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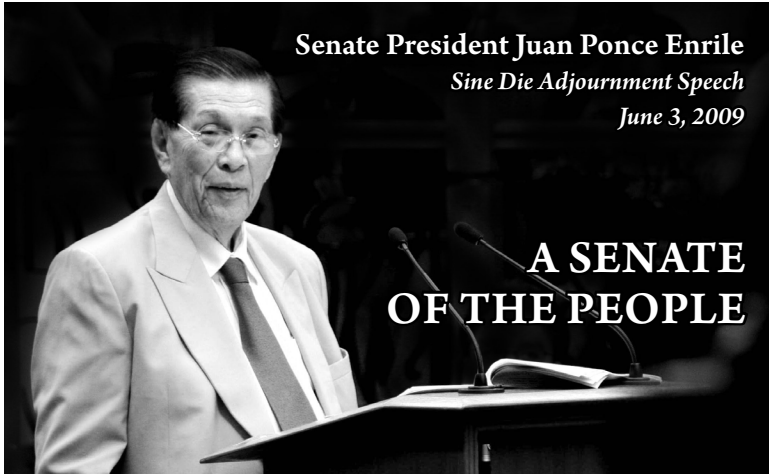
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My distinguished colleagues in the Senate:

When I assumed the leadership of the Senate almost seven months ago, I committed myself to discharge my duties as Senate President according to my best lights—according to my conscience and my notion of what is good for the country, for our people and for this Institution.

It was, I remember, a period of uncertainty, with the global economic crisis casting a cloud of gloom across the nation. Fears of businesses closing shop, of massive job losses and of hunger were real, especially for our countrymen who can barely eke out a living.

I issued a call to my colleagues and the entire leadership of this nation to act with a sense of urgency to address our people's most serious problems and concerns as well as important national issues.

It was imperative for the Senate to act: to give our people a sense of hope, and to restore their faith in their elected representatives and leaders to rise up to their expectation that we can offer solutions to their problems and difficulties in the face of the economic storm we are faced with. You and I know that there are external forces and events that are beyond our control. But what we can manage and muster is our ability to respond to those events.

It is against this backdrop that we, the Senate, should measure what we have done and what we still need to do as we close the Second Regular Session of the 14th Congress. Have we carried out our duties and responsibilities to the nation?

National budget to stimulate the economy

Aware of the dire effects of the global financial crisis and the threat of recession on the lives of the people, we have enacted R.A. No. 9524, or the General Appropriations Act of 2009, which appropriates a P1.415-trillion budget for the operation of the government for the year 2009. It contains a P10 billion economic stimulus fund allocated for infrastructure to create jobs, for education and training, health, environment and agriculture and food.

Bills for economic growth

We have also passed the Tourism Act of 2009, now R. A. No. 9593, that declares it a national policy for tourism to be an engine of investment, employment, growth and national development. For one, it establishes Tourism Enterprise Zones throughout the archipelago and is expected to promote employment and generate income for many of our people. Already, the Federation of Tourism Industries of the Philippines has said that the tourism economic zones to be developed, as mandated under the proposed law, would create millions of jobs and generate US\$10 billion in foreign exchange.

Similarly noteworthy is the earlier passage into law of measures which address not only the country's and the people's needs for economic security but also strengthen our capability to respond to the challenges of education, environmental protection, public safety and consumer protection, among others.

Thus we enacted the Minimum Wage Earners Tax Exemption Law, the Socialized and Low-Cost Housing Loan Condonation Act of 2008, the act establishing livelihood skills training centers in fourth-, fifth- and sixth-class municipalities, the Credit Information System Act, the Renewable Energy Act, the act establishing a comprehensive Fire Code of the Philippines, the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008, the act creating the National Book Development Trust Fund to Support Filipino Authorship, the Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008, the University of the Philippines Charter of 2008, and the act amending the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation.

For approval of the President are the bills providing for a Magna Carta of Women, regulating the practice of real estate service, and adjusting the requirements on education for the promotion in the Philippine

National Police. Awaiting action in the bicameral conference committee is the bill on the proposed Food, Drugs, Cosmetics and Devices Administration.

Of equal, if not primordial political importance, is our common goal to ensure the conduct of free, clean and honest elections. With this in mind, the Senate has passed the P11.3 billion supplemental budget for poll automation (R.A. No. 9525).

We have approved the Philippine Archipelagic Baselines Law, now R.A. No. 9522, which draws our archipelagic baselines from which we start to measure the extent of our territorial seas, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf, and extended continental shelf.

We have also conducted plenary deliberations on various bills and resolutions. Just recently we have passed on third reading the bill which seeks to strengthen the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, the amendments to the Electric Power Industry Reform Act, the Competition Act of 2009, the Torture Act, the creation of the Climate Change Commission, and the Magna Carta for Homeowners. We have also ratified the bicameral conference committees' reports on the Rent Control Act of 2009, the joint resolution on the Salary Standardization Act for government employees, and strengthening the Pag-IBIG Fund Charter.

Senate records show that to date, we have approved 173 bills on third and second reading, 137 of which have been signed into law. We have also passed 225 House bills. We have concurred in the ratification of eight treaties and adopted 82 resolutions.

Oversight functions

Pursuant to our oversight powers, the Senate committees have initiated investigations in aid of legislation. We have looked into the controversy surrounding the World Bank-funded national road improvement project.

To strengthen government regulatory bodies to safeguard the people's hard-earned money from dubious investment schemes and bank practices, our committees conducted public hearings on shenanigans and anomalous practices of pre-need companies such as the Legacy-owned firms, and identified not only the culpability of the firms and individuals involved but the negligence and inadequacies of the regulatory agency—the SEC—in the performance of its mandate to protect

the investing public who were duped, exploited and deprived of their hard-earned money.

The Senate Blue Ribbon Committee has come out with its report on the P728-million fertilizer fund scam which recommended that several government officials and private persons involved in the anomalies be further investigated and/or charged with plunder, technical malversation, money laundering and perjury.

Preserving institutional trust

My dear colleagues, I have always maintained that it is our duty as Senators of the Republic to preserve the institutional credibility of the Senate and to show to the people who elected us into office that we will not shirk from the responsibility to call on any of our peers to account for his or her own acts when such are questioned on ethical grounds. It is our duty as well to give our colleagues who stand accused of any unethical behaviour the full opportunity to defend themselves and their names and thereby preserve the integrity of this very Institution, which stands to suffer from any wrongdoing on the part of its members.

At this point, when I have been tasked to preside over the proceedings of the Senate Committee of the Whole to hear the charges against a dear friend and colleague, I would like to say that it pains me to see the acrimony that the investigation has spawned among us. The spirit of sobriety and civility that I have sought to foster at the beginning of this process may have been wishful thinking on my part and soon enough, I myself felt provoked to stand up and defend myself against incessant attacks on my person.

As I have said before: I am far from being impervious to the sensitivity of the task at hand. The sensitivity and gravity of the legal and moral responsibility we now carry—to sit in judgment of the conduct of our own colleagues in this Chamber—is a responsibility which none of us, I am sure, would take lightly nor comfortably. It is a duty, therefore, that exacts from us, and especially this humble representation, the utmost sense of fairness and impartiality.

A Senate of the people

While we account to the people on this day what we have done over the past seven months, the Senate surely has much more to do and achieve in the crafting of laws that will spur the growth of enterprises, create more jobs and provide our people not only with a stable income,

but more importantly, to live in a society that upholds their human, civil and political rights, their dignity, and their pride as Filipinos.

We have to promote an environment of political and economic stability, peace and order, and social justice under our democratic system if we are to be worthy of being a Senate of the Filipino people. And it is with immense pride that I say this: Despite our individual and political differences, we, as Senators of the Republic have shown our strong resolve to unite when the national interest, the common good and the needs of our marginalized citizens are at stake.

So how did we perform? Have we lived up to our duties and responsibilities?

In the final analysis, it is the people who shall judge our performance. As we adjourn *sine die* and close the Second Regular Session, what matters to me, as your colleague and as your leader, is not the cold statistics of accomplishment but how we will be remembered long after we are gone by the people who entrusted their fate to us by electing us to this august Chamber.

Having said that, now that some of our colleagues have chosen to hale us before the Supreme Court of the land, I am committed to defend my actions and the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole to the best of my ability, and await whatever action or decision the High Court may make in resolving the issues raised by our colleagues in the Minority.

I stand before you, ready to accept your judgment, as a leader must. But ultimately, and I have said this many times, having reached the sunset of my years, I will reserve to history and my God the judgment for my actions and the difficult choices and decisions I have made.

Maraming, maraming salamat po sa inyo. Ganun din sa mga kawani ng Senado, at sa mga kaibigan natin sa radyo, telebisyon at periodiko na buong tiyaga at husay na nagpahayag sa ating mga kababayan ng mga gawain natin dito sa Senado. Kasihan kayo ng pagpapala ng Panginoon Diyos.

Mabuhay ang Senado! At mabuhay ang sambayanang Pilipino!

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AGRICULTURE

Jt. Res. No. 1 A JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE COVERAGE OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS FOR PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LANDS WHOSE OWNERS HAVE OFFERED THEIR LANDS UNDER THE VOLUNTARY OFFER TO SELL (VOS) AND UNDER THE VOLUNTARY LAND TRANSFER (VLT) AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR) TO CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT SERVICES TO BENEFICIARIES OF LANDS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACQUIRED AND DISTRIBUTED AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2008 (S. Joint Res. No. 19) [Lapsed into law on January 23, 2009]

The joint resolution extends the period of coverage of the Agrarian Reform Program for six months beginning January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009, for private agricultural lands whose owners have offered their lands under the Voluntary Offer to Sell (VOS) and under the Voluntary Land Transfer (VLT) until Congress arrives at a consensus on the reforms to be introduced in the substance and implementation of Republic Act 6657, as amended. The program was supposed to have expired on December 30, 2008.

S. No. 2666 AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM (CARP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Pending in Conference Committee

The bill amends provisions of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988. It requires the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), in coordination with the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC) to plan and program the final acquisition and distribution of all remaining unacquired and undistributed agricultural lands from the effectivity of this proposed law until June 30, 2014.

Under the bill, lands shall be acquired and distributed as follows:

Phase One: During the five-year extension period hereafter all remaining lands above 50 hectares shall be covered for purposes of agrarian reform upon the effectivity of this Act. All private agricultural lands of landowners with aggregate landholdings in excess of fifty 50 hectares which have already been subjected to a notice of coverage issued on or before December 10, 2008; rice and corn lands under Presidential Decree No. 27; all idle or abandoned lands; all private lands voluntarily offered by the owners for agrarian reform: Provided, that with respect to voluntary land transfer, only those submitted by June 30, 2009 shall be allowed: *Provided, further,* That after June 30, 2009, the modes of acquisition shall be limited to voluntary offer to sell and compulsory acquisition: *Provided, furthermore,* That all previously acquired lands wherein valuation is subject to challenge by landowners shall be completed and finally resolved pursuant to Section 17 of R.A. No. 6657, as amended: *Provided, finally,* as mandated by the Constitution, R.A. 6657, as amended, and R.A. No. 3844, as amended, only farmers (tenants or lessees) and regular farmworkers actually tilling the lands, as certified under oath by the Barangay Agrarian Reform Council (BARC) and attested under oath by the landowners, are the qualified beneficiaries. The intended beneficiary shall state under oath before the judge of the city or municipal court that he/she is willing to work on the land to make it productive and to assume the obligation of paying the amortization for the compensation of the land and the taxes thereon;

Phase Two: (A) Lands 24 hectares up to 50 hectares shall likewise be covered for purposes of agrarian reform upon the effectivity of this Act. All alienable and disposable public agricultural lands; all arable public agricultural lands under agro-forest, pasture and agricultural leases already cultivated and planted to crops in accordance with Section 6, Article XIII of the Constitution; all public agricultural lands which are to be opened for new development and resettlement; and all private agricultural lands of landowners with aggregate landholdings above 24 hectares up to 50 hectares which have already been subjected to a notice of coverage issued on or before December 10, 2008, to implement principally the rights of farmers and regular farmworkers, who are landless, to own directly or collectively the lands they till, which shall be distributed immediately upon the

effectivity of this Act, with the implementation to be completed by June 30, 2012; and

(B) All remaining private agricultural lands of landowners with aggregate landholdings in excess of 24 hectares, regardless as to whether these have been subjected to notices of coverage or not, with the implementation to begin on July 1, 2012 and to be completed by June 30, 2013;

Phase Three: All other private agricultural lands commencing with large landholdings and proceeding to medium and small landholdings under the following schedule:

- Lands of landowners with aggregate landholdings above ten hectares up to 24 hectares, insofar as the excess hectareage above ten hectares is concerned, to begin on July 1, 2012 and to be completed by June 30, 2013; and
- Lands of landowners with aggregate landholdings from the retention limit up to ten hectares, to begin on July 1, 2013 and to be completed by June 30, 2014; to implement principally the right of farmers and regular farmworkers who are landless, to own directly or collectively the lands they till.

An additional provision for support services for agrarian reform mandates DAR to give direct and active assistance in the education and organization of actual and potential Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs). A new provision on Gender Responsive Support Services requires DAR to address and ensure that the support needs of both men and women beneficiaries are equally given. Support services for landowners are made available by government agencies in consonance with the pursuit of nationalization and economic independence.

Funding source to further implement the CARP shall be the Agrarian Reform Fund in the amount of P150 billion.

(Editorial Note: This synopsis is based on the reconciled version of Senate Bill No. 2666 and House Bill No. 4077.)

S. No. 3100 AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE STRENGTHENING OF THE NATIONAL EXTENSION SYSTEM TO ACCELERATE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This proposed Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Act of 2009 enables those who belong to the agriculture and fisheries sector to participate and share in the fruits of development and growth by establishing a more equitable access to assets, income, basic and support services and infrastructure. It prescribes structures, organization, funding and services to ensure the development of the agriculture and fisheries extension system that would help the sector attain agriculture modernization.

The bill also proposes the creation of the Philippine Agriculture and Fisheries Agency (PAFEA) which shall serve as the national apex organization for a unified and efficient agriculture and fisheries extension system in the country. The said agency shall coordinate all government extension programs in agriculture and fisheries at the national and local level.

S. No. 3264 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill defines organic agriculture as all agricultural systems that promote the ecologically sound, socially acceptable, economically viable and technically feasible production of food and fishes. It aims to develop and promote organic agriculture through, among others:

- policy formulation on regulation, registration, accreditation, certification and labeling on organic agriculture;
- research, development and extension of sustainable environment and gender-friendly organic agriculture;
- promotion of the creation of facilities, equipment and processing plants that would accelerate the production and commercialization of organic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other farm inputs; and
- implementation of organic agricultural programs, projects and activities.

To carry out these goals, the bill seeks the creation of a National Organic Agriculture Board.

APPROPRIATIONS

R.A. No. 9524 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND NINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (H. No. 5116) [March 12, 2009]

The law appropriates a P1.414-trillion budget for the operation of the government from January 1 to December 31, 2009, broken down as follows (in million pesos):

New Appropriations	P1,170.319
Unprogrammed Appropriations	75.970
Programmed Appropriations	1,094.349
Regular Appropriations	841.799
Debt Service-Interest Payments	252.550
Other Automatic Appropriations	320.351
TOTAL OBLIGATION	1,414.700

As approved, the national budget provides for a P10-billion Economic Stimulus Fund that would finance the construction of at least 6,000 classrooms, 2,959 kilometers of farm-to-market roads, and irrigation works in 125,000 hectares, among other infrastructure projects.

Salaries and wages of the bureaucracy will still account for the largest expenditure item in the budget largely because of wage adjustments in 2009 and planned recruitment of additional teachers, uniformed personnel, and lawyers for Judiciary.

By agency, the biggest recipient of the 2009 budget is the Department of Education with an outlay of P158.2 billion, followed by the Department of Public Works and Highways with P130 billion, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government with P63 billion. The other agencies with the biggest budgets are: Department of National Defense, P56.5 billion; Department of Agriculture, P41.2 billion; Department of Health, P27.9 billion; Department of Transportation and Communications, P25 billion; State Universities and Colleges, P22.8 billion; Department of Agrarian Reform, P13.1 billion; and the Judiciary, P12.6 billion.

R.A. No. 9525 AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ELEVEN BILLION THREE HUNDRED ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND PESOS (P11,301,790,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR AN AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (H. No. 5715) [March 23, 2009]

This law appropriates a supplemental budget of P11.3 billion for the use of an Automated Election System by the Commission on Elections in the conduct of the 2010 national and local elections. Of the total amount, P9.959 billion will go to the acquisition of machines for the elections while some P1.342 billion will be allocated for the preparatory activities related to the conduct of the 2010 automated elections.

H. No. 5604 AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF EIGHT BILLION PESOS (P8,000,000,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RELIEF OPERATIONS, RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF THE PROVINCES OF ILOILO, AKLAN, CAPIZ, ANTIQUE AND ILOILO CITY, ALL IN THE ISLAND OF PANAY; BACOLOD CITY, AND THE PROVINCES OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND GUIMARAS WHICH SUFFERED DEVASTATION BROUGHT ABOUT BY TYPHOON FRANK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill seeks an appropriation of P8 billion to implement the relief operations, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the provinces of Iloilo, Antique, Aklan, Capiz, Guimaras, Negros Occidental and the cities of Iloilo and Bacolod. The sum appropriated shall be called the Paglaum Fund, which shall be allocated among the different provinces and highly urbanized cities in accordance with the extent and scope of damage brought by typhoon Frank as determined by the Western Visayas (Region VI) Rehabilitation and Development Commission to be created under this bill.

BANKING AND FINANCE

R.A. No. 9505 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVIDENT PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN, KNOWN AS THE PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (PERA) (S. No. 1882/H. No. 3754) [August 22, 2008]

The Personal Equity and Retirement Account (PERA) Act of 2008 provides the legal and regulatory framework for the establishment of a long term savings plan designed to achieve a comfortable and financially secure retirement for the people through planned savings, sound investments and tax exemptions.

The PERA shall be a voluntary retirement account established by and for the exclusive use and benefit of a contributor for the purpose of being invested solely in PERA investment products which are non-speculative, readily marketable and with a track record of regular income payments to investors.

All income earned from the investments and reinvestments of the maximum allowed PERA contributions shall be tax exempt.

R.A. No. 9510 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CREDIT INFORMATION SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 1881/H. No. 4260) [October 31, 2008]

The law establishes a Central Credit Information Corporation which shall receive and consolidate basic credit data, act as a central registry or repository of credit information, and provide access to reliable, standardized information on the credit history and financial condition of borrowers. The Corporation shall be authorized to release and disclose consolidated basic credit data only to the accessing entities, the special accessing entities, the outsource entities and borrowers. Consolidated basic credit data released to accessing entities shall be limited to existing borrowers or borrowers with pending credit applications. Accessing entities shall hold strictly confidential any credit information they receive from the Corporation.

The law aims to improve the overall availability of credit especially pertaining to micro, small and medium-scale enterprises; provide mechanisms to make credit more cost-effective; and reduce excessive dependence on collateral to secure credit facilities.

R.A. No. 9576 AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM DEPOSIT INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY, AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (PDIC), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

This law further amends the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) charter, or R.A. 3591 as amended, by, among others, increasing the amount of insured bank deposits to a maximum of P500,000. The first P250,000 shall be for the account of the corporation while the remaining P250,000 shall be the obligation of and deemed automatically appropriated and paid by the national government. The deposit insurance fund of the corporation shall be preserved and maintained at all times.

Items that are unqualified for deposit insurance are: (1) investment products such as bonds and securities, trust accounts and other similar instruments; (2) deposit accounts that are unfunded, fictitious or fraudulent; (3) deposits which have been deemed to be in violation of the law, or the rules and regulations of the Bangko Sentral; (4) deposits emanating from unsafe and unsound banking practices as determined by PDIC in consultation with the BSP; (5) deposits that are the proceeds of unlawful activities as defined in Republic Act 9160, as amended.

The PDIC may also conduct special examination of banks, but with prior Monetary Board approval and with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors.

The PDIC is also authorized to establish, organize and operate bridge banks. These may take the form of subsidiaries or corporations with the primary purpose of managing the acquired assets of the corporation. A bridge bank is a temporary bank licensed by the BSP established and operated to acquire assets and assume liabilities of a failed bank to facilitate its resolution.

A bridge bank shall have the authority to purchase assets, assume deposits and other liabilities which the PDIC may deem appropriate; perform other banking functions as authorized by the BSP. Further, the Bridge bank shall terminate at the end of 2 years after the date it has been granted a banking license. The Board of Directors may extend the life of the Bank for one year to make time for the conclusion of its sale, merger or acquisition by a buyer or acquirer.

The bridge bank shall be terminated on the following conditions: (1) the merger or consolidation of the bridge bank with another bank

that is not a bridge bank; (2) sale of the bridge bank to a qualified buyer as may be determined by the Board of Directors; (3) another entity or an insured bank that is not a bridge bank assumes substantially all of the deposits and liabilities and/or assets of the bridge bank. After the sale, the bridge bank shall be liquidated in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to the liquidation of closed banks.

S.No. 2454 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONDONATION OF PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

To complement the reform measures being undertaken to enhance the viability of the Social Security System (SSS) fund, a condonation of penalties on delinquent social security contributions is sought to be implemented.

Under the proposed Social Security Condonation Law of 2009, employers who have not remitted all contributions due and payable to the SSS may, within six months from the effectivity of the proposed law: remit such contributions; or submit in writing a proposal to pay in installment such delinquent contribution, subject to the rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the SSS.

The penalty prescribed for unpaid contributions under the Social Security Act of 1997 shall be condoned when and until the delinquent contributions are remitted by the employers to the SSS.

The bill, once approved, would provide a reprieve to thousands of employers facing financial difficulties and restore their employees' entitlement to SSS benefits and loans.

S. No. 2639 AN ACT PROVIDING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill defines a Real Estate Investment Company (REIC) as a legal vehicle established for the sole purpose of allowing small and large investors to participate in the ownership of income-producing real estate assets and real estate-related assets. Unless otherwise provided by law, an REIC shall be a stock corporation established in accordance

with the Corporation Code of the Philippines and listed-eventually in an Exchange in accordance with its listing rules.

By providing an enabling framework for real estate investment companies, the state intends to promote the development of capital market, democratize wealth by broadening the participation of Filipinos in the ownership of real estate in the Philippines and use the capital market to finance and develop infrastructure projects.

Under the bill, an REIC is required to be at all times a public listed company, and as such, investment in it shall be by subscription or purchase of shares of its stocks. After listing with an Exchange, the REIC must have at least 1000 shareholders each owning at least 100 shares of a class of shares. In aggregate, these shareholders must represent 30 percent of the outstanding capital stock of the REIC. As a public listed company, it must not be a closely held corporation, as defined under Section 127 (B) of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended. Moreover, the shares of stocks must be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and listed in accordance with the rules of the stock exchange.

An REIC must distribute annually at least 90 percent of its distributable income to its investors not later than the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the close of the fiscal year of the REIC, payable only out of the unrestricted retained earnings as provided under the Corporation Code. This excludes income on the sale of the REIC's assets that are re-invested by the REIC within one year from date of sale.

A tax shall be imposed on the REIC pursuant to Chapter IV, Title II of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, on its net taxable income. An REIC which has been publicly listed within three years from the effectivity of this measure shall have 10 percent differential from the regular corporate income tax as prescribed by Title II of the NIR Code of 1997.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

R.A. No. 9592 AN ACT EXTENDING FOR FIVE YEARS THE REGLEMENTARY PERIOD FOR COMPLYING WITH THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND APPROPRIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOL-

OGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE BFP AND BJMP PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 2004” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 3085/H. No. 6000) [May 8, 2008]

This law amends certain provisions of R.A. 9263 otherwise known as the BFP and BJMP Professionalization Act of 2004. It provides for the minimum qualifications for a person to be appointed as uniformed personnel of the BFP and the BJMP.

More important, the law allows the uniformed personnel of the BFP and BJMP who are already in the service prior to the effectivity of Republic Act No. 9263 another five years to obtain the minimum educational qualification and appropriate civil service eligibility to be reckoned from the date of the effectivity of this act. Concerned BFP and BJMP members who have rendered more than 15 years of service at the time of the effectivity of this Act shall no longer be required to comply with the aforementioned educational and eligibility requirements. Likewise, those personnel who have acquired National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) eligibility prior to the effectivity of Republic Act No. 9263 shall no longer be required to obtain the appropriate civil service eligibility.

The law also provides that within the five-year extension period stipulated herein, the issue of whether or not the BFP shall be devolved to local government units shall be revisited by Congress, and as circumstances demand, be immediately implemented.

S. Jt. Res. No. 4 JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MODIFY THE COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND THE BASE PAY SCHEDULE OF THE MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO IMPLEMENT THE SAME INITIALLY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. Jt. Res. No. 26/H. Jt. Res. No. 36) [June 17, 2009]

The law authorizes the President of the Philippines to modify the existing Compensation and Position Classification System of civilian personnel and the Base Pay Schedule of military and uniformed personnel to be implemented effective July 1, 2009, and in the case of local government units (LGUs), to take effect on January 1, 2010.

The modified pay scale system under this law applies to all

positions for civilian government personnel in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches, the constitutional commissions, state universities and colleges (SUCs), government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions (GFIs) and LGUs, whether regular, casual or contractual in nature, appointive or elective, on full-time or part-time basis, now existing or thereafter created. The military and uniformed personnel is covered by a separate compensation system.

The modified Salary Schedule for Civilian Personnel, to be implemented in tranches, shall be as follows:

Salary Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8
1	9,000	9,090	9,181	9,273	9,365	9,459	9,554	9,649
2	9,675	9,772	9,869	9,968	10,068	10,169	10,270	10,373
3	10,401	10,505	10,610	10,716	10,823	10,931	11,040	11,151
4	11,181	11,292	11,405	11,519	11,635	11,751	11,869	11,987
5	12,019	12,139	12,261	12,383	12,507	12,632	12,759	12,886
6	12,921	13,050	13,180	13,312	13,445	13,580	13,716	13,853
7	13,890	14,029	14,169	14,311	14,454	14,598	14,744	14,892
8	14,931	15,081	15,232	15,384	15,538	15,693	15,850	16,009
9	16,051	16,212	16,374	16,538	16,703	16,870	17,039	17,209
10	17,255	17,428	17,602	17,778	17,956	18,135	18,317	18,500
11	18,549	18,735	18,922	19,111	19,302	19,495	19,690	19,887
12	19,940	20,140	20,341	20,545	20,750	20,958	21,167	21,379
13	21,436	21,650	21,867	22,086	22,306	22,529	22,755	22,982
14	23,044	23,274	23,507	23,742	23,979	24,219	24,461	24,706
15	24,887	25,161	25,438	25,718	26,000	26,286	26,576	26,868
16	26,878	27,174	27,473	27,775	28,080	28,389	28,702	29,017
17	29,028	29,348	29,671	29,997	30,327	30,661	30,998	31,339
18	31,351	31,696	32,044	32,397	32,753	33,113	33,478	33,846
19	33,859	34,231	34,608	34,988	35,373	35,762	36,156	36,554
20	36,567	36,970	37,376	37,788	38,203	38,623	39,048	39,478
21	39,493	39,927	40,367	40,811	41,259	41,713	42,172	42,636
22	42,652	43,121	43,596	44,075	44,560	45,050	45,546	46,047
23	46,064	46,571	47,083	47,601	48,125	48,654	49,190	49,731
24	49,750	50,297	50,850	51,410	51,975	52,547	53,125	53,709
25	53,730	54,321	54,918	55,522	56,133	56,750	57,375	58,006
26	58,028	58,666	59,312	59,964	60,624	61,291	61,965	62,646
27	62,670	63,360	64,057	64,761	65,474	66,194	66,922	67,658
28	67,684	68,428	69,181	69,942	70,711	71,489	72,276	73,071
29	73,099	73,903	74,716	75,537	76,368	77,208	78,058	78,916
30	78,946	79,815	80,693	81,580	82,478	83,385	84,302	85,230
31	90,000	90,990	91,991	93,003	94,026	95,060	96,106	97,163
32	103,000	104,133	105,278	106,437	107,607	108,791	109,988	111,198
33	120,000							

At the opposite page is the Base Pay Schedule for military and uniformed personnel

Under this law, the salaries, wages, allowances and other emoluments and benefits of officials and employees of LGUs shall be de-

terminated by their respective sanggunians in accordance with the pertinent provisions of R.A. No. 7160, provided, that LGUs may, if their finances warrant, grant salary or wage adjustments to their personnel, subject to the personal services limitation in LGU budgets under R.A. No. 7160. The grant of allowances and other benefits shall be subject also to the said personal services limitation.

DND	DILG		PCG and NAMRIA	Monthly Base Pay
	BJMP and BFP	PNP and PPSC		
Candidate Soldier				11,265
Private	Fire/Jail Officer I	Police Officer I	Apprentice Seaman/Seaman Third Class	14,834
Private First Class			Seaman Second Class	15,952
Corporal	Fire/Jail Officer II	Police Officer II	Seaman First Class	16,934
Sergeant			Petty Officer III	17,744
Staff Sergeant	Fire/Jail Officer III	Police Officer III	Petty Officer II	18,665
Technical Sergeant			Petty Officer I	20,159
Master Sergeant	Senior Fire/Jail Officer I	Senior Police Officer I	Chief Petty Officer	21,771
Senior Master Sergeant	Senior Fire/Jail Officer II	Senior Police Officer II	Senior Chief Petty Officer	23,513
Chief Master Sergeant	Senior Fire/Jail Officer III	Senior Police Officer III	Master Chief Petty Officer	25,394
First Chief Master Sergeant	Senior Fire/Jail Officer IV	Senior Police Officer IV	First Master Chief Petty Officer	27,425
Cadet		Cadet		27,425
Probationary Second Lieutenant				27,425
Second Lieutenant			Ensign	29,945
First Lieutenant	Inspector	Inspector	Lieutenant Junior Grade	32,341
Captain	Senior Inspector	Senior Inspector	Lieutenant Senior Grade	P35,312
Major	Chief Inspector	Chief Inspector	Lieutenant Commander	37,313
Lieutenant Colonel	Superintendent	Superintendent	Commander	40,298
Colonel	Senior Superintendent	Senior Superintendent	Captain	43,521
Brigadier General	Chief Superintendent	Chief Superintendent	Commodore	47,002
Major General	Director	Director	Rear Admiral Vice Admiral	50,763
Lieutenant General		Deputy Director General	Admiral	59,210
General		Director General		67,500

S. No. 2659 AN ACT CONSTITUTING THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE INTO AN AUTONOMOUS OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill seeks to constitute the National Prosecution Service into the Office of the Prosecutor General which shall be composed of the Prosecution Staff, the Office of the Regional Prosecutor in each of the regions, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor in each of the provinces, and Office of the City Prosecutor in each of the cities, which shall be attached to the Department of Justice for budgetary purposes only.

The Office of the Prosecutor General shall be headed by the Prosecutor General who shall have supervision and control over the Prosecution Staff, the offices of the Regional Prosecutor, Provincial Prosecutor and City Prosecutor and their support staff. The Prosecutor General is to act directly on any matter involving national security or probable miscarriage of justice within the jurisdiction of the Prosecution Staff, the regional prosecutor in each of the regions, the provincial prosecutor in each of the provinces and the city prosecutors in each of the cities. He/she can review, reverse, or modify any resolution or action of any prosecutor of said Prosecution Staff or any Regional, Provincial, or City Prosecutor.

S. No. 2991 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL, BY RE-DEFINING, EXPANDING, STRENGTHENING, RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill seeks to strengthen the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel by, among others, rationalizing and further professionalizing its organization, including upgrading employee benefits.

Under the bill, the Government Corporate Counsel shall have a cabinet rank and the same prerogatives as the Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeals. He shall be assisted by a Deputy Government Corporate counsel and twelve Assistant Government Corporate Counsels who shall have the rank, salary, allowances, retirement and benefits, and privileges of an Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals.

The OGCC may provide its employees the following benefits subject to the availability of funds: a) health care services through a health, maintenance organization; b) accident insurance for all employees to be procured by the office at its own expense during travels while in the performance of official duties; c) without prejudice to the efficiency of the service, scholarships for deserving employees on official time and at the expense of the office to upgrade their knowledge and skills; and d) a provident fund which shall consist of, but not limited to, contributions made by the office and by its lawyers and employees to a common fund for the payment of benefits to such lawyers or employees or their respective beneficiaries.

S. No. 3015 AN ACT ADJUSTING THE REQUIREMENTS ON EDUCATION AND FOR PROMOTION IN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE REFORM AND REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1998 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: For Approval of the President

The bill seeks to extend for five years the reglementary period for complying with the minimum educational qualification of PNP members preferably in law enforcement related courses, to be reckoned from the date of effectivity of this proposed amendatory act. However, for concerned PNP members who have rendered more than 15 years of service and who have exhibited exemplary performance as determined by the Commission, they shall no longer be required to comply with the aforementioned minimum educational requirement.

The bill further provides that the institution of a criminal action or complaint against a police officer shall not be a bar to promotion. However, upon finding of probable cause, the concerned police officer shall be ineligible for promotion. But if the case remains unresolved after two years from the determination of probable cause, he shall be considered for promotion. In the event he is held guilty of the crime by final judgment, said promotion shall be recalled without prejudice to the imposition of the appropriate penalties, under applicable laws, rules and regulations.

S. Jt. Res. No. 13/H. Jt. Res. No. 20 JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING SEVERANCE INCENTIVE TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOY-

EES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS, THE SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Vetoed by the President

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

R.A. No. 9520 AN ACT AMENDING THE COOPERATIVE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008 (S. No. 2264) [February 17, 2009]

The law amends certain articles of R.A. No. 6938, the Cooperative Code of the Philippines, which was enacted in 1990. It updates, for instance, the cooperative principles to align them with the latest definition of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), the largest, independent, nongovernmental organization in the world which unites, represents and serves cooperatives worldwide. Thus, the concept of “social audit” aside from the usual financial audit was introduced to achieve the vision that cooperatives must serve not only their members but also their community and environment.

Article 5 (11) of the law defines social audit as a procedure wherein the cooperative assesses its social impact and ethical performance vis-à-vis its stated mission, vision, goals and code of social responsibility for cooperatives to be established by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) in consultation with the cooperative sector. “It enables the cooperatives to develop a process whereby it can account for its social performance and understand its impact in the community and be accountable for its decisions and action to its regular members,” the amendment states.

Continuing educational reform programs for cooperatives are also mandated. Thus, Article 4 (5) requires cooperatives to provide education and training for their members, elected and appointed representatives, managers and employees so that they could contribute effectively and efficiently to the development of their cooperatives. The goal is the development of a stronger management team capable of addressing the need for joint ventures, mergers, or conglomerations to build economies of scale.

According to the law's authors, these amendments, among many others, incorporate the best practices from the last 18 years to further empower Philippine cooperatives in the face of increasing globalization, deregulation and privatization.

S. No. 2118 AN ACT CONVERTING THE BATAAN ECONOMIC ZONE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARIVELES, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, INTO THE BATAAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE BATAAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill calls for the conversion of the of the Bataan Economic Zone into the Bataan Special Economic Zone and Freeport (BSEZFP) which shall cover portions of barangays Maligaya, Malaya, Alas-asin and Sisiman in the municipality of Mariveles, province of Bataan. Under the bill, the BSEZFP shall be managed and operated under the following principles, among others: as a separate customs territory to ensure free flow or movement of goods and capital within, into and out of its territory; it may provide incentives such as tax and duty-free importations of raw materials, capital and equipment to registered enterprises located therein; and, it may establish mutually beneficial economic relations with other entities or enterprises within the country or with foreign entities or enterprises subject to the guidance of the DFA, the PEZA and the DTI.

EDUCATION AND CULTURE

R.A. No. 9519 AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDANAO POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDANAO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MUST) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4407) [January 7, 2009]

R.A. No. 9521 AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT FILIPINO AUTHORSHIP (S. No. 2409/H. No. 4213) [March 5, 2009]

This Act, also known as the “National Book Development Trust Fund Act,” establishes a National Book Development Trust Fund to support and promote Filipino authorship in science and technology as well as in subject areas where locally authored books are few or nonexistent. The law allots P50 million in the General Appropriations Act for the next five years starting from the Act’s enactment.

Another P50 million each shall be taken from the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) at P5 million per month for ten months.

The National Book Development Board, as administrator of the Fund, in coordination with national and local government units will undertake activities that would inform, promote, and develop Filipino authorship.

R.A. No. 9526 AN ACT CONVERTING THE EULOGIO RODRIGUEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE EULOGIO RODRIGUEZ INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3715) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9527 AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIGHWAY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE HIGHWAY HILLS INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3716) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9528 AN ACT SEPARATING THE NUEVE DE FEBRERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-PLEASANT HILLS ANNEX IN BARANGAY PLEASANT HILLS, CITY OF MANDALUYONG FROM THE NUEVE DE FEBRERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PLEASANT HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3748) [March 24, 2009]

R. A. No. 9529 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TINAGACAN, GENERAL SANTOS CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE TINAGACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3354) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9530 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAGDAUP, MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL, PROVINCE

OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE KNOWN AS MAGDAUP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4348) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9531 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SOUTHERN DAVAO, CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS SOUTHERN DAVAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3913) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9532 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAMAMAN-AN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS CAMAMAN-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3904) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9533 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GUINHAWA, MUNICIPALITY OF TUY, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE KNOWN AS TUY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3891) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9534 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY VEGA, MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABON, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO BE KNOWN AS VEGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3898) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9535 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DANGAY, MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS THE DANGAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3353) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9536 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE (1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE, ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATAGBACAN, LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GOV. JACINTO C. BORJA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3357) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9537 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS AGUSAN DEL SUR NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3888) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9538 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL

SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RIZAL, CITY OF SORSOGON, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS RIZAL INTEGRATED NATIONAL SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3832) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9539 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYUGAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DELSUR TO BE KNOWN AS MOUNT CARMEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3887) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9540 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADADA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE PADADA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3349) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9541 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DEL PILAR, MUNICIPALITY OF CAGDIANAO, PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS TO BE KNOWN AS DEL PILAR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3911) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9542 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DINAPA, MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS DINAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3910) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9543 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ROQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3908) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9544 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GANAO, MUNICIPALITY OF DUPAX DEL SUR, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS GANAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3900) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9545 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO BE KNOWN AS TUBA CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3914) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9546 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GUINOMAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DIPLAHAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE KNOWN AS GUI-

NOMAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4282) [March 24, 2009]

R.A. No. 9548 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARTS AND CULTURE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CAPITAL TOWN OF PILI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE BIKOL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 223) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9549 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAKEWOOD, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE POBLACION COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 1528) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9550 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MINOYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MURCIA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINOYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3334) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9551 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BOGAYO, MUNICIPALITY OF KUMALARANG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOGAYO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3348) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9552 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BOLIWONG, MUNICIPALITY OF LAGAWE, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAGAWE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3359) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9553 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUHATAN, CITY OF SORSOGON, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS BUHATAN INTEGRATED NATIONAL SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3830) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9554 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BINALIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF KAYAPA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS BINALIAN INTEGRATED NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3833) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9555 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BALETE, MUNICIPALITY OF KAYAPA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS NAPO-TUYAK NATION-

AL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
(H. No. 3899) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9556 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAGUCAN, MUNICIPALITY OF VINCENZO SAGUN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS SAGUCAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3906) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9557 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALCEDO, MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS FELIMON M. SALCEDO SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3907) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9558 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO, CITY OF OZAMIZ, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3912) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9559 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BULULAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAKEWOOD, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS BULULAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3915) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9560 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HANDUMON, MUNICIPALITY OF GETAFE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE KNOWN AS HANDUMON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4083) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9561 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANLAYAAN, WEST DISTRICT, CITY OF SORSOGON, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS PANLAYAAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4155) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9562 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAYASONG, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS BAYASONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4223) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9563 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TOGORON, MUNICIPALITY OF MONREAL, PROVINCE OF MASBATE TO BE KNOWN AS TOGORON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4224) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9564 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

IN BARANGAY LIBAYOY, MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS LIBAYOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4280) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9565 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PICANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF KUMALARANG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PICANAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4281) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9566 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBJO, PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS TO BE KNOWN AS SAN JOSE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4284) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9567 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MABUNAO, CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS MABUNAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4286) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9568 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KATIPUNAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILAGO, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS KATIPUNAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4290) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9569 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUNAWAN, CITY OF DAVAO TO BE KNOWN AS BERNARDINO B. BOSQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4292) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9570 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANNAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF MARIA AURORA, PROVINCE OF AURORA TO BE KNOWN AS DIMANPUDSO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4293) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9571 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CATMON, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS CATMON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4296) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9572 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY OZAMIZ (GUBA), MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS CONGRESSMAN HILARION J. RAMIRO, JR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4297) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9573 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BAANGAY BULIHAN, CITY OF MALOLOS, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS BULIHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4343) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9574 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SOLO, MUNICIPALITY OF MABINI, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE KNOWN AS MABINI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4346) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9575 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PICONG, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PICONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4347) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9577 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIANGA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIANGA NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 1059) [April 30, 2009]

R.A. No. 9578 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY JUPI, MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE JUPI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3327) [April 30, 2009]

R.A. No. 9579 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GATE, MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE GATE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3328) [April 30, 2009]

R.A. No. 9580 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NANENG, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA TO BE KNOWN AS NANENG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3829) [April 30, 2009]

R.A. No. 9581 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RECODO, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS THE RECODO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3331) [April 30, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9582** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALAWAO, STO. NIÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF TALAINGOD, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE DATU JOSE A. LIBAYAO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3335) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9583** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MESAJOY, MUNICIPALITY OF NEW CORELLA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MESAJOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3336) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9584** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAGAYEN, MUNICIPALITY OF ASUNCION, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAGAYEN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3337) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9585** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SEMONG, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPALONG, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SEMONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3341) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9586** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARAYAG, MUNICIPALITY OF LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARAYAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3346) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9587** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAILHI, CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAILHI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3347) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9588** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SINUBONG, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS THE SINUBONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3351) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9589** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CADANDANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE CADANDANAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3352) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9590** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LAJONG, MUNICIPALITY OF JUBAN, PROVINCE

OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAJONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3356) [April 30, 2009]

R.A. No. 9594 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAPISAN, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAPISAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3332) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9595 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALAPUNGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS SALAPUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3831) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9596 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PATAAC, MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO BE KNOWN AS STO. TOMAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3834) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9597 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SARAVIA, CITY OF KORONADAL, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO BE KNOWN AS SARAVIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3889) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9598 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIMALANG, MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE KNOWN AS TIMALANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3890) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9599 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DACUDAC, MUNICIPALITY OF TADIAN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS DACUDAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3892) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9600 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BURINGAL, MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS BURINGAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3893) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9601 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DATA, MUNICIPALITY OF SABANGAN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS DATA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3694) [May 13, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9602** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TAMBOAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BESAO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS TAMBOAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3895) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9603** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SACLIT, MUNICIPALITY OF SADANGA, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS SACLIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3896) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9604** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ABATAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS ABATAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3897) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9605** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALON-TALON, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS TALON-TALON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3901) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9606** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUNGUIAO, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS BUNGUIAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3902) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9607** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIGBE, MUNICIPALITY OF NORZAGARAY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS FVR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3903) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9608** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DON MARIANO MARCOS, MUNICIPALITY OF LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS DON MARIANO MARCOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3905) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9609** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PARADISE EMBAC, CITY OF DAVAO TO BE KNOWN AS PARADISE EMBAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3916) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9610** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BULUANG, MUNICIPALITY OF BAAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS EUSEBIA PAZ ARROYO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING

FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4027) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9611 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GRACEVILLE, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE GRACEVILLE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4037) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9612 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARIA, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE TO BE KNOWN AS EASTERN LAUA-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4084) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9613 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALIPAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA IGNACIA, PROVINCE OF TARLAC TO BE KNOWN AS CALIPAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4208) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9614 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONCADA, PROVINCE OF TARLAC TO BE KNOWN AS MONCADA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4209) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9615 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY INAPUGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS TINGCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4210) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9616 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PALANAS, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS PALANAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4211) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9617 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RIZAL, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LEONARDO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECUIJA TO BE KNOWN AS SAN LEONARDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4212) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9618 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUGNAY, MUNICIPALITY OF TINGLAYAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA TO BE KNOWN AS SOUTHERN TINGLAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4221) [May 13, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9619** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LILO-AN, CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS LILO-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4222) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9620** AN ACT CONVERTING THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS NEGROS OCCIDENTAL NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4228) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9621** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY COMAGUINGKING, MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS CAMARINES SUR NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4229) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9622** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF HUNGDUAN, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO TO BE KNOWN AS BANGBANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4230) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9623** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SUBIC, MUNICIPALITY OF AGONCILLO, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE KNOWN AS AGONCILLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4283) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9624** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAUSWAGAN, CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS KAUSWAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4285) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9625** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MECOLONG, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALINAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS MECOLONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4287) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9626** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BALINTAWAK, MUNICIPALITY OF MARGOSATUBIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS BALINTAWAK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4288) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9627** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN

BARANGAY MALAKING ILOG, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PAS-CUAL, PROVINCE OF MASBATE TO BE KNOWN AS MALAKING ILOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4289) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9628 AN ACT CONVERTING THE PILAR PRODUCTIVITY DEVELOPMENT HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PILAR NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4294) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9629 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBUAGAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA TO BE KNOWN AS LUBUAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4295) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9630 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS DAVAO ORIENTAL REGIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4335) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9631 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TANDUBUAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS TANDUBUAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4336) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9632 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARUING, MUNICIPALITY OF LAPUYAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS MARUING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4337) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9633 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GULING, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIPOS, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS GULING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4338) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9634 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TENIAPAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS TENIAPAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4339) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9635 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANUBIGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PITOGO, PROV-

INCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PANUBIGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4340) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9636 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY INDAHAG, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO TO BE KNOWN AS INDAHAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4341) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9637 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGAYAWAN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PAGAYAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4342) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9638 AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ROXAS ANNEX IN BARANGAY ROXAS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4344) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9639 AN ACT SEPARATING THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - STA. FE ANNEX IN BARANGAY STA. FE, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STA. FE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4345) [May 13, 2009]

R.A. No. 9641 AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF KAPITAN RAMON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAPITAN RAMON, CITY OF SILAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO DON FELIX T. LACSON MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (H. No. 3561) [May 29, 2009]

R.A. No. 9647 AN ACT DESIGNATING THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY AS THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 3157/H. No. 6049) [June 30, 2009]

This law designates the Philippine National University as the National Center for Teacher Education. Under this law, the PNU will provide technical support to the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in their programs and projects, and may provide assistance to legislators regarding legisla-

tive proposals for teacher education, training and curricula.

The PNU shall present their proposed standards regarding teacher competencies, innovative strategies, innovative modalities of teaching and learning, information and communication technology to DepEd, CHED and Congress. It shall establish an Education Policy Research and Development Office and it shall prepare a modernization plan to fulfil its mandate as the National Center for Teacher Education to be submitted to the University's Board of Regents for their approval.

All revenues and assets of PNU shall be exempt from all taxes and duties. The amount of P250 million is appropriated to PNU to carry out the provisions of this Act and P100 million per year for the succeeding five years.

S. No. 2408 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION FOR EDUCATORS IN BASIC EDUCATION

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This measure provides additional compensation for public school teachers, locally-funded teachers, Philippine Science High School System teaching and non-teaching personnel and DepEd non-teaching personnel whose salary grade is below level 30.

They shall be granted additional P 9,000.00 per month as additional compensation to their existing salary and benefits to be paid in three equal tranches as follows: First Year — P3,000 per month; Second Year — an additional P3,000 per month; Third Year — another additional P3,000 per month. This will be considered as part of the basic salary and will be the basis for computing retirement pay and bonuses that the beneficiaries in this measure are entitled to.

Further support will come from the following: (1) allowances and other remuneration funded from local school board funds, to be sourced from the Special Education Fund (SEF); (2) medical allowance of P1,000 per year; (3) Annual Magna Carta Bonus to public school teachers and non-teaching personnel of the DepEd that is equivalent to the entitlement a teacher or non-teaching personnel should have received under RA 4670 or the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers of 1966 but which have not been realized in a given budget year.

To immediately implement this measure, funding will come from

the savings of the Executive branch of the government and other possible sources to be determined by the Office of the President, and subsequent funds shall be under the General Appropriations Act for the year following this bill's enactment into law.

S. No. 3014 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE, STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA), AND ITS AFFILIATED CULTURAL AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This proposed law, to be known as the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009, seeks to preserve culture as a strategy for maintaining Filipino identity. Its objectives: protect, preserve, conserve and promote the nation's cultural heritage, its property and histories and the ethnicity of local communities; establish and strengthen cultural institutions; and protect cultural workers and ensure their professional development and well-being.

The bill also categorizes the cultural property of the country, designates heritage zones, lays down the procedure for declaring or de-listing national cultural treasures (NCT) or important cultural property, and further defines the powers and roles of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and other cultural agencies, among others.

S. No. 3298 AN ACT INSTITUTING THE NEW GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER, PENALIZING VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

This measure cites the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) as an independent voluntary, non-government, non-stock, non-sectarian, non-political entity and accords it corporate powers and fiscal incentives.

The GSP's structure shall be composed of a Central Board, a National Executive Committee and a National Council. The Central Board shall be the governing body of the GSP and shall be composed of 37 to 47 members, the qualifications of whom are specified in the measure. It shall serve as the policy-maker of the organization.

The National Executive Committee, composed of all officers and chairpersons of standing committees, shall implement the policies and decisions of the National Council and Central Board. The National Council, composed of the members of the Central Board and the presidents of Girl Scout councils or their representatives and elected delegates from each council as may be prescribed in the by-laws, shall serve as a forum for guidelines, directions and evaluation of the Girl Scout movement.

The emblems, badges, insignias, uniforms and other equipment of the GSP shall be protected by Intellectual Property Rights and these shall be registered free of charge with the Intellectual Property Office.

Among the fiscal incentives granted to the GSP under this bill are: 1) exemption from all direct and indirect taxes including value-added tax (VAT) fees and other charges of all kinds derived from operation; 2) exemption from all direct and indirect taxes including value-added tax, duties, fees and other charges on importation and purchases for the GSP's exclusive use; and 3) exemption from donor's tax of all donations, legacies and gifts made to the GSP in support of its objectives.

S. No. 3307 AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8491, ENTITLED "AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE CODE OF THE NATIONAL FLAG, ANTHEM, MOTTO, COAT OF ARMS AND OTHER HERALDIC ITEMS AND DEVICES OF THE PHILIPPINES," OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FLAG AND HERALDIC CODE

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill amends R.A. 8491 or the Flag and Heraldic Code by adding a ninth ray to the eight-rayed golden-yellow sun design in the flag.

This bill also provides, among others, the following:

- that during Flag Days all offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government, business establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are obligated each year to display the flag from May 28, which is the National Flag Day, to June 12, which is the Independence Day;
- that the wearing of the flag, seal and coat of arms as part of a costume or as a fashion accessory or as a design element is prohibited, except with the approval of the National Historical

Institute (NHI) when it is used as part of the uniform of Filipinos representing the Philippines in international sports, cultural or scientific competitions or official functions; and

- that when the National Anthem is played or sang, it shall be in accordance with the musical arrangement and composition of Julian Felipe which is in two–four beat within the range of 100 to 120 metronome.

The NHI shall issue the rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this measure and shall submit the same to the Office of the President and the Congress of the Philippines.

HOUSE BILLS ESTABLISHING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS

A. Approved on Third Reading by Both Houses

H. No. 2095 AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF CONCEPCION HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MALANDAY, CITY OF MARIKINA, TO MALANDAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

H. No. 3724 AN ACT RESTORING THE NAME OF THE BOHOL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8016, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BOHOL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO DR. CECILIO PUTONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

H. No. 3886 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAMBANG, MUNICIPALITY OF BOCAUE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS BAMBANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 3935 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TABOC, MUNICIPALITY OF ANGAT, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS ANGAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 3936 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO, CITY OF MARIKINA TO BE KNOWN AS STO. NIÑO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4015 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARONQUILLO, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL,

PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS MARONQUILLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4016 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALACOT, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS VEDASTO R. SANTIAGO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4017 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN MATEO, MUNICIPALITY OF NORZAGARAY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS SAN MATEO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4018 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BALAONG, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS BALAONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4032 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MALARUHATAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LIAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE KNOWN AS LIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4291 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DAPA, SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS SIARGAO SCIENCE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4469 AN ACT SEPARATING THE VALENZUELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - PUNTURIN ANNEX IN BARANGAY PUNTURIN, CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA FROM THE VALENZUELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS VICENTE P. TRINIDAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4470 AN ACT SEPARATING THE VALENZUELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BIGNAY ANNEX IN BARANGAY BIGNAY, CITY OF VALENZUELA FROM THE VALENZUELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BIGNAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4553 AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN ILDEFONSO HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ILDEFONSO, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ILDEFONSO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4566 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MINUYAN PROPER, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS MINUYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 4810 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5026 AN ACT SEPARATING THE ANTIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - SAPINIT ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN JUAN, CITY OF ANTIPOLO FROM THE ANTIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAPINIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5027 AN ACT SEPARATING THE ANTIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - SAN ROQUE ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, CITY OF ANTIPOLO FROM THE ANTIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ROQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5072 AN ACT SEPARATING THE ANTIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CUPANG ANNEX IN BARANGAY CUPANG, CITY OF ANTIPOLO FROM THE ANTIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CUPANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5107 AN ACT SEPARATING THE PANTABANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - GANDUZ ANNEX IN BARANGAY GANDUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF PANTABANGAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIIJA FROM THE PANTABANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GANDUZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5136 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAESA, CITY OF QUEZON TO BE KNOWN AS BAESA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5137 AN ACT SEPARATING THE CONSTANCIO PADILLA NA-

TIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - STO. NIÑO 3RD ANNEX IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO 3RD, CITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIIJA FROM THE CONSTANCIO PADILLA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STO. NIÑO 3RD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5138 AN ACT SEPARATING THE CARRANGLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BURGOS ANNEX IN BARANGAY BURGOS, MUNICIPALITY OF CARRANGLAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIIJA FROM THE CARRANGLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BURGOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5144 AN ACT SEPARATING THE ANTIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAXIMO L. GATLABAYAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, CITY OF ANTIPOLO FROM THE ANTIPOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MAXIMO L. GATLABAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5249 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAPATALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SINILOAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE KNOWN AS GOVERNOR FELICISIMO T. SAN LUIS NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5293 AN ACT SEPARATING THE VALENZUELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ARKONG BATO ANNEX IN BARANGAY ARKONG BATO, CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA FROM THE VALENZUELA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ARKONG BATO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5330 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY APOLONIO SAMSON, QUEZON CITY TO BE KNOWN AS APOLONIO SAMSON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5354 AN ACT CONVERTING THE BOTOLAN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOTOLAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BOTOLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5357 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF CALOOCAN

TO BE KNOWN AS CALOOCAN NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5363 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, CITY OF MARIKINA TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ROQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5364 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BARANGKA, CITY OF MARIKINA TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGKA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5373 AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANAN HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOTOLAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PANAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5377 AN ACT SEPARATING THE CALOOCAN CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL - CHS ANNEX IN BARANGAY SIXTY-TWO (62), CITY OF CALOOCAN FROM THE CALOOCAN HIGH SCHOOL (CHS), CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CALOOCAN CITY SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5379 AN ACT CONVERTING THE NEW TAUGTOG HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOTOLAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS NEW TAUGTOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5402 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KALUMPANG, CITY OF MARIKINA TO BE KNOWN AS KALUMPANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

B. Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 1235 AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF LAMO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LAMO, MUNICIPALITY OF DUPAX DEL NORTE, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO DUPAX DEL NORTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

H. No. 3985 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GIBACUNGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS GIBACUNGAN NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

- H. No. 3909** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARUGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS BARUGO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 3933** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANAWEL, MUNICIPALITY OF NATONIN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS BANAWEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 3934** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DALICAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS DALICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 3938** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANGUITAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BESAO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS BANGUITAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 3985** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GIBACUNGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS GIBACUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 4035** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY STA. CRUZ, MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS TEOFILOR. MACASO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 4468** AN ACT SEPARATING THE TOLOSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - TOLOSA SCHOOL OF FISHERIES IN BARANGAY TANGHAS, MUNICIPALITY OF TOLOSA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE FROM THE TOLOSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DANIEL Z. ROMUALDEZ STATE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL OF FISHERIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 4471** AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - DEL CARMEN ANNEX IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DEL CARMEN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

- H. No. 4540** AN ACT SEPARATING THE DAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - TUBURAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY TUBURAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE DAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MARIANO MATUGAS MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 4541** AN ACT SEPARATING THE PILAR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CARIDAD ANNEX IN BARANGAY CARIDAD, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, FROM THE PILAR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CARIDAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 4556** AN ACT SEPARATING THE MOUNT DATU NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - TIPUNAN ANNEX IN SITIO TIPUNAN, BARANGAY MONAMON NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE MOUNT DATA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TIPUNAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 4557** AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAPAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LIBERTAD ANNEX IN BARANGAY LIBERTAD, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MONICA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE SAPAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LIBERTAD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 4559** AN ACT SEPARATING THE SOCORRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - NUEVA ESTRELLA ANNEX IN BARANGAY NUEVA ESTRELLA, MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE SOCORRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS NUEVA ESTRELLA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 4560** AN ACT SEPARATING THE DAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CONSOLACION ANNEX IN BARANGAY CONSOLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE DAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CONSOLACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

- H. No. 4578** AN ACT SEPARATING THE SADANGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BELWANG ANNEX IN BARANGAY BELWANG, MUNICIPALITY OF SADANGA, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE SADANGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BELWANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5025** AN ACT SEPARATING THE GRANJA-KALINAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - CANHANDUGAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE FROM THE GRANJA-KALINAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS AGAPITO AMADO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5098** AN ACT SEPARATING THE BUTIGUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - PALITOD ANNEX IN BARANGAY PALITOD, MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE BUTIGUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PALITOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5103** AN ACT SEPARATING THE QUEZON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - RUNRUNO ANNEX IN BARANGAY RUNRUNO, MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM THE QUEZON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS RUNRUNO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5129** AN ACT SEPARATING THE MABA-AY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LESEB ANNEX IN BARANGAY LESEB, MUNICIPALITY OF BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE MABA-AY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LESEB NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5131** AN ACT SEPARATING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL - TUCUCAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY TUCUCAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS TUCUCAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

- H. No. 5132** AN ACT SEPARATING THE CAGUBATAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - AM-AM ANNEX IN BARANGAY CADAD-ANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TADIAN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE CAGUBATAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS AM-AM NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5173** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNEX OF THE HIMPIPILA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE LOCATED IN BARANGAY LIBERTAD, MUNICIPALITY OF ABUYOG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS HIMPIPILA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5174** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNEX OF THE MAKINHAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE LOCATED IN BARANGAY CIABU, CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS MAKINHAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5175** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNEX OF THE SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE LOCATED IN BARANGAY POLAHONGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MAHAPLAG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5239** AN ACT SEPARATING THE NUEVA VIZCAYA GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL - PAIMA ANNEX IN BARANGAY PAITAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOMBONG, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM THE NUEVA VIZCAYA GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PAIMA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5240** AN ACT SEPARATING THE NUEVA VIZCAYA GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL - BONFAL ANNEX IN BARANGAY BONFAL, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOMBONG, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM THE NUEVA VIZCAYA GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BONFAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
- H. No. 5270** AN ACT SEPARATING THE ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - PELAWAY ANNEX IN BARANGAY PELAWAY, MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM THE ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS

CASECNAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5371 AN ACT SEPARATING THE BUTIGUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - SAN RAFAEL ANNEX IN BARANGAY BANANAO, MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE BUTIGUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5372 AN ACT SEPARATING THE MABA-AY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BANSA ANNEX IN BARANGAY BANSA, MUNICIPALITY OF BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE MABA-AY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANSA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5382 AN ACT SEPARATING THE BARLIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LIAS ANNEX IN BARANGAY LIAS, MUNICIPALITY OF BARLIG, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE BARLIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LIAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5400 AN ACT SEPARATING THE KAYAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - BOLO ANNEX IN BARANGAY BOLO, ALANG SALAC-SAC, MUNICIPALITY OF KAYAPA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA FROM THE KAYAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MARTINEZ CUYANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

H. No. 5424 AN ACT SEPARATING THE EASTERN BONTOC NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - SALIOK ANNEX IN BARANGAY SALIOK, MUNICIPALITY OF NATONIN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE EASTERN BONTOC NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SALIOK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

ENERGY

R.A. No. 9513 AN ACT PROMOTING AND ENHANCING THE DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES (S. No. 2046/H. No. 4193) [December 16, 2008]

This Act, known as the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, establishes the framework for the accelerated development and advancement of renewable energy resources and the development of a strategic program to increase its use. Its objective is to reduce the country's dependence on generation systems powered by imported fuels and to minimize the economy's exposure to price fluctuations of oil in the international market.

Under the Act, renewable energy (RE) resources refer to energy resources that do not have an upper limit on the total quantity to be used. They are renewable on a regular basis and their renewal rate is relatively rapid to consider availability over an indefinite period of time. They include, among others, biomass, solar, wind, geothermal, ocean energy, and hydropower conforming to internationally accepted norms and standards on dams, and other emerging energy technologies.

Incentives are also provided to RE developers of renewable energy facilities. These include, among others, income tax holiday; duty-free importation of RE machinery, equipment and materials; special realty tax rates on equipment and machinery; and net operating loss carry-over.

S. No. 2121 AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 9, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 41, 43, 45, 48, 51 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136 ENTITLED AN ACT ORDAINING REFORMS IN THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to amend the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), enacted in 2001, with the aim of achieving what this law originally sought to remedy: inefficiencies in the system, high systems losses, contracted debts, miscalculations in the demand for future capacities and regulatory inadequacies, which all contributed to the high cost of electricity in the country. Other features of the amendatory bill:

1. It accelerates open access by lowering the requirement of the privatization of the generation assets of the National Power Corporation in Luzon and Visayas from 70 percent to 50 percent;
2. It disallows the recovery of stranded debts and contract costs of all industry players to reflect the true cost of power;

3. It limits the franchise taxes imposed by the local government units only to the distribution and wheeling charges earned by distribution utilities which are passed on to the end-users;
4. It prohibits the passing of the universal charge to end-user of self-generated electricity who or which is not directly connected to the distribution system of a distribution utility or to the transmission grid and its subtransmission facilities except for the payment of the obligation when the self-generated electricity is sourced from the utilization and exploitation of the natural resources of the country.

Under the bill, the Energy Regulatory Commission shall disallow the issuance of provisional authority for applications for rate adjustments that pertain to basic rate components attributable to the regulated entity, such as but not limited to the basic generation rate of NPC, transmission wheeling rates for TRANSCO and the distribution-related charges for distribution companies.

The Commission is also mandated to conduct public hearings on applications for rate increase and on any issue that will affect private rights or impose obligations on electricity end-users.

The bill also prohibits a distribution utility to source from a bilateral electric power supply contract or contracts more than 50 percent of its total electric power supply requirements from any generation company wholly owned or controlled by the same interest. Any bilateral contracted capacity shall not exceed 20 percent of the capacity of the grid as determined by the Commission.

S. No. 3282 AN ACT DIRECTING THE REDUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT SHARE FROM INDIGENOUS ENERGY RESOURCES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PARITY OF TAX TREATMENT, LOWER COMMODITY PRICE, REDUCE THE COST OF ELECTRICITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

This bill proposes to reduce the government share from the net proceeds from the sale of the indigenous energy from 60 percent to 3 percent over the remaining life of the service contracts.

Government share, under this bill, refers to the amount due the national government and local government units in the form of royalty payments by service contractors from the discovery, exploration,

development and/or production of indigenous energy resources.

Under this measure, service contractors would then in turn lower the commodity price of the indigenous energy resource sold for electrical power generation by 32 percent.

This bill seeks to lower the cost of power generation in order to reduce the price of electric consumption.

ENVIRONMENT

R.A. No. 9512 AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 1699/H. No. 4381) [December 12, 2008]

This law, known as the Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008, mandates the Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Science and Technology to integrate environmental education in its school curricula at all levels, whether public or private, including barangay daycare, preschool, non-formal, technical vocational, professional level, indigenous learning and out-of-school youth courses or programs.

Under this law, environmental education shall encompass environmental concepts and principles, environmental laws, state of international and local environment, threats of environmental degradation and its impact on human well-being, the responsibility of the citizenry to the environment and the value of conservation, protection and rehabilitation of natural resources and the environment in the context of sustainable development. It shall cover both theoretical and practicum modules comprising of activities, projects and programs including, but not limited to, tree planting, waste management, segregation recycling and composting, among others.

To further promote national environment awareness, the Act mandates that the month of November of every year shall be known as the “Environmental Awareness Month” throughout the Philippines.

S. No. 2392 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MOUNTAINS OF BANAHAW AND SAN CRISTOBAL IN THE PROVINCES OF LAGUNA AND QUEZON AS A PROTECTED AREA, UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: For Approval of the President

Because the mountains of Banahaw and San Cristobal serve as a major watershed on the provinces of Laguna and Quezon, the bill proposes to establish them as a protected area under the category of protected landscape, to be called Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape (MBSCPL). The proposed measure identifies clearly the scope and boundaries that fall under the category of protected landscape. All lands of public domain are classified under the landscape. A Management Plan is promulgated to serve as the basic long-term framework plan and guide in the preparation of its annual operations plan. A Management Board will have jurisdiction, power and authority over the MBSCPL.

Parts of the MBSCPL shall be designated as pilgrimage areas which shall be determined by the Management Board. A revolving fund to be known as the MBSCPL Fund serves the purpose of financing projects in the landscape. Tenured migrants and other MBSCPL stakeholders are eligible to be stewards of portions of lands within allowable zones.

S. No. 2393 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE APO REEF IN SABLAYAN, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AS PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK AND ITS PERIPHERAL WATERS AS BUFFER ZONES, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

The bill establishes the Apo Reef in Occidental Mindoro as a protected area under the category of natural park, to be called the Apo Reef Natural Park (ARNP). The National Mapping and Resource Information Authority is tasked to indicate on the map and/or nautical chart the metes and bounds of the ARNP through survey and demarcation.

Under the bill, a Management Board is created pursuant to R.A. 7586, or the NIPAS Act of 1992, to manage the ARNP. A Management Plan shall be promulgated that will serve as the basic long-term frame-

wok plan in the management of the protected area plan and budget. The Management Board will also report quarterly to the DENR the status of the implementation of this Act should it become a law.

Hunting, catching, fishing, killing, gathering, destroying or possessing of resources in the ARNP without a permit from the Management Board and such other permits required are deemed violation of the law.

S. No. 2394 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TUBBATAHAREEFS NATURAL PARK IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN UNDER THE NIPAS ACT (RA 7586) AND THE SEP LAW (RA 7611), PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This proposed Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (TRNP) Act of 2008 defines the park's boundaries and creates a buffer zone. A Management Plan shall be prepared by the Tubbataha Management Office (TMO), the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), the Municipal Government of Palawan, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. A successor plan to the management plan made by the TMO before its expiration shall be available to the public for perusal at the office and sub-offices of the Protected Area Superintendent and the PCSD.

Under the bill, a Tubbataha Management Board (TMB) shall be the sole policy-making and permit granting body of the TNRP. Its composition is enumerated in the proposed measure.

Local government units shall participate in the management of the TRNP and ensure that local ordinances pertaining to environment are consistent with this proposed Act and the Management Plan.

Violations punishable under this bill include, among others: unauthorized entry, enjoyment or use of the TRNP and its resources, damages to the reef, non-payment of conservation fees, anchoring of a vessel onto the reef, dumping of waste and littering, bio-prospecting without permit, introduction of exotic species, hunting, catching, fishing, killing, taking, gathering, removing, destroying, disturbing, or possessing resources, poaching by foreigners, violation of Environmental Impact Assessment System, violation of standards set by the

TMB, and obstruction to law enforcement officer in the performance of his functions as officer.

S. No. 2583 AN ACT MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE CHANGE INTO GOVERNMENT POLICY FORMULATIONS, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Conference Committee

A Climate Change Commission is established under this proposed bill which shall be under the Office of the President. Upon its organization, the Presidential Task Force on Climate Change and the Inter-Agency Committee on Climate Change shall be abolished.

The President of the Philippines shall be the Chairperson of the Commission who shall appoint a Commissioner and two Deputy Commissioners. The composition of its members will include the secretaries of various local government offices and representatives from the academe, the business sector, non-government organizations and civil society as well as other sectors who shall be nominated.

The Commission will constitute a national panel of technical advisers consisting of practitioners in areas related to climate change. A Framework Program will be formulated within six months from the effectivity of this proposed law to be reviewed every three years or as may be deemed necessary. A National Climate Change Action Plan is also deemed to be established with the objectives of identifying vulnerable communities and areas, assessing and managing risk and vulnerability, and finally, identifying options, prioritization, selection and implementation of appropriate responses for adoption.

Local government units shall also act as frontline agencies that shall help in the formulation, planning, and implementation of climate change action plans. Civil society and the corporate and private sectors also play a role in the development and implementation of the National Climate Change Action Plan.

H. No. 3680 AN ACT IMPOSING A LOGGING BAN IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 3681 AN ACT IMPOSING A LOGGING BAN IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE

Status: Approved on Second Reading

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

R.A. No. 9522 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3046, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5446, TO DEFINE THE ARCHIPELAGIC BASELINES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2699/H. No. 3216) [March 10, 2009]

This law draws the country's archipelagic baselines from which the extent of the Philippine territorial sea, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf, and extended continental shelf shall be measured.

It amends certain provisions of Republic Act No. 3046, as amended by Republic Act No. 5446, in compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) requirement of submitting the Philippines' claim for an extended continental shelf on or before 13 May 2009.

This present baselines law 1) redraws prior baselines which are not UNCLOS-compliant; 2) serves as official notice to all states of the extent of the limits of Philippine maritime zone; 3) affirms that the Republic of the Philippines has dominion, sovereignty and jurisdiction over all portions of the national territory as defined in the Constitution and by provisions of applicable laws including, without limitation, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended; and 4) encloses within three long baselines the main archipelago only.

The contested land territories which are called the Bajo de Masinloc, also known as Scarborough Shoal, and the Kalayaan Island Group are treated under the "regime of islands" provided for by the UNCLOS under Article 121, and shall be entitled to their own maritime zones.

S. Res. No. 129 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN

The Philippine Senate, through this resolution, concurs in the ratification of the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a document signed on 20 November 2007 in Singapore.

The ASEAN Charter aims to set principles and purposes to be adhered to by ASEAN Member States in order to, among others:

- maintain and enhance peace, security and stability and further strengthen peace-oriented values in the region;
- enhance regional resilience by promoting greater political, security, economic and socio-cultural cooperation;
- preserve Southeast Asia as a Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone and free of all other weapons of mass destruction;
- create a stable, highly competitive single market and production base;
- strengthen democracy, enhance good governance and the rule of law, and to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms with due regard to the rights and responsibilities of the member states; respond effectively, in accordance with the principle of comprehensive security, to all forms of threats, transnational crimes and transboundary challenges; and
- promote sustainable development to ensure protection of the region's environment, the sustainability of its natural resources, the preservation of its cultural heritage and the high quality of life of its peoples.

The ASEAN Charter also confers legal personality on ASEAN as an intergovernmental organization and provides it immunities and privileges as may be necessary for the fulfillment of its purpose in the territories of the member states.

S. Res. No. 131 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE JAPAN-PHILIPPINES ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (JPEPA) (PSR 555) [October 8, 2008]

The Senate of the Philippines, through this resolution, concurs in the ratification of the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) as modified by the Supplemental Agreement consisting of the Exchange of Notes Between the Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, known as the Romulo-Aso Exchange of Notes of 23 May 2007, and

the Exchange of Notes between the Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines, known as the Romulo-Komura Exchange of Notes of 28 August 2008.

In concurring with the JPEPA, which was transmitted by the President to the Senate on August 22, 2007 for its concurrence, the Senate recognized the need to develop economic opportunities for Filipinos and to develop new forms of economic engagement with the Philippines' most important trading partners, including Japan.

The country has enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with Japan in the economic, political, scientific and cultural fields.

FRANCHISES

R.A.No. 9517 AN ACT GRANTING SOUTHEAST ASIAN AIRLINES (SEAIR) INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, WITH CLARKFIELD, PAMPANGA AS ITS BASE (H. No. 3788) [Lapsed into law on December 27, 2008]

R.A. No. 9518 AN ACT GRANTING THE METRO KIDAPAWAN TELEPHONE CORPORATION (MKTC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO (H. No. 3789) [Lapsed into law on December 27, 2008]

H. No. 3040 AN ACT GRANTING THE CONVERGENCE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3058 AN ACT GRANTING THE INFORMATION BROADCAST UNLIMITED, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3063 AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9119, ENTITLED AN ACT GRANTING THE BENGUET BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 5146 AN ACT GRANTING THE PANAY TELEPHONE CORPORATION (PANTELCO III) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CABATUAN, JANIUAY AND BADIANGAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5227 AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE OF EXPRESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO., INC. (FORMERLY 'FELIX ALBERTO AND COMPANY, INCORPORATED') GRANTED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2090, AND RENEWING/EXTENDING THE TERM THEREOF TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY

R.A. No. 9514 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1185 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2553/H. No. 4115)
[December 19, 2008]

This law establishes a Comprehensive Fire Code of the Philippines which will apply to all persons and all private and public buildings, facilities or structures erected or constructed before and after its effectivity.

The Fire Code, which repeals P.D. No. 1185, shall be administered and enforced by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), under the direct supervision and control of the chief of the BFP. The Chief, with the approval of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, is authorized to, among others, issue implementing rules and regulations, and prescribe standards, schedules of fees and administrative penalties as provided in the pertinent provisions of

the Code; reorganize the BFP as may be necessary and appropriate; support and assist fire volunteers, practitioners and fire volunteer organizations in the country who shall undergo mandatory fire suppression, inspection, rescue and other related emergency response training; and enter into long term agreement, either through public biddings or negotiations, in accordance with the provisions of R.A. No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act of 2003, for the acquisition of fire prevention, fire protection and fighting investigations, rescue, paramedics, hazardous material handling equipments, supplies, materials and related technical services necessary for the fire service.

The law also provides penalties for the violations of the Code against private individual which may be an administrative fine not exceeding P50,000 or in the proper case, by stoppage of operations or by closure of such buildings, structures and their premises which do not comply with the requirement.

S. No. 150 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE DONATION OF FOOD FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

The bill addresses the legal liability faced by prospective donors and helpers in the donation of wholesome food for charitable purposes. Under the bill, a natural or juridical person who in good faith donates wholesome food shall be free from civil or criminal liability. This is not applicable, however, to an injury or death of an ultimate beneficiary of donated food resulting from an act or omission of a person constituting gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

The proposed Food Donation Act seeks to address the poverty issue and to curtail food wastage by encouraging surplus food to be donated, collected, and distributed to the less fortunate.

S. No. 1863 AN ACT MANDATING MOTORCYCLE RIDERS TO WEAR STANDARD QUALITY HELMET WHILE DRIVING, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This proposed measure mandates all motorcycle riders, the driver and the back rider, to wear standard-quality helmets while driving

motorcycles. However, this bill exempts tricycle drivers from the provision of this measure.

The bill recognizes that the use of helmet is a critical factor in the prevention and reduction of head injury in motorcycle accidents. The bill imposes a penalty of confiscation of driver's license and/or a fine of not less than P3,000 but not exceeding P20,000 for failure to wear a helmet.

S. No. 2362 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This bill seeks to establish a special hospital for overseas Filipino workers and their dependents to be known as the Migrant Workers Hospital, which shall be under the supervision and control of Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). In order to ensure the availability, accessibility and affordability of health care, the migrant workers hospital shall provide for a comprehensive/total health care services to all migrant workers who are OWWA contributors; complement the existing package of services under the health care program so as to include preventive, diagnostic and rehabilitative programs; and set up a system that will effectively monitor the condition of patients and to generate relevant information and data in aid of policy formulation.

S. No. 2377 AN ACT TO EFFECTIVELY INSTILL HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH PICTURE-BASED WARNINGS ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This bill requires cigarette packages and other tobacco product packages including cartons and master cases to bear highly visible full-color picture-based health warnings, as prescribed. They shall contain a photographic picture warning and an accompanying textual warning related to the picture. Furthermore, they shall also display prominently additional information such as additional health warnings, hotlines or websites and the like.

Any false impression that would look erroneously thru descriptors or any other sign shall not be made on cigarette packs or tobacco product packages. No sales can be made without the display of the picture warning in accordance with the provisions of this bill. Manufacturers, importers, and distributors of tobacco products shall be liable in case of violation of the provisions of this proposed measure. Retailers and sellers shall also be held liable in case of any violation of this Act.

S. No. 2410 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RESEARCH ON POSTPARTUM SYNDROME

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill mandates the National Center for Mental Health (NCMH) to be in the forefront of expanding and intensifying research and related activities with respect to postpartum syndromes.

Postpartum syndrome under this proposed law refers to complex combination of physical emotional and behavioral changes that occur in a mother after giving birth, which may be classified as postpartum blues, postpartum depression or postpartum psychosis.

Specifically, the bill further provides that the director of the NCMH shall be the coordinator in research and other related activities involving national research centers, agencies of the DOH and other health care professional organizations that have responsibilities related to postpartum conditions. These covers research on etiology, epidemiology, development of improved diagnostic techniques, development and evaluation of new treatments, information and education programs and implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the activities being conducted.

S. No. 2390 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM FOR THE PREVENTION, EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND INTERVENTION OF HEARING LOSS AMONG CHILDREN

Status: For Approval of the President

The proposed law establishes a Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program to institutionalize measures for the prevention and early diagnosis of congenital hearing loss among newborns, the provision

of referral, follow-up, recall and early intervention services to infants with hearing loss, and counseling and other support services for families of newborns with hearing loss, to afford them all the opportunities to be productive members of the community.

Under the bill, the term “newborn” shall refer to an infant from the time of complete delivery to 30 days old. “Newborn hearing loss screening” refers to an objective, physiological procedure performed on a newborn to determine if the newborn has hearing impairment. “Congenital hearing loss” shall refer to hearing impairment already present at birth.

The objectives of the program include: to ensure that all newborns have access to hearing loss screening; to establish a network among pertinent government and private sector stakeholders for policy development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation to promote universal newborn hearing screening program in the country; to provide continuing capacity building which includes training for health care practitioners, conduct of applied research and other related activities; and to establish and maintain a newborn hearing screening database.

Other salient provisions of the bill are:

- any healthcare practitioner who delivers, or assists in the delivery, of a newborn in the Philippines shall, prior to delivery, inform the parents or legal guardian of the newborn of the availability, nature and benefits of hearing loss screening among newborns or infants three months old and below;
- upon consent of parents or legal guardians, all infants born in hospitals in the country shall be made to undergo newborn hearing loss screening before discharge, unless the parents or legal guardians of the newborn object to the screening;
- infants who are not born in hospitals should be screened within the first three months;
- a parent or legal guardian may refuse hearing loss screening on the grounds of religious and/or cultural beliefs, a copy of the waiver shall be made part of the newborn’s medical record and shall be entered into the national newborn hearing screening database; and
- the Department of Health shall be the lead agency in implementing the provisions of this bill should it be enacted into law.

S. No. 2411 AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 996, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The Act amends PD 996 on the scope of basic immunization services wherein all newborn infants shall be given immunization against Hepatitis B immediately within 24 hours after birth. The provision also includes also those born out of the hospital, medical clinic, or the like where immunization will take place in any health facility not later than seven days. Furthermore, subsequent doses of the vaccine shall be in accordance with the recommended schedule as indicated in the implementing rules and regulations. Lastly, the importance of giving infants basic immunization services shall be taught by all health care practitioners or health care workers administering prenatal care to pregnant mothers.

An appropriation to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be taken from the 2.5 percent allocation for the disease prevention program of the Department of Health from the incremental revenues from the alcohol and tobacco excise taxes, as provided for under R.A. 9334. The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation shall include basic immunization services in its benefit package when actuarial studies have determined its financial feasibility.

S. No. 2645 AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY CAPACITY OF THE BUREAU OF FOOD AND DRUGS (BFAD) BY ESTABLISHING ADEQUATE TESTING LABORATORIES AND FIELD OFFICES, UPGRADING ITS EQUIPMENT, AUGMENTING ITS HUMAN RESOURCE COMPLEMENT, GIVING AUTHORITY TO RETAIN ITS INCOME, CONVERTING IT INTO THE FOOD, DRUGS, COSMETICS AND DEVICES ADMINISTRATION (FD-CDA), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 3720, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Status: For Approval of the President

The measure seeks to expand the powers and functions of the current Bureau of Food and Drugs and rename it as the Food, Drugs, Cosmetics and Devices Administration. As the name implies, cosmetics and devices shall be among those covered in the regulatory functions of the FDCDA, aside from food and drugs. Among those included in the regulatory functions of FDCDA are inspection, licensing and

monitoring of establishments and the registration and monitoring of food, drugs, devices, biologicals, vaccines, in-vitro diagnostic reagents, cosmetics and household/urban hazardous substances and/or a combination of and/or a derivative thereof. It shall also refer to products that may have an effect on health which require regulations as determined by FDCDA. Collectively, these shall be known as “health products.”

The current BFAD shall be reorganized to appropriately respond to its expanded tasks. FDCDA shall be headed by a director-general, with the rank of undersecretary, who shall be assisted by two deputy directors-general—one for administration and finance, and the other, for field regulatory operations. These officers shall be appointed by the President of the Republic.

Instead of divisions (as in the BFAD), FDCDA shall have the following centers, based on major product category that is being regulated: (1) Center for Drugs Regulation and Research (to include veterinary medicines, vaccines and biologicals); (2) Center for Food Regulation and Research; (3) Center for Cosmetics Regulation and Research (to include household/urban hazardous substances) and (3) Center for Device Regulation and Radiation Health. These Centers shall be headed by a director. The Centers shall regulate the manufacture, import, export, distribution, sale, offer for sale, transfer, promotion, advertisement, sponsorship of, and when appropriate, the use and testing of health products. These shall also conduct research into the safety, efficacy and quality of health products and to institute standards for the same. Further, each Center shall have the following divisions: licensing and registration division, product research and standards development division, and laboratory support division.

FDCDA shall have an Administrative and Finance Office headed by the Deputy Director-General for Administration and Finance. A Policy and Planning Office shall be under the Office of the Director-General and shall have a training, advocacy and communications division, and shall monitor the performance of the Centers for Product Research, Evaluation and Development. The Field Regulatory Operations Office shall be headed by the Deputy Director-General for Field Regulatory Operations and shall have jurisdiction over all the field Offices, field or satellite laboratories.

S. No. 3122 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This proposed Reproductive Health and Population and Development Act of 2009 sets a national policy on reproductive health with the following guiding principles, among others: the State shall endeavor to promote a reproductive health program that aims to:

- enable couples to have the number of children they desire with due consideration to the health, particularly women, and resources available to the family;
- encourage equitable allocation and utilization of resources;
- promote effective partnership among the national government, local government units and the private sector in the design, implementation, coordination, integration, monitoring and evaluation of people-centered programs towards quality of life and environmental protection; and
- conduct studies to analyze demographic trends towards sustainable human development. It also calls for the State to promote, without bias, all modern methods of family planning.

The bill tasks the local government units, with the help of the Department of Health, to deploy an adequate number of midwives to achieve a minimum ratio of one full-time skilled birth attendant for every 150 deliveries a year. It requires each province and city to upgrade hospitals to be able to provide emergency obstetric care as follows: for every 500,000 population, one hospital for comprehensive emergency obstetric care, and four hospitals for basic emergency obstetric care. Modern family planning methods requiring hospital services should also be made available in all national and government hospitals.

Moreover, the bill proposes that Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education in an age-appropriate manner be taught by adequately trained teachers starting from Grade 5 up to Fourth Year high school.

Public awareness on reproductive health shall be raised through nationwide multi-media campaign. The Department of Health shall be the lead agency in implementing this Act. It shall formulate mechanisms necessary in the performance of its operations and functions.

The said department will submit a yearly report on the Reproductive Health Program before the end of April to the President and Congress of the Philippines.

Amounts allocated in the current annual General Appropriations Act under the DOH and Population Commission shall be appropriated for reproductive health and family planning. Additional expenses needed shall be included in the subsequent General Appropriations Act.

JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

S. No. 1160 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PHILIPPINE COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROMOTION AND PROTECTION BY ESTABLISHING HUMAN RIGHTS RESOURCE CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill seeks to establish Human Rights Resource Centers all over the country to integrate the promotion and protection of human rights in the implementation of the criminal justice system in the conduct of local governance and in local law enforcement. Under the bill, the centers shall be attached to the Office of the Governor but the planning, policy-making and implementation shall be done with transparency and accountability. It mandates the regional office of the Commission on Human Rights, the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor, the Offices of the AFP Provincial Commander and PNP Provincial Director to collaborate and coordinate in ensuring the effective operation of the centers.

S. No. 1836 AN ACT ADDRESSING THE SYSTEM OF PROSTITUTION, IMPOSING PENALTIES ON ITS PERPETRATORS, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ITS VICTIMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF THE PENAL CODE

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill imposes penalties on perpetrators of prostitution and provides protection and support services for its victims. It seeks to shift accountability from the prostituted person to the exploiters—traffickers, pimps, brothels, organized-crime members and corrupt officials.

Under the bill, prostitution is a crime committed by—

- a) Any person who gives or delivers money or any other consideration in exchange for the actual performance or mere demonstration of a sexual act;
- b) Any person who is the recipient of a sexual act whether such a recipient has given or delivered money or other consideration for the procurement of a person exploited in prostitution;
- c) Any person who induces, persuades, entices, compels, kidnaps, recruits or in any manner procures a person for the purpose of exploiting the person in prostitution;
- d) Any person who recruits another person purportedly for lawful employment but actually for the purpose of exploiting the person in prostitution;
- e) Any person who induces, persuades, entices, compels, kidnaps, recruits or in any manner procures or causes a person to work in an establishment knowing that the same is involved in prostitution activities;
- f) Any person who transports a person from one place to another for the purpose of exploiting the person in prostitution;
- g) Any person who transports a person from one place to another for the purpose of exploiting the person in prostitution;
- h) Any person who advertises, organizes, arranges, manages, promotes or facilitates, in a manner or under any pretext, the commission of any of the acts prohibited under this section;
- i) Any person who uses information technology such as cyberspace, satellite, television, film, radio, print, or any form of media to promote any of the prohibited acts;
- j) Any person who derives profit or advantage from any of the prohibited acts as owner, operator, manager, head, director, officer or agent of the establishment;
- k) Any person who leases, subleases, or in any manner allows the use of any dwelling, house, structure, building, land; or any other property knowing that the lessee or sublessee intends to use it for prostitution activities;
- l) Any member of the military or police establishment, or any government official or employee or any person in authority who commits, causes, promotes or facilitates, the commission of any of the acts defined in this section.

It also provides penalties and sanctions for its commission.

S. No. 1976 AN ACT CREATING SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This proposed measure seeks to amend Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 by increasing the number of Metropolitan Trial Courts in the National Capital Region to 87 branches. The six additional branches shall be assigned in the City of Las Piñas, which at present only has one Metropolitan Trial Court.

S. No. 1978 AN ACT PENALIZING TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill seeks to penalize torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment. It defines torture as an act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental is intentionally inflicted on a person. It includes physical torture and mental/psychological torture.

It provides that any person who actually participated in the infliction of torture or who is present during the commission of said act shall be liable as principal. Any superior military, police or law enforcement officer or senior government official who issued an order to any lower ranking personnel to commit torture for whatever purpose shall be held equally liable as principals.

The penalty of *reclusion perpetua* shall be imposed upon any person who commits torture. The penalty of *prision correccional* shall be imposed upon any person who violates the section on prohibited detention.

S.No. 1980 AN ACT ESTABLISHING TWO BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY

REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill seeks to amend Sec. 14 of BP Blg. 129 to commission 43 instead of 41 regional trial court judges for the Eleventh Judicial Region. It also provides for 12 instead of ten branches with seats for the province of South Cotabato and the City of General Santos, with seats at General Santos City, Koronadal, Surallah, Alabel and Polomolok.

S. No. 1981 AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT KORONADAL CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill proposes to amend BP Blg. 129 and create two additional Regional Trial Court Branches in the province of South Cotabato to be assigned by the Supreme Court in Koronadal City.

S. No. 2355 AN ACT PROMOTING BARANGAY JUSTICE BY AMENDING ARTICLE ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The proposed law amends Article 1155 of R.A. No. 386, or the Civil Code of the Philippines, by providing that the prescription of actions is interrupted when such actions are also brought before the Punong Barangay or the Lupon ng Tagapamayapa under the pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code. If such action was taken, then the prescription of action is suspended only for a period of 60 days to be reckoned from the date of said referral.

S. No. 2494 AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 131 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED, TO UPHOLD THE RIGHT OF RESIDENTS TO PRIVACY FROM MASS OR CONCERTED ACTIONS NOT DIRECTED TO THE PUBLIC

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This bill seeks to amend Article 131 of the Revised Penal Code by imposing a penalty next higher in degree than those respectively specified in said article, to any public officer or employee who shall prohibit or hinder any person from addressing either alone or together with others, any petition to the authorities for the correction of redress and grievances. However, public officers and employees may prohibit said person from addressing any petition to the authorities for the correction of abuses or redress of grievances which shall be held before or about the residence of a particular individual or in violation of existing laws.

S. No. 2495 AN ACT CRIMINALIZING NECROPHILIA AND IMPOSING APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREFOR, INCORPORATING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLE 335-A INTO ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This bill seeks to amend the Revised Penal Code by incorporating a new Article 335-A which provides that necrophilia is committed by a person who engages in sexual acts with a corpse. For purposes of this article, sexual acts shall mean engaging in sexual intercourse, anal and/or oral sex.

It also provides that persons found guilty of necrophilia shall suffer the penalty of *prision mayor* to *reclusion temporal* and a fine of P100,000 to P500,000 at the discretion of the Court.

And whenever the crime of necrophilia is committed by two or more persons, or by any person in whose care or custody such corpse is found, the penalty shall be *reclusion temporal*.

S. No. 2498 AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 359 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This bill seeks to amend Article 359 of R.A. No. 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, by providing a higher penalty of *prision mayor* in its minimum period to its maximum or a fine of P100,000 or both to any person who shall perform any act not

included and punished under this title, which shall cast dishonor, discredit or contempt upon any person, such as, but not limited to, the intentional filing of a false complaint in court or in any other agencies of government exercising quasi-judicial or administrative powers.

It provides further that, if said act is not of a serious nature, the penalty shall be *prision mayor* in its minimum to its medium period or a fine of P50,000. It provides finally that if during the course of the investigation or trial it is proven that the above false complaint has been or is being used by the complainant as a leverage against any person in order to gain advantage or to receive a favorable decision, action or resolution on any matter, the maximum penalty provided herein shall be imposed.

S.No. 2499 AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 363 AND 364 OF ACT NO. 3815 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This bill seeks to amend Articles 363 and 364 of R.A. No. 3815, otherwise known as the Revised Penal Code, by increasing the penalty from *arresto mayor* to *prision mayor* in its minimum period to be imposed to any person who, by any act not constituting perjury, shall directly incriminate or impute to an innocent person the commission of a crime and from *arresto menor* to *prision correccional* in its minimum period or a fine not exceeding P50,000 to be imposed for any intrigue which has for its principal purpose to blemish the honor or reputation of a person.

S. No. 2669 AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND OTHER SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL CRIMES, OPERATIONALIZING UNIVERSAL JURISDICTION, DESIGNATING SPECIAL COURTS, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

Under the bill, “war crimes” or “crimes against international humanitarian law” means grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, namely, any of the following acts against persons or property protected under the provisions of the relevant Geneva Convention: willful killing; torture or inhuman treatment, including biological experiments; willfully causing great suffering, or serious

injury to body or health; extensive destruction and appropriation of property, not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly; taking of hostages; among others.

“Genocide” means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, religious, political, social or any similar stable and permanent group, such as: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; and forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

“Crimes against humanity” means any of the following acts when committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack: murder; extermination; enslavement; deportation or forcible transfer of population; torture; rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity; crime of apartheid; and, enforced disappearance of persons; among others.

The bill provides that any person who commits war crimes, genocide and crime against humanity as defined above shall suffer the main penalty of imprisonment for a specified number of years within a range from 15 to 30 years. When justified by the extreme gravity of the crime, however, especially where it results in deaths and/or serious bodily injuries, the Court may impose a term within a range from 30 to 40 years. In addition to the main penalty of imprisonment, the Court may order a commensurate fine under established criteria and also impose the corresponding accessory penalties under the Revised Penal Code, especially where the offender is a public officer.

The bill also provides that in the application and interpretation of this proposed law, Philippine courts shall be guided by certain instruments, developments and references in international law such as the 1949 Geneva Conventions, the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, customary international humanitarian law, the 2000 Optional Protocol to the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the 1998 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, among others.

The State shall exercise authority over persons, whether military or civilian, suspected or accused of a crime defined in this Act, regardless of where the crime is committed, provided, any one of the following conditions is met:

1. The accused is a Filipino citizen;
2. The accused, regardless of citizenship or residence, is present in the Philippines; and
3. The accused has committed the said crime against Filipino citizen.

In the interest of justice, the relevant Philippine authorities may dispense with prosecuting a crime punishable under this Act if another court or international tribunal is already investigating or prosecuting such crime. In lieu of prosecuting, the authorities may surrender or extradite suspected or accused persons in the Philippines to the appropriate national or international court, if any.

S. No. 3285 AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 95, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RED CROSS, AS AMENDED," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This measure amends Republic Act No. 95 or the Philippine National Red Cross Charter. The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) is a Philippine entity but is imbued with an international character having been created pursuant to the Geneva Convention of 1949. Its main objective is to alleviate human suffering wherever and whenever such situation occurs.

Under this measure, the PNRC shall enjoy the following corporate powers, among others:

- a. To sue and be sued;
- b. To enter into agreements with public authorities, and accept provisions for the cost of any service or activity which may be entrusted to it, within the scope of its object and functions, pursuant to such agreement; and
- c. To exercise all the powers of a corporation.

To realize its mandate under the Geneva Conventions and this bill, the PNRC is authorized to secure loans from any financial institu-

tion provided it shall not exceed the budget of the previous year. It shall be exempt from payment of all direct and indirect taxes, including value-added tax, fees and other charges on all income derived from its operations. It shall also be exempt from direct and indirect taxes, including value-added tax, duties, fees and other charges on importations and purchases for its exclusive use.

Donations, legacies and gifts made to the PNRC to support its purposes and objectives shall be exempt from the donor's tax and shall be deductible from the gross income of the donor. The PNRC shall be exempt also from the payment of real property taxes on all real property it owns.

H. No. 1423 AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORION, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG ISANG DAAN AT DALAWAMPU'T SIYAM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 7154 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill proposes to amend BP Blg. 129 and creates an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in Orion, Bataan.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

R.A. No. 9509 AN ACT ESTABLISHING LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS TRAINING CENTERS IN FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (H. No. 4349/S. No. 2092) [October 21, 2008]

This law provides for the establishment of Livelihood and Skills Training Centers in every fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-class municipalities. The centers shall provide educational and instructional activities designed to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitude of intended beneficiaries and to better prepare them to engage in gainful employment and entrepreneurship.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) are mandated to jointly develop and implement a program

to facilitate the establishment of centers in the covered municipalities within two years from the effectivity of this law. The TESDA shall allocate 25 percent of its total annual appropriations for the development, evaluation, monitoring, and accreditation of formal and non-formal technical and vocational education and training.

R.A. No. 9547 AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT 7323, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS (SPES) (S. No. 2116/H. No. 5388) [April 1, 2009]

The law strengthens and expands the coverage of Republic Act 7323 or the Special Program for Employment of Students.

The amendatory law proposes that private businesses employing at least ten persons may, during summer and/or Christmas vacations, employ poor but deserving students 15 years of age but not more than 25 years old, paying them a salary not lower than the minimum wage for private employers and the applicable hiring rate for the national and local government agencies. Students enrolled in the secondary level shall only be employed during summer and/or Christmas vacations while those enrolled in the tertiary, vocational or technological education may be employed at any time of the year. Students employed in activities related to their course shall earn equivalent academic credits.

S. No. 1370 AN ACT GRANTING AN ANNUAL PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVE TO ALL WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ESTABLISHING MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill seeks to amend certain provisions of R.A. No. 6971 by amending the title to “The Productivity Incentives Act of 2008” and amending the enumerations in Section 7, on Exemptions, by deleting the phrase “workers employed by retail service establishments employing not more than five (5) workers” and the phrase “and those employed in new business enterprises.”

S. No. 3286 AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS ACT OF 1995, AS AMENDED, FURTHER IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF MIGRANT WORKERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN DISTRESS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to amend certain provisions of R.A. No. 8042 otherwise known as the Migrant Workers Act of 1995 as amended by further improving the standard of protection and promotion of the welfare of OFWs, their families, and other OFWs in distress.

The amendments include allowing deployment of overseas Filipino migrant workers only in countries where the rights of Filipino migrant workers are protected. The government recognizes any of the following as a guarantee on the part of the receiving country as protection and rights of overseas Filipino workers:

- a) It has existing labor and social laws protecting the rights of migrant workers;
- b) It is a signatory to multilateral conventions, declarations or resolutions relating to the protection of migrant workers;
- c) It has concluded a bilateral agreement or arrangement with the government protecting the rights as overseas Filipino workers;

In the absence of a clear showing that any of the guarantees enumerated under this act exist in the country of destination of the migrant workers, or if the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Labor failed to report to Congress the information required under Sec. 33 of this bill, it shall be unlawful for any official or employee of the DOLE to issue the necessary permit for the deployment of migrant workers.

The official or employee of the government who willfully and grossly violates the provision of the immediately preceding paragraph shall by substantial evidence in a proper administrative proceeding, be removed or dismissed from service with disqualification to hold any public office for five years.

It includes a new section on compulsory liability insurance for every worker in addition to the performance bond to be filed by the placement agency. Each worker deployed by a licensed recruitment agency and the POEA shall now be covered by a compulsory employ-

ment liability insurance which shall be answerable for money claims or damages that may be awarded or given to the worker in a judgment or settlement of his case. Such insurance coverage shall be secured at no cost to the worker. The insurance coverage per worker shall be equivalent to three months of the workers salary for every year of contract.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

R.A. No. 9508 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR (H. No. 3224) [October 20, 2008]

Under this law, the lone legislative district of the Province of Agusan del Sur is reapportioned to commence in the next national elections after this law's effectivity. Thus, the City of Bayugan and the municipalities of Sibagat, Prosperidad, Talacogon, San Luis and Esperanza shall comprise the first legislative district while the municipalities of San Francisco, Rosario, Bunawan, Trento, Sta. Josefa, Veruela, Loreto and La Paz shall comprise the second legislative district.

The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

R.A. No. 9506 AN ACT CREATING THE BACOLOR REHABILITATION COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3389) [September 28, 2008]

This law creates a Bacolor Rehabilitation Council with the following members, among others: 1) the Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Office 3, as chairperson; 2) the Mayor of Bacolor, Pampanga, as vice chairperson. The Council is mandated to draft a comprehensive rehabilitation plan for the town of Bacolor, a calamity-stricken area in Pampanga, which shall be submitted to the President of the Philippines for approval within six months after effectivity of this Act. The Council shall be assisted by a secretariat which shall come from the existing staff of the members and the amount necessary for its operation shall be charged against the funds of the Municipality of Bacolor. Thereafter, the Council shall cease to exist after the submission of the approved

rehabilitation plan to the President of the Philippines.

The funds for the implementation of the approved rehabilitation plan shall be included in the budgets of the implementing national government agencies in the annual General Appropriations Act.

R.A. No. 9591 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 57 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8754, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MALOLOS (H. No. 3693) [Lapsed into law on May 1, 2009]

The law amends Section 57 of the Charter of the City of Malolos (R.A. No. 8754) and establishes for the City of Malolos its own legislative district to commence in the next national election after the effectivity of this Act.

The incumbent representative of the First District of Bulacan shall continue to represent Malolos City until the new representation of the lone legislative district of the city of Malolos shall have been elected and qualified.

R.A. No. 9640 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 140 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 (S. No. 2325/H. No. 5624) [Lapsed into law on May 21, 2009]

The law amends Sec. 140 (A) of R.A. No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, by providing that the province may levy an amusement tax to be collected from the proprietors, lessees, or operators of theaters, cinemas, and other places of amusement at a rate of not more than 10 percent of the gross receipts from admission fees.

R.A. No. 9642 AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS ROMBLON FOUNDATION DAY AND A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON (H. No. 2160) [June 11, 2009]

R.A. No. 9643 AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN VICTORIAS CITY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL (H. No. 5280) [June 11, 2009]

R.A. No. 9644 AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF

CAGAYAN DE ORO TO BE KNOWN AS 'CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY DAY' (H. No. 5288) [June 11, 2009]

R.A. No. 9645 AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NATIONAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7, OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED (S. No. 3281/H. No. 5410) [June 12, 2009]

In recognition of the founding anniversary of the Iglesia ni Cristo in the Philippines, this law declares 27 July of every year as a special national working holiday. It amends Section 26, Chapter 7 of Executive Order No. 292, or the Administrative Code of 1987 by including the date July 27 in the nationwide special holidays to be observed in the country.

S. No. 2005 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 311 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to amend Sec. 311 of R.A. No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, by providing that local treasurers shall maintain depository accounts in the name of their respective local government units with banks in good standing duly authorized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to accept government deposits located in or nearest to their respective areas of jurisdiction, provided that in their choice of depository bank, priority shall be given to government-owned banks within their localities.

It further provides that within 60 days from the effectivity of this act, the BSP is mandated to issue guidelines for authorization of private banks to accept deposits from local government units.

S. No. 2006 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 352 AND 513 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to amend certain sections of the Local Government Code of 1991 by providing that all provincial governors, city and

municipal mayors and punong barangay shall within 30 days from the end of each fiscal year, post in the provincial capitol building, the city, municipal and barangay halls and in at least three publicly accessible and conspicuous public places in the local government unit for at least two consecutive weeks all incomes and revenues from both public and private sources, including a) loans, credit and other forms of indebtedness secured by the local government units; b) proceeds from the issuance of bonds; c) loans, grants and subsidies from other local government; d) grants, subsidies and loans from foreign sources; and e) other grants, subsidies, donations and loans from private, foreign and domestic sources received by the province, city, municipality or barangay and the corresponding disbursements, expenditures and utilization of the funds during the preceding fiscal year.

They shall also publish once in a newspaper of general circulation or in a newspaper of national circulation or in a newsletter within the territorial jurisdiction of the local government all these information.

Failure by the local chief executive to post the itemized quarterly and annual collections and disbursements of the local government unit concerned within 30 days following the end of every quarter and fiscal year and for at least two consecutive weeks at prominent places in the main office building of the local government unit concerned or in a newspaper of national circulation or in a newsletter shall be punished by a fine of at least P30,000 but not exceeding P50,000 or by imprisonment of at least three months but not exceeding six months or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

The offender shall be subject to temporary disqualification to hold or be a candidate for any public office during the terms of sentence.

S. No. 2978 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 51 (A) (1), SECTION 51 (A) (2), SECTION 51 (B) (4) (1), AND SECTION 52 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990'. AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to amend certain provisions of R.A. No. 6975, as amended by R.A. No. 8551, otherwise known as the DILG Act of 1990, by providing that upon the receipt by the provincial governor

of the list of three eligibles for provincial police director, the list shall not be subject to any amendment by the PNP regional director. In the event of a disagreement between the governor and the PNP regional director, an officer-in-charge may be designated for a period of not more than 30 days extendible for another 30 days thereafter. No further extension of the term shall be allowed.

An amendment further provides that the provincial peace and order council may, through the governor, recommend the recall or reassignment of the provincial police director when, in its perception, the latter has been ineffective in combating crime or maintaining peace and order in the province. It provides finally that such relief shall be based on duly established guidelines by the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM).

In case of conflict between the PNP Regional Director and the Provincial Governor, either of them may refer the matter to the NAPOLCOM Regional Director who shall resolve the matter within five working days from receipt thereof. Under the bill, the decision of the NAPOLCOM Regional Director shall be final and executory unless appealed to the Commission *en banc* which shall resolve the matter with finality and order the implementation within ten working days from acquisition of jurisdiction over the issue. A motion for reconsideration/review of the *en banc* decision shall not be allowed.

S. No. 3275 AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5412, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to further amend Secs. 98 and 101 of R.A. 5412, as amended, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of General Santos, by providing that all lands of public domain having been ceded by the national government to the city of General Santos, the city now shall exercise the rights and prerogatives over such lands in the concept of a beneficial owner, provided, that all incomes and receipts derived from such disposition, administration and management of all lands of the public domain shall accrue exclusively and to be turned over immediately without need of demand to the city. It provides further that the city government shall at all times be consulted and informed of such disposition, and that the city government shall

concur prior to any disposition, administration and management of such public lands.

The city government shall be informed and its concurrence shall be sought on all matters relating to lands by agencies of government concerned, which the city council determines for the use of the city.

S. No. 3283 AN ACT DECLARING THE TENTH DAY OF ZHUL HIJJA, THE TWELFTH MONTH OF THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR, A NATIONAL HOLIDAY FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF EIDUL ADHA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

This measure declares the tenth day of Zhul Hijja, the twelfth month of the Islamic calendar, a national holiday for the observance of Eidul Adha. Eidul Adha is a tenth day in the month of Hajj or Islamic Pilgrimage to Mecca wherein Muslims pay homage to Abraham's supreme act of sacrifice and signifies mankind's obedience to God. For this purpose, Section 26 on Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days, Chapter 7 of Executive Order No. 292 or the Administrative Code of 1987, is amended to include the observance of Eidul Adha.

S. No. 3284 AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE VICTORY OF LAPU-LAPU AND HIS MEN OVER THE SPANIARDS LED BY FERNANDO MAGALLANES IN THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF MACTAN ON APRIL 27, 1521, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU DAY OR ADLAW NI LAPU-LAPU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

To commemorate the victory of Lapu-Lapu and his men over the Spaniards led by Fernando Magallanes in the historic Battle of Mactan, this measure declares 27 April of every year as a special non-working holiday throughout the country. It shall be known as

Lapu-Lapu Day or Adlaw ni Lapu-Lapu. The bill amends Section 26 on Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days, Chapter 7 of Executive Order No. 292 or the Administrative Code of 1987.

H. No. 206 AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 29 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALILIHAN, PROVINCE OF BOHOL

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 1125 AN ACT DECLARING JULY 18TH A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY AND THE CULMINATION OF THE T'NALAK FESTIVAL

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 1314 AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 18 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3206 AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6769, ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE IN THE PROVINCE OF [SURIGAO DEL NORTE] DINAGAT ISLANDS

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3685 AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR AN OFFICIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAJAYJAY, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AND IN ALL ITS BARANGAYS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAJAYJAY DAY

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

R.A. No. 9516 ACT FURTHER AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1866, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED CODIFYING THE LAWS ON ILLEGAL/UNLAWFUL POSSESSION,

MANUFACTURE, DEALING IN, ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES OR INSTRUMENTS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES, AND IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR RELEVANT PURPOSES (S. No. 2230/H. No. 3242) [December 22, 2008]

The law amends some sections of Presidential Decree No. 1866 by, among others, imposing the penalty of *reclusion perpetua* to any person who will willfully or unlawfully manufacture, sell, acquire, dispose, import or possess any explosive or incendiary device with knowledge of its existence and its explosive or incendiary character, including but not limited to, hand grenades, rifle grenades, pillbox bombs, fire bombs and any other similar explosive and incendiary devices.

The law also punishes with *reclusion temporal* and a fine of not less than P500,000 any member of law enforcement agencies or any other government official and employee who fails or refuses, intentionally or negligently, to appear as a witness for the prosecution of defense in any proceedings involving the violation of this law, in addition to the administrative liability he or she may be meted out by his or her immediate superior and/or appropriate body.

The law imposes the penalty of *reclusion perpetua* upon any person who is found guilty of planting any explosive or incendiary device. "Planting of evidence" under this law means the willful act by any person of maliciously and surreptitiously inserting, placing, and adding, or attaching directly or indirectly, through any overt or covert act, whatever quantity of any explosive or incendiary device or any part, machinery, tool or instrument of any explosive or incendiary device whether chemical, mechanical, electronic, electrical or otherwise in the person, house, effects or in the immediate vicinity of an innocent individual for the purpose of implicating, incriminating or imputing the commission of any violation of the law.

Further, in cases involving violations of this law, the judge is mandated to set the case for continuous trial on a daily basis from Monday to Friday so as to ensure speedy trial. The case should be terminated within 90 days from arraignment of the accused.

S. No. 31 AN ACT PRESCRIBING A FIXED TERM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to prescribe a fixed term of office of three years for the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines which will commence on the date of appointment by the President, regardless of the date of confirmation by the Commission on Appointments; provided that no officer shall be appointed Chief of Staff if said officer has less than one year remaining in the active service.

The bill also provides that no extension of term shall be allowed except in cases of war or national emergencies as Congress may declare. It further provides that when the officer appointed to the position of Chief of Staff reaches the compulsory retirement age before the end of the three-year term, the statutory compulsory retirement of the Chief of Staff shall be deferred until the completion of the three year term, provided, however, that the Chief of staff may be removed by the President as Commander in Chief for loss of confidence as determined solely by the President even before the end of the term of three years.

The fixed term shall apply to the Chief of Staff appointed by the President after the effectivity of this proposed law.

S. No. 233 AN ACT AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987 BY PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM BEING APPOINTED AS THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS AFTER RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE DUTY AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF A REGULAR COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP)

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to amend Section 45 of Chapter 10, Sub-Title II, Title VIII, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987, by prohibiting a person from being appointed as Secretary of the Department of National Defense within three years after retirement from active duty as a commissioned officer of a regular component of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

S. No. 3086 AN ACT STRENGTHENING PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK,

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

This bill aims to strengthen the disaster risk management capability in the country through a national disaster risk management framework. It provides for all the actions and measures pertaining to all aspects of disaster risk management such as, but not limited to, the anticipatory stages of risk identification and analysis, risk reduction, prevention, mitigation and preparedness to the post-disaster stages of response, rescue, relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

The existing National Disaster Coordinating Council shall now be called the National Disaster Management Council which shall be headed by the Secretary of the Department of National Defense as chairperson with the Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Director-General of the National Economic Development Authority as vice-chairpersons. The Council, being empowered with policy-making, coordination, integration, supervision, and evaluation functions, shall have the following responsibilities, among others:

- a. Develop a National Disaster Risk Management Framework (NDRMF) which shall provide for a comprehensive, all-hazards, multi-sectoral, inter-agency and community-based approach to disaster risk management. The Framework shall serve as the principal guide to disaster risk management efforts in the country and shall be reviewed on a five-year interval, or as may be deemed necessary, in order to ensure its relevance to the times;
- b. Develop, formulate, and lead the implementation of the National Disaster Risk Management Plan and ensure that this shall be considered and integrated in the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan, in the annual Government Appropriations Act and in local development plans nationwide;
- c. Recommend to the President the declaration of state of calamity in areas extensively affected by disaster events and submit remedial proposals addressing these;
- d. Ensure the development and updating of a Disaster Management Information System and Geographic Information System-based national risk map as policy- and decision-making tools; and
- e. Establish a national emergency alert system to provide accurate and timely advice to national or local emergency response orga-

nizations and to the general public through diverse mass media to include digital and analog broadcast, cable, satellite television and radio, wireless communications, and landline communications.

The Chairperson of the NDMC may call upon other instrumentalities or entities of the government and non-government and civic organizations for assistance in terms of the use of their facilities and resources for the protection and preservation of life and properties in the whole range of disaster risk management. This authority includes the power to call on the reserve force as defined in R.A. No. 7077 to assist in relief and rescue during disasters or calamities.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA

S. No. 2150 AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT OF REPLY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill seeks to grant all persons, who are accused directly or indirectly of committing or having committed or of intending to commit any crime or offense defined by law or are criticized by innuendo, suggestion or rumor for any lapse in behavior in public or private life, the right to reply to the charges published in newspapers, magazines, newsletters or publications circulated commercially or for free, or to criticisms aired or broadcast over radio, television, websites, or through any electronic device.

The reply, subject to editing for libelous statements, shall be published in the same space of the newspaper, magazine, newsletter or publication or aired over the same program on radio, television and website.

S. No. 2357 AN ACT PENALIZING PHOTO AND VIDEO VOYEURISM

Status: Approved on Second Reading

This bills seeks to penalize photo and video voyeurism by imposing the penalty of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than five years or a fine of not less than P10,000 nor more than P50,000

or both at the discretion of the court against any person who shall (a) capture an image of a private area of an individual without his consent and knowingly does so under circumstances in which the individual has a reasonable expectation of privacy; or (b) capture an image of a private area of an individual with his consent but broadcasts the said image without the written permission or consent of said individual.

PUBLIC SERVICES

R.A. No. 9511 AN ACT GRANTING THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES A FRANCHISE TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF CONVEYING OR TRANSMITTING ELECTRICITY THROUGH HIGH VOLTAGE BACK-BONE SYSTEM OF INTERCONNECTED TRANSMISSION LINES, SUBSTATIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (H. No. 4358) [December 1, 2008]

The law grants a franchise to the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines to engage in the business of conveying or transmitting electricity through high voltage back-bone system of interconnected transmission lines, substations and related facilities, systems operations, and other activities that are necessary to support the safe and reliable operation of a transmission system.

The grantee can also construct, install, finance, manage, improve, expand, operate, maintain, rehabilitate, repair and refurbish the present nationwide transmission system of the Republic of the Philippines. It shall continue to operate and maintain the sub-transmission systems which have not been disposed by TRANSCO.

The franchise granted is good for 50 years from the date of effectivity of this law under the condition that it shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by Congress when the common good so requires.

The law requires that during the period of operations of the franchise, at least 60 percent of the capital of the National Grid Corp. shall be owned by citizens of the Philippines and that the grantee shall comply with the Constitution and applicable laws pertaining to foreign ownership and management of public utilities.

R.A. No. 9515 AN ACT DEFINING THE LIABILITY OF SHIP AGENTS IN THE TRAMP SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2078/H. No. 4120) [December 19, 2008]

This law defines the liability of ship agents in the tramp service. Under this law, a ship agent shall mean the person entrusted with the provisioning or representing the vessel in the port in which it may be found. The responsibility or liability, if any, of the ship agent, general agent and tramp agent shall continue to be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Code of Commerce, provided that in the case of tramp agent, his liability shall not exceed to the obligations assumed by the ship owner, charterer or carrier with the shipper or receiver for the goods carried by the ship. The law provides further that it is the duty of the tramp agent to assist the shipper or receiver in making cargo liability claims against the ship owner, charterer or carrier. Failure or inaction to perform the said duty shall subject the tramp agent to applicable administrative sanctions based on the Implementing Rules and Regulations to be formatted by the Maritime Industry Authority under the Department of Transportation and Communications and by the Philippine Shippers Bureau under the Department of Trade and Industry.

S. No. 1757 AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS FOR COMMERCIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill prohibits the use of streets, sidewalks, avenues, alleys, bridges and other public places for commercial and personal purposes. Such prohibited acts include but are not limited to vending or selling of foods, magazines, newspapers, cigarettes; conduct of shoe-shine occupation; doing house chores such as washing clothes, hanging clothes and bathing; vehicle garage or vehicle repair; dumping garbage; setting up of basketball court; use of sidewalk to install pens of animals, among others.

The authorities shall have the power to grant permits to applicants for the temporary use of sidewalks on community-wide special occasions or sales promotion days and civic or charitable purposes.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of P1,000, which shall accrue to the municipal or city treasury or imprisonment of not more than 30 days or both.

S.No. 2486 AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 198, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE PROVINCIAL WATER UTILITIES ACT OF 1973"

Status: Pending Second Reading, Special Order

The bill further amends certain provisions of PD No. 198 as follows:

- The authorized capital stock of the Local Water District Utilities Administration is P25 billion divided into 62,500,000 shares of stock with a par value of P400 per share which shall be subscribed by the National government and government financial institutions and opened to subscription by private investors subject to the approval by the Department of Finance: Provided, that all subsidies previously provided by the national government to LWUA after the full subscription of the national government of the original capital stock of P2.5 billion which were used as loans outlay to water districts shall be credited as part of the national government payment for subscription to the additional capital stock of the administration: Provided, further that private sector investments should not be more than forty percent of the total subscribed capital stock;
- The Administration shall have the authority to borrow money from all domestic and foreign loan sources whether government or private: Provided, that its loan outstanding both from domestic and foreign sources shall not exceed an aggregate ceiling of US\$900 million provided that all domestic and foreign borrowings of LWUA shall be approved by the Department of Finance, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and other entities as required by pertinent laws and regulations; and
- The Administration is authorized to contract loans, the total outstanding of which, excluding interests shall not exceed its aggregate domestic and foreign borrowing authority of US\$900 million

PUBLIC WORKS

H. No. 3623 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE IFUGAO SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO AND

APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3624 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SORSOGON SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3625 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3626 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SULTAN KUDARAT SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3627 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3628 AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE ALBAY ENGINEERING DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY INTO THREE (3) REGULAR DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 3629 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SIXTH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5117 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE

OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5118 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ILOCOS NORTE THIRD DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5119 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE FOR THE CITIES OF MALABON AND NAVOTAS IN METRO MANILA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5120 AN ACT UPGRADING THE NUEVA VIZCAYA SUB-DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS NUEVA VIZCAYA SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5122 AN ACT UPGRADING THE TARLAC SUB-DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE TARLAC SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 1970 AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAGAC - MARIVELES ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4453 AN ACT CONVERTING THE MALINTA-LAGTA ROAD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4463 AN ACT CONVERTING THE DEMOLOC - LITTLE BAGUIO - ALABEL ROAD LINKING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA,

PROVINCE DAVAO DEL SUR AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, PROVINCE OF SARANGANI INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4639 AN ACT CONVERTING THE TUNGKONG MANGGA - MUZON PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4649 AN ACT CONVERTING THE BONGABONG - SAGANA - ROXAS - SAN AQUILINO PROVINCIAL ROAD, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4662 AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONIFACIO TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF DON VICTORIANO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4663 AN ACT CONVERTING MAUBAN - TIGNOAN PROVINCIAL ROAD, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4675 AN ACT CONVERTING THE BENGUET PROVINCIAL ROAD WHICH STARTS AT KILOMETER 12 IN BARANGAY TAWANG AND TRAVERSES BARANGAY LAMUT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET AND ENDS AT BARANGAY PACDAL, BAGUIO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4678 AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SENATOR NINOY AQUINO, LEBAK, AND KALAMANSIG, PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4680 AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILOILO CITY - LEGANES - DUMANGAS COASTAL ROAD, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4706 AN ACT CONVERTING A PORTION OF THE KAWIT - NOV-ELETA DIVERSION ROAD, PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 4795 AN ACT RENAMING THE LILOAN BRIDGE IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN LEYTE AS DIOSDADO PANGAN MACAPAGAL BRIDGE

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 4796 AN ACT NAMING THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BRIDGE IN BUTUAN CITY AS PRESIDENT DIOSDADO P. MACAPAGAL BRIDGE

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 4798 AN ACT RENAMING THE TUMANA BRIDGE IN MARIKINA CITY AS GIL FERNANDO BRIDGE

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5298 AN ACT NAMING THE ROAD FROM BARANGAY BAGATANGKI, MUNICIPALITY OF MALINAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY TO BARANGAYSAN RAMON, CITY OF IRIGA, UP TO BARANGAY ANAWAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OCAMPO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS THE GOV. FELIX O. ALFELOR SR. NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5299 AN ACT NAMING THE ROAD STARTING FROM THE BOUNDARY OF IRIGA CITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUHI, PASSING THROUGH BARANGAYS JUSTINA AND LOURDES AND ENDING AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL OF BUHI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR AS THE MAXIMINO NOBLE SR. HIGHWAY

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5304 AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN JOSE CITY - RIZAL PROVINCIAL ROAD VIA PALESTINA - PINILI - PORAIS - VILLA JOSON - STA. MONICA - PORTAL, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIIJA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 5308 AN ACT CONVERTING THE SILAY - LANTAWAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF SILAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

Status: Approved on Second Reading

H. No. 5389 AN ACT RENAMING THE KALIBO - NEW WASHINGTON ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN AS JAIME CARDINAL SIN AVENUE

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5390 AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF LIBOTON STREET IN THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO M.T. VILLANUEVA AVENUE

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5391 AN ACT RENAMING REAL STREET IN DUMAGUETE CITY AS MAYOR RAMON TEVES PASTOR SR. STREET

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5392 AN ACT NAMING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MAGDALENA UP TO PAWA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS GOV. JUAN G. FRIVALDO HIGHWAY

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H.No. 5393 ANACT NAMING A STRETCH OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY ALONG THE DAVAO ORIENTAL - SURIGAO COASTAL ROAD WHICH BEGINS AT THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROVINCES OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY AND DAVAO ORIENTAL UP TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AS THE PRES. DIOSDADO P. MACAPAGAL NATIONAL HIGHWAY

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5394 AN ACT NAMING THE ROAD NETWORK TRAVERSING MARIFOSQUE STREET AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY AT BARANGAY DAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS MAYOR MANUEL T. SIA DIVERSION ROAD

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

H. No. 5395 AN ACT RENAMING THE BINAKAYAN DIVERSION ROAD IN KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS THE BATTLE OF BINAKAYAN ROAD

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

S. Jt. Res. No. 14 JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND ENGINEERING (COMSTE) FOR ONE (1) MORE YEAR

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The COMSTE, which was created by Joint Resolution No. 1 and which held its first organizational en banc meeting on November 2007, was supposed to accomplish its mandate last November 2008 or within 12 months from its organization. There was not enough time, however, for the Commission to completely and effectively review, assess and recommend the necessary policies and programs indispensable to the progress and sustainability of the nation's science and technology, and engineering and development system.

While their work plan began in February 2008, COMSTE has yet to finish the second phase—Strategic Planning/Scenario Building Phase—because of the difficulty in acquiring relevant data to fulfill the assessment stage and to develop the needed consensus from the appropriate stakeholders.

The joint resolution extends the term of the COMSTE until 2010 or until the end of the 14th Congress.

SPORTS

S. No. 3288 AN ACT DECLARING ARNIS AS THE NATIONAL SPORT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Status: Approved on Second Reading

The bill proposes that *arnis*, an indigenous Filipino martial art and sport, be declared as the Philippine National Martial Art and Sport.

Its official adoption shall be promulgated by inscribing the symbol of arnis in the official seal of the Philippine Sports Commission.

TOURISM

R.A. No. 9593 AN ACT DECLARING A NATIONAL POLICY FOR TOURISM AS AN ENGINE OF INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, GROWTH AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, STRENGTHENING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY, PROVIDING NECESSARY INCENTIVES FOR INVESTMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (S.No. 2213) [May 12, 2009]

The law declares tourism as an engine of economic growth and national development. It establishes Tourism Enterprise Zones throughout the archipelago and provides investment incentives to promote tourism-related businesses which would create employment and generate income for the nation. The law restructures the tourism department and its attached agencies in order that they can effectively and efficiently carry out the national policy on tourism.

TRADE AND COMMERCE

R.A. No. 9646 AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2963/H. No. 3514) [June 29, 2009]

The “Real Estate Service Act of the Philippines” aims to elevate the standard of practice and service of real estate practitioners by creating a Professional Regulatory Board of Real Estate Service. The Board shall be under the supervision and administrative control of the Professional Regulation Commission. The Board, shall, among others, provide comprehensive policy guidelines for the promotion and development of the real estate industry and shall conduct licensure examinations for the practice of the real estate service profession. A national Code of Ethics and Responsibilities for strict observance by

all licensed real estate service practitioners shall also be put in place. Under this law, “real estate service practitioners” shall refer to real estate salesperson.

R.A.No. 9648 AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX ANY SALE, BARTER OR EXCHANGE OF SHARES OF STOCK LISTED AND TRADED THROUGH THE STOCK EXCHANGE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 199 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9243, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 3203/H. No. 4900) [June 30, 2009]

This law extends the five-year exemption from documentary stamp tax on the sale, barter and exchange of shares of stocks listed and traded through the local stock exchange granted under R.A. No. 9243. The exemption was supposed to have expired on March 20, 2009. The Secretary of finance was tasked to promulgate and publish the rules and regulations for the implementation of this measure.

S. No. 3197 AN ACT PENALIZING UNFAIR TRADE AND ANTI-COMPETITIVE PRACTICES IN RESTRAINT OF TRADE, UNFAIR COMPETITION, ABUSE OF DOMINANT POWER, STRENGTHENING THE POWERS OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill, also known as the Competition Act of 2009, seeks to promote and enhance free and full competition in the country’s economy. It seeks to prevent concentration of economic power in the hands of a few and penalize unfair trade practices and anti-competitive acts that can hamper free trade. Protecting and advancing consumer welfare is the ultimate objective of promoting a free and competitive market environment, which this measure aims to bring about.

It seeks to prohibit cartels and monopolies, which are arrangements that restrict free and competitive trade, industry, commercial and other economic activities within the Philippine territory as well as acts in international trade that can affect the Philippine economy.

Under the chapter on Prohibitive Acts, it shall be unlawful for firms providing goods in relevant markets to join together as cartels to monopolize, or to control production in a particular industry or com-

modity, the sale and price of such good, and to agree to restrict trade for their mutual benefit, which may or may not be on an international scale. Restrictive Agreements resulting from cartel-like behavior of firms, in any form, are deemed illegal per se. These include:

- a. Agreements to fix selling price of goods or other terms of sale;
- b. Agreements to limit supply or output
- c. Agreements to divide the market whether by volume of sales or purchase or by territory, by type of goods sold, by customers or sellers, or by any other means
- d. Agreements that exclude or limit dealings with particular suppliers or sellers from supplying or selling goods, or customers from acquiring or buying goods;
- e. Agreements to fix setting price at auctions or in any other form of bidding.

The bill provides that a cartel exists when the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or any agency finds out that two or more persons or firms competing for the same relevant market perform uniform or complementary acts among themselves, thus bringing about artificial and unreasonable increase in the price of any goods or when they simultaneously increase the price of their competing goods thereby lessening competition among themselves.

On the other hand, under Monopolies, it shall be unlawful for any firm to monopolize or knowingly attempt to monopolize, the trade of goods or any part of the trade or commerce within the Philippines or with any foreign country or territory. The essential elements of the crime of monopolization, under the bill, are the possession of monopoly power, and its willful acquisition, maintenance or abuse to exclude competitors from any part of trade, commerce or industry as distinguished from natural growth or development of a firm as a consequence of a superior product, business acumen or historic accident.

Firms that have at least 50 percent of the relevant market as found and certified by the DTI or the concerned regulatory agency, shall be deemed a monopoly.

However, abusive agreements such as, but not limited to any of the following, shall be deemed to fall under the crime of abuse of

monopoly power or market power by one in a dominant position:

- Price fixing
- Bid rigging
- Limitation and control of markets
- Market allocation
- Arrangements to share markets or sources of supply
- Price discrimination
- Exclusivity arrangement
- Tie-in arrangement
- Boycott, unless for a legitimate purpose, such as but not limited to the following: defaulting borrowers, defaulting buyers, and violators of intellectual property rights

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) shall be the primary agencies in the enforcement of this Act. However, the exercise of regulatory powers by each respective agency remains. These agencies shall cooperate and coordinate among themselves to share information and prevent overlapping of functions.

The bill also specifies that fines and penalties can be imposed by the regulating agency concerned.

URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT

R.A. No. 9507 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOCIALIZED AND LOW-COST HOUSING LOAN RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION PROGRAM, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 1987/H. No. 4220) [October 13, 2008]

This law establishes a Socialized and Low-Cost Housing Loan Restructuring and Condonation Program, which provides that for a period of 18 months after the issuance of the implementing rules and regulation, all socialized and low cost housing loans that have at least three months unpaid monthly amortizations are covered by the benefits of this program notwithstanding that the same accounts have availed of the benefits of previous restructuring or condonation program: provided, however, that the original principal amount of the housing loans shall not exceed P2,500,000 and that every year after the effectivity of this Act, the Housing and Urban Develop-

ment Coordinating Council (HUDCC) is authorized to increase the amount stated.

It provides further that notwithstanding the lapse of the period under this program, the governing boards of HDMF/Pag-Ibig Fund, SSS, GSIS, NHMFC, SHFC, HGC and NHA are authorized to continue this loan restructuring and condonation program.

An application for restructuring shall not be charged a processing fee and no downpayment shall be required for a borrower to apply for the benefits of this program.

R.A. No. 9653 AN ACT ESTABLISHING REFORMS IN THE REGULATION OF RENT OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL UNITS, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

This Act defines residential units and sets limits on cost of renting them. It covers those residential units that are being rented out for not more than P10,000 in the National Capital Region and other highly urbanized cities and P5,000 in all other areas.

The law provides that increase in rent shall be no more than 10 percent of the current rent to the same lessee. However, the lessor/owner may set an initial rent for a new lessee. Rent shall be paid within the first five days of every current month unless the contract sets the payment for a later date of the month. The lessor cannot demand more than one month advance rent nor can he/she demand more than two months deposit which shall be kept in a bank under the lessor's account name during the entire duration of the lease agreement.

Subleasing and acceptance of boarders without the written consent of the lessor is prohibited. Arrears in the payment of rent for three months is a ground for judicial ejectment. The lessor/owner may require the residential unit to be vacated by the lessee in the event that the lessor may need said unit to be occupied by his/her immediate family. In this case, the lessor will serve notice to the lessee three months in advance before the designated date to vacate the property.

The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council is in charge of regulating and deregulating the rent of said residential units.

S. No. 2971 AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, TO BE KNOWN HEREON AS THE PAG-IBIG FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PD NO. 1752, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: For Approval of the President

This measure provides for the Pag-IBIG Fund which will replace the Home Development Mutual Fund. The Fund shall be a corporate body in charge of providing shelter through financial mobilization and implementing an integrated nationwide provident savings system. It shall be private in character, owned wholly by the members administered in trust for their benefit.

Members include all employees covered by SSS and GSIS, their respective employers, including the uniformed members of the AFP, Bureau of Fire Protection, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, the Philippine National Police, Filipinos employed by foreign-based employers, and may include spouses who devote full time to managing the household and family affairs, unless they also engaged in a vocation or employment subject to mandatory coverage. The spouse's coverage shall be voluntary and the basis of contribution is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the monthly compensation income of the employed spouse.

The Fund shall be empowered to adopt, amend, and rescind its rules and regulations; to borrow funds from any source, private or government, foreign or domestic; to invest, own or otherwise participate in equity in any establishment, firm or entity in any establishment and to form, organize, invest in or establish and maintain a subsidiary or subsidiaries in relation to any of its purposes; to formulate a compensation and position classification system standard which will be approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees; to approve restructuring proposals for the payment of due but unremitted contributions and unpaid loan amortizations; to determine, fix and impose interest and penalties on unpaid contributions.

As part of its investment operations, the Fund may act as insurer of all or part of its interest on properties mortgaged to it, or the lives of borrowers whose loans are financed by the fund. For this purpose, the fund may establish a separate account known as the Borrower's Insurance Account. The assets held in this account shall not be chargeable with the liabilities arising out of any other business the Fund may conduct. It shall be held exclusively for the benefit of the owners or

beneficiaries of the insurance contracts issued by the Fund.

S. No. 3106 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR HOMEOWNERS AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

The bill defines the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of the homeowners, non-member of the homeowners' association, the homeowners association, the board of trustees of the homeowners association and the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), as well as the association's relationship with the Local Government Unit (LGU).

As enumerated in the bill, a homeowner is 1) a purchaser of a lot in any subdivision, village, or any neighborhood association formed by its residents in consideration of PD 957 and related laws; 2) an awardee, beneficiary occupant or lessee of a unit, house and/or lot in a government socialized or economic housing or relocation project and other urban estates; 3) an informal settler in the process of being accredited as beneficiary or awardee of ownership rights under the Community Mortgage Program, Land Tenure Assistance and other similar programs; 4) a homeowner who is not a member of the homeowners' association and whose housing unit or lot is situated in the duly organized area.

The homeowners' association is mandated to register with the HLURB, for the former to acquire a juridical personality. By simple majority, it can adopt and amend its articles of incorporation, by-laws, rules and regulations; adopt and amend budget for revenues, expenditures and reserves; in behalf of its members, it can intervene in litigation and administrative proceedings affecting the welfare of the association and the community as a whole; take charge of the community's common area and charge fees for its use; allow and regulate access by outsiders to the subdivision and village roads. Regulate the establishment of schools, hospitals, market, grocery or opening of a certain area of the subdivision to outsiders that may result in loss of privacy, security, safety and tranquility of its residents.

The homeowners association shall have a board of directors or trustees who shall hold at least the following duties and responsibilities as cited in the homeowners' association by-laws:

1. Maintain an accounting system using generally accepted accounting principles, keep books of accounts
2. Collect fees, dues and assessments that may be provided for in the by-laws and approved by the majority of the homeowners
3. Collect reasonable charges for assessments, charge reasonable fines for late payments and violation of by-laws, rules and regulations of the association in accordance with a pre-established schedule adopted by the board and furnished to the homeowners
4. Propose measures to raise funds and utilization of said funds subject to consideration by members of the homeowners association.

YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

R.A. No. 9523 AN ACT REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO DECLARE A “CHILD LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION” AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8043, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION ACT OF 1995, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 603, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2391/H. No. 10) [March 12, 2009]

This law provides that the DSWD Secretary shall be the one to issue a certification declaring a child legally available for adoption, in lieu of a judicial order. This provision makes the adoption process entirely administrative in nature.

The certification or “petition” shall be in an affidavit form, containing the facts necessary to establish its merit and shall state the circumstances on the abandonment or neglect of the child. This document shall be supported with the following documents: (1) a social case study report as prepared by DSWD, the licensed child caring or child placing agency or the institution charged with custody of the child; (2) proofs of efforts to locate the parents or any known relatives of the child; (3) birth or foundling certificate (4) recent photograph

of the child and his/her photograph upon abandonment or admission to the agency/institution.

Said documents shall be examined by the regional director of DSWD and upon his/her authorization, the petition shall be posted for five days in conspicuous places in the locality where the child was found. After this period, the regional director shall make a recommendation and submit it to the Office of the DSWD Secretary within 48 hours from date of recommendation. Within seven days from receipt of recommendation from regional director, the Secretary shall issue his/her certification declaring the child legally available for adoption. The decision of the Secretary shall be appealable to the Court of Appeals within five days from receipt of said decision by the petitioner; otherwise, it will be final and executory.

S. No. 2317 AN ACT PROHIBITING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE COMMISSION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

Under this proposed measure, the word “child” shall apply, among others, to computer, digitally or manually crafted images or graphics of a person who is represented or is made to appear as a “child” as defined therein.

Further, the bill provides that “Child Pornography” shall refer to any visual, written material or audio representation, made by electronic or mechanical means, or not, of a child engaged in simulated explicit sexual activity or is showing his or her sexual parts or anal region for a sexual purpose.

This bill provides that Special Prosecutors shall be designated by the Department of Justice to prosecute cases for violation of this Act. Cases for violation of this measure shall be vested in the Family Court which has territorial jurisdiction where the offense or any of its essential elements was committed.

S. No. 2396 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN

Status: For Approval of the President

The bill seeks to grant rights to women and empower them. All rights recognized under international instruments duly signed and ratified

by the Philippines, including rights under the Constitution and other existing laws shall be the rights of women under this bill which shall be enjoyed without discrimination.

It also mandates agencies of government to give priority to the defense and protection of women against gender-based offenses and help women attain justice and healing. Women shall have, among others, the right to protection and security in situations of armed conflict and militarization; and in times of disasters, calamities, and other crisis situations especially in phases of relief, recovery, rehabilitation and construction.

It requires the State to undertake temporary special measures to accelerate the participation and representation of women in all spheres of society particularly in decision- and policy-making processes in government and private entities to fully realize their role as agents and beneficiaries of development.

S. No. 3111 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LEGITIMATION OF CHILDREN BORN TO PARENTS WHO ARE BELOW MARRYING AGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED

Status: Approved on Third Reading by the Senate

This bill seeks to amend Art. 177 of the Family Code of the Philippines as amended, by providing for the legitimation of children conceived and born outside of wedlock by their parents' valid subsequent marriage. It provides further that children conceived to parents either or both of whom are below marrying age and not disqualified by any other impediment may also be legitimated by the latter's valid subsequent marriage.

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- R.A. No. 9505** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVIDENT PERSONAL SAVINGS PLAN, KNOWN AS THE PERSONAL EQUITY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (PERA) (S. No. 1882/H. No. 3754) [August 22, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9506** AN ACT CREATING THE BACOLOR REHABILITATION COUNCIL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3389) [September 28, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9507** AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOCIALIZED AND LOW-COST HOUSING LOAN RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION PROGRAM, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 1987/H. No. 4220) [October 13, 2008]
- R.A.No. 9508** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR (H. No. 3224) [October 20, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9509** AN ACT ESTABLISHING LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS TRAINING CENTERS IN FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS MUNICIPALITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (H. No. 4349/S. No. 2092) [October 21, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9510** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CREDIT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 1881/H. No. 4260) [October 31, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9511** AN ACT GRANTING THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES A FRANCHISE TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF CONVEYING OR TRANSMITTING ELECTRICITY THROUGH HIGH VOLTAGE BACKBONE SYSTEM OF INTERCONNECTED TRANSMISSION LINES, SUBSTATIONS AND RELATED FACILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (H. No. 4358) [December 1, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9512** AN ACT TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 1699) [December 12, 2008]

- R.A. No. 9513** AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2046/H. No. 4381) [December 16, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9514** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1185 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2553/H. No. 4115) [December 19, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9515** AN ACT DEFINING THE LIABILITY OF SHIP AGENTS IN THE TRAMP SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2078/H. No. 4120) [December 19, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9516** AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1866, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED CODIFYING THE LAWS ON ILLEGAL/ UNLAWFUL POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, DEALING IN, ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES OR INSTRUMENTS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVES, AND IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR RELEVANT PURPOSES (S. No. 2230/H. No. 3242) [December 22, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9517** AN ACT GRANTING SOUTHEAST ASIAN AIRLINES (SEAIR) INC. A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, WITH CLARKFIELD, PAMPANGA AS ITS BASE SEAIR (H. No. 3788) [Lapsed into law on December 27, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9518** AN ACT GRANTING THE METRO KIDAPAWAN TELEPHONE CORPORATION (MKTC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO (H. No. 3789) [Lapsed into law on December 27, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9519** AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDANAO POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDANAO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MUST) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4407) [January 7, 2009]
- Jt. Res. No. 1** A JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE COVERAGE OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS FOR PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LANDS

WHOSE OWNERS HAVE OFFERED THEIR LANDS UNDER THE VOLUNTARY OFFER TO SELL (VOS) AND UNDER THE VOLUNTARY LAND TRANSFER (VLT) AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR) TO CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT SERVICES TO BENEFICIARIES OF LANDS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACQUIRED AND DISTRIBUTED AS OF DECEMBER 15, 2008 (S. Jt. Res. No. 19/H. Jt. Res. No. 29) [Lapsed into law on January 23, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9520** AN ACT AMENDING THE COOPERATIVE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO BE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008” (S. No. 2264) [February 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9521** AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT FILIPINO AUTHORSHIP (S. No. 2409/H. No. 4213) [March 5, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9522** AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3046, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5446, TO DEFINE THE ARCHIPELAGIC BASELINES OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2699/H. No. 3216) [March 10, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9523** AN ACT REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO DECLARE A “CHILD LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION” AS A PREREQUISITE FOR ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8043, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION ACT OF 1995, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 603, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2391/H. No. 10) [March 12, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9524** AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND NINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (H. No. 5116) [March 12, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9525** AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ELEVEN BILLION THREE HUNDRED ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND PESOS (P11,301,790,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR AN AUTOMATED ELECTION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (H. No. 5715) [March 23, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9526** AN ACT CONVERTING THE EULOGIO RODRIGUEZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE EULOGIO RODRIGUEZ INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3715) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9527** AN ACT CONVERTING THE HIGHWAY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE HIGHWAY HILLS INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3716) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9528** AN ACT SEPARATING THE NUEVE DE FEBRERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-PLEASANT HILLS ANNEX IN BARANGAY PLEASANT HILLS, CITY OF MANDALUYONG FROM THE NUEVE DE FEBRERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE PLEASANT HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3748) [March 24, 2009]
- R. A. No. 9529** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TINAGACAN, GENERAL SANTOS CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE TINAGACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3354) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9530** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAGDAUP, MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE KNOWN AS MAGDAUP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4348) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9531** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SOUTHERN DAVAO, CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS SOUTHERN DAVAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3913) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9532** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAMAMAN-AN, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS CAMAMAN-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3904) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9533** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GUINHAWA, MUNICIPALITY OF TUY,

PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE KNOWN AS TUY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3891) [March 24, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9534** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY VEGA, MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABON, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO BE KNOWN AS VEGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3898) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9535** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DANGAY, MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS THE DANGAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS (H. No. 3353) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9536** AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE (1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE, ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATAGBACAN, LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GOV. JACINTO C. BORJA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3357) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9537** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS AGUSAN DEL SUR NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3888) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9538** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RIZAL, CITY OF SORSOGON, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS RIZAL INTEGRATED NATIONAL SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3832) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9539** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYUGAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS MOUNT CARMEL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3887) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9540** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADADA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE PADADA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3349) [March 24, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9541** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DEL PILAR, MUNICIPALITY OF CAGDIANAO, PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS TO BE KNOWN AS DEL PILAR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3911) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9542** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DINAPA, MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS DINAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3910) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9543** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ROQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3908) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9544** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GANAO, MUNICIPALITY OF DUPAX DEL SUR, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS GANAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3900) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9545** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO BE KNOWN AS TUBA CENTRAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3914) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9546** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GUINOMAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DIPLAHAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE KNOWN AS GUINOMAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4282) [March 24, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9547** ACT STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT 7323, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS (SPES) (S. No. 2116/H. No. 5388) [April 1, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9548** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ARTS AND CULTURE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CAPITAL TOWN OF PILI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE BIKOL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 223) [April 17, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9549** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAKEWOOD, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE POBLACION COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 1528) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9550** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MINOYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MURCIA, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINOYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3334) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9551** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BOGAYO, MUNICIPALITY OF KUMALARANG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE BOGAYO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3348) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9552** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BOLIWONG, MUNICIPALITY OF LAGAWE, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAGAWE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3359) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9553** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUHATAN, CITY OF SORSOGON, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS BUHATAN INTEGRATED NATIONAL SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3830) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9554** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BINALIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF KAYAPA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS BINALIAN INTEGRATED NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3833) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9555** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BALETE, MUNICIPALITY OF KAYAPA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA TO BE KNOWN AS NAPO-TUYAK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3899) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9556** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAGUCAN, MUNICIPALITY OF VINCENZO

SAGUN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS SAGUCAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3906) [April 17, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9557** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALCEDO, MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO TO BE KNOWN AS FELIMON M. SALCEDO SR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3907) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9558** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAYS AN ANTONIO, CITY OF OZAMIZ, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS SAN ANTONIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3912) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9559** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BULULAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAKEWOOD, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS BULULAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3915) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9560** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HANDUMON, MUNICIPALITY OF GETAFE, PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE KNOWN AS HANDUMON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4083) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9561** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANLAYAAN, WEST DISTRICT, CITY OF SORSOGON, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS PANLAYAAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4155) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9562** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAYASONG, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS BAYASONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4223) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9563** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TOGORON, MUNICIPALITY OF MONREAL, PROVINCE OF MASBATE TO BE KNOWN AS TOGORON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4224) [April 17, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9564** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LIBAYOY, MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS LIBAYOY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4280) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9565** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PICANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF KUMALARANG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PICANAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4281) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9566** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JOSE, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBJO, PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS TO BE KNOWN AS SAN JOSE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4284) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9567** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MABUNAO, CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS MABUNAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4286) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9568** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KATIPUNAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILAGO, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS KATIPUNAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4290) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9569** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUNAWAN, CITY OF DAVAO TO BE KNOWN AS BERNARDINO B. BOSQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4292) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9570** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANNAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF MARIA AURORA, PROVINCE OF AURORA TO BE KNOWN AS DIMANPUDSON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4293) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9571** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CATMON, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS CATMON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4296) [April 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9572** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

IN BARANGAY OZAMIZ (GUBA), MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS CONGRESSMAN HILARION J. RAMIRO, JR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4297) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9573 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BAANGAY BULIHAN, CITY OF MALOLOS, PROVINCE OF BULACANTO TO BE KNOWN AS BULIHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4343) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9574 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SOLO, MUNICIPALITY OF MABINI, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE KNOWN AS MABINI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4346) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9575 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PICONG, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PICONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4347) [April 17, 2009]

R.A. No. 9576 AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM DEPOSIT INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY, AND FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (PDIC), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PDIC CHARTER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2964/H. No. 5911) [April 29, 2009]

R.A. No. 9577 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIANGA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE LIANGA NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 1059) [April 30, 2009]

R.A. No. 9578 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY JUPI, MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE JUPI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3327) [April 30, 2009]

R.A. No. 9579 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GATE, MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROV-

INCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE GATE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3328) [April 30, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9580** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY NANENG, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA TO BE KNOWN AS NANENG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3829) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9581** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RECODO, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS THE RECODO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3331) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9582** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALAWAO, STO. NIÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF TALAINGOD, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE DATU JOSE A. LIBAYAO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3335) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9583** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MESA OY, MUNICIPALITY OF NEW CORELLA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MESA OY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3336) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9584** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAGAYEN, MUNICIPALITY OF ASUNCION, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAGAYEN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3337) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9585** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SEMONG, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPALONG, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SEMONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3341) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9586** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARAYAG, MUNICIPALITY OF LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARAYAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3346) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9587** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAILHI, CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE MAILHI NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3347) [April 30, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9588** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SINUBONG, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS THE SINUBONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3351) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9589** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CADANDANAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BULAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE CADANDANAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3352) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9590** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LAJONG, MUNICIPALITY OF JUBAN, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAJONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3356) [April 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9591** AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 57 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8754, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF MALOLOS (H. No. 3693) [Lapsed into law on May 1, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9592** AN ACT EXTENDING FOR FIVE (5) YEARS THE REGULATORY PERIOD FOR COMPLYING WITH THE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AND APPROPRIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE BFP AND BJMP PROFESSIONALIZATION ACT OF 2004" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 3085/H. No. 6000) [May 8, 2008]
- R.A. No. 9593** AN ACT DECLARING A NATIONAL POLICY FOR TOURISM AS AN ENGINE OF INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, GROWTH AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, STRENGTHENING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND ITS ATTACHED AGENCIES TO EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY, PROVIDING NECESSARY INCENTIVES FOR INVESTMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (S. No. 2213) [May 12, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9594** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAPISAN, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAPISAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3332)
[May 13, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9595** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SALAPUNGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN RAFAEL, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS SALAPUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3831) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9596** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PATAAC, MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO BE KNOWN AS STO. TOMAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3834) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9597** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SARAVIA, CITY OF KORONADAL, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO BE KNOWN AS SARAVIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3889) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9598** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIMALANG, MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE KNOWN AS TIMALANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3890) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9599** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DACUDAC, MUNICIPALITY OF TADIAN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS DACUDAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3892) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9600** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BURINGAL, MUNICIPALITY OF PARCELIS, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS BURINGAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3893) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9601** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DATA, MUNICIPALITY OF SABANGAN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS DATA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3694) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9602** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TAMBOAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BESAO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS TAMBOAN

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR (H. No. 3895) [May 13, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9603** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SACLIT, MUNICIPALITY OF SADANGA, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS SACLIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3896) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9604** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ABATAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE KNOWN AS ABATAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3897) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9605** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALON-TALON, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS TALON-TALON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3901) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9606** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUNGUIAO, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA TO BE KNOWN AS BUNGUIAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3902) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9607** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIGBE, MUNICIPALITY OF NORZAGARAY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS FVR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3903) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9608** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DON MARIANO MARCOS, MUNICIPALITY OF LUPON, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS DON MARIANO MARCOS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3905) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9609** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PARADISE EMBAC, CITY OF DAVAO TO BE KNOWN AS PARADISE EMBAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 3916) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9610** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BULUANG, MUNICIPALITY OF BAAO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS EUSEBIA PAZ ARROYO MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4027)
[May 13, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9611** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GRACEVILLE, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE GRACEVILLE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4037) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9612** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARIA, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUA-AN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE TO BE KNOWN AS EASTERN LAUA-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4084) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9613** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CALIPAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA IGNACIA, PROVINCE OF TARLAC TO BE KNOWN AS CALIPAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4208) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9614** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONCADA, PROVINCE OF TARLAC TO BE KNOWN AS MONCADA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4209) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9615** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY INAPUGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS TINGCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4210) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9616** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PALANAS, MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS PALANAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4211) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9617** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RIZAL, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LEONARDO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO BE KNOWN AS SAN LEONARDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4212) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9618** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUGNAY, MUNICIPALITY OF TINGLAYAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA TO BE KNOWN AS SOUTHERN TINGLAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRI-

ATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4221) [May 13, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9619** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LILO-AN, CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS LILO-AN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4222) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9620** AN ACT CONVERTING THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL INTO A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS NEGROS OCCIDENTAL NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4228) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9621** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY COMAGUINGKING, MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS CAMARINES SUR NATIONAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4229) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9622** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF HUNGDUAN, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO TO BE KNOWN AS BANGBANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4230) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9623** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SUBIC, MUNICIPALITY OF AGONCILLO, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE KNOWN AS AGONCILLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4283) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9624** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAUSWAGAN, CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS KAUSWAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4285) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9625** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MECOLONG, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALINAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS MECOLONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4287) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9626** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

IN BARANGAY BALINTAWAK, MUNICIPALITY OF MARGOSATUBIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS BALINTAWAK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4288) [May 13, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9627** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MALAKING ILOG, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PASCUAL, PROVINCE OF MASBATE TO BE KNOWN AS MALAKING ILOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4289) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9628** AN ACT CONVERTING THE PILAR PRODUCTIVITY DEVELOPMENT HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PILAR NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4294) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9629** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBUAGAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA TO BE KNOWN AS LUBUAGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4295) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9630** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS DAVAO ORIENTAL REGIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4335) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9631** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TANDUBUAY, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS TANDUBUAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4336) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9632** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARUING, MUNICIPALITY OF LAPUYAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS MARUING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4337) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9633** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GULING, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIPOS, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS GULING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4338) [May 13, 2009]

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- R.A. No. 9634** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TENIAPAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS TENIAPAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4339) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9635** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANUBIGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PITOGO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PANUBIGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4340) [Ma7 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9636** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY INDAHAG, CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO TO BE KNOWN AS INDAHAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4341) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9637** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAGAYAWAN, POVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR TO BE KNOWN AS PAGAYAWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4342) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9638** AN ACT SEPARATING THE SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ROXAS ANNEX IN BARANGAY ROXAS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE SAN ISIDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4344) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9639** AN ACT SEPARATING THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - STA. FE ANNEX IN BARANGAY STA. FE, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. LUNA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE FROM THE GEN. LUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS STA. FE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4345) [May 13, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9640** AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 140 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 (S. No. 2325/H. No. 5624) [Lapsed into law on May 21, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9641** AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF KAPITAN RAMON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KAPITAN RAMON, CITY OF SILAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO DON FELIX T. LACSON MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (H. No. 3561) [May 29, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9642** AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS ROMBLON FOUNDATION DAY AND A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON (H. No. 2160) [June 11, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9643** AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN VICTORIAS CITY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL (H. No. 5280) [June 11, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9644** AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 28 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO TO BE KNOWN AS 'CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY DAY' (H. No. 5280) [June 11, 2009]
- S. Jt. Res. No. 4** JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO MODIFY THE COMPENSATION AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND THE BASE PAY SCHEDULE OF THE MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO IMPLEMENT THE SAME INITIALLY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. Jt. Res. No. 26/H. Jt. Res. No. 36) [June 17, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9645** AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NATIONAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO IN THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED (H. No. 5410/S. No. 3281) [June 12, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9646** AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF REAL ESTATE SERVICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2963/H. No. 3514) [June 29, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9647** AN ACT DESIGNATING THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY AS THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS

THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 3157/H. No. 6049) [June 30, 2009]

- R.A. No. 9648** AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX ANY SALE, BARTER OR EXCHANGE OF SHARES OF STOCK LISTED AND TRADED THROUGH THE STOCK EXCHANGE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 199 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9243, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 3203/H. No. 4900) [June 30, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9649** AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5412, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS (S. No. 3275/H. No. 6014) [July 7, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9650** AN ACT AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAMBANG, MUNICIPALITY OF BOCAUE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS BAMBANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H.No. 3886) [July 7, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9651** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DAPA, SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS SIARGAO SCIENCE NATIONAL HIGH HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR (H. No. 4291) [July 7, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9652** AN ACT GRANTING THE INFORMATION BROADCAST UNLIMITED, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES (H. No. 3058) [Lapsed into Law on July 12, 2009]
- R.A. No. 9653** AN ACT ESTABLISHING REFORMS IN THE REGULATION OF RENT OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL UNITS, PROVIDING THE MECHANISMS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 3163/H. No. 5849) [July 14, 2009]

VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT (1)

- S. Jt. Res. No. 13 JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING SEVERANCE INCENTIVE TO ALL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- H. Jt. Res. No. 20

SENTATIVES, THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS, THE SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL, AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT (6)

- S. No. 2390 Establishing a Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program for the Prevention, Early Diagnosis and Intervention of Hearing Loss Among Children
- S. No. 2392 Establishing the Mountains of Banahaw and San Cristobal in the Provinces of Laguna and Quezon as a Protected Area, Under the Category of Protected Landscape
- S. No. 2396 Providing for the Magna Carta of Women
- S. No. 2645 Food, Drugs, Cosmetics and Devices Administration Act of 2008
- S. No. 2971 Further Strengthening the Home Development Mutual Fund
- S. No. 3015 Adjusting the Requirements on Education and for Promotion in the Philippine National Police Amending for the Purpose R.A. No. 8551, Otherwise Known as the Philippine National Police Reform and Reorganization Act of 1998

APPROVED BY BOTH HOUSES (66)

• ***Naming and Renaming of Schools (33)***

- H. No. 2095 Malanday National High School (Malanday, Marikina City)
- H. No. 3724 Restoring the Name of the Bohol National High School

- H. No. 3935 Angat National High School (Taboc, Angat, Bulacan)
- H. No. 3936 Sto. Niño National High School (Sto. Niño, Marikina City)
- H. No. 4015 Maronquillo National High School (Maronquillo, San Rafael, Bulacan)
- H. No. 4016 Vedasto R. Santiago Memorial National High School (Salacot, San Miguel, Bulacan)
- H. No. 4017 San Mateo National High School (San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan)
- H. No. 4018 Balaong National High School (Balaong, San Miguel, Bulacan)
- H. No. 4032 Lian National High School (Malaruhatan, Lian, Batangas)
- H. No. 4469 Vicente P. Trinidad National High School (Punturin, Valenzuela, Metro Manila)
- H. No. 4470 Bignay National High School (Bignay, Valenzuela City)
- H. No. 4553 San Ildefonso National High School (Poblacion, San Ildefonso, Bulacan)
- H. No. 4566 Minuyan National High School (Minuyan Proper, San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan)
- H. No. 4810 San Jose Del Monte National Science High School (San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan)
- H. No. 5026 Sapinit National High School (Sapinit, San Juan, Antipolo City)
- H. No. 5027 San Roque National High School (San Roque, Antipolo City)
- H. No. 5072 Cupang National High School (Cupang, Antipolo City)

- H. No. 5107 Ganduz National High School (Ganduz, Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija)
- H. No. 5136 Baesa National High School (Baesa, Quezon City)
- H. No. 5137 Sto. Nino 3rd National High School (Sto. Niño 3rd, San Jose City, Nueva Ecija)
- H. No. 5138 Burgos National High School (Burgos, Carranglan, Nueva Ecija)
- H. No. 5144 Maximo L. Gatlabayan National High School (San Jose, Antipolo City)
- H. No. 5249 Felicisimo T. San Luis National High School (Kapatalan, Siniloan, Laguna)
- H. No. 5293 Arkong Bato National High School (Arkong Bato, Valenzuela, Metro Manila)
- H. No. 5330 Apolonio Samson National High School (Apolonio Samson, Quezon City)
- H. No. 5354 Botolan National High School (Botolan, Zambales)
- H. No. 5357 Caloocan National Science and Technology (Caloocan City)
- H. No. 5363 San Roque National High School (San Roque, Marikina City)
- H. No. 5364 Barangka National High School (Barangka, Marikina City)
- H. No. 5373 Panan National High School (Botolan, Zambales)
- H. No. 5377 Caloocan City Science High School (Sixty-Two, Caloocan City)
- H. No. 5379 Taugtog National High School (Botolan, Zambales)
- H. No. 5402 Kalumpang National High School (Kalumpang, Marikina City)

- **Franchise (3)**

H. No. 3040 Granting the Convergence Information and Communications Technology Solutions, Inc. a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Telecommunications Systems throughout the Philippines

H. No. 5146 Granting the Panay Telephone Corporation (PANTELCO III) a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Local Exchange Network in the Municipalities of Cabatuan, Janiuay and Badiangan, All in the Province of Iloilo

H. No. 5227 Amending the Franchise of Express Telecommunications Co., Inc. (Formerly 'Felix Alberto and Company, Incorporated') Granted Under Republic Act No. 2090, and Renewing/Extending the Term Thereof to Another Twenty-Five (25) Years from the Date of Effectivity of This Act

- **Creation of Regional Trial Court (1)**

H. No. 1423 Creating an Additional Branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Orion, Province of Bataan, Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (C) of Batas Pambansa Bilang Isang Daan at Dalawampu't Siyam, Otherwise Known as the 'Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980', as Amended by R.A. No. 7154

- **Naming and Renaming of Roads and Bridges (12)**

H. No. 4795 Renaming the Liloan Bridge in the Lone District of Southern Leyte as Diosdado Pangan Macapagal Bridge

H. No. 4796 Naming the Newly Constructed Bridge in Butuan City as President Diosdado P. Macapagal Bridge

- H. No. 4798 Renaming the Tumana Bridge in Marikina City as Gil Fernando Bridge
- H. No. 5298 Naming the Road from Barangay Bagatangki, Municipality of Malinao, Province of Albay to Barangay San Ramon, City of Iriga, Up to Barangay Anawan in the Municipality of Ocampo, Province of Camarines Sur as the Gov. Felix O. Alfelor Sr. National Highway
- H. No. 5299 Naming the Road Starting from the Boundary of Iriga City and the Municipality of Buhi, Passing Through Barangays Justina and Lourdes and Ending at the Municipal Hall of Buhi, Province of Camarines Sur as the Maximino Noble Sr. Highway
- H. No. 5389 Renaming the Kalibo - New Washington Road in the Province of Aklan as Jaime Cardinal Sin Avenue
- H. No. 5390 Changing the Name of Liboton Street in the City of Naga, Province of Camarines Sur to M.T. Villanueva Avenue
- H. No. 5391 Renaming Real Street in Dumaguete City as Mayor Ramon Teves Pastor Sr. Street
- H. No. 5392 Naming the Provincial Road from the Municipality of Sta. Magdalena up to Pawa Road in the Municipality of Matnog, Province of Sorsogon as Gov. Juan G. Frivaldo Highway
- H. No. 5393 Naming a Stretch of the National Highway Along the Davao Oriental - Surigao Coastal Road Which Begins at the Boundary of the Provinces of Compostela Valley and Davao Oriental Up to the Boundary of the First and Second Districts of the Province of Davao Oriental as the Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal National Highway
- H. No. 5394 Naming the Road Network Traversing Marifosque Street and National Highway at Barangay Dao in the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Sorsogon as Mayor Manuel T. Sia Diversion Road

H. No. 5395 Renaming the Binakayan Diversion Road in Kawit, Province of Cavite as the Battle of Binakayan Road

• ***Creation of Municipality (1)***

H. No. 3206 Amending Section 1 of Republic Act No. 6769, Entitled an Act Creating the Municipality of San Jose in the Province of [Surigao del Norte] Dinagat Islands

• ***District Engineering Offices (12)***

H. No. 3623 Establishing the Ifugao Second District Engineering Office in the Province of Ifugao

H. No. 3624 Establishing the Sorsogon Second District Engineering Office in the Province of Sorsogon

H. No. 3625 Establishing the Cagayan De Oro City First District Engineering Office

H. No. 3626 Establishing the Sultan Kudarat Second District Engineering Office in the Province of Sultan Kudarat

H. No. 3627 Establishing the Misamis Occidental Second District Engineering Office in the Province of Misamis Occidental

H. No. 3628 Reconstituting the Albay Engineering District Offices in the Province of Albay Into Three (3) Regular District Engineering Offices

H. No. 3629 Establishing the Sixth District Engineering Office in the Sixth Congressional District of the Province of Cebu

H. No. 5117 Establishing the Zamboanga Sibugay First District Engineering Office in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay

H. No. 5118 Establishing the Ilocos Norte Third District Engineering Office in the Province of Ilocos Norte

- H. No. 5119 Establishing the District Engineering Office for the Cities of Malabon and Navotas in Metro Manila
- H. No. 5120 Upgrading the Nueva Vizcaya Sub-district Engineering Office into a Regular District Engineering Office to be Known as Nueva Vizcaya Second District Engineering Office
- H. No. 5122 Upgrading the Tarlac Sub-district Engineering Office Into a Regular District Engineering Office to be Known as the Tarlac Second District Engineering Office

• **Local Holidays (4)**

- H. No. 206 Declaring September 29 of Every Year as a Special Nonworking Public Holiday in the Municipality of Balilihan, Province of Bohol
- H. No. 1125 Declaring July 18th a Special Nonworking Holiday in the Province of South Cotabato in Commemoration of its Foundation Anniversary and the Culmination of the T'nalak Festival
- H. No. 1314 Declaring September 18 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur
- H. No. 3685 Declaring October 2 of Every Year an Official Nonworking Holiday in the Municipality of Majayjay, Province of Laguna and in all its Barangays, to be Known as the Majayjay Day

APPROVED ON THIRD READING BY THE SENATE (28)

- S. No. 31 Prescribing a Fixed Term for the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines
- S. No. 233 Prohibiting a Person from Being Appointed as DND Secretary Within Three (3) Years After Retirement

from Active Duty as a Commissioned Officer of a Regular Component of the AFP

- S. No. 1757 Regulating the Use of Sidewalks for Commercial
- S. No. 1976 Creating Six (6) Additional Branches of Metropolitan Trial Courts in the National Capital Region
- S. No. 1978 Penalizing Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment
- S. No. 1980 Establishing Two Branches of the Regional Trial Court to be Stationed at the Municipality of Surallah, South Cotabato
- S. No. 1981 Creating Two Additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be Stationed at Koronadal City, South Cotabato
- S. No. 2005 Amending Section 311 of Republic Act No. 7160, Otherwise Known as the Local Government Code of 1991
- S. No. 2006 Amending Section 352 and 513 of Republic Act No. 7160, Otherwise Known as the Local Government Code of 1991
- S. No. 2121 Amending Sections 4, 9, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 41, 43, 45, 48, 51 of Republic Act No. 9136 Entitled An Act Ordaining Reforms in the Electric Power Industry
- S. No. 2150 Granting the Right of Reply
- S. No. 2317 Prohibiting Child Pornography
- S. No. 2394 Establishing the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park in the Province of Palawan Under the NIPAS Act (RA 7586) and SEP Law (RA 7611)
- S. No. 2408 Providing for Additional Support and Compensation for Educators in Basic Education
- S. No. 2410 Providing Research on Postpartum Syndrome

- S. No. 2583 Mainstreaming Climate Change Into Government Policy Formulations, Creating for this Purpose the Climate Change
- S. No. 2639 Providing the Regulatory Framework for Real Estate Investment Companies
- S. No. 2666 Strengthening the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), Amending for the Purpose Certain Provisions of Republic Act No. 6657, Otherwise Known as the ‘Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988’, as Amended
- S. No. 2669 Defining and Penalizing Crimes Against International Humanitarian Law
- S. No. 2978 Amending Section 51 (a) (1), Section 51 (a) (2), Section 51 (b) (4) (i), and Section 52 of Republic Act No. 6975, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8551, Otherwise Known as the ‘Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990’
- S. No. 2991 Act to Strengthen the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, by Re-defining, Expanding, Strengthening, Rationalizing and Further Professionalizing Its Organization, Upgrading Employee Benefits
- S. No. 3014 National Heritage Act of 2008
- S. No. 3106 Magna Carta for Homeowners
- S. No. 3111 Providing for the Legitimation of Children Born to Parents Who are Below Marrying Age
- S. No. 3197 Penalizing Unfair Trade and Anti-Competitive Practices in Restraint of Trade, Unfair Competition, Abuse of Dominant Power, Strengthening the Powers of Regulatory Authorities
- S. No. 3285 Amending Republic Act No. 95, Otherwise Known as “An Act To Incorporate the Philippine National Red Cross

S. No. 3286 Amending Republic Act No. 8042, Otherwise Known As the Migrant Workers Act of 1995, As Amended, Further Improving the Standard of Protection and Promotion of the Welfare of Migrant Workers, Their Families and Overseas Filipino Workers in Distress

APPROVED ON SECOND READING (58)

• Senate Bills (9)

S. No. 150 Act to Encourage the Donation of Food for Charitable Purposes

S. No. 2357 Penalizing Photo and Video Voyeurism

S. No. 2393 Establishing the Apo Reef in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro as Protected Area Under the Category of Natural Park and Its Peripheral Waters as Buffer Zones

S. No. 2454 Authorizing the Condonation of Penalties on Delinquent Social Security Contributions

S. No. 3282 Directing the Reduction of the Government Share from Indigenous Energy Resources in Order to Achieve Parity of Tax Treatment, Lower Commodity Price, Reduce the Cost of Electricity

S. No. 3283 Declaring the Tenth Day of Zhul Hijja, the Twelfth Month of the Islamic Calendar, a National Holiday for the Observance of Eidul Adha, Amending for the Purpose Section 26, Chapter 7 of Executive Order No. 292, Otherwise Known as the Administrative Code of 1987, as Amended

S. No. 3284 Declaring April 27 of Every Year as a Special Non-working Holiday Throughout the Country to Commemorate the Victory of Lapu-lapu and His Men Over the Spaniards Led by Fernando Magallanes in the Historic Battle of Mactan on April 27, 1521, To Be Known as Lapu-lapu Day or Adlaw ni Lapu-lapu, Amending for the Purpose Section 26, Chapter 7 of Executive Order

No. 292, Otherwise Known as the Administrative Code of 1987, as Amended

S. No. 3288 Declaring Arnis as the National Sport of the Philippines

S. No. 3298 Instituting the New Girl Scouts of the Philippines Charter

♦ **House Bills (49)**

H. No. 3063 Amending Republic Act No. 9119, Entitled An Act Granting the Benguet Broadcasting Corporation a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in the Philippines

H. No. 3680 Imposing Logging Ban in the Third District of Negros Occidental

H. No. 3681 Imposing Logging Ban in Negros Occidental

Naming and Renaming of Schools

H. No. 1235 Dupax del Norte National High School (Dupax del Norte, Nueva Vizcaya)

H. No. 3909 Barugo National High School (Barugo, Leyte)

H. No. 3933 Banawel National High School (Banawel, Natonin, Mountain Province)

H. No. 3934 Dalican National High School (Dalican, Bontoc, Mountain Province)

H. No. 3938 Banguitan National High School (Banguitan, Besao, Mountain Province)

H. No. 3985 Gibacungan National High School (Tabango, Leyte)

H. No. 4035 Teofilo R. Macaso Memorial National High School (Sta. Cruz, Jaro, Leyte)

- H. No. 4468 Tolosa National High School (Tolosa, Leyte)
- H. No. 4471 Del Carmen National High School (Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte)
- H. No. 4540 Mariano Matugas Memorial National High School (Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte)
- H. No. 4541 Caridad National High School (Pilar, Surigao del Norte)
- H. No. 4556 Tipunan National High School (Mountain Province)
- H. No. 4557 Libertad National High School (Sta. Monica, Surigao del Norte)
- H. No. 4559 Nueva Estrella National High School (Socorro, Surigao del Norte)
- H. No. 4560 Consolacion National High School (Dapa, Surigao del Norte)
- H. No. 4578 Belwang National High School (Sadanga, Mountain Province)
- H. No. 5025 Agapito Amado Memorial National High School (Jaro, Leyte)
- H. No. 5098 Palitod National High School (Paracelis, Mountain Province)
- H. No. 5103 Runruno National High School (Nueva Vizcaya)
- H. No. 5129 Leseb National High School (Bauko, Mountain Province)
- H. No. 5131 Tucucan National High School (Mountain Province)
- H. No. 5132 Am-Am National High School (Tadian, Mountain Province)
- H. No. 5173 Himpipila National High School Annex (Abuyog, Leyte)
- H. No. 5174 Makinhas National High School Annex (Baybay, Leyte)

- H. No. 5175 San Isidro National High School (Mahaplag, Leyte)
- H. No. 5239 Paima National High School (Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya)
- H. No. 5240 Bonfal National High School (Nueva Vizcaya)
- H. No. 5270 Casecnan National High School (Nueva Vizcaya)
- H. No. 5371 San Rafael National High School (Paracelis, Mountain Province)
- H. No. 5372 Bansa National High School (Bauko, Mountain Province)
- H. No. 5382 Lias National High School (Barlig, Mountain Province)
- H. No. 5400 Martinez Cuyangan National High School (Nueva Vizcaya)
- H. No. 5424 Saliok National High School (Natonin, Mountain Province)

Road Conversion

- H. No. 1970 Converting the Bagac - Mariveles Road in the Province of Bataan into a National Road
- H. No. 4453 Converting the Malinta - Lagta Road, Province of Masbate into a National Road
- H. No. 4463 Converting the Demoloc - Little Baguio - Alabel Road Linking the Municipality of Malita, Province Davao del Sur and the Municipality of Alabel, Province of Sarangani into a National Road
- H. No. 4639 Converting the Tungkong Mangga - Muzon Provincial Road in the City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan into a National Road
- H. No. 4649 Converting the Bongabong - Sagana - Roxas - San Aquilino Provincial Road, Province of Oriental Mindoro into a National Road

- H. No. 4662 Converting the Provincial Road from the Municipality of Bonifacio to the Municipality of Don Victoriano, Province of Misamis Occidental into a National Road
- H. No. 4663 Converting Mauban - Tignoan Provincial Road, Province of Quezon into a National Road
- H. No. 4675 Converting the Benguet Provincial Road Which Starts at Kilometer 12 in Barangay Tawang and Traverses Barangay Lamut in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet and Ends at Barangay Pacdal, Baguio City into a National Road
- H. No. 4678 Converting the Provincial Road Connecting the Municipalities of Senator Ninoy Aquino, Lebak, and Kalamansig, Province of Sultan Kudarat into a National Road
- H. No. 4680 Converting the Iloilo City - Leganes - Dumangas Coastal Road, Province of Iloilo Into a National Road
- H. No. 4706 Converting a Portion of the Kawit - Noveleta Diversion Road, Province of Cavite into a National Road
- H. No. 5304 Converting the San Jose City - Rizal Provincial Road Via Palestina - Pinili - Porais - Villa Joson - Sta. Monica - Portal, Province of Nueva Ecija into a National Road
- H. No. 5308 Converting the Silay Lantawan Road in the City of Silay, Province of Negros Occidental into a National Road

PENDING SECOND READING (21)

Special Order

- S. No. 1160 Establishing Human Rights Resource Centers Throughout the Country
- S. No. 1370 Granting an Annual Productivity Incentive to All Workers in the Private Sector

- S. No. 1836 Anti-Prostitution Act of 2007
- S. No. 1863 Mandating Motorcycle Riders to Wear Standard Quality Helmet While Driving
- S. No. 2118 Converting the Bataan Economic Zone Located in the Municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan, Into the Bataan Special Economic Zone and Freeport, Creating for This Purpose the Bataan Special Economic Zone and Free Port Authority
- S. No. 2355 Promoting Barangay Justice by Amending Article Eleven Hundred Fifty-Five of R.A. No. 386, Otherwise Known as the Civil Code of the Philippines
- S. No. 2362 Establishing a Special Hospital for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and Their Dependents
- S. No. 2377 An Act to Effectively Instill Health Consciousness Through Picture-Based Warnings on Tobacco Products
- S. No. 2411 Amending P.D. No. 996 as Amended
- S. No. 2486 Further Amending P.D. No. 198, as Amended, Otherwise Known as the Provincial Water Utilities Act of 1973
- S. No. 2494 Amending Article 131 of the Revised Penal Code, as Amended, To Uphold the Right of Residents to Privacy from Mass or Concerted Actions Not Directed to the Public
- S. No. 2495 Criminalizing Necrophilia and Imposing Appropriate Penalties
- S. No. 2498 Amending Article 359 of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
- S. No. 2499 Amending Articles 363 and 364 of Act No. 3815 Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
- S. No. 2659 Constituting the National Prosecution Service into an

Autonomous Office to be Known as the Office of the
Prosecutor General

- S. No. 3086 Strengthening Philippine Disaster Risk Management Capability by Institutionalizing the National Disaster Risk Management Plan
- S. No. 3100 Agricultural and Fisheries Extension System
- S. No. 3122 Providing for a National Policy on Reproductive Health
- S. No. 3264 Providing for the Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines
- S. No. 3307 Amending the Flag and Heraldic Code
- H. No. 5604 Appropriating the Sum of Eight Billion Pesos (P8,000,000,000.00) as Supplemental Appropriation for the Implementation of the Relief Operations, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of the Provinces of Iloilo, Aklan, Capiz, Antique and Iloilo City, All in the Island of Panay; Bacolod City, and the Provinces of Negros Occidental and Guimaras Which Suffered Devastation Brought About by Typhoon Frank

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS (102)

A. Resolutions Concurring in the Ratification of Treaties and/or International Agreements/Conventions (8)

- S. Res. No. 117 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME (PSR 425) [September 15, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 118 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME

(PSR 426) [September 15, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 119 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT TO TAXES ON INCOME AND ON CAPITAL AND ITS PROTOCOL (PSR 427) [September 15, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 126 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE ASEAN TREATY ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS (PSR 451) [October 6, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 127 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN (PSR 452) [October 6, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 128 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS (PSR 453) (October 6, 2008)
- S. Res. No. 129 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) (PSR 620) [October 7, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 131 RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE JAPAN-PHILIPPINES ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (JPEPA) (PSR 555) [October 8, 2008]

B. Simple Resolutions (89)

- S. Res. No. 89 RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT IN THE SENATE AND THAT THIS BODY HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (PSR 508) [July 28, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 90 RESOLUTION INFORMING HER EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT IN THE SENATE AND THAT THIS BODY HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH

CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (PSR 509) [July 28, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 91 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LAS PIÑAS BOYS CHOIR FOR DISPLAYING THE COUNTRY'S HIGHEST PRIDE AND ARTISTRY IN WINNING THE 5TH WORLD CHOIR GAMES IN GRAZ, AUSTRIA (PSR 507, 510, 523) [August 6, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 92 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE KILYAWAN BOYS CHOIR FOR SHOWING THE WORLD THAT THE FILIPINO TALENT IS WORLD-CLASS IN WINNING THE 5TH WORLD CHOIR GAMES IN GRAZ, AUSTRIA (PSR 524) [August 6, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 93 RESOLUTION COMMENDING DENNIS ORCOLLO FOR WINNING THE INAUGURAL QATAR INTERNATIONAL 9-BALL OPEN BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIP (PSR 484, 503) [August 6, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 94 RESOLUTION COMMENDING CARMELA ANTOINETTE S. LAO, GABRIELLE ANGELAG. SANTOS AND FRED NYLL S. TUPAS FOR EACH RECEIVING AN INTERNATIONAL GOLD MEDAL FROM THE AMERICAN REGIONS MATH LEAGUE (ARML) IN THEIR RECENTLY CONCLUDED ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION (PSR 476) [August 6, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 95 RESOLUTION COMMENDING SAMANTHA GLO REVITA FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 9TH ASEAN AGE GROUP CHESS COMPETITION HELD IN VIETNAM LAST JUNE 8-18, 2008 (PSR 479) [August 6, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 96 RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO COMMENCE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FULL AUTOMATION OF THE 2010 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS (PSR 567, 470, 471, 473, 522) [August 13, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 97 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING SARAH CUA FOR WINNING THE SUDOKU OPEN IN THE ASIA PACIFIC HELD IN SINGAPORE (PSR 521) [August 13, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 98 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HAZEL ABIGAIL LIM OF HOPE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL, KEEFE COLLIN TAN OF ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, NEIL BENJAMIN DT. KHO OF SAN BEDA COLLEGE-ALABANG, MICHAEL BRODETH OF COLEGIO SAN AGUSTINE-MAKATI, AUDREY CELINE LAO OF ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, KENNETH CO AND BRENDON

MATTHEW GO OF XAVIER SCHOOL WHO ACHIEVED PERFECT SCORES IN THE PO LEUNG KUK 12TH PRIMARY MATH WORLD CONTEST HELD IN HONG KONG LAST JULY 11-15, 2008 (PSR 527) [August 13, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 99 RESOLUTION COMMENDING ALEX PAGULAYAN FOR SHOWING TO THE WHOLE WORLD THE GREATNESS OF THE FILIPINO TALENT IN WINNING THE GUINNESS 9 BALL TOUR 2008 (PSR 531) [August 13, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 100 RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MANNY 'PACMAN' PACQUIAO FOR WINNING HIS WORLD BOXING COUNCIL (WBC) LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT AGAINST MEXICAN DAVID DIAZ ON 29 JUNE 2008 (MANILA TIME), IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MAKING HIM THE FIRST FILIPINO WBC LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION AND THE FIRST ASIAN TO WIN WORLD TITLES IN FOUR DIFFERENT WEIGHT CLASSES (PSR 469) [August 13, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 101 RESOLUTION COMMENDING GOVERNOR GRACE PADACA FOR EXEMPLIFYING THE TRUE SPIRIT OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, AND FOR BEING BESTOWED WITH THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE (PSR 544, 545) [August 13, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 102 RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING IBRAHIM 'TOTO' PAGLAS III FOR HIS UNPARALLELED DEDICATION IN BRIDGING THE GAP CREATED BY CONFLICT AND POVERTY, AND HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MINDANAO (PSR 576) [August 27, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 103 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION'S 2008 OUTSTANDING TEACHERS (PSR 565, 569, 572) [August 27, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 104 RESOLUTION HONORING MAJOR MANUEL SAMBRANO, CAPTAIN ADRIAN DE DIOS, FLIGHT TECHNICAL SERGEANT CONSTANTINO LOBREGAT, STAFF SERGEANT JOHN ARRIOLA, STAFF SERGEANT GERRY DELIOSO, STAFF SERGEANT FELIX PEDRO PATRIARGA, STAFF SERGEANT PETRONILO FERNANDEZ, STAFF SERGEANT PATRICIO CLAUDIA JR. AND STAFF SERGEANT ALDRIN ILUSTRISIMO, ALL OF THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE, PILOT AND CREW OF THE C-130 AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED OFF THE COAST OF DAVAO CITY ON AUGUST 25, 2008 (PSR 588) [September 1, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 105 RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE BRAVERY OF LT. COL. ANGEL M. BENITEZ DURING THE

MILF ATTACK IN KOLAMBUGAN, LANA DEL NORTE
(PSR 579, 581) [September 1, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 106 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE INTER-PARLIAMEN-
TARY UNION (IPU) DECLARATION URGING ALL PAR-
LIAMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CELEBRATION OF
THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 AS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNITED
NATIONS (UN) (PSR 564) [September 3, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 107 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING RAFAEL 'PAENG' NE-
POMUCENO FOR HAVING BEEN CONFERRED HIS THIRD
GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS CERTIFICATE IN
HONOR OF HIS NEW WORLD RECORD FOR THE MOST
NUMBER OF WORLDWIDE CAREER TOURNAMENT
CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES (PSR 552) [September 3, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 108 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HIGH SCHOOL STU-
DENTS FROM THE FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL IN SAN JUAN CITY WHO WON TWO GOLD AND
ONE BRONZE MEDALS IN PHYSICS INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITIONS IN TURKEY, BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA
AND GEORGIA (PSR 568) [September 3, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 109 RESOLUTION COMMENDING GERALDINE BANIQUED,
ANGELINE BANIQUED AND STEPHANIE ANNE OLIVE-
ROS FOR WINNING IN THE 7TH MATH OLYMPIAD HELD
IN CHINA (PSR 574, 575) [September 3, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 110 RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING WILLY
WANG FOR WINNING A GOLD MEDAL IN THE WUSHU
DEMONSTRATION EVENT IN THE 2008 BEIJING OLYM-
PICS (PSR 583, 590) [September 3, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 111 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FILIPINO MATH
OLYMPIANS WHO WON IN THE CHINA PRIMARY MATH
OLYMPIAD HELD IN HUBEI, CHINA (PSR 582) [September
3, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 112 RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING FIDELA
M. MAGPAYO, MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS "TIYA
DELY", THE FIRST LADY OF PHILIPPINE RADIO, FOR HER
UNPARALLELED ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION
IN THE HISTORY OF PHILIPPINE BROADCAST MEDIA
(PSR 603, 604, 611) [September 3, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 113 RESOLUTION COMMENDING WESLY SO FOR WINNING
GOLD IN THE WORLD YOUTH CHESS OLYMPIAD HELD
IN TURKEY (PSR 595) [September 8, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 114 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING 13-YEAR OLD FILIPINA SKATER ANNA ISABELA "ISSAI" VILLAFUERTE FOR WINNING 11 GOLD, 6 SILVER AND 3 BRONZE MEDALS IN THE FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SANCTIONED BY THE UNITED STATES FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION (USFSA) (PSR 596) [September 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 115 RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. GUNDELINA VELAZCO FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS 2008 INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (PSR 598) [September 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 116 RESOLUTION COMMENDING REY "BOOM-BOOM" BAUTISTA, DONNIE "AHAS" NIETES AND JASON PAGARA FOR WINNING IN THE WBO NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS HELD IN CEBU CITY WATERFRONT HOTEL AND CASINO ON 30 AUGUST 2008 (PSR 599) [September 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 120 RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING FILIPINO INDUSTRIALIST AMBASSADOR RAMON V. DEL ROSARIO, SR. FOR HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINE INDUSTRY, ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP (PSR 621) [September 16, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 121 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF MACARIO SAKAY AND ALL OTHER FILIPINOS WHO GAVE UP THEIR LIVES IN THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR FOR OUR FREEDOM (PSR 623) [September 16, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 122 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR PACITA MADRIGAL GONZALES (PSR 644) [September 16, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 123 RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO IMMEDIATELY BAN THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALL PRODUCTS THAT HAVE ANY TRACE OF THE CHEMICAL MELAMINE (C₃H₆N₆), AND TO CREATE A COMPOSITE TEAM TO CONDUCT RANDOM INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION OF ALL MILK PRODUCTS AND BY-PRODUCTS REPORTEDLY CONTAINING SAID CHEMICAL (PSR 661) [September 23, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 124 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING

FILIPINO BODYBUILDER RENATO DIO FOR WINNING THE 2008 WORLD BODYBUILDING AND FITNESS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ATHENS, GREECE (PSR 675) [September 30, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 125 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JESUS IS LORD CHURCH WORLDWIDE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF BRO. EDDIE C. VILLANUEVA, ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS PEARL ANNIVERSARY ON 5 OCTOBER 2008 (PSR 685) [September 30, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 130 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE CONDEMNING IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THE DE-MEANING PORTRAYAL OF FILIPINA MIGRANT WORKERS IN A BRITISH BROADCASTING COMPANY (BBC) COMEDY PROGRAM WHICH HAD TARNISHED THE IMAGE OF FILIPINOS ABROAD (PSR 708) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 132 RESOLUTION COMMENDING PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE SUPERINTENDENT JOHN SOSITO AND MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY TO PRESERVE PEACE AND FIGHT CRIMINALITY IN THE RESCUE OF HOSTAGES IN LAS PIÑAS CITY ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 (PSR 680) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 133 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING RODERICK "JERICK" TERNIDA FOR WINNING THE 2008 MUSCLEMANIA UNIVERSE MIDDLEWEIGHT CLASS CHAMPION AS WELL AS THE MUSCLEMANIA UNIVERSE OVERALL CHAMPION IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, U.S.A. THEREBY EARNING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO BECOME A WORLD LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION IN THE WORLD LIGHTWEIGHT BODYBUILDING COMPETITION (PSR 670) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 134 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FILIPINO SCIENTISTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE BALIK-SCIENTIST PROGRAM FOR SHARING THEIR EXPERTISE AND REMAINING COMMITTED TO OUR COUNTRY THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO THE INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS IN ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND PROMOTING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FILIPINO PEOPLE (PSR 643) [October 9, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 135 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE DESIGN TEAM FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE 2008 WORLD EXPO IN ZARAGOZA, SPAIN (PSR 653) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 136 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EMILIO LOPUE, JR. FOR BECOMING THE FIRST FILIPINO STUDENT TO WIN FIRST PLACE IN THE 7TH CHINESE

BRIDGE - CHINESE PROFICIENCY COMPETITION FOR FOREIGN COLLEGE STUDENTS HELD LAST AUGUST 2008 IN HUNAN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PSR 654) [October 8, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 137 RESOLUTION COMMENDING DENNIS ORCOLLO FOR SHOWING TO THE WHOLE WORLD THE GREATNESS OF THE FILIPINO TALENT IN WINNING THE GUINNESS 9-BALL TOURING GUANGZHOU, CHINA (PSR 660) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 138 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TWELVE FILIPINO SEAFARERS OF M/T CLIPPER TROJAN AND M/V WINDSOR CASTLE FOR HELPING IN THE PROSECUTION OF OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF B. NAVI SHIP MANNING SERVICES AND CLIPPER MARINE SERVICES WHO ILLEGALLY DUMPED TOXIC WASTES INTO THE OCEAN (PSR 671) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 139 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING LILY MONTEVERDE, MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS "MOTHER LILY", AND REGAL ENTERTAINMENT, INC. FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO PHILIPPINE CINEMA (PSR 676) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 140 RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. JURGENNE H. PRIMAVERA, A FILIPINO SCIENTIST, FOR BEING NAMED AS ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL "HEROES OF THE ENVIRONMENT" AND "PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET" IN THE SPECIAL ANNUAL ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE OF 6 OCTOBER 2008 (PSR 695) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 141 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION FOR ITS LAUDABLE EFFORTS IN THE SPEEDY DISPOSITION OF CASES RESULTING IN THE DRAMATIC DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF DETAINEES AT ITS DETENTION CENTER (PSR 517) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 142 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MUNICIPALITY OF GLAN, SARANGANI FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT (PSR 518) [October 8, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 143 Commending Senator Pangilinan (UNR-6)
- S. Res. No. 144 RESOLUTION INFORMING HER EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT THE SENATE HAS BEEN REORGANIZED (PSR 761) [November 18, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 145 RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SENATE HAS BEEN REORGANIZED (PSR 762) [November 18, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 146 Condolence, Aristeo Padrigal [UNR-7]
- S. Res. No. 147 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FIFTY-THREE FILIPINO STUDENTS WHO WON PRIZE AWARDS, CERTIFICATES OF HIGH DISTINCTION AND PRUDENCE IN THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION AND THE SIX FILIPINO STUDENTS WHO GARNERED PERFECT SCORES IN THE 2008 RIO TINTO BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION (PSR 725) [November 18, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 148 RESOLUTION COMMENDING SENATE MINORITY LEADER AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR. FOR WINNING THE BENIGNO S. AQUINO AWARD FOR NATIONALISM FROM THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS (FECASAA) (PSR 733) [November 18, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 149 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FILIPINO STUDENTS FOR WINNING 39 MEDALS IN 2008 INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION HELD IN CHIANG MAI, THAILAND (PSR 738) [November 18, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 150 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE ARCHERY TEAM FOR WINNING SIX (6) GOLD, FIVE (5) SILVER AND FIVE (5) BRONZE MEDALS IN THE 2008 SOUTHEAST ASIAN ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN MANILA ON OCTOBER 30-31, 2008 (PSR 743) [November 18, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 151 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXING CHAMPION NONITO 'FLASH' DONAIRE FOR WINNING THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT AT THE MANDALAY BAY EVENTS CENTER IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA ON NOVEMBER 1, 2008 (PSR 744) [November 18, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 152 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO KICKBOXERS JESSIE FULL AFOLS, DENNIS SINAZAR AND ARNEL ARANCENA FOR WINNING IN THE 2008 ASIAN COMBAT SAMBO CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT THE JAR SPORTS COMPLEX, TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN ON OCTOBER 5-9, 2008 (PSR 745) [November 18, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 153 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AMBASSADOR HILARIO G. DAVIDE JR., FOR BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE "SPIRIT OF THE UN" AWARD FOR 2008 (PSR 746) [November 18, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 154 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-

TIVES TO UNILATERALLY PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE CONSTITUTION WITHOUT THE APPROVAL BY THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) OF THE SENATE VOTING SEPARATELY IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL (PSR 811) [December 15, 2008]

- S. Res. No. 155 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MANNY “PACMAN” PACQUIAO FOR HIS STUNNING VICTORY OVER OSCAR “GOLDEN BOY” DE LA HOYA, THUS, CEMENTING HIS STATUS AS THE GREATEST FILIPINO BOXER OF OUR TIME AND FOR BRINGING GREAT INSPIRATION, PRIDE AND HONOR TO OUR COUNTRY (PSR 792) [December 15, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 156 RESOLUTION CREATING A STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE THEREBY AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE (PSR 772) [December 17, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 157 RESOLUTION CREATING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO MONITOR AND OVERSEE THE COUNTRY’S COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS ADDRESSING GLOBAL WARMING (PSR 303) [December 17, 2008]
- S. Res. No. 158 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO TENNIS PLAYER FRANCIS CASEY “NIÑO” ALCANTARA FOR WINNING THE JUNIRO DOUBLES TITLE OF THE 2009 AUSTRALIAN OPEN WITH CHINESE TENNIS PLAYER CHENG PEI HSIEH IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (PSR 860, 863) [February 2, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 159 RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (PSR 868) [February 3, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 160 RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAJOR FERDINAND MARCELINO OF THE PHILIPPINE MARINE CORPS FOR DEMONSTRATING INTEGRITY, COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY IN HIS ROLE IN THE RECENT ARREST OF SUSPECTED HIGH-PROFILE ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS (PSR 825) [February 9, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 161 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO THANK THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, WHICH PROVIDES THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS (USD 198,000,000) FOR THE BENEFIT OF ELIGIBLE FILIPINO VETERANS (PSR 890) [February 16, 2009]

- S. Res. No. 162 RESOLUTION URGING THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE, TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF ELIGIBLE FILIPINO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM FIXERS WHO MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEM IN AVAILING BENEFITS UNDER THE PROPOSED AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL OF THE UNITED STATES (PSR 894) [February 18, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 163 RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING ROLAND DANTES FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE FILIPINO MARTIAL ARTS OF KALI, ESCRIMA AND ARNIS (PSR 956) [April 15, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 164 RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING FILIPINO ARTIST FRANCIS MAGALONA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE PHILIPPINE MUSIC INDUSTRY (PSR 930) [April 15, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 165 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE QUEZON CITY POLICE OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE GRAVELY ABUSED THEIR AUTHORITY IN ENFORCING THE WARRANTLESS ARRESTS OF THE RELATIVES AND HELPERS OF MR. TED FAILON ETONG (PSR 1003) [April 22, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 166 RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING NONITO DONAIRE JR. FOR DEFENDING THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING ORGANIZATION (IBO)/INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) FLYWEIGHT CROWN AND BRIAN VILORIA FOR WINNING THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION (IBF) LIGHT FLYWEIGHT CROWN AT THE ARANETA COLISEUM IN QUEZON CITY LAST APRIL 19, 2009 (PSR 992, 994, 996, 997) [April 22, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 167 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXER DENVER CUELLO FOR WINNING THE WBC INTERNATIONAL MINIMUM WEIGHT TITLE AFTER DEFEATING JAPANESE BOXER HIROSHI MATSUMOTO AT THE ARANETA COLISEUM, QUEZON CITY, PHILIPPINES LAST 19 APRIL 2009 (PSR 995) [April 22, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 168 RESOLUTION HONORING AND REMEMBERING CORPORAL JO-KRIS L. FEGURA, CORPORAL JEFLO R. DELA TORRE AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRANKLIN B. CASTILLO, AND THE NINETEEN OTHER SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN INDANAN, SULU ON 16 MARCH 2009, ALL

MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE MARINES, FOR THEIR UNPARALLELED DEDICATION TO THE MILITARY SERVICE AND EXTRAORDINARY BRAVERY AND COURAGE IN THE CALL OF DUTY (PSR 1004) [April 22, 2009]

- S. Res. No. 169 RESOLUTION COMMENDING ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYER ANTONIO A. OPOSA JR. FOR BRINGING HONOR TO THE PHILIPPINES BY BEING THE FIRST ASIAN TO RECEIVE THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AWARD FROM THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (PSR 984, 998, 1007, 1009) [April 22, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 170 RESOLUTION COMMENDING MANNY ‘PACMAN’ PACQUIAO, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING FEAT IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL BOXING, CEMENTING HIS PLACE IN HISTORY AS THE GREATEST FIGHTER OF ALL TIME (PSR 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1048) [May 4, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 171 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3; THE SANDIONISIO FIRE AND RESCUE GROUP, AND VARIOUS CIVILIAN FIRE VOLUNTEERS, FOR THEIR EFFICIENT AND PROFESSIONAL RESPONSE IN PUTTING OUT THE FIRE THAT GUTTED PARTS OF BAYAN HANDICRAFT LOCATED ON ROXAS BOULEVARD TAMBO, PARANAQUE CITY AND THREATENED TO ENGULF IN ITS FLAMES OTHER HOUSES AND BUILDINGS IN THE VICINITY CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT OF APRIL 30, 2009 (PSR 1046) [May 4, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 172 RESOLUTION URGING THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF RODOLFO NOEL ‘JUN’ I. LOZADA ON RECOGNIZANCE OF THE SENATE (PSR 1049) [May 4, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 173 RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF HONORABLE CRISPIN B. BELTRAN (PSR 1054) [May 20, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 174 RESOLUTION MANIFESTING THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR SENATE PRESIDENT JUAN PONCE ENRILE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESIDING OVER THE COMPLAINT FILED BY SENATOR MARIA ANA CONSUELO A.S. MADRIGAL AGAINST SENATOR MANUEL VILLAR (PSR 1095) [May 26, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 175 RESOLUTION HONORING THE 95TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO AND EXTOLLING THE LEADERSHIP OF KA ERAÑO G. MANALO AND KA EDUARDO V. MANALO (PSR 1063) [May 26, 2009]

- S. Res. No. 176 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO FILMMAKER BRILLANTE MENDOZA FOR BAGGING THE PRIX DE LA MISE EN SCENE (BEST DIRECTOR AWARD) AT THE 62ND LE FESTIVAL DE CANNES (THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL) HELD ON 13-24 MAY 2009 AT THE PALAIS DES FESTIVAL SETS DES CONGRES, CANNES, FRANCE FOR THE MOVIE KINATAY (PSR 1084 & 1097) [May 27, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 177 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO KEGLER JOMAR ROLAND JUMAPAO FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE BOYS' SINGLES EVENT ON 22 MAY 2009 AT THE 11TH ASIAN SCHOOLS TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE HONG KONG BOWLING CITY IN KOWLOON BAY, HONG KONG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PSR 1088) [May 27, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 178 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO KEGLERS KIMBERLY LAO AND DYAN CORONACION FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE GIRLS' DOUBLES EVENT ON 23 MAY 2009 AT THE 11TH ASIAN SCHOOLS TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE HONG KONG BOWLING CITY IN KOWLOON BAY, HONG KONG, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PSR 1089) [May 27, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 179 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT VICTIMS OF FAILED PRE-NEED COMPANIES AND INVESTMENT SCAMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS "INDIGENT LITIGANTS" AND THEREFORE,, EXEMPT FROM PAYING LEGAL AND FILING FEES CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES (PSR 1118) [June 2, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 180 RESOLUTION DECLARING AS READ AND APPROVED THE JOURNAL OF THE 84TH SESSION OF THE SENATE (PSR 1104) [June 3, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 181 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) PRINTED AND DIGITAL COPIES EACH OF THE JOURNAL AND THE RECORD OF THE SENATE FOR THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (PSR 1105) [June 3, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 182 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MINORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL JR. FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE SENATE DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (PSR 1106) [June 3, 2009]

- S. Res. No. 183 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MAJORITY LEADER, THE HONORABLE JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI, FOR HIS SKILLFUL GUIDANCE OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SENATE DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (PSR 1107) [June 3, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 184 RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE JING-GOY EJERCITO ESTRADA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AS SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (PSR 1108) [June 3, 2009]
- S. Res. No. 185 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE SENATE TO ITS DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT, THE HONORABLE JUAN PONCE ENRILE, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY AND COMMENDABLE LEADERSHIP DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (PSR 1109) [June 3, 2009]

C. Concurrent Resolutions (5)

- Ct. Res. No. 6 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS, NOW CONVENED FOR ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES, IS READY TO HEAR HER STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS IN JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSE (SCR 6/HCR 21) [July 28, 2008]
- S. Ct. Res. No. 7 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (SCR 7/HCR 22)
- Ct. Res. No. 9 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER/SALE OF THE CONTROLLING INTEREST OF SKYTEL PHILIPPINES, INC. TO NOVOTELECOMS, INC. (SCR 4/HCR 14)
- S. Ct. Res. No. 10 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (CAAP) AS MANDATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9497, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ACT OF 2008, HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE THE QUALIFICATION

STANDARDS OF ITS TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND THE
POWER TO FIX THEIR COMPENSATION AND FRINGE
BENEFITS (SCR 10)

- S. Ct. Res. No. 9 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE
ADJOURNMENT OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION
OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES
NOT LATER THAN TWELVE O'CLOCK, MIDNIGHT TO-
DAY, WEDNESDAY, 03 JUNE 2009 (SCR 9)

D. Joint Resolution (1)

- S. Jt. Res. 14 EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND
ENGINEERING (COMSTE) FOR ONE (1) MORE YEAR

CUMULATIVE STATISTICAL DATA

Signed into Law	151
Vetoed by the President	1
For Approval of the President	6
Approved by Both Houses	66
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Senate Bills	9
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THE SENATE COMMITTEES

Bringing Lawmaking Closer to the People

The Second Regular session of the Fourteenth Congress saw the different Senate Committees undertaking activities which enabled the Senate to craft sound, timely and relevant legislations to address the problems brought about by the global economic slowdown and to further enhance the access of the poor to educational, health and nutrition, and employment services.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

In summary, the Committees, including the oversight/joint committees, conducted a total of 323 public hearings, technical working group meetings (TWGs), bicameral conferences, and meetings for the second regular session of the 14th Congress covering the period July 28, 2008 to June 05, 2009 going into the details of various bills of national importance. The hearings and meetings fleshed out and probed matters of national import as a result of various privilege speeches and resolutions filed in aid of legislation.

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Thirty-five standing committees conducted a total of 248 public hearings, meetings, consultations, bicameral conferences and technical working groups.

Among the most active were the following:

- The Committee on Finance which had 46 hearings/meetings/bicameral conferences/briefings, 33 of which were conducted by its four sub-committees
- The Committee on Health which conducted eight hearings, three bicameral conferences and six technical working group meetings
- The Committee on National Defense and Security which had

12 hearings, three technical working group meetings and one executive session

- The Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies which had five hearings, four bicameral conferences, three technical working group meetings and one consultative meeting
- The Committee on Agriculture and Food which conducted four hearings, six technical working group meetings, and one regular meeting
- The Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws which had eight hearings, one technical working group meeting and one regular meeting
- The Committee Education, Arts and Culture which held eight hearings and two technical working group meetings
- The Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises which conducted seven hearings and three technical working group meetings
- The Committee on Ways and Means which conducted nine hearings and one organizational meeting

The Senate also constituted itself into a Committee of the Whole to hear an ethics case filed by one of its members against another colleague. The Committee held ten hearings before the Senate adjourned sine die.

THE SPECIAL / OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

Sixteen of the 21 oversight/special committees conducted a total 39 meetings, hearings and briefings for the Second Regular Session, the most active of which were the following:

- The Joint Congressional Oversight Commission on Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization, which had three *en banc* meetings and two briefings
- The Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Clean Air Act, which conducted one technical working group meeting, an overview meeting and an *en banc* meeting;
- The Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines Act, which conducted two *en*

banc meetings and one organizational meeting

- The Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Science and Technology, which had three regular meetings/briefings
- The Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Quality Affordable Medicines which had three meetings/briefings

To ensure the quality of legislation, especially for very technical and comprehensive bills in which the finest of details are considered and threshed out, as well as in order to reconcile the views coming from various concerned sectors, the standing committees also conducted 46 technical working group meetings for the second regular session. On the other hand, the joint/special/oversight committees conducted six technical working group meetings.

Seven sub-committees conducted 32 budget hearings, three public hearings and one briefing. The most active were the four sub-committees of the Finance Committee which conducted 33 budget hearings out of the 46 hearings conducted by the mother Committee. Hearings were also held by the Sub-Committee on Climate Change of the Committee on Environment, the Sub-Committee on Food Donation of the Committee on Health, and the Sub-Committee on Informal Settlers of the Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

COMMITTEE REPORTS FILED

A total of 428 Committee Reports were filed for the period.

CR-457: on S. Jt. Res. 23 *Compensation and Position Classification System in the Government*

CR-299: on the Rent Control Act

CR-225: on Archipelagic Baselines, which served as amendments to R.A. 3046, as amended by R.A. 5446

CR-108: on the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program

CR-104: on the proposed Food, Drugs, Cosmetics and Devices Administration Act

CR-90: on the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement

CR 534: on the proposed Freedom of Information Act

CR 529: on the proposed Bataan Economic Zone and Free Port Authority

CR-408: on the proposed Organic Agriculture Act

CR-394: on the proposed Witness Confidentiality Act

CR-501: on the Reduction of Electricity Cost

CR-502: on the proposed Social Security Condonation Law

CR-533: on the proposed Flag and Heraldic Code

CR-531: on the proposed Food Donation Act

CR-530: on the proposed Girl Scouts of the Philippines Charter

CR-505: on the National Red Cross Charter

CR-506: on amending the Migrant Workers Act

CR 321: on the proposed Act Penalizing Unfair Trade Practice

CR 303: on Regulating the Use of Mobile Phone While Driving

BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Twenty-two bicameral conference committee meetings were conducted. Some of these conferences led to the signing of the following laws:

- RA 9593 The Tourism Act
- RA 9522 The Archipelagic Baselines Act
- RA 9520 The Cooperative Code
- RA 9576 An Act Increasing the Maximum Deposit Insurance Coverage
- RA 9507 The Socialized and Low-Cost Housing Loan Restructuring Program
- RA 9510 Credit Information System Act
- RA 9513 Renewable Energy Act of 2008
- RA 9505 The Personal Equity and Retirement Account (PERA) Act
- RA 9512 Environmental Awareness and Education Act

- RA 9514 Revised Fire Code of the Philippines
- RA 9523 Revised Domestic Adoption Act
- RA 9521 National Book Development Trust Fund Act



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