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SBN 1101 “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committees on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

SBN 1102 “AN ACT PROVIDING MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN ABOARD MOTORCYCLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committees on PUBLIC SERVICES; and LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SBN 1103 “AN ACT PROHIBITING CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS FROM MAKING APPOINTMENTS TWO (2) MONTHS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE NEXT LOCAL ELECTIONS AND PENDING ASSUMPTION TO OFFICE OF THEIR SUCCESSORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

SBN 1104 “AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DHUD), DEFINING ITS MANDATES, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA
- Referred to the Committees on URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT; CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

SBN 1105 “AN ACT INTEGRATING FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION IN THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULA”
SBN 1106 “AN ACT DECLARING THE DAY ON WHICH CHINESE NEW YEAR FALLS EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL AND AMITY BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA”

SBN 1107 “AN ACT REQUIRING COMMERCIAL AIRLINES TO MAKE FLIGHT DELAY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC”

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SBN 1109 “AN ACT PROHIBITING MODIFICATION OF MUFFLERS TO INCREASE NOISE EMITTED FROM EXHAUST SYSTEM”

SBN 1110 “AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8679, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOWNSTREAM OIL INDUSTRY DEREGULATION ACT OF 1998”

SBN 1111 “AN ACT TO PREVENT DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES FROM BEING OCCUPIED BY PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO USE THEM”
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SBN 1113 “AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, BY PENALIZING ROBBERY COMMITTED IN A CEMETERY”

SBN 1114 “AN ACT REGULATING AGGRESSIVE DRIVING”

SBN 1115 “AN ACT AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PENAL CODE, TO DEFINE AND PENALIZE THE CRIME OF MURDER COMMITTED UNDER EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES”

SBN 1116 “AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURERS TO PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE FOR THE PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS”

SBN 1117 “AN ACT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT THEREBY ESTABLISHING A BASIC POLICY FOR NATURE RESTORATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

SBN 1118 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERFORMANCE BASED ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

SBN 1119 “AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND RATIONALIZING THE CAREER SERVICE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE CAREER SERVICE AND LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on ACCOUNTS; and FINANCE

SBN 1120 “AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DUCK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO PROMOTE THE PHILIPPINE DUCK INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on AGRICULTURE AND FOOD; TRADE AND COMMERCE; and FINANCE

SBN 1121 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FARM MACHINERY MANUFACTURING PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on TRADE AND COMMERCE; AGRICULTURE AND FOOD; and FINANCE

SBN 1122 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING ONE-STOP ACTION CENTER FOR PURPOSES OF LAND REGISTRATION IN EVERY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; and FINANCE
SBN 1123 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING CHILDREN’S SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committee on YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS

SBN 1124 “AN ACT CREATING A CARNAP PREVENTION PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING A CARNAP PREVENTION ADVISORY BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; and FINANCE

SBN 1125 “AN ACT TO PROTECT THE SAFETY, MORALE, AND WELL-BEING OF SCHOOLCHILDREN BY PROHIBITING SEX OFFENDERS FROM ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL PREMISES OR ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

SBN 1126 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PROSTATE CANCER”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

SBN 1127 “AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORENSIC DNA DATABANK, THE TAKING OF DNA SAMPLES, FORENSIC DNA ANALYSIS, THE USE OF DNA PROFILES AND INFORMATION IN RELATION THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and FINANCE

SBN 1128 “AN ACT PRESCRIBING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER AS A NATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP DAY IN THE COUNTRY”
SBN 1129 “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION TO PROMOTE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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SBN 1139 “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CURRICULUM FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES ON EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS”

SBN 1140 “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TRANS FATTY ACIDS IN FOOD FACILITIES”
Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Referred to the Committees on TRADE AND COMMERCE; and HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

SBN 1141 “AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH HEALTH PROGRAMS TO PREVENT VISION LOSS”

Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

SBN 1142 “AN ACT TO PROHIBIT TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES”

Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Referred to the Committee on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

SBN 1143 “AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF VIDEO GAMES”

Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Referred to the Committee on PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA

SBN 1144 “AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF LASERS IN COSMETOLOGICAL HAIR REMOVAL PROCEDURES”

Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

SBN 1145 “AN ACT TO INVEST IN INTERNET TRAINING FOR THE WORKFORCE”

Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
Referred to the Committees on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

SBN 1146 “AN ACT EXPANDING THE GROUNDS FOR DECLARING A PERSON A NUISANCE CANDIDATE, THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 69 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE”
SBN 1147 “AN ACT TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; FOREIGN RELATIONS; and FINANCE

SBN 1148 “AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 31 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6770, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "OMBUDSMAN ACT OF 1989", AS AMENDED ALLOWING PRIVATE LAWYERS TO ACT AS PROSECUTORS ON BEHALF OF THE OMBUDSMAN”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

SBN 1149 “AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on TRADE AND COMMERCE; FOREIGN RELATIONS; and FINANCE

SBN 1150 “AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE PROFESSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
- Referred to the Committees on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE
PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

**PSRN 187** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE REGULATION OF STEM CELL THERAPY IN THE COUNTRY”

- Introduced by Senator AQUILINO KOKO III L. PIMENTEL III
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

**PSRN 188** “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO DETERMINE THE STATE OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES NATIONWIDE AND ESTABLISH THE POSSIBLE LIABILITIES OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA) AND ALBAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INCORPORATED(ALECO) IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF EVENTS SIMILAR TO THE RECENT POWER BLACKOUT IN ALBAY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ATTAINING TOTAL ELECTRIFICATION AND STRENGTHENING REGULATORY FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR”

- Introduced by Senator RALPH G. RECTO
- Referred to the Committees on ENERGY; and COOPERATIVES

**PSRN 189** “RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE GILAS PILIPINAS MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE COUNTRY BY WINNING SILVER IN THE 2013 FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (FIBA) ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP OR THE 27TH ASIAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN THE PHILIPPINES FROM AUGUST 1-11, 2013”

- Introduced by Senator Senator PIA S. CAYETANO
- Referred to the Committee on RULES

**PSRN 190** “RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE COACHING STAFF, SPONSORS, OFFICIALS, AND MEMBERS OF GILAS PILIPINAS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 27TH FIBA ASIA CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR GIVING THE PHILIPPINES THE HONOR TO REPRESENT ASIA IN THE FIBA WORLD BASKETBALL CUP IN SPAIN IN 2014”

- Introduced by Senator ALAN PETER COMPANERO S. CAYETANO
- Referred to the Committee on RULES
PSRN 191 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY INTEGRATION, TO ASSESS THE RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FILIPINO WORKFORCE AND THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES, AND TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THESE ACCORDINGLY”

- Introduced by Senators JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA and PAOLO BENIGNO "BAM" AQUINO IV
- Referred to the Committees on TRADE AND COMMERCE; and ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

PSRN 192 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED P10-BILLION PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND SCAM”

- Introduced by Senator AQUILINO KOKO III L. PIMENTEL
- Referred to the Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS

PSRN 193 “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO ABOLISH THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND AND ITS ALLIED CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE ALLOCATION COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS PORK BARREL”

- Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO
- Referred to the Committee on RULE

PSRN 194 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO INVESTIGATE THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC), THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) AND OTHER SIMILAR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO ARE MANDATED BY LAW TO REGULATE AND ENFORCE LAWS RELATING TO MARITIME OPERATIONS AND SAFETY FOR POSSIBLE MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE AND NONFEASANCE OF THEIR DUTIES RESULTING IN THE WANTON DISREGARD OF SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS BY FERRY OPERATIONS THEREBY CAUSING AVOIDABLE SEA TRAGEDIES AND LOSS OF LIVES”

- Introduced by Senator TEOFISTO "TG" L. GUINGONA III
- Referred to the Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS
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- Introduced by Senator GRACE L. POE
- Referred to the Committee on FINANCE

PSRN 196 “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (SENATE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE) TO APPOINT A SPECIAL INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR IN THE PERSON OF FORMER SENATOR PANFILO PING LACSON TO LOOK INTO THE ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION IN THE USE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND (PDAF) BY LEGISLATORS WITH THE INDISPENSABLE PARTICIPATION OF THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AND THEIR BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEES, SOME NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUPPLIERS AND STRONGLY ENJOINING ALL SENATORS TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THEIR PDAF FINANCIAL RECORDS IN THE SPIRIT OF TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND REFORM”

- Introduced by Senator ALAN PETER COMPANERO S. CAYETANO
- Referred to the Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS

PSRN 197 “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MARITIME COLLISION INVOLVING THE M/V ST. THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE M/V SULPICIO EXPRESS SIETE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAW AND POLICIES BY MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY AND PHILIPPINE COAST GUARDS WITH THE END VIEW OF RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO ASSURE THE MARITIME SAFETY TO PASSENGERS AND SHIPS IN MARITIME TRAVEL”

- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee on ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS
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-Juliet Cervo-
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