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SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill No. 2850

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SUBSIDIES FOR THE LOCAL MUSIC INDUSTRY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

- Introduced by Senator Ramon “Bong” Revilla, Jr.
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Local Government; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2851

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BURIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MILITARY VETERANS FROM TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00) TO TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6948, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT STANDARDIZING AND UPGRADING THE BENEFITS FOR MILITARY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS”

- Introduced by Senator Ramon “Bong” Revilla, Jr.
- Referred to the Committee(s) on National Defense and Security; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2852

“AN ACT PENALIZING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHICH COMPELS, FORCES OR OBLIGES THEIR GRADUATING STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN COURSES REQUIRING LICENSURE BOARD EXAMINATIONS TO ENROLL FOR A FORMAL REVIEW COURSE IN A REVIEW CENTER OWNED OR MANAGED BY SAID SCHOOL OR OF THE LATTER’S PREFERENCE”
Senate Bill No. 2853

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF JOSE B. LINGAD MEMORIAL GENERAL HOSPITAL IN SAN FERNANDO CITY, PAMPANGA FROM TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500), UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

Senate Bill No. 2854

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE RIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) MEMBERS, PROVIDING THEM ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION IN THE GSIS BOARD, ENSURING PROMPT PAYMENT OF ALL THEIR BENEFITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”
Senate Bill No. 2855

“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RELIEF TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENTS, SUPPORTING AGING PARENTS AND DISABLED PERSONS”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Antonio Trillanes IV, Ralph Recto and Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2856

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE MANUFACTURE, ASSEMBLY, CONVERSION AND IMPORTATION OF ELECTRIC, HYBRID AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Juan Miguel Zubiri, Miriam Defensor Santiago, Ralph Recto, and Antonio Trillanes IV
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Ways and Means; Trade and Commerce; and Climate Change

Senate Bill No. 2857

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOS) IN THE PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION PROCESS OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL BUDGET, PROVIDING EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Teofisto “TG” Guingona III and Franklin M. Drilon
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Finance; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Senate Bill No. 2858

“AN ACT TO INCLUDE ETHNIC ORIGIN IN THE NATIONAL SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE”
Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda
Referred to the Committee(s) on Cultural Communities; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2859**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PAMPANGA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL AGRICULTURE AND SCIENCE STATE UNIVERSITY (DMASSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

Introduced by Senator Manuel “Lito” Lapid
Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2860**

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS”

Introduced by Senator(S) Manny Villar, Miriam Defensor Santiago, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Panfilo M. Lacson, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes, Francis N. Pangilinan And Franklin M. Drilon
Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2861**

“AN ACT LIMITING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE JBC”

Introduced by Senator(S) Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero And Miriam Defensor Santiago
Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights
Senate Bill No. 2862

“AN ACT TO REQUIRE INFORMATION ON WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES”

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

Senate Bill No. 2863

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PETROLEUM PIPELINE CODE TO PRESCRIBE STANDARDS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND ABANDONMENT OF LIQUID PETROLEUM PIPELINES AND STRENGTHENING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE JURISDICTION AND POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OVER PIPELINE OPERATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Teofisto "Tg" Guingona III
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; Energy; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2864

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING NUMBER PORTABILITY FOR MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Services; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2865

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Pia S. Cayetano, Miriam Defensor Santiago and Panfilo Lacson
• Referred to the Committee(s) Youth, Women and Family Relations

**Senate Bill No. 2866**

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE WESTERN VISAYAS MEDICAL CENTER INTO A GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED HOSPITAL CORPORATION WITH THE SAN JOAQUIN MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL AS ITS SUBSIDIARY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

• Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Ways and Means; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2867**

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE PROTECTION, RIGHTS, AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN INVOLVED IN, AFFECTED BY OR DISPLACED BY ARMED CONFLICT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

• Introduced by Senator Teofisto "Tg" Guingona III
• Referred to the Committee(s) on Youth, Women and Family Relations; National Defense and Security; and Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2868**

“AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH (A), SECTION 393, CHAPTER IV, TITLE I, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS”

• Introduced by Senator Francis “Chiz” Escudero
• Referred to the Committee on Local Government
Senate Bill No. 2869

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE MAJOR SERVICE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Antonio “Sonny” Trillanes, Miriam Defensor Santiago and Panfilo Lacson
- Referred to the Committee on National Defense

Senate Bill No. 2870

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR MORE SEVERE PENALTIES FOR LARGE SCALE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF CORALS, CORAL REEFS, AND THE FISHING OR TAKING OF THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES, AND OTHER SIMILAR ACTS OF DESTRUCTION OF OUR MARINE AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8550, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture and Food; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2871

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RULES ON PLEA BARGAINING AGREEMENT IN CRIMINAL CASES, PROVIDING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Teofisto "Tg" Guingona III
- Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights
PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 499

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND OTHER PERTINENT COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE FEASIBILITY, VIABILITY, PRACTICALITY AND THE ACCEPTABILITY OF JUSTIFICATIONS ADVANCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN IMPLEMENTING THE K TO 12 EDUCATION PROGRAM, AS WELL AS TO REVIEW THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE K TO 12 CURRICULUM WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE INADEQUACIES IN THE COUNTRY’S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM”

- Introduced by Senator Antonio “Sony” Trillanes IV
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 500

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURES TO INQUIRE ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 2011, RELATIVE TO THE “PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM”

- Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Finance; and Oversight Committee On Public Expenditures

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 501

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED WORSENING CASE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE NINoy Aquino International Airport with the End
IN VIEW OF FORMULATING SHORT- AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO END THIS DANGER TO PASSENGERS AND AIR CARRIERS”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 502


- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture and Food; and Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 503

“RESOLUTION URGING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER THE EARNEST, FULL AND MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VARIOUS ANTI-LITTERING LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 504

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTS OF THE REPORTED FISHKILLS TO FISHERFOLKS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF HAVING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE AND FORMULATE POLICY MEASURES FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE
LIVES OF THE RURAL POPULATION DEPENDENT ON THE FISHING INDUSTRY“

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture and Food; and Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 505

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LATEST REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO), WHICH CONCLUDED THAT CELLPHONES ARE POSSIBLY CARCINOGENIC”

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 506

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CURB THE INCREASING PREVALENCE OF ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF PLYWOOD FROM CHINA RESULTING IN HUGE LOSSES TO THE LOCAL PLYWOOD INDUSTRY”

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade And Commerce; and Ways and Means

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 507

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CREATE STRICTER MEASURES AND PENALTIES TO CURB THE SMUGGLING OF VEHICLES AND ILLEGAL FIREARMS INTO THE PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Proposed Senate Resolution No. 508

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE PREVIOUSLY DECLARED WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES IN THE COUNTRY”

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

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 509

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRESENT STATE OF PHILIPPINE NATURAL RESOURCES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE COUNTRY’S RICH BIODIVERSITY”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
  Referred to the Committee on Environment And Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 510

“RESOLUTION DECLARING AS READ AND APPROVED THE JOURNAL OF THE 94TH SESSION OF THE SENATE”

- Introduced by Senator Vicente Sotto III
  Adopted on June 8, 2011

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 511


- Introduced by Senator Vicente Sotto III
Adopted on June 8, 2011

**Proposed Senate Resolution No. 512**

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MINORITY LEADER, SENATOR ALAN PETER COMPAÑERO CAYETANO, FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE FRUITFUL DELIBERATIONS OF THE SENATE DURING THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS”

- Introduced by Senator Vicente Sotto III
- Adopted on June 8, 2011

**Proposed Senate Resolution No. 513**

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, SENATOR VICENTE C. SOTTO III, FOR SKILLFULLY STEERING THE SENATE PROCEEDINGS DURING THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS”

- Introduced by Senator Alan Peter Companero Caayetano
- Adopted on June 8, 2011

**Proposed Senate Resolution No. 514**

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, HONORABLE JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA, FOR HIS DEDICATED PERFORMANCE DURING THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS”

- Introduced by Senator Juan Ponce Enrile
- Adopted on June 8, 2011

**Proposed Senate Resolution No. 515**

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 516

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE COUNTRY’S EXISTING ADOPTION LAWS TO STREAMLINE THE ADOPTION PROCESS FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN UP FOR ADOPTION AND THE ADOPTING PARENTS”

- Introduced by Senator Edgardo J. Angara
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Constitutional Amendments, Revision Of Codes and Laws; and Youth, Women and Family Relations
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Report No. 40 on SBN 2849

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO 7875 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 1995, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Sponsored by Senator(s) Pia Cayetano, Franklin Drilon, Ferdinand Marcos, Jr and Sergio Osmeña III
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 41 on SBN 2854

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE RIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) MEMBERS, PROVIDING THEM ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION IN THE GSIS BOARD, ENSURING PROMPT PAYMENT OF ALL THEIR BENEFITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Sponsored by Senator Ralph Recto
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 42 on SBN 2756/ HBN 4146


- Sponsored by Senator Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.
- Referred to the Archive
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"AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RELIEF TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENTS, SUPPORTING AGING PARENTS AND DISABLED PERSONS"

- Sponsored by Senator Ralph Recto
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 45 on SBN 2846

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIFELINE RATE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 73 OF THE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY ONE THIRTY SIXE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001"

- Sponsored by Senator(s) Sergio Osmeña and Teofisto “TG” Guingona III
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 46 on SBN 2857

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN THE PREPARATION AND AUTHORIZATION PROCESS OF THE ANNUAL NATIONAL BUDGET, PROVIDING EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Sponsored by Senator Franklin Drilon
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 47 on SBN 2860

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS"

- Sponsored by Sen. Francis “Chiz” Escudero
- Calendared for Ordinary Business
Committee Report No. 48 on SBN 2861

“AN ACT LIMITING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE JBC”

- Sponsored by Sen. Francis “Chiz” Escudero
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 49 on SBN 2865

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT”

- Sponsored by Senator Pia S. Cayetano and Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Calendared for Ordinary Business

Committee Report No. 50 on SBN 2869

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING FIXED TERMS FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND THE MAJOR SERVICE COMMANDERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Sponsored by Senator Panfilo Lacson
- Calendared for Ordinary Business
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