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## SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING

**Senate Bill No. 2975** "AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH AS SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator(s) ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES, PIA S. CAYETANO, LOREN B. LEGARDA and SERGIO R. OSMENA III
- Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

**Senate Bill No. 2976** "AN ACT ENHANCING THE RESOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION FRAMEWORK FOR BANKS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3591, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER RELATED LAWS"

- Introduced by Senator SERGIO R. OSMENA III
- Referred to the Committee on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES

**Senate Bill No. 2977** "AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OR THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, BOOK IV, TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL TITLE ON FAMILY WELFARE"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES

DEVELOPMENT; and WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

**Senate Bill No. 2978** "AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF SAFE CLEANING PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF STUDENTS"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

**Senate Bill No. 2979** "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TIRES AGED OVER SIX YEARS AND REQUIRING THE STATING OF THE MANUFACTURE DATE, AND THE MANDATORY POSTING OF THE DANGERS OF AGED TIRES AT THE POINT OF SALE"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

**Senate Bill No. 2980** "AN ACT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO PRESCHOOL, PRIMARY, AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITHOUT HOMES"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 2981** "AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BATANES AS A RESPONSIBLE, COMMUNITY-BASED, CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ECOTOURISM ZONE"

- Introduced by Senator PAOLO BENIGNO "BAM" AQUINO IV
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; and TOURISM

**Senate Bill No. 2982** "AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS FOR FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND GRANTING AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator(s) RAMON A. REVILLA JR., MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY, ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES, PIA S. CAYETANO and LOREN B. LEGARDA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY; FINANCE, GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; and CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

**Senate Bill No. 2983** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LANDS LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator(s) FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO, RALPH G. RECTO, JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO, LOREN B. LEGARDA and FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 2984** "AN ACT GRANTING AUTOMATIC PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL WOMEN ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH AND THEIR NEWBORN CHILDREN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10606, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 2013', PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and WOMEN, CHILDREN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

**Senate Bill No. 2985** "AN ACT GRANTING MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY', PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

**Senate Bill No. 2986** "AN ACT PROVIDING A FULL TUITION SUBSIDY FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCS), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

**Senate Bill No. 2987** "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 109 (A) AND (F) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator(s) SERGIO R. OSMENA III, JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA and CYNTHIA A. VILLAR
- Referred to the Committee(s) on WAYS AND MEANS; and AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CRN 267 ON SBN 2975 ENTITLED, “AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE BRITISH SCHOOL MANILA AS AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, GRANTING CERTAIN PREROGATIVES CONDUCIVE TO ITS GROWTH AS SUCH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

- Sponsored by Senator(s) PIA S. CAYETANO and SERGIO R. OSMEÑA III
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 268 ON SBN 2976 ENTITLED, “AN ACT ENHANCING THE RESOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION FRAMEWORK FOR BANKS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3591, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER RELATED LAWS”**

- Sponsored by Senator SERGIO R. OSMENA III
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 269 ON HBN 103 ENTITLED, “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BACOR TO COMMEMORATE ITS ANNIVERSARY AS A CITY”**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 270 ON HBN 3945 ENTITLED, “AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY”**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 271 ON SBN 2437 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MARIKINA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS MARIKINA CITY DAY"**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 272 ON HBN 3964 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 9 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY AND THE CULMINATION OF THE ABRENIAN KAWAYAN FESTIVAL"**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 273 ON HBN 3968 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN TAGAYTAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY TO BE KNOWN AS CHARTER DAY OF TAGAYTAY CITY OR ARAW NG LUNGSOD NG TAGAYTAY"**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 274 ON HBN 3969 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 30 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY"**



- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 275 ON HBN 3973 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 29 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ARAW NG BACOR"**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 276 ON HBN 4565 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING MAY 8 OF EVERY YEAR AS HERMOSA DAY AND A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HERMOSA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN"**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 277 ON HBN 4646 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 29 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LEON, PROVINCE OF ILOILO IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JOSE CALUGAS SR. TO BE KNOWN AS "JOSE CALUGAS DAY"**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 278 ON SBN 2386 ENTITLED, "AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 31 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORAC, PROVINCE OF**

PAMPANGA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS PORAC DAY”.

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 279 ON HBN 4798 ENTITLED, “AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF ILAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS 'ILAGAN CITY CHARTER DAY’”**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 280 ON HBN 4799 ENTITLED, “AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY’”**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 281 ON HBN 5552 ENTITLED, “AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 13 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY ANNIVERSARY’”**

- Sponsored by Senator FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, JR.
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 282 ON SJR 14 ENTITLED, “JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING SPECIAL PROVISION NOS. I.A.1 AND I.D.1 OF**

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10651, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015”

- Sponsored by Senator(s) LOREN B. LEGARDA and FRANKLIN M. DRILON
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

**CRN 283 ON SBN 2982 ENTITLED, “AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED (100) DAYS FOR FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND GRANTING AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

- Sponsored by Senator PIA S. CAYETANO
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

## **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

**PSRN 1601 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ANTIQUE RICE TERRACES OF THE IRAYNON-BUKIDNON AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR THE SAKE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF FILIPINOS”**

- Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA
- Referred to Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

**PSRN 1602** “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO NOMINATE WANG-OD OGGAY AND LIGAYA FERNANDO AMILBANGSA FOR THE MANLILIKHA NG BAYAN AWARD, THEREBY RECOGNIZING THEM AS NATIONAL LIVING TREASURES FOR THEIR IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS IN PRESERVING TRADITIONAL FILIPINO ART”

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on RULES

**PSRN 1603** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED CASES OF JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS IN THE CORDILLERA REGION”

- Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

**PSRN 1604** “RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE GILAS PILIPINAS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING SILVER IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 2015 FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP ON OCTOBER 3, 2015 AT THE CHANGSHA SOCIAL WORK COLLEGE GYMNASIUM, CHANGSA, HUNAN, CHINA”

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

**PSRN 1605** “RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING GILAS PILIPINAS, THE PHILIPPINE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM, WITH THEIR COACHES AND THE SAMAHANG BASKETBOL NG PILIPINAS (SBP), FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNTRY AND FOR BOOSTING THE STATUS OF PHILIPPINE BASKETBALL WORLDWIDE IN WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL AT THE 2015

FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN CHANGSHA, HUNAN, CHINA”

- Introduced by Senator JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA
- Referred to the Committee on RULES

**PSRN 1606** “RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING APO WHANG-OD OGGAY OF KALINGA FOR HER INVALUABLE ROLE IN PERPETUATING THE TRADITIONAL ART OF TATTOOING, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE RICHNESS OF THE COUNTRY’S HERITAGE”

- Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA
- Referred to the Committee on RULES

**PSRN 1607** “RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL TEAM, GILAS PILIPINAS FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 2015 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE BASKETBALL (FIBA) ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP, A STEP CLOSER TO THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO OLYMPICS, HELD IN CHANGSHA, HUNAN, CHINA”

- Introduced by Senator GREGORIO B. HONASAN II
- Referred to the Committee on RULES

**PSRN 1608** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING THE ALARMING INCREASE OF REPORTED DENGUE CASES IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROPOSING POLICY FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN THE PREVENTION OF THE DISEASE”

- Introduced by Senator MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

**PSRN 1609** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO LOOK INTO THE POWERS AND MANDATE OF THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (MIAA), IN THE LIGHT OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8, SERIES OF 2014, ON THE INTEGRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER SERVICE FEE (IPSC) OR TERMINAL FEE IN THE AIRLINE TICKETS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THE SAID MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR HAS ADDRESSED THE PROBLEMS THAT MIAA SOUGHT TO ADDRESS”

- Introduced by Senator CYNTHIA A. VILLAR
- Referred to the Committee on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

**PSRN 1610** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE OFFICE FOR TRANSPORT SECURITY INVOLVING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT OUR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND OTHER FLIGHT PASSENGERS WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO EXPLOITATION AND TO SEE TO IT THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE OFFICE FOR TRANSPORT SECURITY AND OTHER AIRPORT PERSONNEL BE UPHELD”

- Introduced by Senator CYNTHIA A. VILLAR
- Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC SERVICES

**PSRN 1611** “RESOLUTION HONORING ELPIDIO QUIRINO, A DISTINGUISHED FORMER MEMBER OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT AND 6TH PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO

THE BIRTH, GROWTH AND EARLY YEARS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator FRANKLIN M. DRILON
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 1612** “RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF SENATOR JOKER P. ARROYO AND EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON HIS PASSING”

- Introduced by Senators MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY, JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA, PIA S. CAYETANO, FRANKLIN M. DRILON, JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO, JUAN PONCE ENRILE, FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO, GREGORIO B. HONASAN II, MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID, LOREN B. LEGARDA, FERDINAND "BONGBONG" R. MARCOS, AQUILINO KOKO III L. PIMENTEL, GRACE L. POE, RALPH G. RECTO and VICENTE C. SOTTO III;

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