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### 15th Congress -First Regular Session

#### SENATE BILLS

#### Senate Bill No. 3081

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, ALLOWING THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY WHICH HAS A LAND AREA OF AT LEAST FIFTY (50) SQUARE KILOMETERS OR INHABITANTS OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (25,000) INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS AN ANNUAL AVERAGE LOCALLY GENERATED INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION PESOS (P220,000,000.00) FOR THE LAST TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS BASED ON 2010 CONSTANT PRICES"

- > Introduced by Senator Panfilo Lacson
- Referred to the Committee on Local Government

#### Senate Bill No. 3082

"AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY GRADE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SALARY GRADE 10 TO 15 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr.
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts And Culture; Civil Service and Government Reorganization And Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 3083

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8294 ALSO KNOWN AS THE FIREARMS LAW OF 1997, ON THE MANUFACTURE, UNLAWFUL SALE, ACQUISITION, DISPOSITION OR **POSSESSION** OF **FIREARMS** OR AMMUNITION OR INSTRUMENTS USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION, AS AMENDED"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Justice and Human Rights

#### Senate Bill No. 3084

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR STATE-REGISTERED AND LICENSED PROFESSIONALS (RLPS)"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service And Government Reorganization; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 3085

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS IN EVERY SCHOOL"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts And Culture; and Finance

#### Senate Bill No. 3086

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO MAKE GRANTS TO ASSIST BARANGAYS IN COMPLYING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF PENALTY AMOUNT COLLECTED UNDER LAWS TO FINANCE THE GRANTS"

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago Referred to the Committee(s) Environment And Natural Resources; and Local Government

#### Senate Bill No. 3087

"AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTRY"

> Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment And Natural Resources; Health And Demography; and Finance

#### PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 660**

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY, MOST REVEREND LUIS ANTONIO GOKIM TAGLE D.D., AS THE 32ND ARCHIBISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA"

- Introduced by Senator Panfilo Lacson
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 661**

"RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED OVER-IMPORTATION OF MEAT PRODUCTS THAT MAY BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE LOCAL PORK, POULTRY AND FEEDS INDUSTRIES"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture And Food; and Trade And Commerce

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 662**

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SHORTAGE OF PROFESSIONALS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES DUE TO THE LOW TURNOUT OF STUDENTS TAKING PROFESSIONAL COURSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Education Arts and Culture

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 663**

"RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL ADDITIONAL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION OF 12 AUGUST 1949, AND RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS (PROTOCOL I)"

- Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda
- Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 664**

"RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT"

- Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda
- > Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 665**

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXER BRIAN 'THE HAWAIIAN PUNCH' VILORIA FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING HIS WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION FLYWEIGHTI TITLE VIA TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT AGAINST MEXICAN BOXER GIOVANI SEGURA ON 11 DECEMBER 2011 AT THE YNARES SPORTS ARENA IN PASIG CITY, PHILIPPINES"

- Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" Laid
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 666**

"RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE GRAND WINNERS OF THE 2011 NATIONAL SEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE AND ECOFRIENDLY SCHOOLS"

- Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 667**

"RESOLUTION COMMENDING SENATOR MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO FOR HAVING BEEN ELECTED AND TOPPING THE ELECTION AS JUDGE IN THE HIGHLY POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT"

- > Introduced by Senator Jnggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Referred to the Committee on Rules.

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 668**

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR MIRIAM PALMA DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO FOR BEING ELECTED JUDGE OF THE COUR PENALE INTERNATIONALE OR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC) DURING THE TENTH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF STATE PARTIES HELD AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON 12 DECEMBER 2011"

- Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" Lapid
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

#### **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 669**

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SENATOR MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO FOR BEING ELECTED AS A JUDGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT AT THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS"

- Introduced by Senator Pia Cayetano
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Committee Report No. 90 on SJRN 13

"JOINT RESOLUTION INCREASING THE FY 2011 CORPORATE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION FROM SEVEN BILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (PHP7,575,184,000.00) TO THIRTEEN BILLION NINE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND (PHP13,968,602,000.00)"

- Sponsored by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

#### Committee Report No. 91 on SRN 663

"RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL ADDITIONAL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTION OF 12 AUGUST 1949, AND RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS (PROTOCOL I)"

- Sponsored by Senator Loren Legarda
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

#### Committee Report No. 92 on SRN 664

"RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT"

- Sponsored by Senator Loren Legarda
- Referred for Ordinary Business

#### **Committee Report No. 93**

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MABALACAT IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS MABALACAT CITY"

- Sponsored by Senator(s) Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Miriam Defensor Santiago
- > Calendared for Ordinary Business

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The Senate of the Philippines is one of the pillars of the country's lawmaking body, the other one is the House of Representatives. It is composed of 24 elected Senators whose terms of office shall be six (6) years. This dynamic institution is established to balance our economic, social and political environment and whose concerns are national in scope.

As the bastion of democracy, its action is centered on consensus and consultation with the end purpose of serving the best interest of the Filipino people.

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-Vuliet Cervo-

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