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#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

**SBN 1673** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE FOR FILIPINOS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- > Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angra
- Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1674** "AN ACT IMPROVING ACCESS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
- Referred to the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

SBN 1675 "AN ACT INSTITUTING GOVERNMENT DEBT MANAGEMENT REFORMS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE GOVERNMENT DEBT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, INCLUDING THROUGH THE CONSTITUTION OF A CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON DEBT MANAGEMENT TO LOOK INTO ALL FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC BORROWINGS NEGOTIATED, CONTRACTED OR GUARANTEED BY THE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AS WELL AS THOSE BY THE GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-OWNED-AND-CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- > Referred to the Committee on Economic Affairs; and Finance

**SBN 1676** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 73 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

- > Introduced by Senator Lila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committee on Local Government; and Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation

**SBN 1677** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RULES ON PLEA BARGAINING AGREEMENT IN CRIMINAL CASES, PROVIDING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- > Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

**SBN 1678** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF THE CORDILLERA (ARC)"

- Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri
- Referred to the Committees on Local Government; Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1679** "AN ACT INCORPORATING THE VALUE OF RESPONSIBLE, FAIR AND TRUTHFUL USAGE AND ENJOYMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Public Information and Mass Media

**SBN 1680** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4 (B) AND 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation

**SBN 1681** "AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT REORGANIZING THE JUDICIARY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' TO CREATE THE POSITIONS FOR JUDGES-AT-LARGE"

- Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
- Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

**SBN 1682** "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY AND THE SERVICE CAPABILITY OF ALL DOH HOSPITALS"

- > Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
- Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

**SBN 1683** "AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FORMER PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES OR THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5059, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2087, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senators Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara and Loren B. Legarda
- Referred to the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Ways and Mans; and Finance

**SBN 1684** "AN ACT DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE AS EQUIVALENT TO ENTRY LEVEL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER ELIGIBILITY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV and Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- Referred to the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Education, Arts and Culture

**SBN 1685** "AN ACT GRANTING FULL INSURANCE COVERAGE TO ALL QUALIFIED AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM FXTENSION WITH REFORMS"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao
- Referred to the Committees on Agrarian Reform; and Finance

**SBN 1686** "AN ACT EXPEDITING THE TITLING OF LANDS AWARDED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, LIFTING THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE UTILIZATION OF SUCH LANDS AS COLLATERAL FOR SECURING AGRICULTURAL LOANS, AND OTHER SIMILAR FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto
- Referred to the Committee on Agrarian Reform

**SBN 1687** "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABLE COASTAL TOURISM, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Tourism; and Finance

**SBN 1688** "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES"

- Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" AquinoINO IV
- > Referred to the Committee on Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation.

**SBN 1689** "AN ACT IMPOSING TARIFFS ON IMPORTED RICE, CREATING THE RICE INDUSTRY COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros
- Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1690** "AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF DON EMILIO DEL VALLE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (DEDVMH) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL FROM FIFTY (50) TO THREE HUNDRED (300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

**SBN 1691** "AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT REORGANIZING THE JUDICIARY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' TO CREATE THE POSITIONS FOR JUDGES-AT-LARGE"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian
- Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

**SBN 1692** "AN ACT CREATING THE BAGUIO CITY, LA TRINIDAD, ITOGON, SABLAN, TUBA, AND TUBLAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BLISTTDA), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto
- Referred to the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Economic Affairs; and Finance

**SBN 1693** "AN ACT CREATING THE BATAAN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- > Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1694** "AN ACT PENALIZING THE USE OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Justice and Human Rights

**SBN 1695** "AN ACT TO IMPROVE LAND TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS, STATIONS, AND STOPS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Science and Technology

**SBN 1696** "AN ACT PROMOTING WOMEN PARTICIPATION AND EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN AND BY POLITICAL PARTIES, GIVING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, CREATING THE WOMEN IN POLITICAL PARTIES EMPOWERMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros
- Referred to the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation; and Finance

**SBN 1697** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality; National Defense and Security; and Finance

**SBN 1698** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OR THE RESERVE FORCE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- ➤ Introduced by Senators Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Joel Villanueva, Gregorio B. Honasan II and Loren B. Legarda
- Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development, National Defense and Security; and Finance

**SBN 1699** "AN ACT TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS"

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

**SBN 1700** "AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL PUBLIC PROSECUTORS, ASSOCIATE PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS, AND PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1701** "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10708, OR THE 'TAX INCENTIVES MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY ACT,' TO EXPAND ITS COVERAGE, IN VIEW OF FURTHER ENHANCING STATE FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

**SBN 1702** "AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PASAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE FOUNDATION DAY OF PASAY CITY"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- > Referred to the Committee on Local Government

**SBN 1703** "AN ACT RECOGNIZING FAITH ACADEMY, INCORPORATED AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH AS SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson
- Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

**SBN 1704** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE GERIATRIC CENTER – RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1705** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 28 AND 112 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

**SBN 1706** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL VISION SCREENING PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTEN PUPILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
- Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1707** "AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD"

- > Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
- Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

**SBN 1708** "AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE PROFESSION OF OPTOMETRY, HEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8050, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED OPTOMETRY LAW OF 1995, TO ENHANCE THE DELIVERY OF VISION CARE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; and Ways and Means

SBN 1709 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL SIGHT STRATEGY PLAN"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- > Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

**SBN 1710** "AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION"

- Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committee on Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation

**SBN 1711** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 7 AND 17 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10667, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION ACT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri
- Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Economic Affairs

**SBN 1712** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SARANGANI SPORTS TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao
- Referred to the Committees on Sports; and Finance

**SBN 1713** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A VALUE FOR MONEY PROCUREMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committee on Finance

**SBN 1714** "AN ACT INSTITUTING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING REFORMS IN THE HEALTH SECTOR TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR ALL FILIPINOS"

- > Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros
- Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1715** "AN ACT AMENDING R.A. 9372 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ACT TO SECURE THE STATE AND PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM TERRORISM OR THE HUMAN SECURITY ACT (HSA) OF 2007, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III
- Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Justice and Human Rights

**SBN 1716** "AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A SPORTS COMPLEX KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE AMATEUR SPORTS TRAINING CENTER, AND FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES, INCLUDING ITS ADMINISTRATION, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senators Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angra, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV and Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao
- Referred to the Committees on Sports, Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 1717** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senators Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III, Juan Miguel 'Migz" F. Zubiri, Risa Hontiveros, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Juan Edgaro "Sonny" M. Angara, Loren B. Legarda, Francis N. Pangilinan and Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committees on Local Government, Finance, Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes; and Ways and Means

**SBN 1718** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT, CONTROL, REGULATION, AND UTILIZATION OF RAINWATER RUNOFF, AND IMPROVEMENT OF ECOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF CATCHMENTS TO ADDRESS FLOODING AND WATER SUPPLY NEEDS IN URBAN AND RURAL

CENTERS, AND CREATING THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS THEREFOR"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committee on Public Works

**SBN 1719** "AN ACT TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE ADOPTION OF ROOFTOP SOLAR TECHNOLOGY AMONG RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND GOVERNMENT END-USERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9513, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT OF 2008', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Energy; and Finance

**SBN 1720** "AN ACT AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, TO FURTHER EXPAND THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS TO INCLUDE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
- Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Local Government

### PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

**PSRN 599** "RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE SENATE TO IMMEDIATELY CONSTITUTE AND CONVENE THE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9775, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ACT OF 2009"

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

**PSRN 600** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TO PRESERVE EVIDENCE AND TO ENSURE THEIR PROPER HANDLING AND

SAFEKEEPING AT ALL STAGES OF THE INVESTIGATION UP TO FINALITY OF ANY RESULTING COURT PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING THEIR ULTIMATE DISPOSITION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY AND STRINGENCY OF POLICE INVESTIGATION"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Justice and Human Rights

**PSRN 601** "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT POLICIES, PROTOCOLS AND FUNDING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE THE QUICKEST AND MOST EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE URGENT RELIEF NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF ALBAY AFFECTED BY THE ONGOING ERUPTION OF THE MAYON VOLCANO"

- > Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV
- Referred to the Committee on National Defense and Security

PSRN 602 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT (AMLA) BY NO LESS THAN PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE AND MAYOR SARA DUTERTE-CARPIO BASED ON THE BANK DOCUMENTS SHOWING UNDISCLOSED 'COVERED TRANSACTIONS' AS DEFINED BY THE AMLA, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO PROMOTE EFFICIENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMLA AND FURTHER IMPROVING THE SAID LAW"

- > Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV
- Referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

**PSRN 603** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ONGOING SELECTION OF A THIRD TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT OUR NATIONAL SECURITY WILL NOT BE COMPROMISED IN THE PROCESS"

- Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Science and Technology

**PSRN 604** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UNDUE PREFERENCE GIVEN TO CHINA IN CONDUCTING RESEARCH IN BENHAM RISE, OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS PHILIPPINE RISE, THEREBY GIVING THEM ACCESS TO STRATEGIC INFORMATION THAT WOULD ENDANGER OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, ESPECIALLY VIA THE PHILIPPINE SEA, AND POSSIBLY POSE LARGER SECURITY ISSUES OVER SURROUNDING AREAS, INCLUDING THE WESTERN PACIFIC OCEAN REGION"

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

**PSRN 605** "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCIDENTS OF FACELESS MONEY"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

**PSRN 606** "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING JERWIN ANCAJAS FOR WINNING THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao
- > Adopted

**PSRN 607** "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RA 10654 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO PREVENT, DETER, AND ELIMINATE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING AMENDED RA 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar

Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Finance

**PSRN 608** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY'S ROLE IN ENSURING THE STABILITY OF SUPPLY AND PRICE OF RICE"

- Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food

**PSRN 609** "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE PHILIPPINE IMMUNIZATION POLICY"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

**PSRN 610** "RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JERWIN ANCAJAS FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING THE IBF JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT CROWN IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS"

- Introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

PSRN 611 "RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE (UP-MSI), THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY'S PHILIPPINE COUNCIL AGRICULTURE, AQUATIC AND NATURAL RESOURCES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (DOSTPCAARRD) AND THE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL ON INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (DOST-PCIEERD) TO CONDUCT EXPLORATION STUDIES ON THE BENHAM RISE AND THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA OVER WHICH THE PHILIPPINES HAS SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF ACCOUNTING, IN FULL, THE EXTENT OF AQUATIC, MINERAL, OIL AND GAS DEPOSITS IN THE TERRITORIES AND STRENGTHENING THE CLAIM OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE AREAS"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Energy

**PSRN 612** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NECESSITY OF REQUIRING THE MANDATORY DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF COMPANIES ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND/OR EXTRACTION OF RESOURCES"

- Introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva
- Referred to the Committees on Public Information and Mass Media; and Energy

**PSRN 613** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION"

- Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- Adopted

**PSRN 614** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING ASEAN+3 MACROECONOMIC RESEARCH OFFICE (AMRO)"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- Adopted

**PSRN 615** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Adopted

**PSRN 616** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTION ON CYBERCRIME"

- Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- Adopted

**PSRN 617** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- Adopted

**PSRN 618** "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DELAYED DISTRIBUTION OF DEPED'S PERFORMANCE BASED BONUS WITH THE END GOAL OF FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THIS SITUATION AND IDENTIFYING SAFEGUARDS IN ORDER TO PREVENT DELAYS IN PBB DELIVERY IN THE FUTURE"

- Introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros
- Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

**PSRN 619** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF PASSPORTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING DELAYS AND TO IMPROVE THE PASSPORT APPLICATION SYSTEM"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
- Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

**PSRN 620** "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT BY ADMINISTERING AND AFFORDING THE STUDENTS FREE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES AT THE START OF THE SECOND SEMESTER OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018"

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

PSRN 621 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE CONTRIBUTION RATE OF SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) MEMBERS, RECOMMENDING THAT SUCH INCREASE BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED IS CONDUCTED, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT THE SSS CHARTER REMAINS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF ITS MEMBERS AND PENSIONERS"

- Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto
- Referred to the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

**PSRN 622** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE DECLINE IN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY OF FILIPINO STUDENTS IN THE LIGHT OF REPORTS OF NARROWING ADVANTAGE OF FILIPINO GRADUATES IN THE GLOBAL LANGUAGE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ASSESSING PRESENT CURRICULA IN ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL AND ENCOURAGING TRAININGS AND OTHER LEARNING APPROACHES"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- > Referred to the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

**PSRN 623** "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE VERACITY OF PERSISTENT ALLEGATIONS THAT THERE EXISTS A MAFIA/SYNDICATE IN GOVERNMENT RICE PROCUREMENT AND IMPORTATION PROGRAM AND A 'RICE CARTEL', WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF ENSURING SUFFICIENCY

OF AVAILABLE STAPLE FOOD, STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY IN THE COUNTRY AND PUTTING AN END TO SUCH ILLEGAL/CORRUPT PRACTICES"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food

**PSRN 624** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, TOURISM, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION OF METRO CEBU AND SURROUNDING LOCALITIES WITH THE END VIEW OF FORMULATING COMPREHENSIVE POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE DETERIORATING STATE OF TRAFFIC SIMILARLY EXPERIENCE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY"

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

**PSRN 625** "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE KASAMAKA INITIATIVE AS A NATIONAL GRASSROOTS-BASED ADVOCACY PROGRAM FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN EVERY BARANGAY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, EMPOWERING THE PEOPLE THROUGH AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO INCLUSIVE DIGITAL FINANCE"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

PSRN 626 "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND FOREIGN RELATIONS, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO CONDUCT AN EXHAUSTIVE INQUIRY AND INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE UNTOWARD DEATHS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) AND A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LABOR AND FOREIGN POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN LIGHT OF THE CONTINUED ABUSES, EXPLOITATION, AND DEATHS OF OUR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) SINCE THE DEATH OF FLOR CONTEMPLACION ON MARCH 17, 1995"

- Introduced by Senator Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao
- Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations

**PSRN 627** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE TOTAL BAN OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs) DEPLOYMENT TO KUWAIT IN THE LIGHT OF THE TRAGIC FATE OF SLAIN FILIPINA OFW JOANNA DEMAFELIS IN KUWAIT"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
- Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations

**PSRN 628** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE COMPLETE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE LOANS ENTERED INTO BY THE GOVERNMENT TO FUND THE 'BUILD! BUILD! BUILD' PROGRAM, THEREBY ASSESSING THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF SUCH LOANS ON OUR ECONOMY AND NATIONAL SECURITY"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- > Referred to the Committee on Economic Affairs

**PSRN 629** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED SHORTAGE OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY'S (NFA) RICE BUFFER STOCK LEADING TO A CONCOMITANT INCREASE IN RICE PRICES IN THE COUNTRY"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food

PSRN 630 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO EFFICIENTLY UTILIZE DONATIONS INTENDED TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN EFFECTIVELY COMBATING THE DRUG PROBLEM THROUGH THE PROPER TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTION, WHICH FAILURE LED TO THE EXTREMELY UNDER-UTILIZED MEGA-DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITY IN NUEVA ECIJA, AND INTO PROPRIETY OF FURTHER PLANS TO CONSTRUCT OTHER SIMILAR MEGA-DRUG REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN LIGHT OF THE FAILURE OF THE FIRST ONE"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila N. De Lima
- > Referred to the Committees on Public Order and Dangerous

**PSRN 631** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING INCIDENCE OF ABUSE OF OFWS"

- Introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva
- > Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations

**PSRN 632** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE 'SANGLA ATM' SCHEME, AND ITS ALLEGED MISUSE BY UNSCRUPULOUS INDIVIDUALS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, SO AS TO PREVENT THE OCCURRENCE OF MORE FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES IN THE FUTURE"

- Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

**PSRN 633** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SEVERE POLLUTION IN BORACAY WITH THE END VIEW OF FORMULATING POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE ISLAND'S DETERIORATING STATE, PROTECT ITS ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY, AND PROMOTE ITS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"

- > Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
- Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government

**PSRN 634** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT'S DEPLOYMENT BAN TO KUWAIT, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE REPATRIATED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THOSE WHOSE PLACEMENT HAS BEEN DEFERRED IN THE WAKE OF SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF DEATH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN THE SAID ARAB COUNTRY"

- > Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian
- Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Economic Affairs

**PSRN 635** "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE STATUS OF AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF DECONGESTING THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IDENTIFYING MEASURES TO ADDRESS PASSENGER CONCERNS AND REALIZING THE NATION'S FULL ECONOMIC POTENTIAL"

- Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- > Referred to the Committee on Public Services

PSRN 636 "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; AND FOREIGN RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RECENT DEATHS OF JOANNA DANIELA DEMAFELIS AND JOSIE LLOREN, AS WELL AS SIMILAR MALTREATMENTS AND DEATHS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) THROUGH THE YEARS, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF FORMULATING EFFECTIVE MEASURES AND POLICIES TO PROACTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY ASSIST AND PROTECT OUR MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER DEPLOYMENT"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- > Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations

PSRN 637 "RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE, THE SOUNDNESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND OR ACEF BY THE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES UNDER RA 10848 TO PROMOTE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF OUR FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS IN THE ADVENT OF THE ASEAN INTEGRATION"

- Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food

**PSRN 638** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A RE-EXAMINATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MIGRATION POLICIES IN THE WAKE OF CONTINUED ABUSES AND EXPLOITATION SUFFERED BY OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS), WITH AN END-IN-VIEW OF PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF EVERY FILIPINO MIGRANT WORKER, OUR MODERN DAY HEROES"

- Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Foreign Relations

**PSRN 639** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDIZED RICE BY THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA), WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF ENSURING THE STABILITY OF SUPPLY AND PRICE OF RICE"

- Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
- Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food

**PSRN 640** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RAMPANT NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS BY NUMEROUS BORACAY ESTABLISHMENTS AND RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO THE DETERIORATING ECOLOGICAL CONDITION OF THE ISLAND AND COMPROMISING BORACAY'S POSITION AS ONE OF THE PRIME TOURISTS ATTRACTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- > Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar
- Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government

**PSRN 641** "A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DR. RICARDO F. ORGE FOR WINNING THE 2017 MANILA WATER FOUNDATION (MWF) PRIZE FOR ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

CONDUCTED BY MANILA WATER FOUNDATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST), AND THE PHILIPPINE TECHNOLOGICAL COUNCIL (PTC)"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 642** "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THROUGH AN ECONOMIC BRIEFING, TO DISCUSS THE MACROECONOMIC FUNDAMENTALS OF THE COUNTRY IN THE PRECEDING AND CURRENT YEARS, AND THE PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES TO ITS SHORT-TERM AND MEDIUM-TERM GROWTH, WITH A FOCUS ON CONTAINING INFLATION"

- > Introduced by Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian
- > Referred to the Committee on Economic Affairs

**PSRN 643** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COUNTRY'S IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM VIS-À-VIS THE REPORTED MEASLES OUTBREAK IN DAVAO CITY AND ZAMBOANGA CITY"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

**PSRN 644** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT NEW CASES OF ALLEGED PILFERAGE/ 'BUKAS BAGAHE' INSIDE THE AIRPORT WITH THE END GOALS OF ADDRESSING LUGGAGE PILFERAGE AND ENSURING THE HIGHEST SAFETY AND SECURITY OF PASSENGERS IN PHILIPPINE AIRPORTS"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committee on Public Services

**PSRN 645** "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO CALL FOR SENATOR LEILA DE LIMA'S RELEASE FROM DETENTION"

- Introduced by Senators Francis N. Pangilinan, Franklin M. Drilon, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV and Risa Hontiveros
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 646** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE, TO INQUIRE AND REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL AND MONITORING OF ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL PROJECTS"

- Introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva
- > Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government

**PSRN 647** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EFTA STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Adopted

**PSRN 648** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING THE ACCESSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS, 2001"

- Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- Adopted

**PSRN 649** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Adopted

**PSRN 650** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LOAD LINES, 1966"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Adopted

**PSRN 651** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- Adopted

**PSRN 652** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1988 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA, 1974"

- Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Adopted

**PSRN 653** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES BY FISHING VESSELS ON THE HIGH SEAS"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- Adopted

**PSRN 654** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE AGREEMENT ON PORT STATE MEASURES TO PREVENT, DETER AND ELIMINATE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Adopted

**PSRN 655** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10870 OR THE PHILIPPINE CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY REGULATION ACT OF 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CLEAR-CUT GUIDELINES ON DEBT PAYMENTS, PUNISHING UNSCRUPULOUS CREDIT COLLECTION AGENCIES AND PROTECTING BORROWERS"

- Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

**PSRN 656** "RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE NAPOLEON ABUEVA, FATHER OF MODERN PHILIPPINE SCULPTURE, FOR HIS UNPARALLELED CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHILIPPINE ARTS"

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

**PSRN 657** "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DONNIE NIETES FOR DEFENDING HIS INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION SUPER FLYWEIGHT TITLE AT THE SUPERFLY 2 EVENT IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ON FEBRUARY 25, 2018"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 658** "RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL SINGER AND COMPOSER FREDDIE 'ANAK' AGUILAR FOR HIS LIFETIME OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE ARTS AND CULTURE"

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

**PSRN 659** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CASES OF SEVERE MALNUTRITION THAT AFFLICTS CHILDREN IN THE LIGHT OF THE DEATH OF GRADE FIVE STUDENT JONATHAN OYA IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
- > Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

**PSRN 660** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON INTERNET AVAILABILITY, COSTS

AND SPEED IN THE COUNTRY IN THE LIGHT OF A NEW REPORT THAT THE PHILIPPINES CONTINUES TO LAG BEHIND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE ASEAN REGION, AND TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT OF EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Public Services

**PSRN 661** "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARAWI CITY REHABILITATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S MORAL AND ETHICAL OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT TO VICTIMS OF THE PROLONGED AND INTENSIFIED ARMED CONFLICT IN MARAWI BETWEEN THE ISIS-INSPIRED MAUTE GROUP AND THE PHILIPPINE ARMED FORCES"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV
- Referred to the Committee on Senate Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation

**PSRN 662** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO STANDARDIZE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ROAD SIGNS TO CONFORM TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committee on Public Works

**PSRN 663** "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO NOMINATE APO WHANG-OD OGGAY OF KALINGA TO THE GAWAD SA MANLILIKHA NG BAYAN (GAMABA) AWARD FOR HER INVALUABLE ROLE IN PERPETUATING THE TRADITIONAL ART OF TATTOOING"

- Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Adopted

**PSRN 664** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN

INQUIRY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7699 OR THE PORTABILITY LAW, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADDRESSING THE SEEMING NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE STATE-RUN PENSION FUNDS AND REVIEWING THE EXISTING BENEFITS, INCLUDING PENSION, OF EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS"

- > Introduced by Senator Grace L. Poe
- Referred to the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

**PSRN 665** "RESOLUTION HONORING THE LATE NAPOLEON ABUEVA, NATIONAL ARTIST OF THE PHILIPPINES, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND HISTORIC LEGACY EXHIBITED BY HIS MASTERPIECES THAT SHOWCASE FILIPINO EXCELLENCE AND INGENUITY"

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

PSRN 666 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMPLIANCE OF THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING COUNCIL AND THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN WITH THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT AND THE OMBUDSMAN ACT, SPECIFICALLY ON THE MATTER OF INVESTIGATING THE PLUNDER COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE OMBUDSMAN AGAINST PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE, AND SIMILAR CASES OF MONEY-LAUNDERING HIDDEN OR ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH COMMITTED BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS"

- > Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- Referred to the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations

**PSRN 667** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE VARIOUS ISSUES OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES WITH THE END VIEW OF CRAFTING NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS ACT OF 1997, TO STRENGTHEN THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES"

- Introduced by Senator Leila M. De Lima
- > Referred to the Committee on Cultural Communities

#### **COMMITEE REPORTS**

CTE. REPORT NO. 234, submitted by the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, on PSRN 560, introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar, entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAMS OF THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHORITY CONSISTENT WITH THE PURSUIT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COCONUT INDUSTRY BY FINALIZING THE COCONUT FARMER'S REGISTRY AND INDUSTRY ROAD MAP, WITH THE INTENTION OF PROMOTING THE COCONUT INDUSTRY AND INCREASING THE INCOME OF THE COCONUT FARMERS TO BRING THEM OUT OF POVERTY" and recommending the adoption of this report and the implementation of its recommendations.

- Sponsored by Senator Cynthia A. Villar
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

CTE. REPORT NO. 235, prepared and submitted by the Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS, on PSRN 613, entitled "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION" and Recommending its approval without amendment.

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

**CTE. REPORT NO. 236**, prepared and submitted by the Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS, on PSRN 614, entitled "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING ASEAN+3

MACROECONOMIC RESEARCH OFFICE (AMRO)" and recommending its approval without amendment.

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

CTE. REPORT NO. 237, prepared and submitted by the Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS, on PSRN 615, entitled "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME" and recommending its approval without amendment.

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

**CTE. REPORT NO. 238**, prepared and submitted by the Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS, on PSRN 616, entitled "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTION ON CYBERCRIME" and recommending its approval without amendment.

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

CTE. REPORT NO. 239, prepared and submitted by the Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS, on on PSRN 617, entitled "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME" and recommending its approval without amendment.

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

**CTE. REPORT NO. 240**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, WAYS AND MEANS and FINANCE, with Senators ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV, JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY"

M. ANGARA and LOREN B. LEGARDA as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FORMER PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES OR THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5059, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2087, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" and recommending its approval in substitution of SBN-637.

- > Sponsored by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

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