 2021]

78. R.A. No. 11558 An Act Establishing a General Hospital in The Municipality of Rosales, Province of Pangasinan to Be Known as The Conrado F. Estrella Regional Medical and Trauma Center, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6850) [June 24, 2021]

79. R.A. No. 11559 An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Naguilian District Hospital in The Municipality of Naguilian, Province of La Union from Twenty-Five (25) Beds to Fifty (50) Beds and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6498) [June 24, 2021]

80. R.A. No. 11560 An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Sinait District Hospital in Sinait, Ilocos Sur from Twenty-Five (25) Beds to One

Hundred (100) Beds and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6727) [June 24, 2021]

81. R.A. No. 11561 An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the East Avenue Medical Center in Barangay Diliman, Quezon City from Six Hundred (600) To One Thousand (1,000) Beds, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6728) [June 24, 2021]

82. R.A. No. 11562 An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Rosario District Hospital in The Municipality of Rosario, Province of La Union from Twenty-Five (25) To Fifty (50) Beds and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6729) [June 24, 2021]

83. R.A. No. 11563 An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Mayor Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Medical Center in The Province of Misamis Occidental from Five Hundred (500) To One Thousand (1,000) Beds, Upgrading Its Professional Health Care Services and Facilities, Authorizing The Increase of Its Medical Personnel, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6730) [June 24, 2021]

84. R.A. No. 11564 An Act Establishing a General Hospital in The City of Bacolod, Province of Negros Occidental, To Be Known as The Bacolod City General Hospital, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6731) [June 24, 2021]
85. R.A. No. 11565 An Act Converting the Medina Extension Hospital in The Municipality of Medina, Province of Misamis Oriental into A General Hospital to Be Known as The First Misamis Oriental General Hospital, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6753) [June 24, 2021]
86. R.A. No. 11566 An Act Converting the Schistosomiasis Control and Research Hospital in Palo, Leyte into A General Hospital to Be Known as The Governor Benjamin T. Romualdez General Hospital and Schistosomiasis Center, Increasing Its Bed Capacity from Twenty Five (25) To One Hundred (100), Upgrading Its Professional Health Care Services and Facilities, Authorizing The Increase of Its Medical Personnel and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6971) [June 24, 2021]

87. R.A. No. 11567 An Act Renaming the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center in The City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte into Eastern Visayas Medical Center, Increasing Its Bed Capacity from Five Hundred (500) To One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) Beds, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6972) [June 24, 2021]
88. R.A. No. 11568 An Act Establishing a General Hospital in Barangay Lacaron, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental to Be Known as The Davao Occidental General Hospital, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 7321) [June 24, 2021]

FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT (20)

1. S. No. 1296 Establishing The Philippine Energy Research and Policy Institute
2. S. No. 1886 Further Expanding the Jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in Cities, Municipal Trial Courts, And Municipal Circuit Trial Courts, Amending for The Purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as The

“Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, As Amended

3. S. No. 1931 Improving Confirmation of Imperfect Titles, Amending for The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 1529, Commonwealth Act No. 141, And Republic Act No. 9176
4. S. No. 2208 Extending The Estate Tax Amnesty and for Other Purposes, Amending Section 6 Of Republic Act No. 11213, Otherwise Known as The ‘Tax Amnesty Act’
5. S. No. 2220 Enhancing The Powers and Functions of the Joint Congressional Energy Commission, Further Amending for The Purpose Section 62 Of Republic Act No. 9136, Otherwise Known as The Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001, As Amended
6. H. No. 6255 Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Romeo Cabrestante Servando, Presently Known as Rolin Broadcasting Enterprises, Inc., Under Republic Act No. 8202, Entitled An Act Granting Romeo Cabrestante Servando, A Franchise to Construct, Install,

Establish, Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in The Province of Palawan

7. H. No. 6596 Renaming The Compostela Valley State College in The Municipality of Compostela, Province of Davao De Oro to The Davao De Oro State College
8. H. No. 6842 Renaming The Surigao Del Sur State University (SDSSU) In The Province of Surigao Del Sur to North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU)
9. H. No. 6858 Converting The Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology (BISCAST), In The City of Naga, Province of Camarines Sur, Into A State University, To Be Known as The Southeast Asian University of Technology
10. H. No. 6918 Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Blockbuster Broadcasting System, Inc., Under Republic Act No. 8726, Entitled An Act Granting the Blockbuster Broadcasting System, Inc., A Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish,

Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in The Philippines

Television Broadcasting Stations in The Visayas Region

11. H. No. 7019

Converting The Agusan Del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology (ASSCAT) In The Municipality of Bunawan, Province of Agusan Del Sur into A State University, Integrating Therewith the Satellite Campus in The Municipality of Trento, Province of Agusan Del Sur, to Be Known as The Agusan Del Sur State University (ADSSU)

14. H. No. 7496

Granting Servotron Industries Inc. A Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate, And Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations Throughout the Philippines

12. H. No. 7030

Converting The Abra State Institute of Sciences and Technology in The Municipalities of Lagangilang and Bangued, Province of Abra into A State University, To Be Known as The University of Abra

15. H. No. 7566

Converting The Occidental Mindoro State College in The Municipality of San Jose, Province of Occidental Mindoro, Into A State University to Be Known as The Occidental Mindoro State University

13. H. No. 7487

Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Tagbilaran Broadcasting System, Presently Known as Tagbilaran Broadcasting System, Inc., Under Republic Act No. 8149, Entitled an 'Act Granting the Tagbilaran Broadcasting System a Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate and Maintain Radio and

16. H. No. 7618

Granting Christian Music Power, Inc. A Franchise to Construct, Establish, Operate, And Maintain Radio Broadcasting Stations in The Philippines

17. H. No. 8551

Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted to Transpacific Broadband Group Int'l. Inc., Under Republic Act No. 8657, To Construct, Establish, Install, Maintain and Operate Communications Systems for The Reception and Transmission of Messages Within the Philippines

18. H. No. 8552 Granting Allied Broadcasting Center, Incorporated A Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate, And Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in The Philippines
19. H. No. 8554 Granting St. Jude Thaddeus Institute of Technology, Inc. A Franchise to Construct, Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Stations in The Province of Surigao Del Norte and Other Areas in The Philippines
20. H. No. 8631 Granting Philippine Citizenship to Bienvenido Morejon Marañon

3. S. No. 1840 Amending Republic Act No. 8762, Otherwise Known as The Retail Trade Liberalization Act of 2000, By Lowering the Required Paid-Up Capital for Foreign Retail Enterprises
4. S. No. 1907 Instituting Services and Programs for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education, Establishing Inclusive Learning Resource Centers of Learners with Disabilities in All Municipalities and Cities, Providing for Standards
5. S. No. 1955 Providing for The National Energy Policy and Regulatory Framework for The Philippine Liquefied Petroleum Gas Industry

PENDING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (5)

1. S. No. 1354 Amending Articles 183 and 184 of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
2. S. No. 1832 Strengthening and Modernizing the Bureau of Fire Protection, Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 6975, Otherwise Known as The Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990

**APPROVED ON THIRD READING BY THE SENATE/
PENDING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (16)**

1. S. No. 643 Granting Night Shift Differential Pay to The Government Employees Including Those in Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations
2. S. No. 1055 Establishing A Separate Facility for Prisoners Convicted of Heinous Crimes
3. S. No. 1077 Creating A National Transportation Safety Board

4. S. No. 1092 Institutionalizing The Grant of a Teaching Supplies Allowance for Public School Teachers
5. S. No. 1155 Fixing The Validity Period of the License to Own and Possess, Permit to Carry Outside of Residence or Place of Business and Registration of Firearms, Amending for The Purpose Sections 7 And 19 Of Republic Act No. 10591, Otherwise Known as The ‘Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act’
6. S. No. 1233 Expanding The Use of the Legal Assistance Fund, Amending for The Purpose Section 26 Of 90 Republic Act No. 8042, As Amended, Otherwise Known as The Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995
7. S. No. 1373 Protecting Children by Prohibiting and Declaring Child Marriage as Illegal and Providing Programs and Penalties
8. S. No. 1382 Providing The National Energy Policy and Regulatory Framework for The Use of Electric Vehicles and The Establishment of Electric Charging Stations

9. S. No. 1582 Establishing A Network of Pop-Up Bicycle Lanes and Emergency Pathways for Use During the Duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic
10. S. No. 1927 Authorizing The Department of Agriculture to Use the Annual Tariff Revenues in Excess of P10 Billion, Under Republic Act 11203 Or “An Act Liberalizing the Importation, Exportation and Trading of Rice, Lifting for The Purpose the Quantitative Import Restriction On Rice, and for Other Purposes,” For Direct Cash Assistance to Farmers Owning One (1) Hectare or Less of Rice Land Until 2024
11. S. No. 2124 Act to Further Empower the Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) By Amending Certain Provisions in Republic Act No. 10742, Otherwise Known as The “Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015”
12. S. No. 2209 Strengthening Protections Against Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children, amending for This Purpose Republic Act No. 9775 Or The Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009; Amending for This Purpose Republic Act No. 9995, Or The Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism

Act of 2009, Providing Penalties for Its Violations

13. S. No. 2232

Taxing Philippine Offshore Gaming Operations, Amending for The Purpose Sections 22, 25, 27, 28, And Adding a New Section 125-A of The National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, As Amended

14. H. No. 5306

Separating The Sitio of Ladol from Barangay Poblacion in The Municipality of Alabel, Province of Sarangani and Constituting It into A Distinct and Independent Barangay to Be Known as Barangay Ladol

15. H. No. 5944

Declaring April 28 Of Every Year a Special Working Holiday in The Province of Aurora to Commemorate the Death Anniversary of Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon

16. H. No. 8555

Granting Good News Sorsogon Foundation, Inc., A Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate, And Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in The Bicol Region

1. S. No. 448

Prohibiting The Use of Words That Would Denote Religious, Regional or Ethnic Affiliation in Print, Radio, Television Including Cable Television and Other Forms of Broadcast Media to Refer to or Describe Any Person Suspected or Convicted of a Crime or Unlawful Act

2. S. No. 670

Declaring August 30 Of Every Year as National Press Freedom Day

3. S. No. 810

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"

4. S. No. 1156

Promoting Foreign Investments, Amending Thereby Republic Act No. 1042 Otherwise Known as The "Foreign Investment Act of 1991", As Amended

5. S. No. 1157

Creating The Office of the Mobility Czar to Coordinate Urgent Related Measures Necessary and Proper to

PENDING SECOND READING (76)

Effectively Address the Transport and Traffic Crisis

6. S. No. 1174 Amending Section 185 Of The Omnibus Election Code, As Amended, By Abolishing the Printing of the Voters Information and Instruction Sheet
7. S. No. 1211 Amending Republic Act No. 7160, Otherwise Known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”, by Expanding the Scope of Powers Over Local Public Transportation Systems
8. S. No. 1240 Institutionalizing Bamboo Industry Development in The Philippines, Creating The Bamboo Industry Development Center (BIDC)
9. S. No. 1319 Expanding the Coverage of the Centenarians Act of 2016, Amending for the Purpose Section Two of Republic Act No. 10868
10. S. No. 1334 Providing for a National Policy in Preventing Adolescent Pregnancies, Institutionalizing Social Protection for Adolescent Parents
11. S. No. 1341 Allowing and Regulating the Use of Motorcycles as Public Utility

Vehicles, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 4136, Otherwise Known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code

12. S. No. 1342 Addressing Food Security Concerns Through Integrating Instructional Gardens in Primary and Secondary School Curricula and Promoting the Use of Urban Agriculture
13. S. No. 1411 Amending Republic Act No. 8972 Otherwise Known as An Act Providing for Benefits and Privileges to Solo Parents and Their Children, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes
14. S. No. 1530 Amending Section 18, Book VII, Chapter 3 Of The Administrative Code of the Philippines
15. S. No. 1562 Increasing The Recruitment Quota Requirement of Female Philippine National Police (PNP) Officers, Amending Section 58 Of Republic Act No. 8551
16. S. No. 1778 Enhancing The Regulation On Employment of Foreign Nationals and Transfer of Technology, Amending for The Purpose Articles 40, 41, And 42 Of Presidential Decree No. 442, As

Amended, Otherwise Known as
The Labor Code of the
Philippines

Electrification of Unserved and
Underserved Areas

17. S. No. 1789 Establishing A National Energy
Policy and Regulatory
Framework for Facilities Utilizing
Waste-To-Energy Technologies

22. S. No. 1933 Establishing The Rules and
Policies On the Domestic
Administrative Adoption
Proceeding of Filipino

18. S. No. 1810 Providing Protection to
Freelancers

23. S. No. 1934 Prohibiting Discrimination,
Marginalization, And Violence
Committed On the Basis of
Sexual Orientation, Gender
Identity, Gender Expression and
Sex Characteristics and Providing
Sanctions Therefor

19. S. No. 1833 Providing for The Rank
Classification and Organization of
Key Positions in The Bureau of
Fire Protection (BFP) And
Bureau of Jail Management and
Penology (BJMP), Amending for
The Purpose Republic Act No.
9263 Otherwise Known as The
“Bureau of Fire Protection and
Bureau of Jail Management and
Penology Professionalization Act
of 2004”, As Amended by
Republic Act No. 9592

24. S. No. 1947 Creating The Office of the
Judiciary Marshals, Defining Its
Functions and Powers

20. S. No. 1834 Act to Enhance the Philippine
Digital Workforce
Competitiveness, Establishing for
The Purpose an Inter-Agency
Council for Development and
Competitiveness of Philippine
Digital Workforce

25. S. No. 1950 Providing for The Conduct of
Hybrid National, Local, And
Bangsamoro Autonomous
Region in Muslim Mindanao
(BARMM) Elections, Through
Manual-Automated Voting,
Counting, Canvassing,
Consolidation, And Transmission,
Amending for the Purpose
Republic Act No. 8436, As
Amended

21. S. No. 1928 Promoting The Use of Microgrid
Systems for The Total

26. S. No. 2074 Strengthening Public-Private
Partnerships

27. S. No. 2077	Creating The Philippine Boxing and Combat Sports Commission	Purpose, Section 13, Article XVI of Republic Act No. 11054, Otherwise Known as The “Organic Law for The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao”
28. S. No. 2094	Amending Commonwealth Act No. 146, Otherwise Known as the Public Service Act, As Amended	
29. S. No. 2152	Enhancing The Quality of Basic Education in The Philippines by Improving the Quality of Teachers and School Leaders, Strengthening The Teacher Education Council Under Republic Act No. 7784 Entitled “An Act to Strengthen Teacher Education in The Philippines by Establishing Centers of Excellence, Creating A Teacher Education Council for The Purpose, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes”, Institutionalizing The National Educators Academy of the Philippines	32. S. No. 2215 Institutionalizing Anti-Drug Abuse Councils in Every Local Government Unit
30. S. No. 2203	Providing for The National Energy Policy and Framework for The Development and Regulation of the Philippine Midstream Natural Gas Industry	33. S. No. 2216 Enhancing Accessibility in The Voting of Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities, Pregnant Women, And Indigenous Peoples, Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 10366
31. S. No. 2214	Resetting The First Regular Elections in The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Amending, For The	34. S. No. 2233 Promoting The Rights of and Providing Greater Protections to Deserted or Abandoned Children with Unknown Parents, Amending for This Purpose Articles 276 And 277 Of The Revised Penal Code and Special Laws, Recognizing Their Status as Natural-Born Citizens of the Philippines, Providing Penalties Against Acts Inimical to Their Welfare
		35. S. No. 2234 Creating The Department of Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos, Defining Its Powers and Functions, Rationalizing The Organization and Functions of

Government Agencies Related to Overseas Employment and Migration

Municipality Of Altavas, All In The Province Of Aklan, As Congressman Allen Salas Quimpo National Highway

36. S. No. 2239

Regulating The Importation, Manufacture, Sale, Packaging, Distribution, Use, And Communication of Vapor Products and Heated Tobacco Products

38. H. No. 4954

Establishing A National Junior High School in Barangay Maganhan, Baybay City, Province of Leyte to Be Known as Maganhan Junior High School

] 37. H. No. 624

Renaming The Kalibo”Banga”Balete”Batan”Altavas National Road Which Is Part Of The Kalibo Highway, Stretching From The Numancia”Kalibo Boundary At Barangay Laguinbanua In The Municipality Of Numancia, Traversing Barangays Poblacion, Andagao, Estancia, Tigayon, And Linabuan Norte In The Municipality Of Kalibo; Barangays Linabuan Sur, Jumarap, Mambog, Poblacion, Tabayon, Libas, And Venturanza In The Municipality Of Banga; Barangays Fulgencio, Feliciano, Calizo, Morales, Poblacion, Cortes, And Aranas In The Municipality Of Balete; Barangays Lalab And Cabugao In The Municipality Of Batan; Barangays Cabugao, Linayasan, Odiong, Poblacion, Man-Up, Cabangila, Up To The Capiz”Aklan Boundary In The

39. H. No. 4955

Establishing A National Junior High School in Barangay Punta, Baybay City, Province of Leyte to Be Known as Punta Junior High School

40. H. No. 4960

Declaring November 8 Of Every Year a Special Nonworking Public Holiday in The Eastern Visayas Region to Be Known as The “Yolanda Commemoration Day”

41. H. No. 5028

Declaring February 24 Of Every Year a Special Nonworking Public Holiday in The Province of Zamboanga Sibugay in Commemoration of Its Founding Anniversary to Be Known as “Araw Ng Sibugay”

42. H. No. 5328

Establishing A National High School in Barangay Talogoy, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental, to Be

Known as Tamaing Tribal National High School

School to Be Known as Ernesto Lopez National High School

43. H. No. 5363 Separating The Lawa National High School-Nueva Villa Extension in Barangay Lawa, Municipality of Don Marcelino, Province of Davao Occidental from The Lawa National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Corona A. Cabanilla National High School

46. H. No. 5367 Separating The Basiawan National High School-Malagsom Extension in Barangay Buhangin, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental from The Basiawan National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Buhangin National High School

44. H. No. 5364 Separating The Don Marcelino National High School-Dalupan Extension in Barangay Dalupan, Municipality of Don Marcelino, Province of Davao Occidental from The Don Marcelino National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Ernesto Balindan Sumbo National High School

47. H. No. 5831 Converting The Guimba-Pura Provincial Road Stretching from Barangay San Rafael To Barangay San Miguel, Both in The Municipality of Guimba, Province of Nueva Ecija, And to Barangay Buenavista in The Municipality of Pura, Province of Tarlac into A National Road

45. H. No. 5365 Separating The Mariano Peralta National High School-Sangay Extension in Barangay Sangay, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental from The Mariano Peralta National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High

48. H. No. 5849 Providing For The Construction Of A National Road From The Junction Of Lanao Del Norte Interior Circumferential Road At Barangay Poblacion, Through Barangay Lemoncret, Municipality Of Magsaysay, To Barangay San Manuel, Municipality Of Lala, To Barangays Pansilan And Katipunan, Municipality Of Sapad, To Barangays

	Mahayahay, Bel-Is, Malinas, Sittio Dao, Butadon, Bansarvil, And Tipolo, Municipality Of Kapatagan, To Barangay Calube, Municipality Of Sultan Naga Dimaporo, To Barangay Lantungan, Municipality Of Aurora, All Located In The Province Of Lanao Del Norte Into A National Road To Be Known As Iligan–Aurora National Highway Bypass Road		In Iligan City Through Barangay Pugaan, Iligan City And To The National Highway In Marawi City Through The Municipality Of Kapai, Province Of Lanao Del Sur, To Be Known As The Muslim-Christian Unity Highway
		52. H. No. 5890	Creating The Iligan City District Engineering Office
		53. H. No. 5891	Reconstituting The Lanao Del Norte District Engineering Office in The Province of Lanao Del Norte into Two (2) Separate District Engineering Offices
49. H. No. 5854	Establishing The First District Engineering Office in The Municipality of Labo, Province of Camarines Norte		
		54. H. No. 6227	Creating A New District Engineering Office in The Third Legislative District of the Province of Zamboanga Del Norte
50. H. No. 5855	Establishing The Second District Engineering Office in The Municipality of Compostela, Province of Davao De Oro		
		55. H. No. 6333	Commemorating The Cityhood of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan Through the Annual Celebration of the Tanglawan Festival On the Occasion of Its Foundation Day On September 10, Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 9750
51. H. No. 5889	Providing For The Construction Of A National Highway From Lanao Del Norte Interior Circumferential Road In The Municipality Of Tagoloan, Province Of Lanao Del Norte To The Municipality Of Talakag, Province Of Bukidnon, With A Crossroad At Barangay Malimbato, Municipality Of Tagoloan, Province Of Lanao Del Norte And Connecting Roads To The National Highway		
		56. H. No. 6467	Renaming The Portion of the Mountain Province Boundary-Calanan-Enrile Road, stretching from The Antonio Canao Bridge

	in Barangay Calanan, Traversing Through Barangays Bulanao and Ipil, Up to The Alliog Bridge in Barangay Nambaran, All in The City of Tabuk in The Province of Kalinga, As Manuel S. Agyao Boulevard		Del Norte into A Regional Medical Center to Be Known as The Lanao Del Norte Regional Medical Center
57. H. No. 6491	Mandating The Full Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Kennon Road Under the Department of Public Works and Highways	62. H. No. 7355	Renaming The Marawi-Maguig-Bumbaran-Wao Road, Stretching from The City of Marawi, Traversing Through the Municipalities of Maguing, Bumbaran and Wao, All in The Province of Lanao Del Sur, As Gov. Mamintal M. Adiong Sr. National Road
58. H. No. 6492	Converting The Sagada-Besao-Quirino, Ilocos Sur Road into A National Road	63. H. No. 7499	Renaming Del Monte Avenue, Traversing Barangays Nayong Kanluran, Paltok, Paraiso, Del Monte, Damayan, Masambong, Talayan, Manresa, Siena, St. Peter, San Jose and N.S. Amoranto, Located in Legislative District I of Quezon City, As Fernando Poe Jr. Avenue
59. H. No. 6585	Classifying The San Fernando Bypass Road and San Fernando Bypass Extension Road in The Province of La Union, Into National Roads	64. H. No. 7769	Changing The Name of San Manuel High School in Barangay San Manuel, City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan, To San Manuel National High School
60. H. No. 6849	Increasing The Bed Capacity of the Benguet General Hospital in The Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet from Two Hundred (200) To Four Hundred (400) Beds, Placing The Hospital Under the Direct Supervision and Control of the Department of Health	65. H. No. 7992	Separating The Naneng National High School – Mosimos Extension in Barangay Dupag, City of Tabuk, Province of
61. H. No. 7322	Upgrading The Lanao Del Norte Provincial Hospital, Located in The Municipality of Baroy, Lanao		

Kalinga from The Naneng National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Dupag National High School

66. H. No. 7993 Establishing A National High School in Barangay Talipapa, Quezon City, Metro Manila to Be Known as The Talipapa National High School

67. H. No. 7994 Separating The Baguio City National High School – Fort Del Pilar Annex in Barangay Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City from The Baguio City National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as The Fort Del Pilar National High School

68. H. No. 7995 Separating The Baguio City National High School – Hillside Annex in Barangay Hillside, Baguio City from The Baguio City National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as The Hillside National High School

69. H. No. 7996 Separating The Sibuco National High School – Lunday Annex in Barangay Lunday, Municipality of Sibuco, Province of Zamboanga

Del Norte from The Sibuco National High School, Converting It into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Lunday National High School

70. H. No. 7997 Converting The Labason Central School in Barangay Lopoc, Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte into an Integrated School to Be Known as The Labason Integrated School

71. H. No. 7998 Changing The Name of Paracelis National High School in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Paracelis, Mountain Province to Serapio Gawan National High School

72. H. No. 8132 Converting The Sisigon Elementary School in Barangay Sisigon, Municipality of Matnog, Province of Sorsogon into an Integrated School to Be Known as Sisigon Integrated School

73. H. No. 8237 Converting The Siocon National High School in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Siocon, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte into A National Science High School to Be Known as Siocon National Science High School

74. H. No. 8238 Establishing A National High School in Barangay Marcos, Municipality of Santa, Province of Ilocos Sur to Be Known as The Santa National High School
75. H. No. 8239 Separating The Sto. Rosario Elementary School-Santos Encarnacion Elementary School Extension in Barangay Dalandanan, Valenzuela City, Metro Manila from The Sto. Rosario Elementary School, Converting It into an Independent Elementary School to Be Known as Santos Encarnacion Elementary School
76. H. No. 8240 Separating The Malinta Elementary School - Pinalagad Annex in Sitio Pinalagad, Barangay Malinta, Valenzuela City, Metro Manila from The Malinta Elementary School, Converting It into an Independent Elementary School to Be Known as Pinalagad Elementary School

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolutions Concurring in the Ratification of Treaties and/or International Agreements/Conventions (1)

1. Res. No. 83 Resolution Concurring in the Ratification of the Treaty on the

Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (PSR-620) [February 1, 2021]

B. Simple Resolutions (46)

1. Res. No. 56 Resolution Informing the House of Representatives That a Quorum is Present in the Senate and That This Body Has Entered Upon the Exercise of Its Functions for The Second Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-471) [July 27, 2020]
2. Res. No. 57 Resolution Informing President Rodrigo Roa Duterte That a Quorum is Present in the Senate and That This Body Has Entered Upon the Exercise of Its Functions for the Second Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-472) [July 27, 2020]
3. Res. No. 58 Resolution Calling for the Constitution of the Senate Committee of the Whole to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Alleged Rampant Corruption, Incompetence and Inefficiency in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic That May Lead to the Financial

Collapse of the Institution to the Prejudice of the Filipino People (PSR-475) [July 28, 2020]

4. Res. No. 59 Resolution Expressing Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines On the Death of Former Ambassador Eduardo “Danding” M. Cojuangco, Jr., and Honoring His Contributions to Philippine Politics, Business and Sports (PSRs-449, 450 & 458) [August 3, 2020]
5. Res. No. 60 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathies and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines On the Death of the Honorable Ramon B. Revilla, Sr., Former Senator (1992-2004), Former Chairman of the Public Estates Authority, Movie Icon, And “Father of The Public Works Act” (PSR459) [August 3, 2020]
6. Res. No. 61 Resolution Commending Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary József Bencze for His Invaluable Work as Envoy of the Republic of Hungary to the Philippines Resulting in Strengthened Hungarian-Philippine Relations (PSR-478) [August 3, 2020]

7. Res. No. 62 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate on the Death of the Honorable Alfredo “Fred” S. Lim, Former Senator, Former Mayor of Manila, and Former Secretary of the Interior and Local Government (PSRs 494, 498 & 501) [August 19, 2020]
8. Res No. 63 Resolution Urging the Office of the President to Preventively Suspend Immediately the Top Management of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, Those Involved in The Alleged Corruption and Fraudulent Schemes in The Agency and Those Responsible for The Delay or Refusal to Submit Documents Pertinent to Investigations Carried Out by The National Bureau of Investigation and The Audit Being Conducted by The Commission On Audit (PSR-502) [August 19, 2020]
9. Res. No. 64 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate On the Death of the Honorable Edgardo “Eddie” U. Ilarde, Former Senator, Former Mambabatas Pambansa

(Assemblyman), And Former Member of the House of Representatives (PSR-493) [August 25, 2020]

10. Res. No. 65

Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate On the Death of Ms. Maria Azucena “Manay Ichu” Vera-Perez Maceda, The Pioneer of the Philippine Film Industry (PSR-515) [September 7, 2020]

11. Res. No. 66

Resolution Honoring and Remembering the Lives of Service and the Exemplary Contributions for Public Service for the Province of Cebu and for the Nation of Mayor Nelson Gamaliel Fiel Garcia and Mayor Marlon Fiel Garcia (PSR-518) [September 8, 2020]

12. Res. No. 67

Resolution Honoring and Remembering the Illustrious Life and Exemplary Contributions for Public Service for the Province of Camarines Sur and for the Nation of Former Speaker of the House Arnulfo “Noli” Palma Fuentebella (PSR-521) [September 9, 2020]

13. Res. No. 68

Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere

Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines On the Death of Environmentalist and Former Negros Occidental Governor Alfredo G. Marañon Jr. (PSR-544) [October 13, 2020]

14. Res. No. 69

Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating Jesus Is Lord Church for Celebrating its 42nd Founding Anniversary on October 25, 2020 (PSRs-540 & 545) [October 14, 2020]

15. Res. No. 70

Resolution Expressing the Full Support of the Philippine Senate of the Observance and Celebration of the World Day of the Poor 2020 (PSR-550) [November 9, 2020]

16. Res. No. 71

Resolution Congratulating His Excellency, Shinzo Abe, for His Historic Tenure as Japan’s Longest Serving Prime Minister and Commending Him for His Significant Contributions to Strengthening and Broadening the Relations Between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines (PSR-525) [November 10, 2020]

17. Res. No. 72

Resolution Honoring the Late Congressman Raul Veloso Del Mar, Representative of the First District of Cebu City, Former

- Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Champion of Press Freedom and the Welfare of Journalists (UNR-2) [November 17, 2020]
18. Res. No. 73 Resolution Expressing Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines On the Death of Veteran Actress Clarita Villarba Rivera, Popularly Known as Mila Del Sol, And Honoring Her Contribution in Philippine Cinema (PSR-569) [November 17, 2020]
19. Res. No. 74 Resolution Commending Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Haneda Koji for His Remarkable Work as Envoy of the Government of Japan to The Philippines Bolstering the Bilateral Relations and Strategic Partnership Between the Two Countries (PSR-568) [November 17, 2020]
20. Res. No. 75 Resolution Urging the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to Fast-Track the Release of the Available Funds to Help the Victims in the Calamity-Stricken Areas and the Affected Workers Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

- (PSR-574) [November 23, 2020]
21. Res. No. 76 Resolution Commemorating the 107th Birth Anniversary of Anniversary of Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma and Honoring Her Invaluable Contribution in Defending the Rights and Freedoms of the Filipino People (PSR-577) [November 23, 2020]
22. Res. No. 77 Resolution Honoring and Commemorating the Delegates to The Constitutional Conventions That Transformed Philippine Political Landscape, Celebrating The 50th Anniversary of The 1971 Constitutional Convention (PSR-585) [December 7, 2020]
23. Res. No. 78 Resolution Commending South Korean Ambassador Han Dong-Man for His Efforts in Strengthening Bilateral Relations and Cooperation Between the Republic of the Philippines and The Republic of Korea (PSR-586) [December 9, 2020]
24. Res. No. 79 Resolution Calling for the Constitution of the Senate Committee of the Whole to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of

Legislation, on the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program with the End in View of Determining the Measures Necessary to Fully Prepare for its Nationwide Implementation (PSR-594) [December 14, 2020]

25. Res. No. 80

Resolution Expressing the Sense of the Senate to Strongly Urge the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and its Attached Agencies to Immediately Suspend the Implementation of Department Order No. 2020-12, its IRR, and All Related Issuances on Toll Expressways Pending the Resolution of the Complaints Against the Cashless or Contactless Transaction System, and Subsequently Amend Said Issuances to Reflect the Actions Taken to Improve Implementation of Cashless or Contactless Transactions on All Limited Access Facilities (PSR-596) [December 14, 2020]

26. Res. No. 81

Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Philippine Senate on the Death of Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairperson Danilo

Lim (PSRs-613 & 614) [January 18, 2021]

27. Res. No. 82

Resolution Expressing The Sense Of The Senate To Welcome The Department Of National Defense (DND)'s Decision To Answer The Various Calls For Dialogue With The University Of The Philippines (UP) On The Termination Of The 1989 UP-DND Accord, To Urge Both Parties To Revisit The Accord, And To Further Urge The DND To Hold Dialogues With Other Academic Institutions And Find A Common Ground That Promotes The Rule Of Law, Peace And Security And Protects Academic Freedom, And The Pursuit Of Excellence (PSR-616) [January 26, 2021]

28. Res. No. 84

Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of Former Senator Victor S. Ziga (PSRs-630 & 632) [February 1, 2021]

29. Res. No. 85

Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate On the Death of Former Senator John Henry "Sonny" Renner

Osmeña (PSRs-635 & 636)
[February 3, 2021]

(PSRs-659 & 660) [March 1,
2021]

30. Res. No. 86 Resolution Expressing the
Profound Sympathy and Sincere
Condolences of the Senate of the
Philippines on the Death of
Gawad Sa Manlilikha Ng Bayan
Awardee Yabing Masalon Dulo
(PSR-626) [February 9, 2021]

33. Res. No. 89 Resolution Expressing the Sense
of the Senate of the Philippines
On Its Profound Sympathy and
Sincere Condolences On the
Passing of Erineo “Ayong” S.
Maliksi (PSRs-664 & 669)
[March 1, 2021]

31. Res. No. 87 Resolution Expressing the
Profound Sympathy and Sincere
Condolences of the Senate of the
Philippines on the Death of
Former Representative and
Mayor James “Bong” Gordon Jr.
(PSRs-643 & 646) [February
10, 2021]

34. Res. No. 90 Resolution Honoring the Life
Dedicated to Public Service of
Former Representative Dr. Jose
“Dodong” R. Gullas and
Expressing the Profound
Sympathy and Sincere
Condolences of the Senate of the
Philippines On His Death On
February 25, 2021 (PSR-666)
[March 1, 2021]

32. Res. No. 88 Resolution Honoring and
Commending Mayor Victor Ma.
Regis “Vico” Nubla Sotto of
Pasig City for Being Recognized
as One of the International Anti-
Corruption Champions by The
United States Department of
State for Prioritizing Anti-
Corruption and Transparency
Initiatives Not Only in His
Election Campaign but More
Importantly While in Office,
Thereby Becoming the Standard
Bearer for the New Breed of
Politicians Who Stands as the
Bright Beacon of the Land

35. Res. No. 91 Resolution Expressing the
Profound Sympathy and Sincere
Condolences of the Senate of the
Philippines on the Death of the
First Female Governor of Lanao
Del Sur Princess Tarhata Alonto-
Lucman (PSR-665) [March 1,
2021]

36. Res. No. 92 Resolution Expressing The Sense
Of the Senate To Recommend
The Resumption Of Face-To-
Face Classes Through The
Immediate Launch Of The Pilot

Testing Of Localized Limited Face-To-Face Classes In Low Risk Areas As Identified By The Department Of Education Under Risk-Based Assessment, Following Stringent Mitigation Measures, Strict Health Protocols, And Guidelines Of The Department Of Health And Of The Inter-Agency Task Force On The Management Of Emerging And Infectious Diseases, To Enable The Department Of Education To Gather Evidence On The Ground And Design A Framework For The Safe Reopening Of School (PSRs-663 & 668) [March 2, 2021]

37. Res. No. 93

Resolution Commemorating the 2021 Celebration of International Women's Day on March 8 (PSR-673) [March 8, 2021]

38. Res. No. 94

Resolution Honoring the Life of Father Joaquin G. Bernas, S. J., J. S. D., for His Immeasurable and Invaluable Contributions to the Legal Profession and Society as a Constitutionalist and a Dedicated Servant of God and Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate on the Untimely Demise of the Best

Known Authority on the Constitution and One of the Framers of the 1987 Constitution (PSRs-674 & 675) [March 8, 2021]

39. Res. No. 95

Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Recipients of the Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) 2020 Awards for Their Significant Contributions to the Welfare of the Country (PSRs-621, 624 & 670) [March 9, 2021]

40. Res. No. 96

Resolution Expressing Profound Appreciation to His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), for His Gestures of Compassion, Concern, Friendship, Solidarity, and Support Toward the Filipino People in Times of Natural Disasters and During the Course of the COVID-19 Pandemic (PSR-671) [March 10, 2021]

41. Res. No. 97

Resolution Urging the President to Declare a State of National Calamity Due to the Severe Impact of the African Swine Fever (ASF) and Opposing the Proposed Reduction of the Tariff

42. Res. No. 98 Rates and the Increase in the Minimum Access Volume (MAV) of Imported Pork Products (PSRs-676 & 684) [March 15, 2021]
- Resolution Calling for the Constitution of the Senate Committee of the Whole to Conduct An Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Food Security Crisis Brought About by the Severe Outbreak of the African Swine Fever (ASF) and Consequently, by the Adoption of Policy Solutions Contingent on Importation Which Is Foreseen to Cause Billions of Revenue Losses and Further Perpetrate the Unabated Corruption in the Form of “Tong-Pats” and Technical Smuggling of Poultry and Pork Products That Will Ultimately Lead to the Demise of the Local Industry and Adverse Public Health Effects If No Appropriate Measures Will Be Adopted (PSR-685) [March 17, 2021]
43. Res. No. 99 Resolution Strongly Condemning the Killing of and Acts of Violence Against Judges, Prosecutors and Lawyers and Urging the President to Undertake the Necessary Steps in Ensuring the

44. Res No. 100 Safety of the Members of the Legal Profession (PSR-691) [March 24, 2021]
- Resolution Expressing the Profound Gratitude of the Senate of the Philippines for the Return by the United States Government of the Balangiga Bells and Recognizing the Efforts of Those Who Facilitated Its Return (PSR-653) [June 1, 2021]
45. Res. No. 101 Resolution Declaring as Read and Approved the Journal of The 69th Session of the Senate (PSR-742) [June 3, 2021]
46. Res. No. 102 Resolution Authorizing the Production and Distribution of Twenty (20) Printed and One Hundred (100) Digital Copies of the Journal and The Record of the Senate for The Second Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-743) [June 3, 2021]

C. Concurrent Resolutions (4)

1. Ct. Res. No. 7 Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Senate and the House of Representatives to Hold a Joint Session to Hear the Message of the President of the Republic of

the Philippines (HCR-10) [July 27, 2020]

2. Ct. Res. No. 8 Concurrent Resolution Creating a Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives to Notify the President of the Philippines That Congress, Now Convened for Its Second Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines, is Ready to Hear His State of the Nation Address in a Joint Session of Both Houses (SCR-12) [July 27, 2020]

3. Ct. Res. No. 9 Concurrent Resolution Providing for The Legislative Calendar for The Second Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines (SCR-13/HCR-11) [September 2, 2020]

4. Ct. Res. No. 10 Concurrent Resolution Providing for The Adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Philippines Not Later Than Twelve O'clock, Midnight, Today, June 3, 2021 (SCR-14) [June 3, 2021]

D. Committee Reports (2)

1. C.R. No. 107 Resolution Directing the Appropriate Senate Committee

to Conduct an Inquiry, In Aid of Legislation, Into The Alleged Failure of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) To Release Insurance Claims to Its Accredited Hospitals Which May Result into The Closure of the Said Institutions That Can Seriously Affect Our Public Health Service Delivery and Response to The COVID-19 Pandemic (PSRs-461, 474 & 475) [September 7, 2020]

2. C.R. No. 186 Resolution Directing The Senate Committee On National Defense And Security, Peace, Unification And Reconciliation To Exercise Its Oversight Authority Over The Defense Sector On The Issue Of Red-Tagging/Red-Baiting Of Certain Celebrities, Personalities, Institutions, And Organizations, With The End In View Of Crafting Proper Guidelines That Will Prevent Misunderstanding Between The Public And The Military And Ensure The Protection Of The Constitutional Rights Of The People, Thereby Strengthening The Confidence And Trust Of Our People On The Professionalism Of Our Military In Consonance With The Constitutional Edict That The

Armed Forces Of The
Philippines (AFP) Is The
Protector Of The People And
The State And That Civilian
Authority Is At All Times
Supreme Over The Military
(PSR-559) [March 10, 2021]

CUMULATIVE STATISTICAL DATA

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SENATE BILLS		
I.	Senate Bills Filed	2281
	1 st Regular Session	1,580
	1 st Special Session	7
	2 nd Regular Session	694
II.	Senate Bills Enacted Into Law	31
	1 st regular Session	10
	R.A. No. 11462 SBN-1043 Postponement of the Barangay/Sk Election	
	R.A. No. 11463 SBN-1076 Malasakit Centers Act	
	R.A. No. 11466 SBN-1219 Salary Standardization Law of 2019	
	R.A. No. 11467 SBN-1074 Excise Tax on Alcohol Products*	
	R.A. No. 11468 SBN-1122 National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims	
	R.A. No. 11469 SBN-1418 Bayanihan to Heal as One	
	R.A. No. 11470 SBN-1086 National Academy of Sport Act	
	R.A. No. 11476 SBN-1224 GMRC and Values Education Act	
	R.A. No. 11478 SBN-640 Bicol Medical Center	
	R.A. No. 11479 SBN-1083 The Anti-Terrorism Act of 2019	
	R.A. No. 11480 SBN-1541 Lengthening the School Calendar	
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	R.A. No. 11469 SBN-1418 Bayanihan to Heal as One	
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	R.A. No. 11497 SBN-143 Las Piñas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center*	
	R.A. No. 11498 SBN-1103 Cagayan Valley Medical Center*	
	R.A. No. 11502 SBN-1807 National Cooperative Month*	
	R.A. No. 11509 SBN-1520 Doktor Para sa Bayan Act	
	R.A. No. 11510 SBN-1365 Alternative Learning System Act	
	R.A. No. 11511 SBN-1318 Organic Agriculture Act	
	R.A. No. 11517 SBN-1844 Authorizing the President to Expedite the Processing Permit	
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	R.A. No. 11522 SBN-1216 National Higher Education Day	
	R.A. No. 11523 SBN-1849 Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act	
	R.A. No. 11524 SBN-1396 Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act	
	R.A. No. 11525 SBN-2057 Covid-19 Vaccination Program	
	R.A. No. 11534 SBN-1357 CREATE*	
	R.A. No. 11535 SBN-1855 Cooperatives Development Officer	
	R.A. No. 11547 SBN-1741 Cacao and Chocolate Capital of the Philippines	
	R.A. No. 11548 SBN-2027 Social Security System Increase in Contributions*	
	R.A. No. 11549 SBN-1563 PNP, BFP, BJMP and BuCor Height Equality Act*	
	R.A. No. 11551 SBN-1513 Labor Education Act	
	R.A. No. 11552 SBN-1877 Extension of Lifeline Rate	
	(*Consolidated with HBN)	

III. TOTAL NUMBER OF SENATE BILLS CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT WHICH BECAME REPUBLIC ACT:	93
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SBN-1931 Confirmation of imperfect Titles	
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SBN-1077 National Transportation Safety Board Act	
SBN-1092 Teaching Supplies Allowance Act	
SBN-1155 Firearms	
SBN-1233 Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Legal Assistance Fund	
SBN-1373 Prohibiting and Declaring Child Marriage as Illegal	
SBN-1382 Electric Vehicles and Charging Stations Act	
SBN-1582 Safe Pathways Act	
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SBN-2124 Amending the SK Reform Act	
SBN-2209 Special Protection Against Online Sexual Abuse (OSAEC)	
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SBN-1174 Abolishing the Printing of the Voters Information and Instruction Sheet	
SBN-1211 LGU Transportation Act	
SBN-1240 Bamboo Industry Development Act of 2019	
SBN-1319 Centenarians Act	
SBN-1334 Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy Act	
SBN-1341 Motorcycles-for-Hire Act	
SBN-1342 Instructional Gardens and Urban Agriculture Act	
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SBN-1530 Non-Expiration of License or Franchise	
SBN-1562 Recruitment Quota of Female PNP Officers	
SBN-1778 Enhancing the Regulation on Employment of Foreign Nationals	
SBN-1789 Waste-to-Energy Act	
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SBN-1833 Rank Classification and Organization of Key Position in the BFP/BJMP	
SBN-1834 Philippine Digital Workforce Competitiveness Act	
SBN-1928 Microgrid Systems Act	
SBN-1933 Domestic Administrative Adoption	
SBN-1934 SOGIESC-Based Anti-Discrimination Act	
SBN-1947 Judiciary Marshals Act	
SBN-1950 Hybrid Election Act	
SBN-2074 Public-Private Partnership Act	
SBN-2077 Philippine Boxing and Combat Sports Commission Act	
SBN-2094 Amending the Public Service Act	
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SBN-2214 Resetting the First Regular Elections in BARMM	
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IV. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE:		4
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS		
I. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FILED:		2
<i>1st Regular Session: 2</i>		
II. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION PENDING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:		1
<i>HJR-22 Rice Subsidy Program</i>		
III. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS CONSOLIDATED WITH HBN:		1
<i>HJR-19 Amending Section 65 of the GAA FY 2019</i>		
COMMITTEE REPORTS		
I. Total Number of Committee Reports Filed:		269
<i>1st Regular Session:</i>		104
<i>2nd Regular Session:</i>		165
1.1 Committee Report Approved:		6
<i>CRNo. 17, 42 GCTA</i>		
<i>CRNo. 53 Taal Volcano Resettlement and Rehabilitation Program</i>		
<i>CRNo. 107 PhilHealth</i>		
<i>CRNo. 184 Motor Vehicle Inspection System</i>		
<i>CRNos. 186 Red-Tagging</i>		
1.2 Committee Report Withdrawn:		2
<i>CRNo. 90 Cagayan Valley Medical Center</i>		
<i>CRNo. 91 Las Pinas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center</i>		

THE SENATE COMMITTEES

YOUR COMMITTEES' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

In keeping with the Senate mandate of coming up with responsive and relevant laws, the different Senate Committees and oversight committees conducted a total of 335 public hearings/bicameral conferences/technical working group/consultations (333 by the committees and two by the oversight Committees) for the whole of the Second Regular Session of 18th Congress from July 27, 2020 up to June 28, 2021. The hearings, meetings, conferences and consultations dealt with and looked into issues of national importance.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Overall, the standing committees and their subcommittees conducted a total of 333 public hearings/meetings/bicameral conferences/technical working groups/consultations.

Among the most active are the following:

The *Committee on Finance* including its 11 subcommittees which had 58 hearings/meetings/conferences/consultations;

The *Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture* which conducted 29 public hearings/technical working groups/conference committee undertakings/organizational meetings;

The *Committee on Energy* which conducted 26 public hearings/technical working groups/conference committee undertakings/organizational meetings;

The *Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development* and the *Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship* which both conducted a total of 15 public hearings/technical working group hearings/organizational meetings each;

The *Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform* and the *Committee on Foreign Relations* which each conducted a total of 14 public hearings/technical working group hearings/organizational meetings;

The *Committee on Local Government (including its subcommittees)*; *Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs* and the *Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality* which all conducted 13 public hearings/technical working group meetings each; and

The *Committee on Justice and Human Rights* which had ten public hearings/technical working group meetings.

The undertakings of all the other committees are reflected in the attached document.

THE OVERSIGHT/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Two oversight committees conducted a total of two public hearing/organizational meetings.

The *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Cooperatives* which conducted one organizational meeting; and

The *Joint Congressional Energy Commission* which conducted one public hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FILED

The committees filed 165 committee reports. Among the most important are the following:

Committee Report Number 185 on Senate Bill Number 2057 on the *COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM ACT OF 2021*, which was signed into law as RA 11525;

Committee Report Number 98 on Senate Bill Number 1564 on the *BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT*, which was signed into law as RA 11494;

Committee Report Number 51 on Senate Bill Number 1365 on the *ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYSTEM ACT*, which was signed into law as RA 11510;

TREATIES

In addition to these, the Senate adopted one resolution on the “*Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*” (Resolution Number 83 (SRN 620)).

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