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**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

**SBN 2121** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF THE POOR"

- *Introduced by Senators Loren B. Legarda, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Leila M. De Lima, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri, and Joel Villanueva*
- *Referred to the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance*

**SBN 2122** "AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE CREDIT FINANCING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK I OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

- *Introduced by Senators Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara and Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Referred to the Committees on Local Government; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies*

**SBN 2123** "AN ACT TO REDUCE THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK I I OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

- *Introduced by Senators Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara and Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III*
- *Referred to the Committees on Local Government; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship*

**SBN 2124** "AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER 1341, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*

- *Referred to the Committees Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance*

**SBN 2125** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LABELING AND NUTRITIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAM THAT REQUIRES SCHOOLS TO POST NUTRITIONAL CONTENT INFORMATION REGARDING FOOD SERVED IN THEIR CANTEENS"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Health and Demography; and Finance*

**SBN 2126** "AN ACT REQUIRING THE LABELLING AND INDICATION OF PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO THE PHILIPPINES WITH THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food*

**SBN 2127** "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (GIR), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 32 AND 151 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*

**SBN 2128** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND CONSTRUCTING A HOSPITAL FOR THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, IT'S PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Public Services; and Finance*

**SBN 2129** "AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS TV5 NETWORK, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7831 ENTITLED, 'AN ACT GRANTING ABC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UNDER BUSINESS NAME

'ASSOCIATED BROADCASTING COMPANY,' A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Services*

**SBN 2130** "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRISON REFORM AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN PHILIPPINE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Ways and Means; and Finance*

**SBN 2131** "AN ACT CONVERTING THE DON CARLOS POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS DON CARLOS POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri*
- *Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance*

**SBN 2132** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONSOLIDATED POVERTY DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri*
- *Referred to the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Local Government; and Finance*

**SBN 2133** "AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (AFAB), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9728, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (FAB) ACT OF 2009"

- *Introduced by Senators Richard J. Gordon and Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committees on Economic Affairs; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance*

**SBN 2134** "AN ACT INSTITUTING ABSOLUTE DIVORCE IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros*
- *Referred to the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality*

**SBN 2135** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME INSTRUMENTS OF WHICH THE PHILIPPINES IS A STATE-PARTY"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Foreign Relations*

**SBN 2136** "AN ACT GRANTING ONE-TIME CONDONATION OF INTEREST ARREARAGES AND PENALTIES IN FAVOR OF QUALIFIED LOCAL WATER DISTRICTS (LWDS) PERTAINING TO THEIR LOANS WITH THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION (LWUA)"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Ways and Means*

**SBN 2137** "AN ACT PROVIDING THE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE USE OF ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRIC CHARGING STATIONS"

- *Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian*
- *Referred to the Committees on Energy; Public Services; and Ways and Means*

**SBN 2138** "AN ACT GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS AGED 65 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED"

- *Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros*
- *Referred to the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance*

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

**SCRN 15** "CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION TO DELIBERATE ON THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO FURTHER EXTEND THE PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND THE SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS IN THE WHOLE OF MINDANAO FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) MORE YEAR, FROM 01 JANUARY 2019 TO 31 DECEMBER 2019, OR FOR SUCH OTHER PERIOD OF TIME AS THE CONGRESS MAY DETERMINE"

- *Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III*
- *Adopted*

**SCRN 16** "CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION TO DELIBERATE ON THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO EXTEND FURTHER THE PROCLAMATION OF MARTIAL LAW AND SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2019 OR FOR SUCH OTHER PERIOD OF TIME AS THE CONGRESS MAY DETERMINE"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri*
- *Adopted*

## PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

**PSRN 959** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE ROTARY CLUB OF MANILA ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY ON 01 JUNE 2019"

- *Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 960** "RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 961** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ONLINE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Agriculture and Food*

**PSRN 962** "RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST SENSE THE MURDER OF BUSINESSMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST DOMINIC SYTIN AND URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO USE THE FULL FORCE OF THE LAW TO BRING JUSTICE TO DOMINIC SYTIN AND OTHER VICTIMS OF SIMILAR HEINOUS CRIMES"

- *Introduced by Senators Vicente C. Sotto III, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri, Franklin M. Drilon, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Richard J. Gordon, Gregorio B. Honasan II, Risa Hontiveros, Panfilo M. Lacson, Loren B. Legarda, Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao, Francis N. Pangilinan, Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III, Grace L. Poe, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, Joel Villanueva, and Cynthia A. Villar*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*



**PSRN 963** "RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE AWARDEES OF THE 2018 TEN OUTSTANDING POLICEWOMEN OF THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 964** "RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RECONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE EXCISE TAX ON FUEL IN 2019 OR AT THE LEAST SUSPEND SUCH IMPLEMENTATION WITH DISPATCH AT ANYTIME IN THE SAME YEAR ONCE THE DESIGNATED THRESHOLDS ARE AGAIN ABOUT TO CAUSE HIGH INFLATION"

- *Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means*

**PSRN 965** "RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO SHARE WITH THE FILIPINO PEOPLE ONE OF THE BALANGIGA BELLS BY PLACING IT IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM FOR THE APPRECIATION AND EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH THAT THEY BE INFORMED OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SAID RELIGIOUS ARTIFACT"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 966** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED PANDEMIC POTENTIAL OF MEASLES THAT HAS CAUSED DEATHS AND INFECTIONS IN SOME PARTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE FATAL EFFECTS OF A MEASLES OUTBREAK"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

**PSRN 967** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED MANDATORY PREGNANCY POLICY BEING ENFORCED BY THE PINES CITY COLLEGES IN BAGUIO CITY TO THEIR FEMALE STUDENTS, WITH THE END VIEW OF ENSURING THAT NO WOMEN ARE

DISCRIMINATED AND VIOLATED DUE TO PERSONAL CONDITIONS, AND QUALITY EDUCATION IS MADE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERY FILIPINO YOUTH”

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Education, Arts and Culture*

**PSRN 968** “RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR THEIR STELLAR PERFORMANCE IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED UAAP MEN’S BASKETBALL FINALS FURTHER ELEVATING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF COLLEGIATE SPORTS IN THE COUNTRY”

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 969** “RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT TO RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ALL PERSONS FROM ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE, TO STRENGTHEN ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE RIGHT TO EFFECTIVE REMEDY”

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 970** “RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY”

- *Introduced by Senators Leila M. De Lima, Francis N. Pangilinan, Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, Risa Hontiveros, and Antonio “Sonny” F. Trillanes IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

**PSRN 971** “RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MOTORCYCLE BUYERS IN RESPONSE TO THE NEED TO CURTAIL THE INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF DEATHS AND INJURIES CAUSED BY MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS, AND TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING OF PASSENGERS, DRIVERS AND PEDESTRIANS ON THE ROAD”

- *Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Services*

**PSRN 972** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALOUS CONTRACTS AND/OR AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY POWER ONE CORPORATION AND/OR ITS DESIGNATED PROJECT COMPANIES/AFFILIATES WHICH HAVE RESULTED TO THE CONTINUED UNSTABLE POWER SUPPLY SITUATION IN ITS AREAS OF OPERATION IN THE ISLAND PROVINCES OF CATANDUANES, MINDORO AND PALAWAN, AS WELL AS TO THE CHARGING OF BLOATED POWER RATES AND UNDUE PAYMENT OF 'FOREGONE ENERGY' AND/OR 'STANDBY ENERGY' CHARGES BY MEMBER-CONSUMERS OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES COVERING SAID PROVINCES PURPORTEDLY WITH THE CONNIVANCE OF OFFICIALS OF THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION, THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION AND/OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE TRUE AND REAL EXTENT OF SAID ANOMALY AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A NEED FOR REMEDIAL LEGISLATION IN THIS REGARD"

- *Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Energy*

**PSRN 973** "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, AS TO THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR PRISONS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ESTABLISHING PRISONS IN EVERY REGION OF THE COUNTRY"

- *Introduced by Senator Aquilino Koko L. Pimentel III*
- *Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights*

**PSRN 974** "RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN (TOYM) OF 2018"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Consolidated with Adopted Resolution*

**PSRN 975** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CATRIONA ELISA GRAY FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS MISS UNIVERSE 2018 TITLE HELD IN BANGKOK, THAILAND"

- *Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III*
- *Adopted*

**PSRN 976** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CATRIONA ELISA MAGNAYON GRAY FOR HONORING THE COUNTRY WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS AND MOST COVETED MISS UNIVERSE CROWN AND TITLE"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri*
- *Consolidated with Adopted Resolution*

**PSRN 977** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CATRIONA ELISA MAGNAYON GRAY FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS 67TH MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT"

- *Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay*
- *Consolidated with Adopted Resolution*

**PSRN 978** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CHINA INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION CORP. (CITCC) SIGNED DURING THE FIRST STATE VISIT OF CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING NATIONAL SECURITY, GUARANTEEING THAT STATE SECRETS, AS WELL AS THE PRIVACY OF OUR CITIZENS, ARE SAFEGUARDED, AND ENSURING THAT THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY OF THE PEOPLE IS UPHELD AND SECURED"

- *Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Referred to the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Foreign Relations*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**CRN 520**, submitted by the Committees on Tourism and the Members of the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations, on **Senate Bill No. 1616**, introduced by Senator Gordon, entitled "AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER V, SECTION 85 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOURISM ACT OF 2009", recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Richard J. Gordon*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 521**, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development, on **Senate Bill No. 2111**, introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima, entitled "AN ACT REGULATING PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 4075, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1564, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLICITATION PERMIT LAW", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2014, taking into consideration House Bill No. 5342.

- *Sponsored by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 522**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Economic Affairs; and Finance, on **Senate Bill No. 2117**, with Senators Drilon, Legarda, Recto, Villanueva, Angara, Aquino, Hontiveros, De Lima, Ejercito, Gatchalian, Villar and Binay as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS)", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 12, 33, 65,310, 687, 1806 and 2016, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 123, 150, 192, 298, 844, 850 and House Bill No. 7773.

- *Sponsored by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 523**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance on **Senate Bill**

**No. 2118**, with Senators Villar, Ejercito, De Lima, and Binay as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1115, 1894 and 1926, taking into consideration House Bill No. 6550.

- *Sponsored by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 524**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Local Government; and Finance , on **Senate Bill No. 2119**, with Senators Aquino IV, Angara, Villanueva, Sotto III and De Lima as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A RURAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 684, 947, 1992 and 2012, taking into consideration House Bill No. 7266.

- *Sponsored by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 525**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Economic Affairs; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Finance, on **Senate Bill No. 2120** with Senator Win Gatchalian as author thereof, entitled "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AS THE INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC AND PLANNING AGENCY OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 230 SERIES OF 1987, AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1938.

- *Sponsored by Senator Win Gatchalian*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 526**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance, on **House Bill No. 7548**, introduced by Representative Zarate, et al., entitled "AN ACT CONVERTING THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (WVSU) - EXTENSION IN THE CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS OF THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEST VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY-HIMAMAYLAN CITY CAMPUS

AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”, recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 527**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance, on **House Bill No. 7549**, introduced by Representative Silverio, et al., entitled “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BULACAN STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN RAFAEL CAMPUS, MANDATING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”, recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 528**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance, on **House Bill No. 7550**, introduced by Representative Umali, et al., entitled “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-BANSUD CAMPUS, MANDATING THE PUP TO OFFER THEREAT GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”, recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 529**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance, on **House Bill No. 7866**, introduced by Representative Aragonese, et al., entitled “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CALAUAN CAMPUS, MANDATING IT TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”, recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 530**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance, on **House Bill No. 7734**, introduced by Representative Castelo, et al., entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN QUEZON CITY, NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-QUEZON CITY CAMPUS, MANDATING THE PUP TO OFFER GRADUATE, UNDERGRADUATE AND SHORT-TERM VOCATIONAL COURSES THEREAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 531**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance, on **Senate Bill No. 2121**, with Senators Legarda, Trillanes IV, Aquino IV, Angara and De Lima as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF THE POOR", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 250, 288, 690, 1327 and 2010, taking into consideration House Bill No. 5811.

- *Sponsored by Senator Leila M. De Lima*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 532**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Local Government; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies, on **Senate Bill No. 2122** with Senators Angara and Escudero as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE CREDIT FINANCING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK I I OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1773.

- *Sponsored by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 533**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Local Government; and Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship, on **Senate Bill No. 2123** with Senators Angara and Pimentel III as authors thereof,



entitled "AN ACT TO REDUCE THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN BOOK I I OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1774.

- *Sponsored by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 534**, submitted by the Committee on Finance, on **Senate Joint Resolution No. 17** introduced by Senator Legarda, entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2018 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 61 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10964, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2018", recommending its approval without amendment.

- *Sponsored by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 535**, submitted by the Committees on Local Government; and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation, on **House Bill No. 5223** introduced by Representative Mangaoang, entitled "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BULANAO NORTE IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA", recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 536**, submitted by the Committees on Local Government; and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation, on **House Bill No. 5222** introduced by Representative Mangaoang, entitled "AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIOS OF GUINA-ANG, MADOPDOP, MALLANGO, LANLANA AND SAN PABLO FROM BARANGAY LACNOG, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND CONSTITUTING THEM INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LACNOG WEST", recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 537**, submitted by the Committees on Local Government; and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation, on **House Bill No. 5221** introduced by Representative Mangaoang, entitled "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY IPIL IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA", recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 538**, submitted the Committee on Finance, on **House Bill No. 8169** introduced by Representative Arroyo, *et al.*, entitled "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 NINETEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senators Loren B. Legarda, Cynthia Villar, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Panfilo M. Lacson, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, and all the members of the Committee on Finance*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 539**, submitted by the Committee on Ways and Means, on **Senate Bill No. 2127** introduced by Senator Angara, entitled "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S GROSS INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (GIR), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 32 AND 151 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 958 taking into consideration House Bill No. 3297.

- *Sponsored by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 540**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance, on **House Bill No. 7491** introduced by Representatives Marquez and Nograles, entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCT CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval without amendment.

- *Sponsored by Senator Cynthia Villar*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 541**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation; and Finance, on **Senate Bill No. 2025** introduced by Senator De Lima, entitled "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE', AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval with amendments.

- *Sponsored by Senator Aquilino Koko L. Pimentel III*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 542**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Economic Affairs; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance, on **Senate Bill No. 2133** with Senators Gordon and Gatchalian as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (AFAB), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9728, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (FAB) ACT OF 2009", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 1747, taking into consideration House Bill No. 6524.

- *Sponsored by Senator Sherwin Gatchalian*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 543**, submitted by the Committee on Local Government, on **House Bill No. 8648** introduced by Representative Hernandez, *et al.*, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS JAMES LEONARD TAGLE GORDON DAY, A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF OLONGAPO AND IN THE SUBIC BAY FREEPORT ZONE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND HEROISM OF JAMES LEONARD TAGLE GORDON", recommending its approval of House Bill. No. 8648 without amendment.

- *Sponsored by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 544**, submitted by the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon), on **P. S. Res. Nos. 425, 843** and **849**, and the **Privilege Speech** of Senator Lacson entitled "KITA KITA (SA CUSTOMS)", recommending its approval without amendment.

- *Sponsored by Senator Richard J. Gordon*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 545**, submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, on **House Bill No. 8380** introduced by Representatives Umali and Leachon, taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 1778** introduced by Senator Pimentel III, entitled "AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO HANS GUENTER SCHOOF", recommending its approval without amendment.

- *Sponsored by Senator Richard J. Gordon*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 546**, submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, on **House Bill No. 8382** introduced by Representatives Zubiri and Leachon, entitled "AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KITSON SORIANO KHO", recommending its approval without amendment taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 1951**.

- *Sponsored by Senator Richard J. Gordon*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

**CRN 547**, submitted by the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, on **House Bill No. 8381** introduced by Representative Leachon, entitled "AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MARGARITA MELIAN ORTIGAS", recommending its approval without amendment.

- *Sponsored by Senator Richard J. Gordon*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

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