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SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

SBN 1867 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GREATER FAIRVIEW, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, TO BE KNOWN AS WEST FAIRVIEW NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator IMEE R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

SBN 1868 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGHSCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAHAYAGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KAHAYAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator IMEE R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

SBN 1869 "AN ACT SEPARATING THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - TABAYON EXTENSION IN BARANGAY TABAYON, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL FROM THE JOSE ABAD SANTOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TABAYON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator IMEE R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

SBN 1870 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF POSTAL VOTING BY SENIOR CITIZENS, PREGNANT WOMEN, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES"

- *Introduced by Senator IMEE R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION; and FINANCE*

SBN 1871 "AN ACT REVITALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE POSTURE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL SECURITY THREATS AND CHALLENGES TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PANDEMICS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator IMEE R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION; and FINANCE*

SBN 1872 "AN ACT EXEMPTING EDUCATIONAL APPLICATIONS, GADGETS, COMPUTERS AND E-BOOKS FROM VALUE-ADDED TAX FOR THE PRINCIPAL USE OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN ONLINE AND DISTANT LEARNING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS*

SBN 1873 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING SATELLITE SPECIALTY HOSPITALS TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED MEDICAL CARE IN IDENTIFIED REGIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE*

SBN 1874 "AN ACT UPGRADING THE LANA O DEL NORTE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROY, LANA O DEL NORTE INTO A REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE LANA O DEL NORTE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

SBN 1875 "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 18 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT"

- *Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA*
- *Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY*

SBN 1876 "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF ALL DOH HOSPITAL"

- *Introduced by Senators RAMON BONG REVILLA JR., SONNY ANGARA, RISA HONTIVEROS and CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE T. GO*
- *Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE*

SBN 1877 "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"

- *Introduced by Senator(s) WIN GATCHALIAN, LEILA M. DE LIMA and CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE T. GO*
- *Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SERVICES*

SBN 1878 "AN ACT CREATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU (EPEB) UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR), PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE; and FINANCE*

SBN 1879 "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES,' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on BASIC EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE*

SBN 1880 "AN ACT MANDATING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING ROLL-OVER DATA ALLOCATION SCHEME, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID*
- *Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SERVICES*

SBN 1881 "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8047, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT,' PROVIDING FOR THE SCANNING AND CONVERSION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS INTO E-BOOKS AND OTHER DIGITAL FORMATS"

- *Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID*
- *Referred to the Committee on BASIC EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE*

SBN 1882 "AN ACT CONVERTING PIO MODEL COMMUNITY IN BARANGAY PIO, MUNICIPALITY OF PORAC, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, INTO A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ADELINA, FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

SBN 1883 "AN ACT CONVERTING SITIO CAMATCHILE IN BARANGAY MAWACAT, MUNICIPALITY OF FLORIDABLANCA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, INTO A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CAMATCHILE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

SBN 1884 "AN ACT CONVERTING SITIO MALABNI IN BARANGAY MAWACAT, MUNICIPALITY OF FLORIDABLANCA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, INTO A BARANGAY FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

SBN 1885 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESULT-BASED NATIONAL EVALUATION POLICY (RBNEP)"

- *Introduced by Senator IMEE R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; and FINANCE*

SBN 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"

- *Introduced by Senators MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID, EMMANUEL "MANNY" D. PACQUIAO and RICHARD J. GORDON*
- *Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS*

SBN 1887 "AN ACT 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, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senators WIN GATCHALIAN and JOEL VILLANUEVA*

- *Referred to the Committee(s) on BASIC EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; HIGHER, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION and FINANCE*

SBN 1888 "AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF MEDICAL DEVICE TO INCLUDE HEALTH APPLICATIONS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3720, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FOOD, DRUG, AND COSMETIC ACT, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9711, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) ACT OF 2009 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO*
- *Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY*

SBN 1889 "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4566, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' THEREBY STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY POWERS OF THE PHILIPPINE CONTRACTORS ACCREDITATION BOARD (PCAB)"

- *Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID*
- *Referred to the Committee on CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION*

SBN 1890 "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES IN PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, PRESCRIBING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES PASSAGE THROUGH THE DESIGNATED ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator AQUILINO "KOKO" III PIMENTEL*
- *Referred to the Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS*

SBN 1891 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE E-GOVERNMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.*

- *Referred to the Committee(s) on SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY and PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA*

SBN 1892 "AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ANGELO KOUAME"

- *Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

SBN 1893 "AN ACT ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS BY STRENGTHENING THE TEACHER EDUCATION COUNCIL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on BASIC EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; HIGHER, TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION; and FINANCE*

SBN 1894 "AN ACT DEFINING ECONOMIC SABOTAGE IN COMPUTER-RELATED OFFENSES AND AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10175, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CYBERCRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2012'"

- *Introduced by Senator GRACE POE*
- *Referred to the Committee on SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CRN 129 ON SRN 34 ENTITLED "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CLOSURE OF 55 LUMAD SCHOOLS FOR INDIGENOUS CHILDREN IN THE DAVAO REGION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO EDUCATION AS WELL AS THEIR RIGHTS AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES PURSUANT TO THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND

R.A. NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S RIGHTS ACT OF 1997"

- *Sponsored by Senator IMEE R. MARCOS*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 130 ON SBN 1844 ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL PERMITS, LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS"

- *Sponsored by Senator JUAN MIGUEL "MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 131 ON SBN 1876 ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF ALL DOH HOSPITAL"

- *Sponsored by Senator CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE T. GO*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 132 ON SBN 1877 ENTITLED "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"

- *Sponsored by Senator WIN GATCHALIAN*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

CRN 133 ON SBN 1886 ENTITLED "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"

- *Sponsored by Senator RICHARD J. GORDON*
- *Calendared for Ordinary Business*

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

PSRN 532 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTROVERSIAL P389 MILLION MANILA BAY BEACH "NOURISHMENT" PROJECT"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to the Committee on ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE*

PSRN 533 "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ISSUES SURROUNDING SERVICE CONTRACT 38 OR THE MALAMPAYA DEEP WATER GAS-TO-POWER PROJECT, AND ITS COMPLIANCE WITH PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 87 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OIL EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1972, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF SAFEGUARDING THE COUNTRY'S ENERGY SECURITY"

- *Introduced by Senators VICENTE C. SOTTO III, PANFILO "PING" M. LACSON and WIN GATCHALIAN*
- *Referred to the Committee on ENERGY*

PSRN 534 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED RECORD HUNGER INCIDENCE RATE DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WITH THE END VIEW OF PROVIDING IMMEDIATE FOOD RELIEF TO MILLIONS OF HUNGRY FILIPINOS NATIONWIDE AND REVIEWING AND RE-EVALUATING THE INTERMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM POLICY AND PROGRAM INTERVENTIONS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SURROUNDING HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to the Committee on SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT*

PSRN 535 "RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO TERMINATE ALL PRESENT EFFORTS TO SELL PROPERTIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN JAPAN AND PRESERVE THE SAME AS LEGACY FOR FUTURE FILIPINOS"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS*

PSRN 536 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO IMPROVE THE RICE IMPORTATION PROCEDURE BASED ON THE ALLEGATIONS THAT CERTAIN BIG RICE TRADERS, IMPORTERS AND UNSCRUPOLOUS INDUSTRY PLAYERS ARE USING THE LICENSES OF FARMER COPERATIVES AND IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATIONS TO IMPORT RICE, AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CO-OPS TAX EXEMPTION PRIVILEGES TO DEFRAUD THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS TARIFF COLLECTION AND THE RICE FARMERS WHO ARE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THESE REVENUES UNDER THE RICE TARIFFICATION LAW"

- *Introduced by Senator CYNTHIA A. VILLAR*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND AGRARIAN REFORM; and WAYS AND MEANS*

PSRN 537 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED SERIES OF KILLINGS AND PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL GAMBLING OPERATIONS AND DRUG TRADE IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING MEASURES THAT WILL PROTECT PUBLIC WELFARE AND MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER IN THE COUNTRY"

- *Introduced by Senator RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA*
- *Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS*

PSRN 538 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SYSTEMIC GRAFT AND CORRUPTION THAT HAS LONG BESIEGED THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH (NCMH), AND THE APPARENT INACTION AND INORDINATE DELAY OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN ON THE SAID COMPLAINTS DESPITE THE RENEWED CALLS FOR THEIR RESOLUTION, WITH THE END VIEW OF ELIMINATING SUCH DISHONEST AND ILLICIT ACTIVITIES FROM THE HEALTH FACILITY"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*

- *Referred to Committee(s) on ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS; and HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY*

PSRN 539 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) SHOWING THAT THERE ARE ₱2.2 BILLION WORTH OF EXPIRED OR OVERSTOCKED DRUGS, MEDICINES, AND OTHER SUPPLIES IN THE INVENTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), WITH THE END VIEW OF ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS IN ITS PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION MECHANISMS THEREBY MAXIMIZING THEIR EFFICIENCY"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY*

PSRN 540 "RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING JESUS IS LORD CHURCH FOR CELEBRATING ITS 42ND FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 25, 2020"

- *Introduced by Senators SONNY ANGARA, EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO, CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE GO, RAMON "BONG" REVILLA, JR., MARIA LOURDES "NANCY" BINAY, PIA CAYETANO, LEILA DELIMA, RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA, FRANKLIN DRILON, WIN GATCHALIAN, RICHARD GORDON, RISA HONTIVEROS, PANFILO "PING" LACSON, MANUEL "LITO" LAPID, IMEE MARCOS, FRANCIS "KIKO" PANGILINAN, AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III, GRACE POE, RALPH RECTO, VICENTE SOTTO III, FRANCIS "TOL" TOLENTINO, JOEL VILLANUEVA, CYNTHIA VILLAR, JUAN and MIGUEL "MIGZ" ZUBIRI*
- *Adopted*

PSRN 541 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO EVALUATE THE SUPPORT, BOTH FINANCIAL AND LOGISTICS, PROVIDED BY THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION (PSC) TO THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES, AND TRAINERS"

- *Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA*
- *Referred to Committee on SPORTS*

PSRN 542 "RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT) TO DEVISE AND INSTALL AN EFFECTIVE TOOL THAT WOULD DETECT AND REPEL POTENTIAL FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS, AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS IN PROPELLING FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF SAFEGUARDING THE 2022 PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ELECTIONS"

- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION; and SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY*

PSRN 543 "RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTR) TO RESUME ITS PILOT STUDY ON MOTORCYCLE TAXI SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR ITS OPERATION, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF AUGMENTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINING GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY"

- *Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO*
- *Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SERVICES*

PSRN 544 "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."

- *Introduced by Senators JUAN MIGUEL "Migz" ZUBIRI, SONNY ANGARA, MARIA LOURDES "Nancy" BINAY, PIA CAYETANO, LEILA DE LIMA, RONALD "Bato" DELA ROSA, FRANKLIN DRILON, WIN GATCHALIAN, CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE GO, RICHARD GORDON, RISA HONTIVEROS, PANFILO "Ping" LACSON, MANUEL "Lito" LAPID, IMEE MARCOS, EMMANUEL "Manny" PACQUIAO, FRANCIS "Kiko" PANGILINAN, AQUILINO "Koko" PIMENTEL III, GRACE POE, RALPH RECTO,*

RAMON "Bong" REVILLA, JR., VICENTE SOTTO III, FRANCIS "Tol" TOLENTINO, JOEL VILLANUEVA, AND CYTHIA VILLAR

- *Adopted*

PSRN 545 "A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING JESUS IS LORD CHURCH FOR CELEBRATING ITS 42ND FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY ON 25 OCTOBER 2020"

- *Introduced by Senator EMMANUEL "MANNY" D. PACQUIAO*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

PSRN 546 "A RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SERIOUSLY LOW LOAN REPAYMENT RATES OF THE VARIOUS LOAN PROGRAM WINDOWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE"

- *Introduced by Senator EMMANUEL "MANNY" D. PACQUIAO*
- *Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND AGRARIAN REFORM*

PSRN 547 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLUMMETING PRICES OF PALAY AND A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE UNEVEN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RICE TARIFFICATION LAW (RTL) WITH THE END VIEW OF DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE POLICY INTERVENTIONS IN ORDER TO PROTECT FARMERS INCOMES AND LIVELIHOODS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE UPCOMING HARVEST SEASON AMID THE ONGOING COVID-19 CRISIS"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to Committee on AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND AGRARIAN REFORM*

PSRN 548 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING NUMBER OF KILLINGS OF FARMER-LEADERS AND POLITICAL ACTIVISTS IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S ANTIINSURGENCY CAMPAIGN WHICH HAVE INTENSIFIED IN THE WAKE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*

- *Referred to the Committee(s) on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION*

PSRN 549 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED RAMPANT RICE SMUGGLING IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE SCHEME OF UNDERVALUATION AND MISDECLARATION OF RICE IMPORTATION AND THE CONTINUED ANOMALOUS OPERATIONS OF BLACKLISTED RICE IMPORTERS USING AS CONDUIT THE LEGITIMATE FARMERS' COOPERATIVES, THEREBY CAUSING A GREAT LOSS TO THE ECONOMY, TO THE LOCAL RICE INDUSTRY AND TO OUR FARMERS"

- *Introduced by Senator IMEE R. MARCOS*
- *Referred to the Committee on AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND AGRARIAN REFORM*

PSRN 550 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE OF THE OBSERVANCE AND CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2020"

- *Introduced by Senator RISA HONTIVEROS*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

PSRN 551 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE SPECIAL AUDIT BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) ON THE RECOVERED P75 BILLION COCO LEVY FUND AS INVENTORIED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON GOOD GOVERNANCE (PCGG), WITH THE END VIEW OF MAINTAINING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ENSURING THAT THE PROPER AMOUNT IS RIGHTFULLY USED TO SUPPORT AND COMPENSATE OUR COCONUT FARMERS"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to Committee(s) on AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND AGRARIAN REFORM; and FINANCE*

PSRN 552 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF MEMBER STATES IN

COMMEMORATING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH (75TH) ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS”

- *Introduced by Senator RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.*
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PSRN 553 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, BERNARDITA L. CATALLA, THE FIRST FILIPINO DIPLOMAT TO SUCCUMB IN THE LINE OF DUTY DUE TO COVID-19”

- *Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID*
- *Referred to the Committee on RULES*

PSRN 554 “A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RICE TARRIFICATION LAW, PARTICULARLY THE UTILIZATION OF THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND”

- *Introduced by Senator EMMANUEL "MANNY" D. PACQUIAO*
- *Referred to Committee(s) on AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND AGRARIAN REFORM; and FINANCE*

PSRN 555 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT MADE BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) ON THE IRREGULARITIES THAT MARRED THE JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT (JVA) ENTERED INTO BY THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BCDA) WITH MTD CAPITAL BERHAD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ₱8.51-B SPORTS FACILITIES PROJECT FOR THE SEA GAMES, AND WHICH DISADVANTAGEOUSLY ENTAILED ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING”

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS; SPORTS; and FINANCE*

PSRN 556 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) REPORT STATING THAT NEARLY ₱20 BILLION WORTH OF CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA) HAD VIOLATED PROCUREMENT LAWS, WITH THE END VIEW OF PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE BY IMPROVING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY"

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- *Referred to the Committee(s) on ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS and PUBLIC WORKS; and FINANCE*

PSRN 557 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DELAYS IN SUBMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE (PHISGOC) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ITS REPORTED ₱387 MILLION OUTSTANDING DEBT TO SUPPLIERS, AMONG OTHER CONTROVERSIES, RELATING TO THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES"

- *Introduced by Senator LEILA M. DE LIMA*
- *Referred to Committee(s) on SPORTS; and FINANCE*

PSRN 558 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE, UNIFICATION, AND RECONCILIATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE ENTRY OF SOME FOUR (4) MILLION CHINESE NATIONALS INTO THE COUNTRY SINCE 2017"

- *Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "KIKO" N. PANGILINAN*
- *Referred to the Committee(s) on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION; and JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS*

PSRN 559 "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”

- *Introduced by Senator PANFILO "PING" M. LACSON*
- *Referred to Committee on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION*

PSRN 560 “RESOLUTION URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL OF INDIA AND SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE WTO TO SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION, APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO THE PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT, AND TREATMENT OF COVID-19”

- *Introduced by Senator RISA HONTIVEROS*
- *Referred to the Committee on FOREIGN RELATIONS*

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