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SENATE BILLS

SBN 2453 "AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO ISSUE AN INTERIM OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARD REGARDING WORKER EXPOSURE TO COMBUSTIBLE DUST"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

SBN 2454 "AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 17, PARAGRAPH 2, FIRST SENTENCE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9851, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ACT ON CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, GENOCIDE, AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Foreign Relations*

SBN 2455 "AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Youth; and Justice and Human Rights*

SBN 2456 "AN ACT PROVIDING COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR REBATES, LOANS, AND OTHER INCENTIVES TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Energy; Local Government; Ways and Means; and Finance*

SBN 2457 "AN ACT PROVIDING SAFE HAVEN FOR ABANDONED NEWBORN INFANTS"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development*

SBN 2458 "AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE ON INFORMATION SERVICES TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT TO FOSTER THE FREE MARKET DEVELOPMENT AND BENEFICIAL USE OF ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; and Finance*

SBN 2459 "AN ACT TO IMPROVE VOTERS TURNOUT BY PROVIDING PRE-REGISTRATION SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN AGED SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance*

SBN 2460 "AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY AND PRESCRIBING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEVELOPING, COORDINATING AND IMPLEMENTING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; and Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality*

SBN 2461 "AN ACT ELIMINATING INHUMANE CONDITIONS IN PHILIPPINE PRISONS AND JAILS"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance*

SBN 2462 "AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8353, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RAPE LAW OF 1997"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights*

SBN 2463 "AN ACT DEFINING HATE CRIMES, PRESCRIBING ITS PENALTY, ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES FOR ITS PREVENTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality; Justice and Human Rights; and Finance*

SBN 2464 "AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CREATION OF A MUNICIPALITY, THE DECLARATION OF HIGHLY URBANIZED STATUS IN THE CASE OF COMPONENT CITIES AND THE CREATION OF A PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 442 (A), 452 (A), 453 AND 461 (A) AND (C) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" B. Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

SBN 2465 "AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 68 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CORPORATION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" B. Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship*

SBN 2466 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN DURING NATURAL DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION ACT"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" B. Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committees on Youth; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development*

SBN 2467 "AN ACT TO SPUR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COCONUT SECTOR BY ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS' TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Paolo Benigno "Bam" B. Aquino IV*
- *Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food*

SBN 2468 "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE PHILIPPINES (USTP), ENHANCING THE COMPOSITION OF ITS GOVERNING BOARD, AND EXPANDING INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION IN THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH THE AMALGAMATION OF THE MINDANAO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MUST) AND THE MISAMIS ORIENTAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (MOSCAT), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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

SBN 2469 "AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDGES DURING THEIR INCUMBENCY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

- *Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito-Estrada*
- *Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance*

SBN 2470 "AN ACT MANDATING THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN LIEU OF RETRENCHMENT."

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

SBN 2471 "AN ACT BANNING THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, PROCESSING OR DISTRIBUTION IN COMMERCE OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS."

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship; Health and Demography; and Finance*

SBN 2472 "AN ACT INTEGRATING VOTER EDUCATION IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA."

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation*

SBN 2473 "AN ACT REGULATING AND MODERNIZING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY (MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE) IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING, FOR THIS PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 5527 AND 6138 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREES NOS. 498 AND 1534, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

- *Introduced by Senator Teofisto "TG" L. Guingona III*
- *Referred to the Committees on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance*

SBN 2474 "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY STUDY OF BANGSAMORO HISTORY, CULTURE AND IDENTITY IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL LEVELS OF SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY"

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

SBN 2475 "AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF AGE, RACIAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR ACTIVITY, POLITICAL INCLINATION OR CONVICTION, SOCIAL CLASS, SEX, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSIONS, MARITAL OR RELATIONSHIP STATUS, DISABILITY, HIV STATUS, HEALTH STATUS OR MEDICAL HISTORY, LANGUAGE PHYSICAL FEATURES, AND OTHER STATUS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

- *Introduced by Senator Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara*
- *Referred to the Committees on Cultural Communities; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development*

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

PSRN 1014 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JUAN M. FLAVIER, FORMER SENATOR OF THE 10TH, 11TH, 12TH AND 13TH CONGRESS (1995-2007)"

- *Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 1015 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE(S), TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER SERVICE CHARGE (IPSC), ALSO KNOWN AS TERMINAL FEES, IN ALL AIRLINE TICKETS PURSUANT TO MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (MIAA) MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8, SERIES OF 2014, IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXISTING STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM THE PAYMENT OF TRAVEL TAX AND AIRPORT FEE GRANTED TO OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS)"

- *Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III*
- *Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

PSRN 1016 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMPLIANCE OF THE PHILIPPINE CAPITAL MARKET IN RELATION TO INTERNATIONAL BEST PRACTICES IN CAPITAL MARKET REFORM AND SECURITIES REGULATION WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING INVESTORS IN THE PHILIPPINE CAPITAL MARKET, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- *Introduced by Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III*
- *Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies*

PSRN 1017 "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PEOPLE'S CHAMP AND SARANGANI CONGRESSMAN MANNY "PACMAN" PACQUIAO FOR SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDING HIS WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AGAINST

AMERICAN BOXER CHRISTOPHER ALGIERI AT THE COTAI ARENA IN MACAU SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION ON 23 NOVEMBER 2014”

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

PSRN 1018 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON REPORTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PURCHASED VACCINES OTHER THAN THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND OTHER GROUPS”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Health and Demography*

PSRN 1019 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT MANY YOLANDA SURVIVORS IN BUNKHOUSES ARE MOVING BACK TO LEYTE NO-BUILD ZONES”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Local Government*

PSRN 1020 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT AN OIL SPILL IS AFFECTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUAL, PANGASINAN”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

PSRN 1021 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTHCARE REMAINS A CHALLENGE IN AREAS AFFECTED BY SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

PSRN 1022 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING REPORTS OF ABDUCTION CASES AT THE MAGALLANES INTERCHANGE"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs*

PSRN 1023 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT VIDEO CLIP RELEASED BY THE ABU SAYYAF SHOWING WHAT THE BANDITS CLAIM TO BE THE P250-MILLION RANSOM PAID IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FREEDOM OF TWO GERMAN CAPTIVES"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on National Defense and Security; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs*

PSRN 1024 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT AN AUDIT TEAM OF THE HONGKONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAYS HAS GIVEN THE METRO RAIL TRANSIT LINE 3 AN UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE RATING"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Services*

PSRN 1025 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT FILIPINO CHILDREN ORPHANED DURING SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA STILL STRUGGLE WITH TRAUMA A YEAR AFTER THE CALAMITY"

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Youth; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development*

PSRN 1026 "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CONGRESSMAN EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO FOR WINNING THE WBO WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST THE AMERICAN BOXER CHRISTOPHER MARK ALGIERI ON NOVEMBER 23, 2014 AT COTAI ARENA, THE VENETIAN MACAO IN MACAU, CHINA"

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

PSRN 1027 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DEEP SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE VICENTE T. PATERNO, SENATOR OF THE EIGHT CONGRESS (1987-1992), BUSINESSMAN AND ECONOMIST"

- *Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Alan Peter Compañero S. Cayetano, Pia S. Cayetano, Miriam Defensor Santiago, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Teofisto "TG" Guingona III, Gregorio B. Honasan, Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid, Loren B. Legarda, Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Sergio R. Osmeña III, Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III, Grace L. Poe, Ralph G. Recto, Vicente C. Sotto III, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes, and Cynthia A. Villar*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 1028 "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE EMMANUEL "MANNY" PACQUIAO, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF SARANGANI, FOR WINNING IN CONVINCING FASHION AGAINST AMERICAN BOXER CHRIS ALGIERI AND FOR RETAINING HIS WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION INTERNATIONAL WELTERWEIGHT TITLE BEST LAST NOVEMBER 23, 2014 HELD AT COTAI ARENA, VENETIAN RESOT, MACAU, CHINA"

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

PSRN 1029 "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MANNY PACQUIAO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING VICTORY AGAINST CHRIS ALGIERI AND FOR DEFENDING THE WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION WELTERWEIGHT TITLE ON NOVEMBER 23, 2014 HELD AT COTAI ARENA, THE VENETIAN RESORT, MACAU, CHINA"

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

PSRN 1030 "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO REQUEST THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO FORMALLY INSCRIBE ON THE

AGENDA FOR THE 70TH SESSION (2015) OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE PROPOSAL TO REFER TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION THE QUESTION, UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, WHAT ARE THE LEGAL DUTIES OF STATES TO PROTECT HUMANKIND OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS FROM THE CLIMATE CRISIS”

- *Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda*
- *Referred to the Committee on Rules*

PSRN 1031 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MOUNTING DELAYS OF DPWH ROAD PROJECTS.”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Public Works*

PSRN 1032 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT OF CONTINUOUS POACHING OF GREEN SEA TURTLES IN THE DISPUTED TERRITORY OF BALABAC, PALAWAN.”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; and Environment and Natural Resources*

PSRN 1033 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED MALTREATMENT AND NEGLIGENCE OF STREET CHILDREN IN A SHELTER IN THE CITY OF MANILA.”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Youth; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development*

PSRN 1034 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON REPORTS OF INGRAINED PRACTICE OF CORRUPTION AMONG STATE PROSECUTORS.”

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Justice and Human Rights*

PSRN 1035 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD BRACE FOR DROUGHT IN 2015."

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Climate Change*

PSRN 1036 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT SURIGAO CITY IS RUNNING OUT OF ANTI-RABIES VACCINES."

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography*

PSRN 1037 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT INCIDENTS VIA THE INTERNET."

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development*

PSRN 1038 "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT 30 GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND- CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS HAVE BEEN TOLD TO RETURN TO THE STATE TREASURY CLOSE TO P1.6 BILLION IN ALLOWANCES, RETIREMENT PAY AND OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS UNLAWFULLY GIVEN TO THEIR EMPLOYEES."

- *Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago*
- *Referred to the Committees on Finance; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises*

THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES AS AN INSTITUTION

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

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-Juliet Cervo -

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