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#### CLOSING SPEECH OF SENATE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN M. DRILON

Adjournment Sine Die of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress 6 June 2016

## "OUR PRESENT FOR THE FUTURE"

My esteemed colleagues:

Today, we adjourn sine die our Third Regular Session and formally close the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress. And at noon of June 30, this 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Republic will end and become part of history.

I have stood here eight times before to deliver, as President of the Senate, the closing messages of the previous sessions and past Congresses. I am thankful to be here again–for the ninth time–for the concluding message of the Senate of the  $16^{\rm th}$  Congress.

How would the nation and our people remember the  $16^{th}$  Congress? How would history judge us?

Ladies and gentlemen of this august chamber, I have been in the Senate for 18 years. I have been honored with the rare gift of being elected Senate President four times. I have been given the responsibility of steering our beloved Senate through the ebb and flow for a combined eight years and seven months. And having attended, and presided, in all of the 284 sessions of this 16<sup>th</sup> Congress, I believe that I would know whether we have done just enough. Or, more than enough.

I can say with conviction that this Senate did more than enough. To my colleagues, let me therefore put on record my profound gratitude for the perseverance, hard work and unselfish support you have shown in the  $16^{\rm th}$  Congress.

With strong political will, this Senate cleared the hurdle of passing difficult but landmark measures that previously languished in the legislative mill for decades. Thus, we need not be afraid to face the verdict of our people and history. We, as members of this august chamber, have fared well.

Three years ago, shortly after we convened the  $16^{\rm th}$  Congress, the Senate went through what may have been its darkest period in its 100 years of existence. The naysayers had written us off, and doubted if we could ever regain the trust of our people. It was difficult and challenging. But we listened. We persevered. We worked hard. We made difficult decisions. We implemented reforms. We stood as one.

Not long after, a clear majority of our people, as reflected in the opinion polls, expressed satisfaction with the Senate's performance. We had triumphed collectively over adversity.

But there is no better gauge in measuring public trust and satisfaction than that of facing the judgment of our people in an election. I sought a new mandate knowing full well that my reelection would rise or fall on the strength or weakness of my leadership of the Senate.

I would not play coy and hide my elation in getting the nod of 18.6 million Filipinos and in obtaining the highest vote among the senatorial candidates in the last May election. I take pride and joy in that.

If we did well in the last election, it was because of your support and our accomplishments in the Senate. We have done the right things. We have done things right.

My dear colleagues, hard work is the bridge between the goals we set when the  $16^{th}$  Congress opened, and the accomplishments that we are proudly claiming now. Hard work enabled us to achieve so much in a span of three years.

In the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress, leaders of the Senate and the House held regular monthly meetings to define and advance our legislative agenda.

Our collective efforts yielded a harvest of laws that will strengthen the economy, promote social justice and transform our country into one of the strongest and fastest growing economies in the world.

But this is not the end of the road. What we have achieved is just the starting point for the next leap forward. Through the laws that we enacted, we are giving the  $17^{\rm th}$  Congress, and the next administration, our present for the future.

Allow me then to report, my colleagues, what we have accomplished in the  $16^{\rm th}$  Congress:

The Senate of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress was focused on laying the foundation of a healthy economy. We buckled down and enacted measures on good governance and institutional reforms as these are key to a better business climate.

Now, our gains are starting to unfold. The GOCC Governance Act, which we passed on our own initiative, made state owned enterprises instruments of national progress, instead of being milking cows. Since 2013, or for the last 3 years, the GOCCs remitted a total of over one hundred billion pesos in dividends to the national treasury.

The optimism and confidence of the international community are reflected in the significant improvements in our global competitiveness standing, ease of doing business ranking, and sovereign rating.

After being stalled in Congress for more than 20 years, we finally passed the Philippine Competition Act. It outlaws and penalizes anti-competitive agreements, abuse of dominant position, and anti-competitive mergers and acquisitions.

We amended the 50-year old Cabotage law to foster greater competition and lower the cost of domestic shipping.

We allowed the Full Entry of Foreign Banks in the country. The liberalization of the banking sector will not only result in greater capital influx and foreign direct investments, but it will also help the Philippines ease into the integrated financial and capital markets in the region, in time for the ASEAN Banking Integration Framework in 2020.

We amended the Foreign Investment Negative List, which would liberalize the ownership of lending, adjustment and financing companies, so that these industries can contribute to the socio-economic development of our country.

To promote fiscal accountability and transparency in granting tax incentives, the Tax Incentives Monitoring and Transparency Act (TIMTA) is now a law.

We passed the Go Negosyo Law to bring government services closer to small businesses and help improve the ease of doing business in the country.

Accompanying these economic measures are landmark laws to introduce structural changes in government agencies that have direct impact on our economy.

Rampant smuggling is costing the government a revenue loss estimated at two percent of our GDP. To address this, we passed the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act to institute structural reforms in the Bureau of Customs. The CMTA would address rampant smuggling by instituting electronic processing of imports and exports, simplifying the customs procedure for ordinary citizens, and increasing the operating flexibility of the Bureau of Customs.

Responding to the clamor for a separate government agency that will address the challenges of the information and communications technology, we established by law the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). Its creation will greatly enhance information communication technology services, and harness the sector's potential to be one of the strongest drivers of economic growth.

We introduced the amendments to the charter of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) to provide for a more effective bank resolution and liquidation process, thereby protecting the approximately 50 million deposit account holders.

We enacted on time all the national budgets submitted to Congress by the Aquino Administration for the past six years.

#### On Justice

We know all too well that without a strong public accountability system, the prospects for long-term development is bleak. We therefore instituted structural changes in certain agencies considered pillars of the justice sector, namely the Sandiganbayan and the National Bureau of Investigation.

To add more teeth to the government's campaign against corruption, we lengthened the prescriptive period for violations of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act from 15 years to 20 years.

We also passed the Freedom of Information bill.

#### On Agriculture

Understanding that increased agricultural output and productivity contribute to the overall development of the country, the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress passed a number of laws that push for the agricultural sector's growth and farmers' welfare.

Not too many of our people are aware of this–but if we did not pass the Amendments to the Fisheries Code to make it compliant with international standards, our marine and fisheries products would have been banned from entering the European Union.

With the extension of the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF) and the enactment of the Sugarcane Industry Development Act, our farmers and fisher folk can now avail of credit facilities, and other technical support that will improve their competitiveness and increase their productivity.

Recognizing that large-scale smuggling impedes economic growth, we made by law large-scale agricultural smuggling punishable as economic sabotage.

#### On Worker's Welfare

Employment is a pillar of development. We passed measures that provided job security, social benefits, fair pay and higher income.

The  $16^{\rm th}$  Congress prevented the blacklisting of more than 80,000 Filipino seafarers in EU-flagged vessels by enacting the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Law, to make our regulatory framework compliant with international standards.

The new charter of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) ensures that our OFW contributions will now be spent exclusively for programs and activities that directly aid our overseas Filipino workers.

To provide better employment access and information, we mandated the establishment of Public Employment Service Offices (PESO) in all provinces, cities, and municipalities.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Congress increased the tax exemption cap for 13<sup>th</sup> month pay and other benefits from ₱30,000 to ₱82,000. Its passage enabled all public and private sector employees to enjoy a bigger take home pay.

#### On Health

My dear colleagues, the Senate has demonstrated strong political will to invest in the health of our people. The Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law was one of the most difficult reform measures enacted by Congress. But we have shown that it could be done.

The passage of the Sin Tax Reform Law, on the other hand, has resulted in an incremental excise tax of approximately ₱150 Billion for the past three years. A part of this incremental revenue supported our Universal Health Program, enroll 15 million indigent families in Philhealth, and cover our senior citizens, which we required under the Amendments to the Expanded Senior Citizens Act.

With the view of decreasing the number of Filipinos dying due to major tobacco-related diseases, we passed the Graphic Health Warning Act to compel cigarette companies to graphically demonstrate in cigarette packs the deadly effects of smoking.

#### On Education

Acknowledging its pivotal role in economic development and its importance in breaking the cycle of poverty, we enacted a number of laws that will make education more accessible to our children. Complementing the "K to 12" program, which is now the cornerstone of our learning system, we passed the Iskolar ng Bayan Act, the Unified Student Financial Assistance System Act (UNIFAST), Ladderized Education Act, the Open Learning and Distance Education Act, and the Open High School System Act.

My dear colleagues:

The 16<sup>th</sup> Congress may not be perfect. The Senate would not claim a picture-perfect performance, as no one in the past, nor in the future, can possibly do so.

Yes, there remain areas that require fixing.

Yes, we failed to tick all the items in our government's bucket list, but we managed to cross out those that truly count.

Today, the Philippines is being hailed as one of the fastest growing economies in the world. From being dubbed as Sick Man of Asia barely six years ago, the Philippines is now Asia's Rising Star. This is a testament to our efforts to bring our beloved country to our development goals on the wings of good governance.

However, the challenge that we must face head on is to protect our gains, and ensure the continuity of reforms, so that their fruits will be enjoyed not only by this generation, but also by the generations yet unborn.

Now, more than ever, we need to safeguard the reforms we have

painstakingly put in place, so that neither force, nor personalities, can reverse them.

To my esteemed colleagues, I am humbled, honored and deeply grateful for your trust and support. Thank you.

Let me also express my profound appreciation and gratitude to the Senate Secretariat, and our respective staff, for their unwavering support and competent service.

I must say that the time I spent serving and leading this august chamber is, indeed, time well bestowed. It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve the Senate.

There is a time for everything, Mr. President. A time to sow, and a time to reap. There is a time to say goodbye to people we have broken bread with, as there is a time to welcome new faces.

Maraming salamat po.

God bless the Senate.

God bless the Filipino people.

God bless our country.

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# SURVEY OF SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### **SURVEY OF SENATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

Third Regular Session (July 27, 2015 – June 6, 2016)

#### **REPUBLIC ACTS**

R.A. No. 10669 - An Act Declaring August 18 Of Every Year As "Jesse Robredo Day", A Special Working Holiday, And For Other Purposes (S. No. 1281/H. No. 4768) [August 19, 2015]

In recognition of Jesse Robredo's legacy of good governance and leadership, August 18 of every year is declared "Jesse Robredo Day", a special working holiday. The Department of Education shall plan and implement activities in commemoration of the said event.

R.A. No. 10672 - An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Farrell Eldrian Wu (H. No. 4073) [August 19, 2015]

The law grants Philippine citizenship to Farrell Eldrian Wu, with all the rights and privileges, after taking his oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines.

R.A. No. 10676 - AN ACT PROTECTING THE AMATEUR NATURE OF STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THE PHILIPPINES BY REGULATING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND PROHIBITING THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF STUDENT-ATHLETES (S. No. 2226/H. No. 5115) [AUGUST 26, 2015]

Under this law, residency requirement shall not be imposed on a studentathlete who is a high school graduate enrolling in a college or university.

**R.A. No. 10679** - An Act Promoting Entrepreneurship and Financial Education Among Filipino Youth (S. No. 2212/H. No. 5603) [August 27, 2015]

The law mandates the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to promote programs on entrepreneurship and financial literacy. DepEd shall also ensure that such programs support the K to 12 curriculum and that programs for the elementary level shall focus on values necessary to become successful entrepreneurs. It also empowers the

DepEd, CHED and TESDA to award grants for a term of not more than four years to eligible entities teaching entrepreneurship.

R.A. No. 10685 - An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship To Peter Leslie Wallace (H. No. 4537) [September 28, 2015]

The law grants Philippine citizenship to Peter Leslie Wallace, with all the rights and privileges, after taking his oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines.

R.A. No. 10687 - An Act Providing for a Comprehensive and Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (Unifast), Thereby Rationalizing Access Thereto, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes (S. No. 2679/H. No. 4591) [October 15, 2015]

The law provides a comprehensive and unified financial assistance system to tertiary students in the country, as it speeds up the delivery of government scholarships and student financial assistance by targeting qualified beneficiaries and adopting uniform standards for selection and retention. UniFAST board would pursue a long-term plan for the development of a self-sustaining National Student Loan Program (NSLP), which should provide students short and long term financial assistance for tertiary education.

R.A. No. 10688 - An Act Regulating The Practice Of Metallurgical Engineering In The Philippines, Repealing For This Purpose Presidential Decree Numbered 1536, Otherwise Known As The "Metallurgical Engineering Law Of The Philippines", And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2103/H. No. 5014) [October 20, 2015]

The Metallurgical Engineering Act of 2015 institutionalizes the Continuing Professional Education and Issuance of Certificates of Specialization and imposes stiffer fines or penalties to persons who are caught violating any of its provisions, such as engaging in the practice of Metallurgical Engineering without a license.

R.A. No. 10689 - An Act Declaring August 9 As National Indigenous Peoples Day And Mandating The Meaningful Observance Thereof (H. No. 4420) [October 23, 2015]

August 9 is declared as the National Indigenous People's Day and recognized as a special working holiday.

R.A. No. 10690 - An Act Regulating the Practice of Forestry in the Philippines and Appropriating Funds Therefor, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act Numbered Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine (R.A. No. 6239), Known as "The Forestry Profession Law" (S. No. 2055/H. No. 5707) [October 23, 2015]

The Forestry Profession Act of 2015 seeks to develop and nurture competent and globally competitive professional foresters. It governs the examination and licensure of professional foresters, the supervision and regulation of the practice of forestry and the development and upgrade of the curriculum on forestry education. The law also creates a professional Regulatory Board of Foresters under the administrative supervision of the Professional Regulatory Board.

R.A. No. 10691 - AN ACT DEFINING THE ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DOLE), AND ACCREDITED NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOS) IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (PESO), AND THE OPERATION OF JOB PLACEMENT OFFICES IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (EIS), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 3, 6, 7, AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8759, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE ACT OF 1999" (S. No. 1386/H. No. 4275) [OCTOBER 26, 2015]

The law strengthens the employment facilitation services of PESO to address the unemployment problem in the country, especially in rural areas. It also expands and strengthens the PESO network as it aims to create and institutionalize PESOs in all provinces, municipalities, cities and other strategic areas throughout the country.

**R.A. No. 10692** - An Act Providing for The Modernization of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), Providing Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes (S. No. 2834/H. No. 4397) [November 3, 2015]

The PAGASA Modernization Act mandates the upgrade of physical resources and operational techniques through the acquisition of state-of-the-art instruments, equipment and facilities to improve the agency's capability to provide timely and reliable forecasting across the country. It also includes establishment of regional weather service centers and PAGASA Data Center; enhancement of research, weather data collection and information dissemination services; creation of a human resource development program, particularly new salary scale for PAGASA personnel, and development of collaborative arrangements with relevant regional and international bodies and government institutions to complement the national effort for modernization.

R.A. No. 10693 - An Act Strengthening Nongovernment Organizations (NGOs) Engaged In Microfinance Operations For The Poor (S. No. 2752/H. No. 5217) [November 3, 2015]

The Microfinance NGOs Act recognizes the important role of microfinance NGOs in alleviating poverty and its implications in economic growth. It provides microfinance NGOs a window to the poor or a direct access to reasonable and affordable credits base for the increasing number of disadvantaged, and for the underprivileged people. It also allows them to engage in other programs and services for agricultural microfinance, housing microfinance and microinsurance in partnership with microinsurance channels including money transfer.

Further, it provides that operational Microfinance NGO shall pay 2% tax based on its gross receipts from microfinance operation, in lieu of all national taxes, emphasizing that the operation catered for the poor and low-income individuals for the purpose of alleviating poverty.

R.A. No. 10697 - AN ACT PREVENTING THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BY MANAGING THE TRADE IN STRATEGIC GOODS, THE PROVISION OF RELATED SERVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2762/H. No.5822) [NOVEMBER 13, 2015]

The Strategic Trade Management Act (STMA) aims to stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction through the responsible management of strategic goods and the provisions of related services in trade and investment. Strategic goods refer to products that, for security reasons or due to international agreements, are considered to be of such military importance that their export is either prohibited altogether or subject to specific conditions. A person caught engaging in such activity shall face imprisonment for a period of six (6) years and one (1) day to 12 years and a fine from P1 million to P5 million.

**R.A. No. 10698** - An Act to Regulate and Modernize the Practice of Naval Architecture in the Philippines (S. No. 2482/H. No. 5535) [November 13, 2015]

This Act provides for the modernization of the practice of naval architecture which shall be supervised and regulated by Professional Regulatory Board of Naval Architecture. The board will set the requirements and will evaluate the qualifications of applicants for registration to engage in the practice of said profession.

**R.A. No. 10699** - An Act Expanding the Coverage of Incentives Granted to National Athletes and Coaches, Appropriating Funds

Therefor, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9064, Also Known as the National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001 or Sports Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001 (S. No. 2898/H. No. 5912) [November 13, 2015]

The law aims to improve the incentives granted to national athletes, coaches and trainers by expanding its coverage and raising its amount. Thus, for the Olympic Games, the gold medalists will be granted ₱10 million, the silver medalists, ₱5 million, and the bronze medalists, ₱2 million each; while for the Asian Games, the gold medalists will be entitled to ₱2 million cash incentives, the silver medalists, ₱1 million, and the bronze medalists, ₱400,000 each. As for the SEA Games, the gold medalists will get ₱300,000, the silver medalists ₱150,000, and the bronze medalists ₱60,000 each.

For team events with five or more participants, each member will get 25 percent of the cash incentives provided for the individual medal winners.

Furthermore, it grants every national athlete, coach and trainer 20% discount on transportation, hotels and other lodging establishments, restaurants and purchase of medicine and sports equipment for their actual and exclusive use. Winning national athletes will also be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of full tuition fees in state colleges and universities.

**R.A. No. 10706** - An Act Protecting Seafarers Against Ambulance Chasing and Imposition of Excessive Act Protecting Fees, and Providing Penalties Therefor (S. No. 2835/H. No. 5268) [November 26, 2015]

The Seafarers Protection Act bars lawyers from overcharging seafarers in cases involving illnesses, accidents, and death.

**R.A. No. 10707** - An Act Amending Presidential Decree No. 968, Otherwise Known as the Probation Law of 1976, as Amended (S. No. 2280/H. No. 4147) [November 26, 2015]

This law provides that when a judgment of conviction imposing a non-probationable penalty is appealed or reviewed, and the judgment is modified through the imposition of a probationable penalty, the defendant shall be allowed to apply for probation based on the modified decision. The application for probation shall be filed in the trial court where the judgment of conviction imposes a non-probationable penalty.

Further, it provides that the trial court shall, upon receipt of the application filed, suspend the execution of the sentence imposed in the judgment. Notwithstanding, the accused shall lose the benefit of probation

should he sought a review of the modified decision which already imposes a probationable penalty.

Lastly, it provides that the final discharge of the probationer shall totally extinguish his criminal liability as to the offense for which probation was granted.

R.A. No. 10708 - An Act Enhancing Transparency in the Management and Accounting of Tax Incentives, Administered by Enhancement Promotion Agencies (S. No. 2669/H. No. 5831) [December 9, 2015]

The Tax Incentives Management and Transparency Act (TIMTA) aims to promote stricter monitoring and management of tax incentives granted to businesses. It establishes a more strategic and deliberate system through which government can offer tax incentives, focus on critical growth areas of the economy, and optimize their social benefits.

The National Economic Development Authority is mandated to conduct cost-benefit analysis on the investment incentives to determine the impact of tax incentives on the Philippine economy.

**R.A. No. 10709** - An Act Providing for Thirty (30) Days Forfeitable Leave Privileges Annually to All Judges of the First Level Courts (H. No. 4660) [December 9, 2015]

The law mandates that Judges of first-level courts shall be entitled annually to 30 days forfeitable leave with pay in addition to the 15 days vacation leave and the 15 days sick leave as provided by law. The forfeitable leave privilege is noncumulative and nonconvertible to cash.

R.A. No. 10717 - 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 And Sixteen (H. No. 6132) [December 22, 2015]

Under the 2016 General Appropriations Act, 36.8 percent of the budget amounting to ₱1.106 trillion account for social services, 27.6 percent or ₱829.6 billion account for economic services, 17.3 percent or ₱517.9 billion for public services and 4.3 percent or ₱129.1 billion for defence and security. The allocation reflects a raise of 11.5 percent from 2015, to address the budgetary needs of AFP modernization, in light of the West Philippine Sea territorial disputes.

Meanwhile, only 14 percent of the budget will go to debt interest payment, the lowest-ever debt payment allocation that the government has set

in ten years, further underscoring how the budget favors poverty alleviation through people empowerment. The Department of Education led the top ten agencies receiving the largest budget at almost \$\mathbb{P}437\$ billion. The rest of the top ten departments are: public works and highways (\$\mathbb{P}400.4\$ billion); national defense (\$\mathbb{P}175.2\$ billion); interior and local government (\$\mathbb{P}154.5\$ billion); health (\$\mathbb{P}128.5\$ billion); social welfare and development (\$\mathbb{P}111\$ billion); agriculture (\$\mathbb{P}94\$ billion); transportation and communications (\$\mathbb{P}48.5\$ billion); finance (\$\mathbb{P}33.2\$ billion), and; environment and natural resources (\$\mathbb{P}24.8\$ billion)

R.A. No. 10741 - AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 220 AND 222 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE No. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES" (S. No. 2837/H. No. 5306) [January 12, 2016]

Under the law, to ensure just and expeditious resolution of labor and management disputes, lawyers under the NLRC shall perform appellate and adjudicatory functions. Their terms would be coterminous with the NLRC commissioners to whom they are assigned to. The number of commission attorneys assigned to each NLRC Commissioner will be increased from three to five as they do not only assist the Commission in the resolution of appealed cases and the performance of its adjudicatory functions, but also play a vital role in conciliation-mediation of appealed cases.

The law further removes the prohibition on the assignment of labor arbiters to the Commission, and the requirement that labor arbiters be appointed to a specific arbitration branch, including the preference that they are residents from that particular region.

R.A. No. 10742 - An Act Establishing Reforms In The Sangguniang Kabataan Creating Enabling Mechanisms For Meaningful Youth Participation In Nation-Building, And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2401/H. No. 6043) [January 15, 2016]

The law establishes returns to strengthen the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and transform it into a useful conduit for youth involvement in community development. It also mandates that relatives of elected or appointed officials up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> civil degree of consanguinity or affinity are prohibited from seeking SK posts. The law also adjusts the age limit of SK officials to 18-24 years old, for them to be legally capable of entering into contracts and be held accountable and liable for their actions. Furthermore SK officials are required to undergo leadership-training programs to expose them to the best practices in governance and guide their development as leaders.

The law also establishes the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC), a council that will support the SK and ensure the participation of more youth through youth organizations.

R.A. No. 10743 - An Act Declaring the Fifth Day of October of Every Year as the National Teachers' Day (S. No. 510/H. No. 4148) [January 29, 2016]

October 5 of every year is declared as "National Teachers' Day", in observance of the "World Teachers' Day", as proclaimed by UNESCO, and shall be a special working holiday.

R.A. No. 10744 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF CREDIT SURETY FUND COOPERATIVES TO MANAGE AND ADMINISTER CREDIT SURETY FUNDS TO ENHANCE THE ACCESSIBILITY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, COOPERATIVES AND NONGOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO THE CREDIT FACILITY OF BANKS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2909/H. No. 6007) [Lapsed into law on February 6, 2016 WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VI, SECTION 27 (1) OF THE CONSTITUTION.]

This law provides for the creation and organization of credit surety fund (CSF) cooperatives to enhance access of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), cooperatives and non-government organizations (NGOs) to bank credit. The CSF spreads the risks among its contributing members-the cooperatives, NGOs, LGUs and Government Financial Institutions (GFIs) such as the Development Bank of the Philippines, Land Bank and the Industrial Guarantee and Loan Fund. With the LGU as partner, the CSF intends to sustain the flow of funds to the countryside where MSMEs and cooperatives are situated.

The initial contributions to the CSF shall come from participating member cooperatives, NGOs, GFIs and other government agencies in the province or city. The LGU may contribute to the CSF in the form of a grant or investment, the amount of which is at least equal to the total contributions of the member cooperatives/ NGOs. Government Agencies and GFIs may also contribute to the CSF in the form of grants or investments which may be equal or not to the total contributions of the member cooperatives/ NGOs.

**R.A. No. 10745** - AN ACT ALLOWING NATURAL GAS POWER GENERATING PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY TO USE NEAT DIESEL AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL, EXEMPTING THEM FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 5.3, SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT No. 9367, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "BIOFUELS ACT

Of 2006" (S. No. 2622/H. No. 5587) [Lapsed into law on February 26, 2016 without the signature of the President in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.]

The law amends Section 5, Paragraph 5.3 of RA No. 9367, or the Biofuels Act of 2006, mandating that a backup fuel is at least a 2% blend of coconut-based biodiesel. The amendatory law exempts natural gas power-generating plants in the country to use neat diesel as an alternative fuel during shortages of natural gas supplies.

**R.A. No. 10747** - An Act Promulgating A Comprehensive Policy In Addressing The Needs Of Persons With Rare Disease (S. No. 2990/H. No. 5973) [March 3, 2016]

Under the Rare Disease Act, patients with rare diseases and their families will have improved access to comprehensive medical care, health information, and healthcare products needed to treat their condition. A disease or disorder is considered rare if it affects one in 20,000 individuals, as defined by the Institute of Human Genetics of the National Institutes of Health, University of Philippines, Manila.

The law mandates the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation to include the cost of treatment of rare diseases in the benefit package, and to direct provisions from the sin taxes collection to cover the cost of care for patients with rare diseases. Further, patients will be considered as persons with disabilities and will be granted benefits and privileges such as priority programs and discounts as mandated by the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons.

R.A. No. 10752 - AN ACT FACILITATING THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY SITE OR LOCATION FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (S. No. 3004/H. No. 5588) [MARCH 7, 2016]

The law addresses the problems in expropriating private property for public use due to the ambiguities in the law and delays in the judicial process. The Right-of-Way (ROW) Act aims to facilitate the acquisition of ROW site or location for national government infrastructure projects and its public service facilities, engineering works and service contracts, including those undertaken by GOCC. The government can acquire private real property for such projects through donation, negotiated sale, expropriation and other modes of acquisition authorized by existing laws. Since negotiated sales and expropriations are often contentious and result in delays, the law states in detail the procedures to be followed by the government agency concerned and the time frames that the courts should observe in resolving expropriation issues.

Negotiated sale is the preferred mode in ROW acquisitions (unless the owner agrees to donate the site) as it avoids going through the tedious process of expropriation. In negotiating the purchase of a property, the government agency is required to offer compensation to the owner in an amount equivalent to the sum of (a) current market value of the land, (b) replacement cost of structures and improvements on it, and (c) current value of planted crops and trees.

**R.A. No. 10754** - An Act Expanding The Benefits And Privileges Of Persons With Disability (PWD) (S. No. 2890/H. No. 1039) [March 23, 2016]

The law grants Value Added Tax (VAT)-exemption benefits to persons with disabilities. Like senior citizens, PWDs are eligible for a 20-percent discount on medical and dental services; purchase of medicines in all drugstores; public railway, skyway and bus fares; admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses, concert halls, circuses, carnivals and other places of culture, leisure and amusement; and all services in hotels and similar lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers.

Apart from the tax benefits, the PWD law also allows PWD relatives up to the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity taking care of the handicapped to claim a tax deduction of \$\mathbb{P}25,000\$ in their annual income tax.

R.A. No. 10755 - AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUNONG BARANGAY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE OF ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 41 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6733 (S. No. 2693/H. No. 2729) [MARCH 29, 2016]

Under the law, Barangay chairmen joins other officials who can administer the oath to top officials, including the President, Vice-President, members of the Senate and the House of Representatives and members of the Judiciary.

R.A. No. 10756 - An Act Rendering Election Service Non-Compulsory For Public School Teachers, Authorizing The Appointment Of Other Qualified Citizens, Providing For Compensation And Other Benefits (S. No. 2178/H. No. 5412) [April 8, 2016]

The Act mandates the non-compulsory service of public school teachers during elections to protect them from political pressure.

According to the law, the Electoral Boards to be constituted must be composed of a Chairperson and two (2) public school teachers who are willing

and available to render election service. However, if there are no available or qualified public school teachers, the Commission may instead appoint the following persons in this order of preference:

- (a) Private school teachers;
- (b) National government employees:
  - (1) DepED nonteaching personnel;
  - (2) Other national government officials and employees holding regular or permanent positions, excluding uniformed personnel of the Department of National Defense and all its attached agencies;
- (c) Members of the Commission-accredited citizen arms or other civil society organizations and nongovernmental organizations duly accredited by the Commission: and
- (d) Any registered voter of the city or municipality of known integrity and competence who is not connected with any candidate or political party. In cases where the peace and order situation so requires as determined by the Commission and where there are no qualified voters willing to serve, uniformed personnel of the Philippine National Police shall be deputized to render election service as a last resort.

R.A. No. 10757 - AN ACT REDUCING THE RETIREMENT AGE OF SURFACE MINE WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY (50) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 302 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES" (S. NO. 2836/H. No. 4271) [APRIL 8, 2016]

The law lowers the retirement age of underground or surface mining employees from 60 to 50 years, as these workers are exposed to hazardous elements. The law also provides that an underground or surface mining employee who reaches the age of fifty (50) years or more, but not beyond sixty (60) years which is the compulsory retirement age and has served at least five (5) years as underground or surface mine worker may retire and shall be entitled to all the retirement benefits as provided for by law.

R.A. No. 10766 - AN ACT EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS CLAIMS BOARD, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368 ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REPARATION AND RECOGNITION OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE MARCOS REGIME, DOCUMENTATION OF SAID VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" (S. No. 3153/H. No. 6412) [APRIL 19, 2016]

The law acknowledges the heroism and sacrifices of those who suffered from human rights abuses during the martial law rule by providing them with reparations, both monetary and non-monetary and extending the term of the Human Rights Victims Claims Board (HRVCB) for another two (2) years.

R.A. No. 10767 - An Act Establishing a Comprehensive Philippine Plan of Action to Eliminate Tuberculosis as a Public Health Problem and Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 2653/H. No. 5042) [April 26, 2016]

The law establishes a comprehensive action plan which consists of strategies and targets in addressing the disease; prevention, treatment, care and support system; and development and application of technologies. The Department of Health (DOH) is also tasked to strengthen the linkages between local and international organizations for possible partnership in education, advocacy, research and funding assistance; establish a review and monitoring system to gather data and monitor the progress made in the elimination of tuberculosis; and implement immediate mobilization of anti-TB services during and after natural or man-made disasters through collaborative efforts of national and local governments and other entities.

The law also mandates the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to expand its benefit package for TB patients to include new, relapse and return-after-default cases, and extension of treatment.

**R.A. No. 10771** - An Act Promoting The Creation Of Green Jobs, Granting Incentives and Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 3092/H. No. 6100) [April 29, 2016]

This Act creates an incentive scheme to encourage individuals to engage in green jobs and other related business enterprises by the Climate Change Commission. As defined, green jobs refer to employments that contributes to preserving or restoring the quality of the environment, be it in the agriculture, industry or services sector. Specifically, but not exclusively, this include jobs that help protect ecosystems and biodiversity; reduce energy, materials and water consumption through high efficiency strategies; de-carbonize the economy; and minimize all forms of waste and pollution.

R.A. No. 10786 - An Act Declaring The Fourth Week Of September Of Every Year As The National Thyroid Cancer Awareness Week (H. No. 5307) [May 3, 2016]

In order to coincide with the International Celebration of Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month, it is declared that the 4<sup>th</sup> week of September of every year as the National Thyroid Cancer Awareness Week.

R.A. No. 10789 - AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE No. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 302-A REDUCING THE RETIREMENT AGE OF RACE HORSE JOCKEYS FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY-FIVE (55) (S. No. 129/H. No. 4133) [May 3, 2016]

The law lowers the compulsory retirement age of professional racehorse jockeys to 55 years and entitles them to all retirement benefits as stated in Article 302 of the Labor Code provided that they shall pay an additional premium to the Social Security System (SSS).

**R.A. No. 10816** - An Act Providing For The Development And Promotion Of Farm Tourism In The Philippines (S. No. 3002/H. No. 5299) [May 16, 2016]

The law mandates the creation of Farms Tourism Strategic Action Plan, which will be integrated with the National Tourism Development Plan. The Plan serves as a comprehensive blueprint of programs and projects in the areas of investment promotion and financing; market research, trends, innovations and information; accreditation of farm tourism camps; market promotion and development; agriculture and fishery research; development and extension; institutional and human resource development; and infrastructure support.

The law also creates the Farm Tourism Development Board, which shall be attached to the Department of Tourism (DoT) and will be tasked with overseeing implementation of the Farm Tourism Plan.

R.A. No. 10817 - AN ACT INSTITUTING THE PHILIPPINE HALAL EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION PROGRAM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE HALAL EXPORT DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2831/H. No. 6347) [May 16, 2016]

The law creates the Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Board to promote the growth and ensure the integrity and quality of Philippine Halal exports. It enables local industries to compete in the expanding Halal industry, especially with the implementation of the regional economic integration under the ASEAN Economic Community. Halal foods are those allowed according to the Islamic Sharia law.

**R.A. No. 10821** - An Act Mandating The Provision Of Emergency Relief And Protection For Children Before, During, And After Disasters and Other Emergency Situations (S. No. 3034/H. No. 5285) [May 18, 2016]

This "Children's Emergency Relief and Protection Act" mandates the protection of the fundamental rights of children before, during, and after disasters and other emergency situations.

R.A. No. 10844 - An Act Creating the Department of Information and Communication Technology, Defining Its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and For Other Purposes (S. No. 2686/H. No. 6198) [May 23, 2016]

The act creates the Department of Information and Communications Technology which is tasked to implement the country's information and communications technology (ICT) development agenda. The Department is mandated to integrate all government ICT 28 29 resources and networks under a harmonized framework, and set up public stations offering free internet service to the public.

**R.A. No. 10845** - An Act Declaring Large-Scale Agricultural Smuggling As Economic Sabotage, Prescribing Penalties Therefor And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2923/H. No. 6380) [May 23, 2016]

The law considers that the smuggling of sugar, corn, pork, poultry, garlic, onion, carrots, fish, and cruciferous vegetables totaling at least ₱1 million, as valued by the Bureau of Customs, as economic sabotage. It defines economic sabotage as any act or activity which undermines, weakens or renders into disrepute the economic system or viability of the country or tends to bring out such effects and shall include, among others, price manipulation to the prejudice of the public especially in the sale of basic necessities and prime commodities. Violators are liable for life imprisonment and a fine of twice the fair value of the smuggled agricultural product and the aggregate amount of taxes, duties and other charges avoided.

Acts punishable under this measure also include using fake, fictitious or fraudulent import permits or shipping documents. Also penalized are those found to sell, lend, lease, assign, or consenting to the use of import permits of corporations, non-government organizations (NGOs), associations, cooperatives, or single proprietorships by other persons.

R.A. No. 10846 - An Act Enhancing The Resolution And Liquidation Framework For Banks, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 3591, As Amended, And Other Related Laws (S. No. 2976/H. No. 6020) [May 23, 2016]

This Act amends the Philippine Deposit Insurance Law by providing for ways that can indemnify creditors and depositors of banks in the event that the latter is about to fail, become insolvent, or bankrupt. It also grants more power to the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) by authorizing it to act as a receiver of a bank placed under liquidation and to facilitate and implement the purchase of assets of the closed bank and assumption of its liabilities by another insured bank without need for approval of the liquidation court. This transaction shall be final and executory and may not be set aside by the court.

PDIC shall also have the power to pay insured deposit through the following options: (1) in the form of cash or (2) transfer of deposit in another insured bank in the amount equal to the insured deposit of said depositor. Further, it shall also have the authority to invest on funds and assets, borrow from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, borrow money, obtain loans or arrange credit lines or other credit accommodations from any bank.

R.A. No. 10847 - AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR APPLICANTS TAKING THE BOARD EXAMINATION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS, PROVIDING FOR CONTINUING SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION, AND UPGRADING THE SUNDRY PROVISIONS RELATIVE TO THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK (S. No. 3024/H. No. 5549) [MAY 23, 2016]

This law lowers the age requirement of applicants to the social work examination to 18 years of age and allowing those with Master's degree or its equivalent in social work to take the licensure examination. It also provides for the creation of a Professional Regulatory Board for Social Workers, requires a continuing professional development to elevate the practice of social work and ensures social workers are updated on the latest developments and innovations in their profession. Also, it allows the issuance of special temporary permits (STPs) to foreign social workers subject to the approval of the Professional Regulatory Commission. Moreover, it mandates the integration of all registered and licensed social workers into one accredited professional organization.

R.A. No. 10848 - AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (ACEF), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9496, ENTITLED: "AN ACT REPLACING QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT RICE, WITH TARIFFS, CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" (S. NO. 2951/H. No. 6162) [MAY 23, 2016]

The law creates the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund which shall consist of all duties collected from the importation of agricultural

products under the minimum access volume (MAV) mechanism, including unused balances and collections from repayments from loan beneficiaries including interests. The Fund shall be automatically credited to Special Account 183 in the General Fund of the National Treasury. Such fund releases shall not be subject to any ceiling by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and shall be set aside up to the year 2022. Any remaining balance at the date of the expiration of the collection of duties for the fund will not revert to the general fund but will continue to be used for the purpose for which it was collected.

It further provides that the fund shall be released for the increased productivity of farmers and fisher folks by providing the necessary credit to cooperatives and associations and micro and small scale enterprises, for the acquisition and establishment of production, post-harvest equipments and research and development on agricultural and fishery products of state universities and colleges, among others.

R.A. No. 10862 - An Act Regulating The Practice Of Nutrition And Dietetics In The Philippines, Repealing For The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 1286, Known As The 'Nutrition And Dietetics Decree Of 1977', Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Related Purposes (S. No. 2582/ H. No. 6077) [May 25, 2016]

This Act defines the practice and scope of Nutrition and Dietetics, creates a Professional Regulatory Board of Nutrition and Dietetics and provides for its regulatory, licensure and, administrative functions as well as its rule-making and quasi-judicial powers, and institutes licensing mechanisms for nutritionists-dieticians.

R.A. No. 10863 - An ACT MODERNIZING THE CUSTOMS AND TARIFF ADMINISTRATION (H. No. 5525/S. No. 2968) [MAY 30, 2016]

This Act enables the Bureau of Customs (BOC) to modernize its facilities, simplify its procedures, and streamline its operations. As this Code was last amended in 1978, it now aims to put more emphasis on the bureau's role of trade facilitation aside from its task of revenue collection. Along this line, this measure provides for automation of customs procedures by using information technology.

It also grants higher value of duty free goods to be brought by overseas Filipinos to the country. Filipinos who have stayed abroad for at least ten (10) years are exempted from paying taxes for personal and household (balikbayan) goods not exceeding the value of ₱350,000. Those who have stayed abroad for at least five (5) years shall be granted tax exemption for

said goods worth ₱250,000 and those who have stayed abroad for less than five (5) years shall be granted tax exemption for goods worth ₱150,000. The law provides for increase in these amounts every three (3) years, and these amounts are adjusted based on the consumer price index.

R.A. No. 10864 - AN ACT DEFINING RAW SUGAR OR RAW CANE SUGAR, AMENDING SECTION 109 (A) AND (F) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (S. No. 2987/H. No. 5713) [Lapsed into Law on June 10, 2016 Without the Signature of the President in Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution]

The law clarifies the definition of raw sugar and reexempts it from the 12% value added tax (VAT). It removes all the ambiguity surrounding the definition of raw sugar and amended Section 109 (A) of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC). It also provides for the criterion to be adopted to define raw sugar as accepted and recognized by the World Customs Organization and the Codex Alimentarius, or the Food Code.

**R.A. No. 10867** - An Act Reorganizing and Modernizing The National Bureau Of Investigation (NBI), and Providing Funds Therefor (S. No. 2950/H. No. 5855) [June 23, 2016]

This law mandates the implementation of a modernization program geared towards the acquisition of state-of-the-art investigative and intelligence equipment and the establishment of forensic and scientific laboratories to adequately meet the increasing demands of an expanded investigative and detective work. It includes cases which the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) has jurisdiction of, such as human trafficking, extra-judicial killings, violations of the Cybercrime Prevention Act, and violations of Anti-Dummy law.

It also provides that once the NBI takes cognizance of the aforementioned cases, the Philippine National Police (PNP) and other law enforcement agencies shall collaborate and render assistance to the NBI. However, where jurisdiction is vested exclusively with the PNP or other law enforcement agency, the NBI shall collaborate and render assistance to the same.

**R.A. No. 10868** - An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Filipino Centenarians, and For Other Purposes (S. No. 449/H. No. 5780) [June 23, 2016]

Aside from other benefits and privileges already provided for by other laws, this Act grants Filipino centenarians additional benefits, including

₱100,000 cash and a letter of felicitation from the Philippine President for their longevity.

#### **VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT**

**S. No. 2518** - Removing The Conditions For The Condonation Of All Unpaid Taxes Due From Local Water Districts, Amending For The Purpose Section 289-A Of The National Internal Revenue Code, As Amended

This measure condones the unpaid income taxes of Local Water Districts from August 13, 1996 until this measure becomes effective. Said amount which should be saved shall be used by the individual Local Water District for capital equipment expenditure to expand water service coverage and improve the quality of water.

With regard to condonation, the Local Water Districts are required to adopt internal control reforms to achieve economic and financial viability. Among these is a restriction on increase of more than 20% a year on water districts' appropriation for personal services, travel, transportation or representation expenses and purchase of motor vehicles.

All water districts shall submit statistical data, financial statements and other information on their operations to the Committee on Ways and Means of the Senate and House of Representatives. This is for monitoring and compliance with the provisions of this measure as well as reviewing the rationale for tax exemption privileges.

**S. No. 2720** - Providing For A Comprehensive Nursing Law Towards Quality Health Care System

The bill aims to create a Professional Regulatory Board of Nursing tasked to determine the scope of the Philippine Nurse Licensure Examination (PNLE) and set the requirements for the admission and licensure practice.

H. No. 5842 - Mandating A Two Thousand Peso (₱2,000) Across-The-Board Increase In The Monthly Pension With Corresponding Adjustment Of The Minimum Monthly Pension Under The Social Security System, Amending For The Purpose Section 12 Of Republic Act No. 1161, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Social Security Act Of 1997

This bill seeks to increase the minimum monthly pension to P3,200 for members with at least ten (10) credited years of service and P4,400 for those with twenty (20) credited years of service.

#### FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT

S. No. 1618 - Requiring Business Establishments to Give Exact Change to Consumers

This measure requires business establishments to give sufficient change even if it is only a small amount. It is applicable to purchased consumer products and services, as defined in the bill.

Complaints on violations of this measure shall be filed at the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), which shall conduct an investigation on the establishment involved. The DTI shall come up with a decision not later than thirty (30) days from receipt of the complaint.

**S. No. 2239** - Requiring All Franchise Holders Or Operators Of Television Stations and Producers Of Television Programs To Broadcast Or Present Their Programs With Closed Captions Options

To benefit persons with hearing disabilities, the proposed measure requires all franchise holders or operators of television stations and producers of television programs to air their programs with closed captions option particularly for news programs and pre-scripted programs. However, it allows certain exemptions, such as: (1) public service announcements that are shorter than (10) minutes; (2) programs shown in the early morning hours from 1:00 am to 6:00 am; (3) programs that are primarily textual in nature; and (4) when compliance would be economically burdensome.

Violators will be made to pay a fine of not less than  $\cancel{P}50,000$  but not more than  $\cancel{P}100,000$  or suffer imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

 $S.\ No.\ 2419$  - Banning the Reappointment of a Regular Member of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) Who Has Already Served Two Full Terms

To protect the judiciary from political pressure, the proposed Judiciary Independence Enhancing Act sets a limit on the tenure of the regular members of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) to two full terms of office. Such ban aims to ensure that no regular member of the JBC shall indefinitely sit in the council and control the selection of nominees to the judiciary.

**S. No. 2422** - Increasing The Prescriptive Period For Violations Of Republic Act No. 3019, Otherwise Known As 'The Anti-Graft And

CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT, FROM FIFTEEN (15) YEARS TO TWENTY (20) YEARS, AMENDING SECTION 11 THEREOF

The bill aims to increase the prescriptive period for violations of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act from 15 to 20 years. The proposal to extend the period to file criminal action under the law will ensure that corrupt public officers and employees will definitely be held accountable for their offenses.

S. No. 2434 - Strengthening, Modernizing And Aligning The Practice Of Agricultural Engineering In The Country Into The Internationally Recognized Practice Of Agricultural And Biosystems Engineering

The "Philippine Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Act" aims to elevate the standards in the practice of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering in the country. The bill defines Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, sets the scope of activities and services falling under such professional practice, seeks to create the Professional Regulatory Board of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, outlines the procedure and requirements for licensure examination and registration, and imposes penalties for the practice of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering without valid Certificate of Registration and Professional Identification.

**S. No. 2581** - Mandating And Strengthening The Continuing Professional Development Program For All Regulated Professions, Creating Continuing Professional Development Council

To align the level of competence of professionals with international standards of practice, the measure mandates the implementation of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs for all regulated professions. Under the bill, attendance to CPD programs will be a requirement for the renewal of the professional identification cards of all registered and licensed professionals.

S. No. 2779 - DECLARING THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL LITERACY WEEK

The measure declares the second week of November of every year as Economic and Financial Literacy Week to enhance the economic literacy of our people and help them appreciate and apply key concepts to the fiscal policy choices they make. Consciousness-raising and knowledge-expanding activities shall be integrated in the school curriculum for the benefit of the students and the youth.

The bill imposes heavier penalties against those guilty of carnapping. Persons convicted with carnapping shall be penalized by imprisonment of between 20 to 40 years. The penalty of life imprisonment shall be imposed when the occupant of the carnapped motor vehicle is killed during the illegal activity. The bill also introduces several acts which shall be considered offenses such as identity transfer (cannibalizing in the present lingo), the so called "Kambal Registration", unlawful use of vehicle plates; and replacing original serial numbers or motor vehicle plates.

**S. No. 2947** - Strengthening The Balanced Housing Development Program, Amending For That Purpose Republic Act No. 7279, As Amended By Republic Act No. 9397, Otherwise Known As The Urban Development And Housing Act Of 1992

This measure provides for a socialized housing development. This framework shall mandate private developers to allot at least 15 to 20 percent of their total subdivision area and at least 5 percent of condominium area or project cost to socialized housing. Along this line, the Housing and Urban Development Council (HUDCC) and the NEDA shall set a socialized housing price ceiling for socialized subdivision and socialized condominium projects. Basic services such as potable water system and other utilities, roads, health and educational services shall be put in place by the private developer in cooperation with the LGU and/or NGOs.

S. No. 2999 - Mandating The Installation Of Speed Limiters And Setting Speed Limits For Public Utility Buses.

To eliminate the so called "killer-buses", the bill seeks to implement the mandatory installation of speed limiters in public utility buses. Operators who fail to comply with the directive will be fined  $\cancel{P}50,000$  and will have their franchise suspended until the speed limiters are installed.

S. No. 3023 - Amending Foreign Ownership Restrictions In Specific Laws Governing Adjustment Companies, Lending Companies, Financing Companies And Investment Houses Cited In The Foreign Investment Negative List, Except Those In The Constitution

The measure lifts foreign ownership restrictions on adjustment companies, lending and financing companies and investment houses. Foreign ownership refers to control of outstanding capital stock of a company and does not apply to land, in which case, title to said land shall not be transferred

to the lending institution. Ownership shall mean not only possession of outstanding capital stock but also entitlement to voting rights.

The measure subscribes to reciprocity of this privilege and that foreign nationals shall be allowed to own more than 40 percent stocks in the aforesaid companies as long as the same shall be accorded to Filipinos in the foreigners' country.

**S. No. 3090** - Amending Certain Provisions Of R.A. 9547 Otherwise Known As An Act Strengthening and Expanding The Coverage Of The Special Program For Employment Of Students, Amending For The Purpose Provisions Of R.A. 7323, Otherwise Known As The Special Program For Employment Of Students

The proposal seeks to further strengthen the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) and ensure that more poor, but deserving students are placed under its wing by providing for the following amendments:

- 1. Wider Beneficiary Coverage the measure includes people who are "15 to 30 years old," based on the definition of the "Youth in Nation Building Act of 1994" instead of the existing 15-25 years old requirement.
  - The program's scope is expanded to include out-of-school youth (OSY) and dependents of workers, displaced or would-be displaced by business closures, work stoppages, or natural calamities.
- 2. Extended Maximum SPES Period The maximum SPES period will be expanded from fifty-two (52) days to seventy-eight (78) days.
- 3. More Efficiency Sixty (60) percent of the salary shall be paid by the employers in cash and forty (40) percent by the government also in the form of cash directly to the student or through financial institutions or other payment facilities subject to existing rules on procurement which shall be applicable in the payment of the students' tuition fee and other education-related expenses including their daily allowance for food and school transportation.
- 4. Support for Low-Income LGUs The measure provides that LGUs employing SPES beneficiaries may assume responsibility for paying their full salary or wages. However, low-income LGUs may participate by paying SPES beneficiaries at least 25% of the daily wage with the national government covering the balance. The scheme will vary based on the paying capacity of the LGUs.

### **S. No. 3091** - Institutionalizing The Nationwide Implementation Of The Jobstart Philippines Program

The measure seeks to institutionalize the JobStart Philippines Program with an objective to enhance the competence of "at-risk youth" through a

mixture of traditional classroom instruction, hands-on learning and on-thejob training for them to become more responsive to the demands of the labor market.

JobStart refers to the DOLE's program designed to enhance the employability of at-risk youth to improve their integration into productive employment through the provision of full cycle employment facilitation services including job search assistance, free technical and life skills trainings, placement in internships and job referral from the PESOs.

The targeted beneficiaries of JobStart are out-of-school youth, between 18 to 24 years old, who have reached at least high school level, with no work experience and are not employed.

Under JobStart, the trainees shall undertake a program divided in three phases:

- 1) First is to undergo a 10-day life skills development phase where the trainee shall be introduced to work ethics such as professionalism and time management, among others.
- 2) Second is technical training specific to the needs of the employer and industry or general skills training for three (3) months or less and lastly,
- 3) the internship where the trainee is subjected to actual job processes in real work settings lasting no more than three (3) months or six hundred (600) hours. Here, young jobseekers are mentored by employers, receive performance feedback and gain preferential option to be hired as regular employees.

#### S. No. 3204 - Requiring Basic Education Students to Undergo Age-Appropriate Basic Life Support Training

Under Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, it is the State's policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Pursuant thereto, the State shall ensure that its citizens are equipped with the knowledge and basic skills to respond to certain health emergencies.

It shall be the duty of all public and private basic education schools to provide their students with basic life support training through the use of psychomotor training in an age appropriate manner. The instruction shall include programs that have been developed by the Philippine Heart Association (PHA) or Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) using nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care, and psychomotor training to support the instruction.

The school principal or administrator shall coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) for its assistance in providing competent

instructors for the school's basic life support basic education training program. The DOH shall accredit non-government organizations (NGOs) competent to provide basic life support instructions. Students suffering from any physical or mental disability, which may render them unable to perform a basic life support procedure, are exempted from going through the basic life support training program.

**S. No. 3205** - Mandating the Integration of Filipino-Muslim and Indigenous People's History, `

The proposed "Integrated History Act", aims to address the apparent lack of understanding among culturally different groups of Filipinos through the power of education. This holistic and integrative history shall be introduced in both the Basic and Higher Education Curriculum as a means of teaching schoolchildren the various strands of Philippine culture, and its rich and diverse history as a nation.

S. No. 3209 - Providing Stronger Measures Against Unlawful Practices, Businesses, And Schemes Of Matching And Offering Filipinos To Foreign Nationals For Purposes Of Marriage Of Common Law Partnership, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act No. 6955, Also Referred To As The Anti-Mail Order Bride Law

The measure seeks to repeal the Anti-Mail Order Bride Law of 1990, by expanding the scope of punishable acts and providing more stringent penalties thereof. This complimentary measure that aims to strengthen current state mechanisms to prevent and respond to trafficking in persons, protect individual rights of Filipinos and prevent their abuse or exploitation by foreign nationals.

#### S. No. 3211 - DEFINING AND PENALIZING DISTRACTED DRIVING

Primarily, the bill aims to penalize drivers who use their mobile phones while driving to safeguard the public from the ruinous and extremely injurious effects of vehicular accidents. Distracted driving would refer to any of the following acts: while driving a vehicle in motion or stopped in red light: using a mobile communications to write, send or read a text-based communication or to make or receive calls; and using an electronic entertainment or computing device to play games, watch movies, surf the Internet, compose messages, read e-books, perform calculations and other similar acts.

A fine of ₱5,000 will be imposed on motorists for the first offense, ₱10,000 for the second offense and ₱15,000 and a three-month suspension of the driver's license for the third offense. Further, it would not cover motorists using mobile phones for emergencies, including calls to a law enforcement

agency, healthcare provider, fire department or other emergency services, agency or entity or those using mobile phones while operating vehicles providing emergency assistance, such as ambulances or fire trucks.

H. No. 772 - Exempting Surviving Children Of Military Personnel Who Are Mentally Incapacitated From Termination Of Benefits Upon Reaching The Age Of Twenty-One (21), Amending For The Purpose Section 25 Of Presidential Decree Numbered Sixteen Hundred And Thirty-Eight, Otherwise Known As The AFP Military Personnel Retirement And Separation Decree Of 1979, As Amended

The measure proposes to amend P.D. 1638 by providing that entitlement to benefits of surviving children of an officer or enlisted man born of his marriage contracted prior to his retirement/separation from the service, shall terminate when such children attain the age of 21 years or get married. However, children who, by reason of their mental incapacity, are certified by the AFP medical board to be incapable of employment are exempted from this provision.

H. No. 3785 - Strengthening And Institutionalizing Direct Credit Support Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines To Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries, Small Farmers And Fisherfolk, Further Amending Republic Act No. 3844, Otherwise Known As The Agricultural Land Reform Code, As Amended

This measure provides for the legal existence of Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) for another 50 years from its original expiration date of August 2013. The bill aims to finance government acquisition of landed estates for division and resale to small landholders and purchase of land by agricultural lessees from the land owners.

This bill mandates that five percent of the Bank's regular loan portfolio shall be allocated to qualified small farmers, fisherfolks and agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs). This facility shall solely finance agriculture projects as specified in Republic Act 1000 or the Agri-Agra Reform Credit Act of 2009. The bill also enumerates conduits of funds from this facility such as fisherfolks' and farmers' cooperatives, rural and thrift banks, among others.

#### H. No. 5417 - REGULATING THE PHILIPPINE CREDIT CARD INDUSTRY

This measure provides for the effective delivery of credit card services by providing appropriate mechanisms to protect and educate credit cardholders. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) shall be vested with the authority to supervise all credit card issuers and acquirers. As part of its function, BSP

shall issue a uniform standard of operation applicable to all institutions or functions covered in the credit card industry and impose penalties in case of non-compliance. It shall also have an oversight function to ascertain that compliance with its laws and regulations.

The BSP shall also determine the reasonableness of fees and charges and the issuance of regulations in conformity with the same. Moreover, imposition of finance charges shall be made transparent by disclosing a detailed computation and explanation as well as a clear illustration of how these fees and charges were determined. A 90-day period shall be given to notify the cardholder of any changes in the manner of computing such fees and charges. This will give time for the cardholder to accept or reject such changes, or ever terminate his/her account, subject to the rules under this measure.

#### H. No. 5560 - Granting Philippine Citizenship To Hans-Peter Smit

The measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Hans-Peter Smit in recognition of his exemplary contributions to grassroots sports in the Philippines. Mr. Smit became the youngest Athletic Director in the country when he started the Varsity Program for De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) in Alabang. He organized football events such as festivals, leagues and national championships. He is also an official Match Commissioner (MC) for the Philippine Football Federation (PFF) and a certified Asian Football Confederation Match Commissioner. He has represented the Philippines in numerous international football events as coach and as representative to various coaching seminars in Asia.

### H. No. 5616 - Regulate And Modernize The Practice Of Pharmacy In The Philippines

The measure aims to prioritize pharmacists in dispensing medicines. It would require all drugstores to have registered pharmacists or pharmacy graduates as employees. It also sets the standards on pharmacy education and policies in regulating the licensure and registration of pharmacies in the country.

H. No. 6080 - Modifying The Qualifications For, And Creating A Screening Committee In The Election Or Appointment Of The Directors And Officers Of Electric Cooperatives, Amending For The Purpose Sections 26-A And 26-B Of Presidential Decree No. 269, As Amended By Republic Act No. 10531, Otherwise Known As The National Electrification Administration Reform Act Of 2013

The bill seeks to amend Sections 26-A and 26-B of Presidential Decree No. 269 as amended by Republic Act 10531, or the National Electrification Administration Reform Act of 2013. This measure aims to propose improvements in the election of directors of the board of electric cooperatives and created an independent screening committee per electric cooperative which shall be composed of representatives from the academe, business, religious, and civil societies. Under the bill, the National Electrification Administration (NEA) may disqualify, suspend or remove any director or officer who commits any act that renders him unfit to the position.

#### H. No. 6418 - Prohibiting the Discrimination on the Employment of Any Individual on the Basis Merely of Age

It seeks to promote equal opportunities in employment for everyone and support employment of individuals on the basis of their abilities, knowledge, skills and qualifications rather than their age. The measure aims to declare as policies of the state the prohibition of arbitrary age limitations in employment and the protection of the right of all employees and workers, regardless of age, to be treated equally in terms of compensation, benefits, promotion, training and other employment opportunities.

#### PENDING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**S. No. 2671** - Modifying the Compensation And Position Classification System Of Civilian Government Personnel And The Base Pay Schedule Of Military And Uniformed Personnel In The Government

The bill introduces a new compensation and position classification system (CPCS) which will bring the pay of government personnel closer to prevailing rates in the private sector, or to at least 70 percent of the market rate for all salary grades. The minimum basic salary which can be received by civilian government personnel (Salary Grade 1 or "Administrative Aide") would be raised from the current rate of \$\mathbb{P}9,000\$ to \$\mathbb{P}11,068\$.

Aside from increases in the monthly salary of government personnel, the measure also introduces an improved set of allowances and benefits, such as  $14^{\rm th}$  month pay, a mid-year bonus, and an enhanced performance-based bonus which can be equal or double the monthly salary.

#### S. No. 2922 - Creating The Philippine Trade Representative Office

This measure serves as the Charter of the Philippine Trade Representative Office which is tasked to strengthen the country's position in international

trade and investment negotiations- be it bilateral, regional or multilateral; and provide guidance in acceding to international agreements that protect the rights and interests of our country.

In line with this objective, a Philippine Trade Representative shall create the organizational structure of the Trade Office, consistent with the mandate and functions of this measure. He/She shall act as the leader in international trade and investment negotiations, among which is the World Trade Organization. He/ She shall participate in all economic summits and other international meetings in which international trade is a major topic. Aside from a host of other functions, the Philippine Trade Representative shall Chair the Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee on International Trade and Investments.

The Trade Office shall have the power to summon by *subpoena ad testificandum* any public official or private citizen or require the latter, by *subpoena duces tecum* to produce documents or materials. Moreover, it shall have the authority to file cases and cause legal actions against violators of the measure.

S. Jt. Res. No. 12 - Authorizing The President Of The Philippines, His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III, To Address The Projected Electricity Imbalance In The Luzon Grid

In view of the projected critical electricity situation in the summer of 2015 in Luzon, the joint resolution seeks to authorize the President of the Philippines to address the imbalance of the supply of and demand for electricity in the Luzon grid for 2015 and 2016 under the terms and conditions embodied in said resolution.

#### APPROVED ON THIRD READING BY THE SENATE/ PENDING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**S. No. 12** - Providing Barangay Officials, Including Barangay Tanods, Members Of The Lupon Ng Tagapamayapa, Barangay Health Workers And Barangay Day Care Workers A Retirement Benefit

Recognizing the indispensable role of the barangay officials and employees as front liners in the delivery of basic services to the people, the proposed law aims to grant retirement benefits to qualified *Punong Barangays*, *Sangguniang Barangay* members, *Barangay* Treasurers, *Barangay* Secretaries, *Barangay Tanods*, *Lupon ng Tagamapayapa*, *Barangay* Health Workers, and *Barangay* Day Care Workers. To fund the benefits proposed under the bill, a *Barangay* Retirement Fund shall be established.

In line with the Constitutional provision that the armed forces shall be insulated from partisan politics, the bill seeks to limit the role of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in maintaining peace and order during elections when there are no available units of the Philippine National Police (PNP) or where there is a need to augment the PNP units in certain areas as determined by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) through a resolution approved by a majority of its Commissioners. Also, the AFP shall not be deputized in activities related to the handling and opening of ballot boxes, counting, tallying and canvassing of votes and proclamation during electoral exercise. However, when a Member of the AFP is deputized in the transportation of the ballots, their role is limited to providing security to ensure the safety of election personnel tasked to transport these ballots and the integrity of election paraphernalia.

## **S. No. 1733** - Implementing The People's Right To Information And The Constitutional Policies Of Full Public Disclosure And Honesty In The Public Service

The proposed "People's Freedom of Information Act" seeks to implement a policy of full public disclosure of all government transactions involving public interest, with appropriate safeguards on matters of national security and ample protection for the right of individuals to privacy. It likewise aims to promote the meaningful and increased participation of the people in government decision-making and public accountability.

The bill guarantees access of every Filipino citizen access to any information of public concern under the control of a government agency regardless of the physical form or format in which these are contained, subject to certain exceptions.

The bill also mandates all government agencies to disclose specific information and ensure the availability of timely, true, accurate and updated key information requested by any citizen.

# $S.\ No.\ 2042$ - Prohibiting the Development, Production, Stockpiling, Use of Chemical Weapons and Providing for Their Destruction and Providing Penalties

In conformity with the Philippines' obligations under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, the proposed "Chemical Weapons Prohibition Act" aims to proscribe the development, production, manufacture, acquisition, possession, stockpiling, retention, transfer or use of chemical weapons, or engagement in any other activities prohibited under said Convention, and impose penalties for the commission of prohibited acts under the bill.

The bill establishes the Philippine National Authority for the Chemical Weapons Convention which shall, among others, liaise with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and other parties on matters relating to the Convention, conduct inspections of sites involving scheduled chemicals or other chemical production facilities, and cause or direct the investigation and prosecution of violators.

**S. No. 2209** - Establishing Resource Centers For Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples To Enhance And Ensure Delivery Of Essential Services

To provide Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) and/ Indigenous Peoples (IPs) equal access to basic services and ensure protection of their rights, the bill seeks to establish Resource Centers for indigenous cultural communities located in strategic places, as determined by the National Commission on Indigenous People. Such Resource Centers shall offer Statistical Service, Human Development Index Service and Domains Management Service.

**S. No. 2269** - Amending Section 4 (B) Of Republic Act No. 7898, Otherwise Known As The AFP Modernization Act, As Amended By Republic Act No. 10349, Establishing The 'Revised AFP Modernization Program'

To prevent the government from acquiring obsolete arms and weapons for the armed forces, the proposed amendments to the AFP Modernization Act aims to restrict the purchase of such major equipment and weapons system to those still being used by the armed forces in the country of origin or by the armed forces of another country.

S. No. 2270 - Ensuring The Fundamental Equality Of Men And Women Under The Laws On Marriage And Family Relations, Amending For The Purpose Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines

The measure aims to amend various provisions of the Family Code to ensure the fundamental equality of men and women in laws on marriage and family relations. The bill removes the preference given to the decision of the husband or father, as the case may be in case of disagreement over the matters pertaining to the administration of the community property, grant of parental consent for a child's marriage, exercise of parental authority over common children, and the exercise of legal guardianship over the property of unemancipated common children. The bill directs both spouses and parents, as the case may be, to exert earnest efforts to enter into a compromise, and only upon failing, such shall the court decide the case.

**S. No. 2278** - Mandating the Completion of the Land Acquisition and Distribution (LAD) Component of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) by June 30, 2016 Pursuant to Republic Act No. 6657, Otherwise Known as The Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law, as Amended

The bill seeks to allow the issuance of Notices of Coverage over all remaining agricultural lands under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law until 30 June 2016. It likewise provides for the budgetary mechanisms for the completion of the Land Acquisition and Distribution process.

**S. No. 2426** - Include Ethnic Origin In The National Survey Conducted By The Philippine Statistics Authority

The measure seeks to formally include the ethnicity and ethno-linguistic variable in the collection of data by the National Census for the purpose of obtaining accurate data on indigenous people (IP) and indigenous cultural communities (ICCs), which shall constitute as basis for the formulation of policies governing the IP and effective implementation of the Indigenous People's Rights Act.

**S. No. 2709** - Granting Survivorship Benefits To The Surviving Legitimate Spouse Of A Deceased Retired Member Of The Office Of Solicitor General

Patterned after the survivorship benefits granted to the heirs of those who served in the judiciary, the proposed measure seeks to provide for survivorship benefits in favor of the surviving legitimate spouse of deceased retired officials in the Office of Solicitor General.

**S. No. 2712** - Amending, Thereby Strengthening Republic Act No. 7586, Otherwise Known As The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act Of 1992, Declaring And Establishing As Protected Areas and Buffer Zones The Parcels Of Land Designated

By The President Of The Republic Of The Philippines Pursuant To Republic Act No. 7586, Providing For Their Management

The proposed amendments to the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act aims to officially declare various protected areas that require immediate security and conservation, in order to complete the land classification process under the law. Under the NIPAS Act, integration of additional areas into the system undergo a careful inclusion procedure, which, along with the conduct of suitability assessments, publication and public hearings, then leads to the issuance of a Presidential proclamation and culminates in the final declaration and classification of the land by Congress as a national park. While 113 locations have been declared as protected areas through Presidential proclamations, only 13 protected areas have finally been legislated as such in the more than 20 years since the NIPAS Act was enacted.

S. No. 2789 - Including Responsive, Empowered and Service-Centered Youth in the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council in All Levels, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 10121, Otherwise Known As The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010

The bill raises the level of involvement of the youth in disaster risk reduction and management by including them in the planning process as well as by identifying strategic efforts, mobilizing communities, and making risk preparedness and disaster resiliency part of Filipino culture. The bill makes the Chairman of the National Youth Commission apart of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) and subsequently involves youth representatives in the local levels by their inclusion in the regional, provincial, city, municipal, and barangay disaster coordinating councils.

**S. No. 2948** - Establishing A National Vision Screening Program For Kindergarten Pupils

The measure seeks the establishment of a National Vision Screening Program, to identify early childhood visual problems and provide immediate attention to visually-impaired kindergarten pupils so that they receive proper treatment from eye care practitioners to prevent future complications.

S. No. 2952 - Granting Educational Assistance And Benefits To The Dependents Of All Members Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau Of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau Of Jail Management And Penology (BJMP), National Bureau Of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency

(PDEA), PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG) AND BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) WHO ARE KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTY OR BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICE OR POSITION

The Uniformed Personnel Educational Assistance and Benefits Acts of 2015 grants all surviving children of the members of the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor who are killed or permanently incapacitated while in the performance of their duty or by reason of their office or position shall automatically and without qualification full scholarship from elementary to tertiary level whether baccalaureate, formal or non-formal education or training program in a non-exclusive school or institution. The scholarship privilege shall include, but shall not be limited to, payment of tuition and miscellaneous fees, allowance for books and school supplies and allowance for food and transportation.

The scholarship funds shall be managed and administered by an interagency scholarship board to be known as the Uniformed Personnel Scholarship Board, which shall be created and formally organized within 30 days from the effectivity of the proposed measure. The Board shall be composed of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government and Secretary of the Department of National Defense as Co-chairmen and one (1) member each to represent the AFP, PNP, BFP, BJMP, NBI, PDEA, PCG and BuCor.

**S. No. 2982** - Increasing The Maternity Leave Period To One Hundred (100) Days For Female Employees In The Government Service And In The Private Sector, And Granting An Option To Extend For An Additional Thirty (30) Days Without Pay, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 1161, As Amended

The proposed "Expanded Maternity Leave Law of 2015" expands the existing maternity leave period to 100 days regardless of the mode of delivery, to promote the health and wellbeing of working mothers and their newborn, enable them to balance their roles at home and in the workplace in conditions of security, and protect the rights of working women in the government and private sector against discrimination based on maternity. This bill also gives employees the option to avail for additional maternity leave of 30 days, without pay.

**S. No. 3088** - Amending Pertinent Laws On The Retirement Benefits And Pension Of The Uniformed Personnel Of The Uniformed Services

In line with the State's policy to recognize the extraordinary hazards, risks, perils and dangers that the uniformed personnel of the uniformed

services encounter in the performance of their duties, the measure seeks to standardize the uniformed services monthly retirement pay by providing that new entrants of the uniformed services, upon their retirement should be entitled to receive a monthly retirement pay equivalent to two and one half percent ( $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ ) for each year of active service rendered but not to exceed 90 percent of the monthly base and longevity pay of the grade next higher than the permanent grade last held.

It also provides that retirement benefits of new entrants shall not be subject to automatic adjustments based on the prevailing scale of base pay of active uniformed personnel, on the condition that existing future retirees should continue to receive retirement benefits and their corresponding automatic adjustments. The bill also provides that the retirement benefits of existing and future retirees of the Philippine Coast Guard should be subject to adjustments based on the prevailing scale of base pay of the PCG uniformed personnel in the active service.

Lastly, the retirement benefits and pension of the new entrants shall be reviewed commencing 2 years after the year of the retirement of the first new entrants retirees and every 2 years thereafter, by the DND, DILG, DOJ and other concerned agencies for the purpose of recommending appropriate adjustments for the President's approval.

#### **TREATIES**

**Res. No. 94** - Resolution Concurring in the Ratification to the Protocol Relating to An Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Article 3 Bis) (PSR-1334) [August 10, 2015]

Through this resolution the Senate concurs in the Ratification to the Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation. The Protocol which was ratified by the President of the Philippines on 5 May 2014, inserted Article 3 BIS to the original Convention that relates to the use of weapons against civil aircraft in flight and interception of aircraft flying above a State's territory without authority. While it recognizes the sovereignty of a State over its airspace, the Protocol enjoins States from resorting to the use of weapons against civil aircraft so as not to endanger the lives of persons on board. Moreover, the Protocol enjoins Contracting Parties to take appropriate measures to prevent any aircraft from flying without authority over its territory for any purpose inconsistent with the objectives of the 1944 Chicago Convention.

**Res. No. 95** - Resolution Concurring In The Accession To The 1999 Montreal Convention For The Unification Of Certain Rules For International Carriage By Air (PSR-1336) [August 10, 2015]

Through this resolution the Senate concurs in the accession to the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air signed on 28 May 1999 in Montreal, with the reservation that the Convention shall not apply to (a) international carriage by air performed and operated directly by the Philippines for non-commercial purposes in respect of its functions and duties as a sovereign State; and (b) the carriage of persons, cargo, and baggage for its military authorities on aircraft registered in or leased by the Philippines. The President of the Philippines acceded to the Montreal Convention of 1999, on 26 May 2014 and has submitted it to the Senate for concurrence in accordance with the Constitution. It is a treaty that enhances the entitlements of air passengers in case of death or injury and in the event of flight delays and loss or destruction of luggage. Under this treaty, when air accident occurs and death or injury arise, air passengers are entitled to a 113,100 Special Drawings Rights which is roughly equivalent to US\$176,000 or ₱7,300,000. It also seeks to harmonize a patchwork of international agreements formulated in 1929 and subsequent years that tend to confuse rather than clarify these entitlements.

Res. No. 107 - Resolution Concurring In The Ratification Of The Agreement Between The Republic Of The Philippines And The Republic Of Turkey For The Avoidance Of Double Taxation And The Prevention Of Fiscal Evasion With Respect To Taxes On Income (PSR-1540) [December 14, 2015]

Through this resolution the Senate concurs in the ratification of the Agreement between the Philippines and Turkey for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Ankara on 18 March 2009. The Agreement covered persons who are residents of the Contracting States with respect to the application of taxes imposed on income. For both taxing jurisdictions, the Agreement aimed to eliminate or mitigate double taxation on income. For the country, the Agreement serves as stimuli for encouraging and supporting new trade and investments.

Res. No. 108 - Resolution Concurring In The Ratification Of The Protocol Amending The Convention Between The Republic Of The Philippines And The Italian Republic For The Avoidance Of Double Taxation With Respect To Taxes On Income And The Prevention Of Fiscal Evasion, Signed At Rome, On 5th December, 1980 (PSR-1541) [December 14, 2015]

Through this resolution, the Senate concurs in the ratification of the Protocol of the Convention between the Philippines and Italy signed on 9 December 2013 in Manila. The Protocol specifically amended Article 25 of

the Convention on Exchange of Information, by introducing new paragraphs, namely: Paragraph 4 which obliges a Contracting Party to obtain information needed by the requesting Party, even if such information is not needed by the requested State for its own tax purposes; and Paragraph 5 which ensured that a Contracting State will not decline to supply information solely because the information is held by a bank, other financial institution, nominee or person acting in an agency or a fiduciary capacity or because it relates to ownership interests in a person.

Res. No. 109 - Resolution Concurring In The Ratification Of The Agreement Between The Republic Of The Philippines And The Federal Republic Of Germany For The Avoidance Of Double Taxation With Respect To Taxes On Income And On Capital (PSR-1542) [December 14, 2015]

Through this resolution the Senate concurs in the ratification of the Agreement between the Philippines and Federal Republic of Germany signed at Berlin, Germany on 9 September 2013. For both taxing jurisdictions, the Agreement seeks to eliminate or mitigate double taxation on income. It covers persons who are residents of both Contracting States and relates to income imposed from personal services, dividends, interests, royalties, immovable property, pensions and remuneration from government services. The Agreement aims to promote technology transfer, international academic, cultural, and sport exchanges. It is also undertaken to assist the Contracting States in better enforcing their domestic tax laws and reduce tax evasion.

**Res. No. 116** - Resolution Concurring In The Accession To The Hague Convention On The Civil Aspects Of International Child Abduction (PSR-1723) [February 1, 2016]

Through this resolution the Senate concurs in the Philippine accession to the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, which was adopted on 25 October 1980 in The Hague, Netherlands. The President of the Philippines acceded to the Convention on 16 December 2015 and had submitted it to the Senate for concurrence. The Convention seeks to secure the prompt return of children wrongfully removed or retained in any Contracting State, and to ensure that rights of custody and access under the law of one Contracting State are effectively respected in other Contracting States.

**Res. No. 117** - Resolution Concurring In The Acceptance Of The Doha Amendment To The Kyoto Protocol (PSR-1722) [February 1, 2016]

Through this resolution the Senate concurs in the acceptance of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol which was adopted on 08 December 2012

in Doha, Qatar. The President of the Philippines accepted the Amendment on 12 November 2015 and had submitted it to the Senate for concurrence in its acceptance. The Philippines' acceptance of the Amendment support its advocacy as head of the Climate Vulnerability Forum, which is a group of 20 countries highly vulnerable to climate change, for a strengthened long term global temperature goal of 1.5 degrees Celsius that can be realized partly through early pre-2020 mitigation action. The pre-2020 mitigation commitments under the Amendment promote human rights in relation to climate change, a long established advocacy of the Philippines and other developing countries at the UN Human Rights Council, and at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

## PERFORMANCE OF THE SENATE

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#### **ENACTED LAWS (243)**

1. R.A. No. 10632

An Act To Postpone The Sangguniang Kabataan Elections On October 28, 2013, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 9340, And For Other Purposes (S. No. 1186/H. No. 2849) [October 3, 2013]

2. R.A. No. 10633

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 and Fourteen, And For Other Purposes (H. No. 2630) [December 20, 2013]

3. R.A. No. 10634

An Act Appropriating The Sum Of Fourteen Billion Six Hundred Million Pesos (\$\mathbb{P}\$14,600,000,000.00) As Supplemental Appropriations For FY 2013 And For Other Purposes (H. No. 3423) [December 26, 2013]

4. Joint Res. No. 1

Joint Resolution Extending the Validity of Appropriations Under the Calamity Fund and Quick Response Fund, Including Those Sourced From Savings Realigned in the Current Year, as Well as All Unobligated Allotments and Unreleased Appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlays Under Republic Act No. 10352 or the FY 2013 General Appropriations Act Until December 31, 2014, Amending for the Purpose Section 63 of the General Provisions Therein (H. Jt. Res No. 07) [December 26, 2013]

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<b>18</b> . R.A. No. 10647	And Capitalization (S. No. 2161/H. No. 3899) [Lapsed into law on November 8, 2014 without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27(1) of the Constitution.]  An Act Strengthening The Ladderized	23. R.A. No. 10652	An Act Appropriating The Sum Of Twenty- Two Billion Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Million Six Hundred Eight Thousand Pesos (₱22,467,608,000) As Supplemental Appropriations For FY 2014 And For Other Purposes (H. No. 5237) [December 23, 2014]
	Interface Between Technical-Vocational Education And Training And Higher Education (S. No. 2272/H. No. 3575) [November 21, 2014]	<b>24.</b> R.A. No. 10653	An Act Adjusting The 13 <sup>th</sup> Month Pay And Other Benefits Ceiling Excluded From The Computation Of Gross Income For
19. R.A. No. 10648	An Act Providing Scholarship Grants to Top Graduates of All Public High Schools in State Universities and Colleges and Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 2275/H. No. 4860) [November 27, 2014]		Purposes Of Income Taxation, Amending For The Purpose Section 32(B), Chapter VI Of The National Internal Revenue Code Of 1997, As Amended (S. No. 2437/H. No. 4970) [February 12, 2015]
<b>20</b> . R.A. No. 10649	An Act Increasing the Burial Assistance for Veterans From Ten Thousand Pesos (\$\pm\$10,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Pesos (\$\pm\$20,000.00), Amending for The Purpose Republic Act No. 6948, As Amended, Otherwise Known as "An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the Benefits for Military Veterans and Their	25. Joint Res. No. 3	Joint Resolution Extending The Period For Filing Of Claims For Reparation Of Human Rights Violations Victims, Under Republic Act No. 10368, Otherwise Known As The Human Rights Victims Reparation And Recognition Act Of 2013 (S. Jt. Res. No. 10/H. Jt. Res. No. 16) [February 17, 2015]
	Dependents" and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 694) [November 27, 2014]	<b>26.</b> R.A. No. 10654	An Act to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, Amending Republic Act
21. R.A. No. 10650	An Act Expanding Access to Educational Services by Institutionalizing Open Distance Learning in Levels of Tertiary Education and Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 2274/H. No. 4553) [December 9, 2014]		No. 8550, Otherwise Known as "The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998", and for Other Purposes (S. No. 2414/H. No. 4536) [Lapsed into law on February 27, 2015 without the signature of the President, in accordance with Article VI, Section 27(1) of the Constitution.]
22. R.A. No. 10651	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 and Fifteen, and for Other Purposes (H. No. 4968) [December 23,	27. R.A. No. 10655	An Act Repealing The Crime Of Premature Marriage Under Article 351 Of Act No. 3815, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code (S. No. 1647/H. No. 5280) [March 13, 2015]
	2014]	<b>28</b> . Joint Res. No. 4	Joint Resolution Approving The Transfer, Sale Or Assignment Of The Controlling

	Spirit, Inc. (Now Zest Airways, Inc.) To The Group of Alfredo M. Yao and the Subsequent Transfer, Sale or Assignment of the Controlling Interest in the Capital Stock of Zest Airways, Inc. to Air Asia, Inc. (H. Jt. Res. No. 10) [March 13, 2015]
29. R.A. No. 10656	An Act Postponing The Sangguniang Kabataan Elections To The Last Monday Of October 2016, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, As Amended, Entitled "An Act Providing For Synchronized Barangay And Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, Amending Republic Act No. 7160, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The 'Local Government Code Of 1991' And For Other Purposes" (H. No. 5209) [March 25, 2015]
<b>30</b> . R.A. No. 10657	An Act Regulating And Modernizing The Practice Of Chemistry In The Philippines, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act Numbered Seven Hundred Fifty-Four (R. A. No. 754), Otherwise Known As The Chemistry Law Of The Philippines (S. No. 914/H. No. 5016) [March 27, 2015]
<b>31.</b> R.A. No. 10658	An Act Separating The City Of Biñan From The First Legislative District Of The Province Of Laguna To Constitute The Lone Legislative District Of The City Of Biñan (H. No. 3917) [March 27, 2015]
<b>32.</b> R.A. No. 10659	An Act Promoting And Supporting The Competitiveness Of The Sugarcane Industry And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2400/H. No. 4633) [March 27, 2015]
<b>33.</b> Joint Res. No. 5	Joint Resolution Increasing The Daily Subsistence Allowance Of All Officers, Enlisted Personnel, Candidate Soldiers, Probationary Second Lieutenants, Cadets

Interest In The Capital Stock of Asian

Commissioned And Non-Commissioned Personnel Of The Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau Of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau Of Jail Management And Penology (BJMP), Cadets Of The Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), The Candidate Coast Guard Men Of The PCG And The Uniformed Personnel Of The National Mapping And Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) From Ninety Pesos (₱90.00) To One Hundred And Fifty Pesos (₱150.00) Effective January 1, 2015 (S. Joint Res. 2/H. Joint Res. No. 26) [March 27, 2015]

34. R.A. No. 10660

An Act Strengthening Further The Functional And Structural Organization Of The Sandiganbayan, Further Amending Presidential Decree No. 1606, As Amended, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 2138/H. No. 5283) [April 16, 2015]

35. R.A. No. 10661

An Act Declaring November of Every Year as National Children's Month (S. No. 332/H. No. 1641) [May 29 2015]

36. R.A. No. 10662

An Act Naming A Stretch Of The National Highway Along The Iloilo Diversion Road/Iloilo Capiz Road (Old Route) Which Begins At The Junction Of General Luna To The Airport Access Road And Ends At The Gate Of The Iloilo International Airport, Traversing The Municipalities Of Pavia, Sta. Barbara And Cabatuan, And Iloilo City, As "Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr Avenue" (H. No. 4398) [July 3, 2015]

37. R.A. No. 10663

An Act Naming As The "President Corazon C. Aquino Avenue" The Circumferential Road Which Commences At The Junction Of The Iloilo-Dumangas Coastal Road In Balabago, Jaro District, Iloilo City,

And Civilian Active Auxiliaries Of The

Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP),

	Then Follows A General Westward Direction Along The Floodway's South Bank Towards Buhang, Jaro; Tacas, Jaro And Ungka II, Pavia, Then Traverses Southwards To The Mandurriao District,		"Kokoy" T. Romualdez Diversion Road (H. No. 1042) [Lapsed into Law on August 20, 2015 Without the Signature of the President in Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.)
	Iloilo City-Pavia-San Miguel Tri-Border, And Ends At The Iloilo-Antique Road, Near The Center Of Arevalo District, Iloilo City (H. No. 4400) [July 3, 2015]	45. R.A. No. 10671	An Act Changing the Name of Gubat District Hospital to Salvador R. Encinas District Hospital in Gubat, Sorsogon (H. No. 1248) [August 19, 2015]
<b>38.</b> R.A. No. 10664	An Act Declaring The Last Full Week of August As Armed Forces Of The Filipino People Week (H. No. 945) [July 6, 2015]	46. R.A. No. 10672	An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Farrell Eldrian Wu (H. No. 4073) [August 19, 2015]
39. R.A. No. 10665	An Act Establishing The Open High School System In The Philippines And Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 2277/H. No. 4085) [July 9, 2015]	<b>47</b> . R.A. No. 10673	An Act Reapportioning the Province of Batangas Into Six (6) Legislative Districts (H. No. 3750) [August 19, 2015]
<b>40</b> . R.A. No. 10666 <b>41</b> . R.A. No. 10667	An Act Providing For The Safety Of Children Aboard Motorcyles (S. No. 2488/H. No. 4462) [July 21, 2015] An Act Providing For A National	48. R.A. No. 10674	An Act Establishing the Davao Del Norte Regional Sports Academy to Be Located in the Davao Del Norte Sports and Tourism Complex and Allocating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4308) [August 19, 2015]
<b>41</b> . K.H. 100. 10007	Competition Policy Prohibiting Anti- Competitive Agreements, Abuse Of Dominant Position And Anti-Competitive Mergers And Acquisitions, Establishing The Philippine Competition Commission And Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No.	<b>49</b> . R.A. No. 10675	An Act Converting the Municipality of General Trias in the Province of Cavite Into a Component City to Be Known as the City of General Trias (H. No. 4769) [August 19, 2015]
<b>42</b> . R.A. No. 10668	2282/H. No. 5286) [July 21, 2015]  An Act Allowing Foreign Vessels To Transport And Co-Load Foreign Cargoes For Domestic Transshipment And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2486/H. No. 5610) [July 21, 2015]	50. R.A. No. 10676	An Act Protecting The Amateur Nature Of Student-Athletes In The Philippines By Regulating The Residency Requirement And Prohibiting The Commercialization Of Student-Athletes (S. No. 2226/H. No. 5115) [August 26, 2015]
<b>43</b> . R.A. No. 10669	An Act Declaring August 18 Of Every Year As "Jesse Robredo Day", A Special Working Holiday, And For Other Purposes (S. No. 1281/H. No. 4768) [August 18, 2015]	<b>51</b> . R.A. No. 10677	An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of the Northern Mindanao Medical Center in Cagayan de Oro City, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7938, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes (S. No. 2481/H. No. 31)
<b>44</b> . R.A. No. 10670	An Act Naming The Diversion Road In Tacloban City, Leyte As Gov. Benjamin		[August 26, 2015]

<ul><li>52. R.A. No. 10678</li><li>53. R.A. No. 10679</li></ul>	An Act Converting The Davao Regional Hospital Into Davao Regional Medical Center, Increasing Its Bed Capacity And Appropriating Funds Therefor, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7179 (S. No. 2655/H. No. 67) [August 26, 2015]  An Act Promoting Entrepreneurship	60. R.A. No. 10686	An Act Creating the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay to Be Situated in the Municipality of Ipil and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 586) [Lapsed into Law on October 11, 2015 Without the Signature of the President in Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.]
	and Financial Education Among Filipino Youth (S. No. 2212/H. No. 5603)[August 27, 2015]	<b>61</b> . R.A. No. 10687	An Act Providing for a Comprehensive and Unified Student Financial Assistance
54. R.A. No. 10680	An Act Establishing The Misamis Occidental Sports Academy In The Capital City Of Oroquieta, Province Of Misamis Occidental and Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes		System for Tertiary Education (UNIFAST), Thereby Rationalizing Access Thereto, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes (S. No. 2679/H. No. 4591) [October 15, 2015]
55. R.A. No. 10681	(H. No. 4292) [August 27, 2015]  An Act Establishing The Talisay Sports Academy And Training Center In The City Of Talisay, Province Of Cebu and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4461) [August 27, 2015]	62. R.A. No. 10688	An Act Regulating The Practice Of Metallurgical Engineering In The Philippines, Repealing For This Purpose Presidential Decree Numbered 1536, Otherwise Known As The "Metallurgical Engineering Law Of The Philippines", And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2103/H. No.
56. R.A. No. 10682	An Act Establishing The Alfonso Sports Academy And Training Center In The Municipality Of Alfonso, Seventh Congressional District, Province Of Cavite and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4605) [August 27, 2015]	<b>63</b> . R.A. No. 10689	An Act Declaring August 9 As National Indigenous Peoples Day And Mandating The Meaningful Observance Thereof (H. No. 4420) [October 23, 2015]
57. R.A. No. 10683	An Act Establishing the Siargao Island Sports Academy and Training Center in the Municipality of Dapa, Province of Surigao Del Norte and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4307) [September 18, 2015]	64. R.A. No. 10690	An Act Regulating the Practice of Forestry in the Philippines and Appropriating Funds Therefor, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act Numbered Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine (R.A. No. 6239), Known as "The Forestry Profession
58. R.A. No. 10684	An Act Creating An Additional Legislative District in the Province of Cebu to Be Known as the Seventh Legislative District	CE D 4 N 10001	Law" (S. No. 2055/H. No. 5707) [October 23, 2015]
<b>59</b> . R.A. No. 10685	(H. No. 4427) [September 18, 2015]  An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship To Peter Leslie Wallace (H. No. 4537) [September 28, 2015]	65. R.A. No. 10691	An Act Defining the Role of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Local Government Units (LGUs), and Accredited Nongovernment Organizations (NGOs) in the

Establishment and Operation of the Public Employment Service Office (PESO), and the Operation of Job Placement Offices in Educational Institutions (EIs), Amending for the Purpose Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9 of Republic Act No. 8759, Otherwise Known as the "Public Employment Service Office Act of 1999" (S. No. 1386/H. No. 4275) [October 26, 2015]

66. R.A. No. 10692

An Act Providing for The Modernization of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), Providing Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes (S. No. 2834/H. No. 4397) [November 3, 2015]

67. R.A. No. 10693

An Act Strengthening Nongovernment Organizations (NGOs) Engaged In Microfinance Operations For The Poor (S. No. 2752/H. No. 5217) [November 3, 2015]

68. R.A. No. 10694

An Act Creating Two (2) Additional Municipal Trial Courts In Cities For Angeles City, One (1) Municipal Trial Court For Magalang, And One (1) Municipal Trial Court In Cities For The City Of Mabalacat, All Situated In The Province Of Pampanga, In The Third Judicial Region, Thus Amending For The Purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As "The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980", As Amended, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2409) [November 11, 2015]

69. R.A. No. 10695

An Act Creating A Branch Of The Regional Trial Court To Be Stationed In The City Of San Jose Del Monte, Situated In The Province Of Bulacan, In The Third Judicial Region, Further Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (C) Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As "The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980", As Amended, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4494) [November 11, 2015]

70. R.A. No. 10696

An Act Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court In Cities And Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court To Be Stationed In The City Of Baguio, In The First Judicial Region, Further Amending For The Purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As "The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980", As Amended, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2260) [November 11, 2015]

71. R.A. No. 10697

An Act Preventing the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction by Managing the Trade in Strategic Goods, the Provision of Related Services, and for Other Purposes (S. No. 2762/H. No.5822) [November 13, 2015]

72. R.A. No. 10698

An Act to Regulate and Modernize the Practice of Naval Architecture in the Philippines (S. No. 2482/H. No. 5535) [November 13, 2015]

73. R.A. No. 10699

An Act Expanding the Coverage of Incentives Granted to National Athletes and Coaches, Appropriating Funds Therefor, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9064, Also Known as the "National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001" or "Sports Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001" (S. No. 2898/H. No. 5912) [November 13, 2015]

74. R.A. No. 10700

An Act Creating An Additional Branch of the Regional Trial Court to Be Stationed in San Jose City, Situated in the Province of Nueva Ecija, in the Third Judicial Region, Further Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (C) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 1771) [November 20, 2015]

75. R.A. No. 10701

An Act Creating An Additional Branch of the Regional Trial Court to Be Stationed At Initao, Situated in the Province of Misamis Oriental, in the Tenth Judicial Region, Further Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (K) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 1980) [November 20, 2015]

76. R.A. No. 10702

An Act Creating An Additional Branch of the Regional Trial Court to Be Stationed in the City of Meycauayan, Situated in the Province of Bulacan, in the Third Judicial Region, Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (C) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2094) [November 20, 2015]

77. R.A. No. 10703

An Act Creating An Additional Branch of the Regional Trial Court to Be Stationed in the City of Guihulngan, Situated in the Province of Negros Oriental, in the Seventh Judicial Region, Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (H) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2739) [November 20, 2015]

78. R.A. No. 10704

An Act Creating Nineteen (19) Additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region to Be Stationed in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Further Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (D) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 3396) [November 20, 2015]

79. R.A. No. 10705

An Act Converting the Existing 5th Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Carmona-General Mariano Alvarez Into a Municipal Trial Court with Seat At the Municipality of Carmona, and Creating a Separate Municipal Trial Court for the Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez, All Situated in the Province of Cavite, in the Fourth Judicial Region, Amending for the Purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2186) [November 20, 2015]

80. R.A. No. 10706

An Act Protecting Seafarers Against Ambulance Chasing and Imposition of Excessive Fees, and Providing Penalties Therefor (S. No. 2835/H. No. 5268) [November 26, 2015]

81. R.A. No. 10707

An Act Amending Presidential Decree No. 968, Otherwise Known as the "Probation Law of 1976", as Amended (S. No. 2280/H. No. 4147) [November 26, 2015]

82. R.A. No. 10708

An Act Enhancing Transparency in the Management and Accounting of Tax Incentives Administered by Investment Promotion Agencies (S. No. 2669/H. No. 5831) [December 9, 2015]

83.	R.A.	No.	107	09

An Act Providing for Thirty (30) Days Forfeitable Leave Privileges Annually to All Judges of the First Level Courts (H. No. 4660) [December 9, 2015]

84. R.A. No. 10710

An Act Creating Three (3) Additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Cities of Alaminos, Dagupan and San Carlos, All Situated in the Province of Pangasinan, in the First Judicial Region, Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (A) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 159) [December 9, 2015]

85. R.A. No. 10711

An Act Creating Five (5) Additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court and Five (5) Additional Branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region to Be Stationed in Pasay City, Metro Manila, Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (D) and Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 606) [December 9, 2015]

86. R.A. No. 10712

An Act Creating An Additional Branch of the Regional Trial Court to Be Stationed in Sorsogon City, Situated in the Province of Sorsogon, in the Fifth Judicial Region, Further Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (F) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2701) [December 9, 2015]

87. R.A. No. 10713

An Act Creating Three (3) Additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region to Be Stationed in Parañaque City, Metro Manila, Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (D) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4483) [December 9, 2015]

88. R.A. No. 10714

An Act Creating An Additional Branch of the Regional Trial Court to Be Stationed in the City of Vigan, Situated in the Province of Ilocos Sur, in the First Judicial Region, Further Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (A) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4484) [December 9, 2015]

89. R.A. No. 10715

An Act Creating Three (3) Additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court to Be Stationed in the City of Bacolod, Situated in the Province of Negros Occidental, in the Sixth Judicial Region, Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (G) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4491) [December 9, 2015]

90. R.A. No. 10716

An Act Changing The Name Of Batasan Hills National High School In Barangay Batasan Hills, City Of Quezon, Metro Manila To Corazon C. Aquino National High School (H. No. 1841) [Lapsed into law on December 10, 2015 without the signature of the President in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.]

91. R.A. No. 10717

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 And Sixteen (H. No. 6132) [December 21, 2015]

92. R.A. No. 10718

An Act Separating the Kalinga National High School - Salegseg Annex in Barangay Salegseg, Municipality of Balbalan, Province of Kalinga From the Kalinga National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Balbalan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 766) [December 29, 2015]

93. R.A. No. 10719

An Act Separating the Alfonso Castañeda National High School - Abuyo Annex in Barangay Abuyo, 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 Abuyo National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 1268) [December 29, 2015]

94. R.A. No. 10720

An Act Separating the Sta. Marcela National High School - Consuelo Annex in Barangay Consuelo, Municipality of Sta. Marcela, Province of Apayao From the Sta. Marcela National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Consuelo National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 3233) [December 29, 2015]

95. R.A. No. 10721

An Act Separating the Bacungan National High School - Palandok Annex in Barangay Palandok, Municipality of Leon B. Postigo, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte From the Bacungan National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Palandok National High School

and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 3652) [December 29, 2015]

96. R.A. No. 10722

An Act Separating the Libertad National High School - Colongulo Annex in Barangay Colongulo, Municipality of Surallah, Province of South Cotabato From the Libertad National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Colongulo National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4263) [December 29, 2015]

97. R.A. No. 10723

An Act Separating the Luna National High School - Tumog Annex in Barangay Tumog, Municipality of Luna, Province of Apayao From the Luna National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National Agricultural and Trade High School to Be Known as Tumog National Agricultural and Trade High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4291) [December 29, 2015]

98. R.A. No. 10724

An Act Separating the Limbaan National High School - Sta. Fe Extension in Barangay Sta. Fe, Municipality of New Corella, Province of Davao Del Norte From the Limbaan 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. 2081) [December 29, 2015] [December 29, 2015]

99. R.A. No. 10725

An Act Separating the Kabugao Agro-Industrial High School - Lenneng Annex in Barangay Lenneng, Municipality of Kabugao, Province of Apayao From the Kabugao Agro-Industrial High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Kabugao National High School and

	Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 3232) [December 29, 2015]		Therefor (H. No. 5055) [December 29, 2015]
100. R.A. No. 10726	An Act Separating the General Emilio Aguinaldo National High School Annex in Barangay Pasong Buaya II, Imus City, Province of Cavite From the General Emilio Aguinaldo National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as	104. R.A. No. 10730	An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Ticwas, Municipality of Dumalinao, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur to Be Known as Ma. Clara Lobregat National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4262) [December 29, 2015]
	General Licerio Topacio National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4367) [December 29, 2015]	105. R.A. No. 10731	An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Jubas, Municipality of Libagon, Province of Southern Leyte
101. R.A. No. 10727	An Act Separating the Silae National High School - St. Peter Annex in Barangay St. Peter, City of Malaybalay, Province		to Be Known as Libagon National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4853) [December 29, 2015]
	of Bukidnon From the Silae National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as St. Peter National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4631) [December 29, 2015]	106. R.A. No. 10732	An Act Establishing a National Science High School in the City of Navotas, Metro Manila to Be Known as Navotas National Science High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4920) [December 29, 2015]
102. R.A. No. 10728	An Act Separating the Tukuran Technical-Vocational High School - Tabuan Annex in Barangay Tabuan, Municipality of Tukuran, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur From the Tukuran Technical-Vocational High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be	107. R.A. No. 10733	An Act Converting the Andres Bonifacio Elementary School in Barangay Jalandoni- Wilson, City Proper District, Iloilo City Into An Integrated School to Be Known as Andres Bonifacio Integrated School (H. No. 3154) [December 29, 2015]
	Known as Tabuan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4918) [December 29, 2015]	108. R.A. No. 10734	An Act Separating the Bacungan National High School - Tinuyop Annex in Barangay Tinuyop, Municipality of
103. R.A. No. 10729	An Act Separating the San Jose National High School - Daniel C. Mantos Annex in Barangay Daniel C. Mantos, Municipality of Mahayag, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur From the San Jose National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to		Leon B. Postigo, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte From the Bacungan National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Tinuyop National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 3653) [December 29, 2015]
	Be Known as Daniel C. Mantos National High School and Appropriating Funds	<b>109.</b> R.A. No. 10735	An Act Separating the Bacungan National High School - Talinga Annex in Barangay

Talinga, Municipality of Leon B. Postigo, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte From the Bacungan National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Talinga National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 3654) [December 29, 2015]

**110**. R.A. No. 10736

An Act Separating the Halapitan National High School - Little Baguio Annex in Barangay Little Baguio, Municipality of San Fernando, Province of Bukidnon From the Halapitan National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Little Baguio National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4287) [December 29, 2015]

**111.** R.A. No. 10737

An Act Separating the Pio Dalim Memorial School of Arts and Trades - Sta. Filomena Annex in Barangay Sta. Filomena, Municipality of Calanasan, Province of Apayao From the Pio Dalim Memorial School of Arts and Trades, Converting It Into An Independent National Arts and Trades High School to Be Known as Sta. Filomena School of Arts and Trades and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4288) [December 29, 2015]

**112**. R.A. No. 10738

An Act Separating the Midsalip National High School - Buloron Annex in Barangay Buloron, Municipality of Midsalip, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur From the Midsalip National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Buloron National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4854) [December 29, 2015]

113. R.A. No. 10739

An Act Creating An Additional Branch of the Regional Trial Court to Be

**114**. R.A. No. 10740

115. R.A. No. 10741

116. R.A. No. 10742

**117**. R.A. No. 10743

Stationed in the Science City of Muñoz, Situated in the Province of Nueva Ecija, in the Third Judicial Region, Further Amending for the Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (C) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as Amended, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 1772) [December 29, 2015]

An Act Separating the Compostela National High School - Corazon C. Aquino High School Annex in Barangay Osmeña, Municipality of Compostela, Province of Compostela Valley From the Compostela National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Corazon C. Aquino National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4921) [Lapsed into Law on January 3, 2016 Without the Signature of the President in Accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution

An Act Strengthening The Operations Of The National Labor Relations Commission, Amending For This Purpose Articles 220 And 222 Of Presidential Decree No. 442, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The "Labor Code Of The Philippines" (S. No. 2837/H. No. 5306) [January 12, 2016]

An Act Establishing Reforms In The Sangguniang Kabataan Creating Enabling Mechanisms For Meaningful Youth Participation In Nation-Building, And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2401/H. No. 6043) [January 15, 2016]

An Act Declaring the Fifth Day of October of Every Year as the National Teachers' Day (S. No. 510/H. No. 4148) [January 29, 2016]

118. R.A. No. 10744	An Act Providing For The Creation And Organization Of Credit Surety Fund Cooperatives To Manage And Administer		Province Of La Union To San Manuel Sur Elementary School (H. No. 440) [March 7, 2016]
	Credit Surety Funds To Enhance The Accessibility Of Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises, Cooperatives And Nongovernment Organizations To The Credit Facility Of Banks And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2909/H. No. 6007) [Lapsed into law on February 6, 2016	<b>124</b> . R.A. No. 10750	An Act Changing The Name Of Mahinog National High School In Barangay Hubangon, Municipality Of Mahinog, Province Of Camiguin To Sixto A. Abao National High School (H. No. 4008) [March 7, 2016]
	without the signature of the President in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.]	125. R.A. No. 10751	An Act Changing The Name Of Saverona Elementary School In Barangay Saverona, Municipality Of Talugtug, Province Of Nueva Ecija To Alberto G. Bautista
<b>119</b> . R.A. No. 10745	An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9367, Otherwise Known As The Biofuels Act Of		Elementary School (H. No. 4009) [March 7, 2016]
	2006 (S. No. 2622/H. No. 5587) [Lapsed into law on February 26, 2016 without the signature of the President in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.]	<b>126</b> . R.A. No. 10752	An Act Facilitating The Acquisition Of Right-Of-Way Site Or Location For National Government Infrastructure Projects (S. No. 3004/H. No. 5588) [March 7, 2016]
120. R.A. No. 10746	An Act Changing The Name Of San Manuel Norte National High School In The Municipality Of Agoo, Province Of La Union To Dr. Manuel T. Cases Sr. National High School (H. No. 438) [March 3, 2016]	<b>127.</b> R.A. No. 10753	An Act Renewing The Franchise Granted To The Interactive Broadcast Media, Inc. To Another Twenty-Five (25) Years That Shall Take Effect On September 5, 2021 (H. No. 5532) [March 7, 2016]
<b>121</b> . R.A. No. 10747	An Act Promulgating A Comprehensive Policy In Addressing The Needs Of Persons With Rare Disease (S. No. 2990/H. No. 5973) [March 3, 2016]	128. R.A. No. 10754	An Act Expanding The Benefits And Privileges Of Persons With Disability (PWD) (S. No. 2890/H. No. 1039) [March 23, 2016]
<b>122.</b> R.A. No. 10748	An Act Changing The Name Of San Manuel Norte Elementary School In The Municipality Of Agoo, Province Of La Union To Dr. Manuel T. Cases Sr. Elementary School (H. No. 439) [March 7, 2016]	<b>129</b> . R.A. No. 10755	An Act Authorizing The Punong Barangay To Administer The Oath Of Office Of Any Government Official, Including The President Of The Republic Of The Philippines, Amending For The Purpose Section 41 Of Executive Order No. 292,
<b>123</b> . R.A. No. 10749	An Act Changing The Name Of Baybay Elementary School In Barangay San Manuel Sur, Municipality Of Agoo,		Otherwise Known As The Administrative Code Of 1987, As Amended By Republic Act No. 6733 (S. No. 2693/H. No. 2729) [March 29, 2016]

130.	R.A. No. 10756	An Act Rendering Election Service Non-Compulsory For Public School Teachers, Authorizing The Appointment Of Other Qualified Citizens, Providing For Compensation And Other Benefits			Located In The City Of Cabadbaran, Agusan Del Norte Into A Regular LTO District Office And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2716) [April 15, 2016]
131.	R.A. No. 10757	(S. No. 2178/H. No. 5412) [April 8, 2016]  An Act Reducing The Retirement Age Of Surface Mine Workers From Sixty (60) To Fifty (50) Years, Amending For The Purpose Article 302 Of Presidential	137.	R.A. No. 10763	An Act Establishing A Regular District Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO) In The Municipality Of Carmona, Province Of Cavite And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4404) [April 15, 2016]
		Decree No. 442, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The "Labor Code Of The Philippines" (S. No. 2836/H. No. 4271) [April 8, 2016]	138.	R.A. No. 10764	An Act Establishing A Regular District Office Of The Land Transportation Office In The Municipality Of Malita, Province Of Davao Occidental And Appropriating
132.	R.A. No. 10758	An Act Converting The Extension Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO)			Funds Therefor (H. No. 4421) [April 15, 2016]
		Located In The Municipality Of Agoo, Province Of La Union Into A Regular LTO District Office And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 216) [April 15, 2016]	139.	R.A. No. 10765	An Act Converting The Goa, Camarines Sur Extension Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Into A Regular LTO District Office To Be Located
133.	R.A. No. 10759	An Act Converting The Extension Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Located In Bayawan City Into A Regular LTO District Office And Appropriating			In The Municipality Of Tigaon, Province Of Camarines Sur (H. No. 5085) [April 15, 2016]
		Funds Therefor (H. No. 273) [April 15, 2016]	140.	R.A. No. 10766	An Act Extending The Life Of The Human Rights Victims Claims Board, Amending For This Purpose Section
134.	R.A. No. 10760	An Act Establishing A Regular District Office Of The Land Transportation Office In The Municipality Of Nabunturan, Compostela Valley Province And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 577) [April 15, 2016]			29 Of Republic Act No. 10368 Entitled, "An Act Providing For Reparation And Recognition Of Victims Of Human Rights Violations During The Marcos Regime, Documentation Of Said Violations, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For
135.	R.A. No. 10761	An Act Establishing A Regular District Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO) In The Municipality Of Irosin, Sorsogon And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 1246) [April 15, 2016]	141.	R.A. No. 10767	Other Purposes" (S. No. 3153/H. No. 6412) [April 19, 2016]  An Act Establishing a Comprehensive Philippine Plan of Action to Eliminate Tuberculosis as a Public Health Problem
136.	R.A. No. 10762	An Act Converting The Extension Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO)			and Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 2653/H. No. 5042) [April 26, 2016]

142. R.A. No. 10768	An Act Declaring August 11 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday in the City of Ilagan, Province of Isabela in Commemoration of its Charter Day		In Commemoration Of Its Foundation Anniversary And The Culmination Of The Abrenian Kawayan Festival (H. No. 3964) [May 3, 2016]
	Anniversary to Be Known as "Ilagan City Charter Day" (H. No. 4798) [April 26, 2016]	<b>149.</b> R.A. No. 10775	An Act Declaring June 21 Of Every Year A Special Working Holiday and No Class Day In Schools In Tagaytay City,
143. R.A. No. 10769	An Act Converting the Extension Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) Located in the Municipality of Sta. Maria, Province of Bulacan Into a Regular LTO District Office and Appropriating Funds		Province Of Cavite In Commemoration Of Its Founding Day To Be Known As "Charter Day Of Tagaytay City" Or "Araw Ng Lungsod Ng Tagaytay" (H. No. 3968) [May 3, 2016]
	Therefor (H. No. 2095) [April 26, 2016]	150. R.A. No. 10776	An Act Declaring May 8 Of Every Year
144. R.A. No. 10770	An Act Increasing the Bed Capacity of Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center, Located in Cebu City, From Eight Hundred (800) to One Thousand		As Hermosa Day And A Special Working Holiday and No Class Day in Schools In The Municipality Of Hermosa, Province Of Bataan (H. No. 4565) [May 3, 2016]
	Two Hundred (1,200) Bed Capacity, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 2767/H. No. 5276) [April 26, 2016]	151. R.A. No. 10777	An Act Declaring September 1 Of Every Year A Special Working Holiday and No Class Day In Schools In The Province Of North Cotabato In Commemoration Of
<b>145.</b> R.A. No. 10771	An Act Promoting The Creation Of Green Jobs, Granting Incentives and		Its Founding Anniversary (H. No. 4799) [May 3, 2016]
	Appropriating Funds Therefor (S. No. 3092/H. No. 6100) [April 29, 2016]	152. R.A. No. 10778	An Act Separating The Parañaque National High School - La Huerta Annex In
146. R.A. No. 10772	An Act Renewing For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted To Christian Era Broadcasting Service International, Incorporated As Provided Under Republic Act No. 7618 (H. No. 5226) [May 3, 2016]		Barangay La Huerta, City Of Parañaque, Metro Manila From The Parañaque National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As La Huerta National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5366) [May 3, 2016]
147. R.A. No. 10773	An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the Franchise Granted to Eagle Broadcasting Corporation As Provided Under Republic Act No. 7299 (H. No. 5227) [May 3, 2016]	153. R.A. No. 10779	An Act Separating The Lepanto National High School - Palatong Annex In Sitio Palatong, Barangay Tabio, Municipality Of Mankayan, Province Of Benguet From The Lepanto National High School,
148. R.A. No. 10774	An Act Declaring March 9 Of Every Year A Special Working Holiday and No Class Day in Schools In The Province Of Abra		Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Tabio National High School and

154.	R.A. No. 10780	Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5386) [May 3, 2016]  An Act Separating the Panagaan National	160.	R.A. No. 10786	An Act Declaring The Fourth Week Of September Of Every Year As The National Thyroid Cancer Awareness Week (H. No. 5307) [May 3, 2016]
		High School-Paraiso Annex in Barangay Panagaan, Municipality of Mahayag, Province of Zamboanga del Sur from the Panagaan National High School, Converting it Into an Independent National High School to Be Known	161.	R.A. No. 10787	An Act Establishing Multi-Species Marine Hatchery In The Municipality Of Lingig, Province Of Surigao Del Sur and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5645) [May 3, 2016]
		as Paraiso National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5606) [May 3, 2016]	162.	R.A. No. 10788	An Act Declaring April 16 Of Every Year A Special Working Holiday and No Class Day In Schools In The City Of Marikina
155.	R.A. No. 10781	An Act Establishing A Regular District Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO) In The City Of Imus, Province Of			In Commemoration Of Its Founding Anniversary To Be Known As "Marikina City Day" (H. No. 3962) [May 3, 2016]
		Cavite and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 540) [May 3, 2016]	163.	R.A. No. 10789	An Act Amending Presidential Decree No. 442, As Amended, Otherwise Known As
156.	R.A. No. 10782	An Act Establishing A Regular District Office of the Land Transportation Office In The Municipality Of Orani, Province Of Bataan and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 696) [May 3, 2016]			The Labor Code Of The Philippines By Adding A New Article 302-A Reducing The Retirement Age Of Race Horse Jockeys From Sixty (60) To Fifty-Five (55) (S. No. 129/H. No. 4133) [May 3, 2016]
157.	R.A. No. 10783	An Act Converting The Kabacan Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office In The Municipality Of Kabacan, Province Of Cotabato Into A Regular LTO District Office (H. No. 3217) [May 3, 2016]	164.	R.A. No. 10790	An Act Amending The Franchise Of Aliw Broadcasting Corporation And Renewing/Extending The Term Thereof To Another Twenty-Five (25) Years That Shall Take Effect on April 13, 2017 (H. No. 5391) [May 3, 2016]
158.	R.A. No. 10784	An Act Converting The Land Transportation Office (LTO) Extension Office Located In The City Of Tagaytay, Province Of Cavite, Into A Regular District Office and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4784) [May 3, 2016]	165.	R.A. No. 10791	An Act Separating the Atok National High School-Annex in Barangay Camp 30, Caliking, Municipality of Atok, Province of Benguet From the Atok National High School, Converting it Into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Camp 30 National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No.
159.	R.A. No. 10785	An Act Establishing A Securities And Exchange Commission (SEC) Office In			5668) [May 3, 2016]
		Bacolod City and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2360) [May 3, 2016]	166.	R.A. No. 10792	An Act Renewing the Franchise of Contel Communications, Incorporated,

Assignee of the Grantee Under Republic 2016]

Act Numbered Thirty-Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two, as Amended by Republic Act Numbered Seventy-Four Hundred and One, Entitled An Act Granting the Concepcion Industries, Incorporated a Franchise to Construct, Maintain, and Operate Radiotelephone Stations for the Transmission and Reception of Radio Communications Within the Philippines for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years From the Effectivity of This Act and Ratifying the Assignment and Transfer of the Franchise From Concepcion Industries, Incorporated to Contel Communications, Incorporated (H. No. 4507) [May 10,

**167**. R.A. No. 10793

An Act Renewing the Franchise Granted to Radio Veritas-Global Broadcasting System, Incorporated to Construct, Install, Operate and Maintain for Religious Purposes Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations in the Philippines, and for Other Purposes, Under Republic Act Numbered Seventy-Five Hundred and Seventy-Nine to Another Twenty-Five (25) Years (H. No. 5582) [May 10, 2016]

168. R.A. No. 10794

An Act Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years and Expanding to Radio/ Television Broadcasting, National in Scope, Throughout the Philippines, the Franchise Granted to Mabuhay Broadcasting System, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 7395, Entitled An Act Granting the Mabuhay Broadcasting System, Inc., a Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate and Maintain Radio Broadcasting Stations in the Island of Luzon and for Other Purposes (H. No. 5982) [May 10, 2016]

169. R.A. No. 10795

An Act Extending for a Period of Twenty-Five (25) Years the Term of the Franchise Granted to Tarlac Electric, Inc. (Formerly Known as Tarlac Enterprises, Inc.) to Construct, Operate, and Maintain An Electric Light, Heat and Power System in the City of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac, Provided Under Republic Act No. 7606 (H. No. 5591) [May 10, 2016]

170. R.A. No. 10796

An Act Declaring the Balete Pass in Sta. Fe, Nueva Vizcava as a National Shrine to Be Known as the Balete Pass National Shrine (H. No. 844) [May 10, 2016]

**171.** R.A. No. 10797

An Act Renaming the Philippine Public Safety College - Regional Training School 7 (PPSC-RTS 7) in Consolacion, Province of Cebu Into the Camp Jesse M. Robredo Regional Training Center 7, National Police Training Institute, Philippine Public Safety College (H. No. 5953) [May 10, 2016]

**172**. R.A. No. 10798

An Act Establishing a Regular District Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2028) [May 10, 2016]

173. R.A. No. 10799

An Act Establishing a Regular District Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Municipality of La Libertad, Province of Negros Oriental, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes (H. No. 2606) [May 10, 2016]

174. R.A. No. 10800

An Act Converting the Tarlac College of Agriculture (TCA) in the Municipality of Camiling, Province of Tarlac Into a State University to Be Known as the Tarlac Agricultural University and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6212) [May 10, 2016]

175. R.A. No. 10801

An Act Governing The Operations And

	Administration Of The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (S. No. 2955/H. No. 4990) [May 10, 2016]	
176. R.A. No. 10802	An Act Declaring July 4 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday and No Class Day in Schools in the Province of Lanao Del Sur in Commemoration of its Foundation Day (H. No. 3945) [May 11, 2016]	182. R.A. No. 10808
177. R.A. No. 10803	An Act Declaring June 30 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday and No Class Day in Schools in the City of Imus, Province of Cavite in Commemoration of its Founding Anniversary (H. No. 3969) [May 11, 2016]	183. R.A. No. 10809
178. R.A. No. 10804	An Act Declaring September 29 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday and No Class Day in Schools in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite in Commemoration of the "Araw Ng Bacoor" (H. No. 3973) [May 11, 2016]	
179. R.A. No. 10805	An Act Declaring December 29 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday and No Class Day in Schools in the Municipality of Leon, Province of Iloilo in Honor of Captain Jose Calugas Sr. to Be Known as "Jose Calugas Day" (H. No. 4646) [May 11, 2016]	184. R.A. No. 10810
180. R.A. No. 10806	An Act Declaring October 31 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday and No Class Day in Schools in the Municipality of Porac, Province of Pampanga in Commemoration of its Founding Anniversary to Be Known as "Porac Day" (H. No. 4797) [May 11, 2016]	
<b>181.</b> R.A. No. 10807	An Act Declaring February 13 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday and No Class	<b>185.</b> R.A. No. 10811

Metro Manila in Commemoration of its Foundation Day Anniversary (H. No. 5552) [May 11, 2016]

An Act Converting the Payatan High School in Barangay Payatan, Municipality of Goa, Province of Camarines Sur Into a National High School to Be Known as Payatan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 834) [May 11, 2016]

An Act Converting Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as the Dupax Del Norte National High School the Dupax Del Norte National High School -Poblacion Annex in Barangay Poblacion of Malasin, Municipality of Dupax Del Norte, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, and Separating It From its Mother School, the Dupax Del Norte National High School in Barangay Lamo, Municipality of Dupax Del Norte, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, Hereinafter Renamed the Lamo National High School, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9779 and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5360) [May 11, 2016]

An Act Separating the Tarusan National High School - Malihud Extension in Barangay Malihud, Municipality of Bataraza, Province of Palawan From the Tarusan National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School to Be Known as Malihud National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5363) [May 11, 2016]

An Act Changing the Name of Juan Lumosad Memorial National High School - Monte Alegre Annex in Barangay Monte

Day in Schools in the City of Parañaque,

		Alegre, Municipality of Aurora, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur to Monte Alegre National High School (H. No. 5873) [May			And Promotion Board, And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2831/H. No. 6347) [May 16, 2016]
186.	R.A. No. 10812	An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay San Roque, Zamboanga City to Be Known as San Roque National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor	192.	R.A. No. 10818	An Act Renewing The Franchise Granted To The Radio Mindanao Network, Inc. For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years Or A Term That Shall Take Effect On April 18, 2016 (H. No. 5531) [May 18, 2016]
187.	R.A. No. 10813	(H. No. 6155) [May 11, 2016]  An Act Establishing A Multi-Species Freshwater Hatchery In The Municipality Of Jabonga, Province Of Agusan Del Norte and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5651) [May 11, 2016]	193.	R.A. No. 10819	An Act Renewing The Franchise Granted To Far East Broadcasting Company (Philippines), Inc. Under Republic Act No. 8115, Entitled "An Act Granting The Far East Broadcasting Company (Philippines), Inc., A Franchise To Construct, Maintain And Operate Non-
188.	R.A. No. 10814	An Act Declaring June 23 Of Every Year As A Special Working Holiday And No Class Day In The City Of Bacoor To Commemorate Its Anniversary As A			Commercial Radio Broadcasting Stations In The Philippines" (H. No. 5592) [May 18, 2016]
		City (H. No. 103) [Lapsed into law on May 13, 2016 without the signature of the President in accordance with Article VI, Section 27 (1) of the Constitution.]	194.	R.A. No. 10820	An Act Renewing For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted To Progressive Broadcasting Corporation Under Republic Act No. 7163, As Amended By Republic Act No. 8162 (H.
189.	R.A. No. 10815	An Act Providing For The Establishment Of A Technical Education And Skills Development Center In The Municipality Of Rizal, Province Of Occidental Mindoro To Be Known As The Rizal, Occidental Mindoro TESDA Training And Accreditation Center, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6131) [May 16, 2016]	195.	R.A. No. 10821	No. 5940) [May 18, 2016]  An Act Mandating The Provision Of Emergency Relief And Protection For Children Before, During, And After Disasters And Other Emergency Situations (S. No. 3034/H. No. 5285) [May 18, 2016]
190.	R.A. No. 10816	An Act Providing For The Development And Promotion Of Farm Tourism In The Philippines (S. No. 3002/H. No. 5299) [May 16, 2016]	196.	R.A. No. 10822	An Act Granting The Pipol Broadband And Telecommunications Corporation A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout
191.	R.A. No. 10817	An Act Instituting The Philippine Halal Export Development And Promotion Program, Creating For The Purpose The Philippine Halal Export Development	197.	R.A. No. 10823	The Philippines (H. No. 5154) [May 18, 2016]  An Act Changing The Name Of Kasibu National Agricultural School Being

	Administered By The Technical Education And Skills Development Authority (TESDA) In Barangay Pudi, Municipality Of Kasibu, Province Of Nueva Vizcaya To Nueva Vizcaya Polytechnic Institute (H. No. 2297) [May 18, 2016]
198. R.A. No. 10824	An Act Renaming The Milagros School Of Fisheries, Popularly Known As The Masbate School Of Fisheries In The Municipality Of Milagros, Province Of Masbate, As The Masbate Institute Of Fisheries And Technology (H. No. 5568) [May 18, 2016]
199. R.A. No. 10825	An Act Establishing Multi-Species Marine Hatcheries In Surigao City And The Municipality Of Del Carmen In The Province Of Surigao Del Norte And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4432) [May 19, 2016]
<b>200</b> . R.A. No. 10826	An Act Establishing A Multi-Species Marine Nursery In The Municipality Of Kalamansig, Province Of Sultan Kudarat And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5652) [May 19, 2016]
<b>201.</b> R.A. No. 10827	An Act Converting The Satellite Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO) In District 2, Parañaque City Into A Regular LTO District Office And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2592) [May 19, 2016]
<b>202.</b> R.A. No. 10828	An Act Establishing A Regular District Office Of The Land Transportation Office In The Province Of Sarangani And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5825) [May 19, 2016]
<b>203.</b> R.A. No. 10829	An Act Establishing a National Science High School in the City of Pasay to be Known as Pasay City National Science

Administered By The Technical Education

High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 604) [May 11, 2016]

204. R.A. No. 10830

An Act Converting The Bakhaw Elementary School In Barangay Bakhaw, District Of Mandurriao, Iloilo City Into An Integrated School To Be Known As Bakhaw Integrated School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4261) [May 11, 2016]

205. R.A. No. 10831

An Act Establishing A National High School In Barangay Balukbahan, Municipality Of Bayog, Province Of Zamboanga Del Sur To Be Known As Balukbahan National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4290) [May 11, 2016]

**206**. R.A. No. 10832

An Act Establishing A National High School In Barangay Camanga, Municipality Of Malangas, Province Of Zamboanga Sibugay To Be Known As Dionisio Lopez, Sr. National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4368) [May 11, 2016]

207. R.A. No. 10833

An Act Converting The Bentuco High School In Barangay Bentuco, Municipality Of Gubat, Province Of Sorsogon Into A National High School To Be Known As Bentuco National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4917) [May 11, 2016]

208. R.A. No. 10834

An Act Separating The Dr. Rodolfo V. Pamor, Jr. Memorial National High School - Sangay Western High School Annex In Barangay Tinorongan, Municipality Of Sangay, Province Of Camarines Sur From The Dr. Rodolfo V. Pamor, Jr. Memorial National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Tinorongan National High

209. R.A. No. 10835	School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5362) [May 11, 2016]  An Act Separating The Ayala National High School - Tulungatung Annex In Barangay Tulungatung, Zamboanga City From The Ayala National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Tulungatung National High School and	<b>213</b> . R.A. No. 10839	An Act Converting the Sadanga National High School in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Sadanga, Mountain Province Into a National Technical-Vocational High School to be Known as Sadanga National Technical-Vocational and Skills Training High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5573) [May 11, 2016]
	Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5364) [May 11, 2016]	<b>214</b> . R.A. No. 10840	An Act Converting the Saliok National High School in Barangay Saliok,
210. R.A. No. 10836	An Act Separating The Don Pablo Lorenzo Memorial High School - Pasonanca Annex In Barangay Pasonanca, Zamboanga City From The Don Pablo Lorenzo Memorial High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Pasonanca National		Municipality of Natonin, Mountain Province Into a National Technical- Vocational High School to be Known as Saliok National Technical-Vocational and Skills Training High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5574) [May 11, 2016]
	High School (and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5365) [May 11, 2016]	<b>215.</b> R.A. No. 10841	An Act Separating the Digos City National High School - Matti High School Annex
<b>211</b> . R.A. No. 10837	An Act Separating The Paranaque National High School - Don Galo Annex In Barangay Don Galo, City Of Parañaque, Metro Manila From The Parañaque National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Don Galo National High		in Barangay Matti, City of Digos, Province of Davao Del Sur From the Digos City National High School, Converting it Into an Independent National High School to Be Known as Matti National High School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5669) [May 11, 2016]
	School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5384) [May 11, 2016]	<b>216</b> . R.A. No. 10842	An Act Converting the Hulo Elementary School in Barangay Hulo, City of
<b>212.</b> R.A. No. 10838	An Act Separating The Quezon Panitian National High School - Malatgao Extension In Barangay Malatgao, Municipality Of Quezon, Province Of		Mandaluyong Into an Integrated School to be Known as Hulo Integrated School and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5863) [May 11, 2016]
	Palawan From The Quezon Panitian National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Malatgao National High School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5445) [May 11, 2016]	217. R.A. No. 10843	An Act Converting the Lakeview Elementary School and The Pedro E. Diaz High School- Lakeview Annex in Barangay Putatan, City of Muntinlupa, Metro Manila Into an Integrated School to be Known as Lakeview Integrated School

<b>218</b> . R.A. No. 10844	and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5960) [May 11, 2016]  An Act Creating the Department of Information and Communications	<b>223</b> . R.A. No. 10849	An Act Changing The Name Of Alcantara National Trade School To Romblon National Institute Of Technology (H. No. 1847) [May 23, 2016]
	Technology, Defining Its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and For Other Purposes (S. No. 2686/H. No. 6198) [May 23, 2016]	<b>224</b> . R.A. No. 10850	An Act Establishing A Regular District Office Of The Land Transportation Office (LTO) In The City Of Baybay, Province Of Leyte And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 2188) [May 23, 2016]
<b>219</b> . R.A. No. 10845	An Act Declaring Large-Scale Agricultural Smuggling As Economic Sabotage, Prescribing Penalties Therefor And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2923/H. No. 6380) [May 23, 2016]	<b>225.</b> R.A. No. 10851	An Act Converting The Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Memorial National High School In Barangay Bolosan, City Of Dagupan, Province Of Pangasinan Into
220. R.A. No. 10846	An Act Enhancing The Resolution And Liquidation Framework For Banks, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 3591, As Amended, And Other Related Laws (S. No. 2976/H. No. 6020) [May 23, 2016]		A National Technical-Vocational High School To Be Known As Judge Jose De Venecia Sr. Technical-Vocational Secondary School And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4632) [May 23, 2016]
<b>221</b> . R.A. No. 10847	An Act Lowering The Age Requirement For Applicants Taking The Board Examination For Social Workers, Providing For Continuing Social Work Education, And Upgrading The Sundry	<b>226</b> . R.A. No. 10852	An Act Establishing A National High School In Barangay Sto. Niño, Parañaque City To Be Known As Sto. Niño National High School And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5385) [May 23, 2016]
	Provisions Relative To The Practice Of Social Work (S. No. 3024/H. No. 5549) [May 23, 2016]	<b>227</b> . R.A. No. 10853	An Act Separating The Banisilan National High School – Carugmanan Annex In Barangay Carugmanan, Municipality Of
222. R.A. No. 10848	An Act Further Extending The Period Of Implementation Of The Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF), Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 8178, As Amended By Republic Act No. 9496, Entitled: "An Act Replacing Quantitative Import		Banisilan, Province Of Cotabato, From The Banisilan National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Carugmanan National High School And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5670) [May 23, 2016]
	Restrictions On Agricultural Products, Except Rice, With Tariffs, Creating The Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund, And For Other Purposes" (S. No. 2951/H. No. 6162) [May 23, 2016]	228. R.A. No. 10854	An Act Separating The Padada National High School Malinao Extension In Barangay Lower Malinao, Municipality Of Padada, Province Of Davao Del Sur From The Padada National High School, Converting It Into An Independent

	National High School To Be Known As Malinao National High School Of Arts		Funds Therefor (H. No. 6086) [May 23, 2016]
	And Trade And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5961) [May 23, 2016]	235. R.A. No. 10861	An Act Establishing A Provincial Fisheries And Aquatic Resources Training,
<b>229</b> . R.A. No. 10855	An Act Converting The Irosin North High School In Barangay Tinampo, Municipality Of Irosin, Province Of Sorsogon Into A National High School To Be Known As Irosin North National High School And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 3819) [May 23, 2016]		Development, And Product Center In Each Of The Provinces Of Leyte, Southern Leyte, Biliran, Eastern Samar, Samar, And Northern Samar, And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6088) [May 23, 2016]
230. R.A. No. 10856	An Act Establishing A Multi-Species Marine Hatchery In The Municipality Of Bantayan, Province Of Cebu And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 1948) [May 23, 2016]	236. R.A. No. 10862	An Act Regulating The Practice Of Nutrition And Dietetics In The Philippines, Repealing For The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 1286, Known As The "Nutrition And Dietetics Decree Of 1977", Appropriating Funds Therefor and
<b>231</b> . R.A. No. 10857	An Act Establishing Mangrove Crab Seed Banks, Nurseries And Grow-Out		for Other Related Purposes (S. No. 2582/ H. No. 6077) [May 25, 2016]
	Production Farms In The Municipalities Of Virac, Bato, Baras, Gigmoto, Viga, Panganiban, Bagamanoc, San Andres, Caramoran And Pandan, Province Of	<b>237</b> . R.A. No. 10863	An Act Modernizing The Customs And Tariff Administration (H. No. 5525/S. No. 2968) [May 30, 2016]
	Catanduanes And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 4458) [May 23, 2016]	238. R.A. No. 10864	An Act Defining Raw Sugar Or Raw Cane Sugar, Amending Section 109 (A) And
<b>232</b> . R.A. No. 10858	An Act Establishing A Multi-Species Marine Hatchery In Barangay Ata- Atahon, Municipality Of Nasipit, Province Of Agusan Del Norte And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 5650) [May 23		(F) Of The National Internal Revenue Code Of 1997, As Amended, And For Other Purposes (S. No. 2987/H. No. 5713) [Lapsed into Law]
	Funds Therefor (H. No. 5650) [May 23, 2016]	239. R.A. No. 10865	An Act Converting The Mayor Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Regional Training And
233. R.A. No. 10859	An Act Establishing A Multi-Species Marine Hatchery In The Municipality Of Jose Dalman, Province Of Zamboanga Del Norte And Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6085) [May 23, 2016]		Teaching Hospital In The Province Of Misamis Occidental Into A Medical Center To Be Known As The Mayor Hilarion A. Ramiro Sr. Medical Center (H. No. 5746) [June 23, 2016]
234. R.A. No. 10860	An Act Establishing A Multi-Species Marine Hatchery In The Municipality Of Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Province Of Lanao Del Norte And Appropriating	240. R.A. No. 10866	An Act Declaring The Province Of Batanes As A Responsible, Community-Based Cultural Heritage And Ecotourism Zone (H. No. 6152) [June 23, 2016]

	R.A. No. 10867	An Act Reorganizing and Modernizing The National Bureau Of Investigation (NBI), and Providing Funds Therefor (S. No. 2950/H. No. 5855) [June 23, 2016]	2.	S. No. 2239	Requiring All Franchise Holders Or Operators Of Television Stations And Producers Of Television Programs To Broadcast Or Present Their Programs With Closed Captions Options
242.	R.A. No. 10868	An Act Honoring and Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Filipino Centenarians, and For Other Purposes (S. No. 449/H. No. 5780) [June 23, 2016]	3.	S. No. 2419	Banning the Re-appointment of a Regular Member of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) Who Has Already Served Two Full Terms
243.	R.A. No. 10869	An Act Institutionalizing The Nationwide Implementation Of The Jobstart Philippines Program And Provding Funds Therefor (S. No. 3091/H. No. 6415) [June 29, 2016]	4.	S. No. 2422	Increasing The Prescriptive Period For Violations Of Republic Act No. 3019, Otherwise Known As 'The Anti- Graft And Corrupt Practices Act', From Fifteen (15) Years To Twenty (20) Years, Amending Section 11 Thereof
VETO	ED BY THE PRESID	ENT (3)	5.	S. No. 2434	Strengthening, Modernizing And Aligning
1.	S. No. 2518	Removing The Conditions For The Condonation Of All Unpaid Taxes Due From Local Water Districts, Amending For The Purpose Section 289-A Of The			The Practice Of Agricultural Engineering In The Country Into The Internationally Recognized Practice Of Agricultural And Biosystems Engineering
		National Internal Revenue Code, As Amended	6.	S. No. 2581	Mandating And Strengthening The Continuing Professional Development
2.	S. No. 2720	Providing For A Comprehensive Nursing Law Towards Quality Health Care System			Program For All Regulated Professions, Creating Continuing Professional Development Council
3.	H. No. 5842	Mandating A Two Thousand Peso (P2,000) Across-The-Board Increase In The Monthly Pension With Corresponding Adjustment Of The Minimum Monthly	7.	S. No. 2779	Declaring The Second Week Of November Of Every Year As Economic And Financial Literacy Week
		Pension Under The Social Security System, Amending For The Purpose Section 12 Of Republic Act No. 1161,	8.	S. No. 2794	Providing For A New Anti-Carnapping Law Of The Philippines
		As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Social Security Act Of 1997	9.	S. No. 2947	Strengthening The Balanced Housing Development Program, Amending For That Purpose Republic Act No. 7279, As Amended By Republic Act No.
FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT (56)		PRESIDENT (56)			9397, Otherwise Known As The Urban
1.	S. No. 1618	Requiring Business Establishments to Give Exact Change to Consumers			Development And Housing Act Of 1992

10. S. No. 2999	Mandating The Installation Of Speed Limiters And Setting Speed Limits For Public Utility Buses		Benefits Upon Reaching The Age Of Twenty-One (21), Amending For The Purpose Section 25 Of Presidential
11. S. No. 3023	Amending Foreign Ownership Restrictions In Specific Laws Governing Adjustment Companies, Lending Companies, Financing Companies And Investment		Decree Numbered Sixteen Hundred And Thirty-Eight, Otherwise Known As The AFP Military Personnel Retirement And Separation Decree Of 1979, As Amended
	Houses Cited In The Foreign Investment Negative List, Except Those In The Constitution	18. H. No. 2185	Granting The First Bay Power Corp. (FBPC) A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain A Distribution System For The Conveyance
<b>12</b> . S. No. 3090	Amending Certain Provisions Of R.A. 9547 Otherwise Known As An Act Strengthening And Expanding The Coverage Of The Special Program For		Of Electric Power To The End Users In The Municipality Of Bauan, Province Of Batangas
	Employment Of Students, Amending For The Purpose Provisions Of R.A. 7323, Otherwise Known As The Special Program For Employment Of Students	<b>19</b> . H. No. 2817	Separating The Cagasat National High School - Magsaysay Annex In Barangay Magsaysay, Municipality Of Cordon, Province Of Isabela From The Cagasat National High School, Converting It Into
13. S. No. 3204	Requiring Basic Education Students to Undergo Age-Appropriate Basic Life Support Training		An Independent National High School To Be Known As Cordon National High School
14. S. No. 3205	Mandating the Integration of Filipino- Muslim and Indigenous Peoples History, Culture and Identity in the Study of Philippine History in Both Basic and Higher Education	<b>20</b> . H. No. 3145	Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch To Be Stationed In Calapan City, And An Additional Municipal Trial Court Branch To Be Stationed In The Municipality Of Baco, All In The
15. S. No. 3209	Providing Stronger Measures Against Unlawful Practices, Businesses, And Schemes Of Matching And Offering Filipinos To Foreign Nationals For Purposes Of Marriage Of Common Law		First District Of Oriental Mindoro, Further Amending For The Purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980, As Amended
	Partnership, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act No. 6955, Also Referred To As The Anti-Mail Order Bride Law	<b>21</b> . H. No. 3219	Separating The Conner Central National High School - Talifugo Annex In Barangay Talifugo, Municipality Of
16. S. No. 3211	Defining And Penalizing Distracted Driving		Conner, Province Of Apayao From The Conner Central National High School, Converting It Into An Independent
<b>17.</b> H. No. 772	Exempting Surviving Children Of Military Personnel Who Are Mentally Incapacitated From Termination Of		National High School To Be Known As Talifugo National High School
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<b>22</b> . H. No. 3220	Separating The Pio Da Lim Memorial School Of Arts And Trades - Tanglagan Annex In Barangay Tanglagan, Municipality Of Calanasan, Province Of Apayao From The Pio Da Lim Memorial School Of Arts And Trades, Converting		Of Tinglayan, Province Of Kalinga From The Kalinga National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Tinglayan National High School
	It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Tanglagan National High School	28. H. No. 5417	Regulating The Philippine Credit Card Industry
23. H. No. 3222 24. H. No. 3223	Separating The Conner Central National High School - Cupis Annex II In Barangay Cupis, Municipality Of Conner, Province Of Apayao From The Conner Central National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National Technical- Vocational High School To Be Known As Cupis National High School Separating The Conner Central National	29. H. No. 5446	Separating The Gov. Alfredo Abueg Sr. National Technology And Vocational Memorial High School - Aribungos Extension In Barangay Aribungos, Municipality Of Brooke's Point, Province Of Palawan From The Gov. Alfredo Abueg Sr. National Technology And Vocational Memorial High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School To Be Known As Inil U. Taha National High
<b>24.</b> 11. NO. 3223	High School - Ili Annex IV In Barangay Ili, Municipality Of Conner, Province Of Apayao From The Conner Central National High School, Converting It Into An Independent National High School	<b>30</b> . H. No. 5511	School  Establishing the Southwestern Tagalog Region to be Known as the Mimaropa Region
<b>25</b> . H. No. 3785	To Be Known As Ili National High School Strengthening And Institutionalizing	<b>31</b> . H. No. 5560	Granting Philippine Citizenship To Hans- Peter Smit
<b>26</b> . H. No. 4366	Direct Credit Support Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines To Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries, Small Farmers And Fisherfolk, Further Amending Republic Act No. 3844, Otherwise Known As The Agricultural Land Reform Code, As Amended Establishing A National Science And	<b>32</b> . H. No. 5570	Renewing for Another Twenty-Five Years the Franchise Granted to Ibaan Electric Corporation (Formerly Ibaan Electric and Engineering Corporation) to Construct, Operate and Maintain an Electric Light, Heat, and Power System in the Municipality of Ibaan, Province of Batangas Under Republic Act No. 7578
20. 11.710. 2000	Technology High School In Barangay San Jose, City Of Antipolo, Province Of Rizal To Be Known As Antipolo City National Science And Technology High School	33. H. No. 5571	Granting The Mactan Electric Company, Inc. (MECO) A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain A Distribution System For The Conveyance
27. H. No. 5406	Separating The Kalinga National High School - Ambato Tinglayan Annex In Barangay Ambato-Legleg, Municipality		Of Electric Power To The End Users In The City Of Lapu-Lapu And The Municipality Of Cordova, Province Of Cebu

<b>34</b> . H. No. 5576	Declaring Tourism Development Areas In The Province Of Camiguin, Organizing The Camiguin Tourism Council And Mandating Support For Tourism Development In The Province	40. H. No. 6003	Granting The AMA Telecommunications, Inc. A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Telecommunications Systems In The Philippines
<b>35</b> . H. No. 5583	Of Camiguin  Renewing For Another Twenty-Five (25)  Years The Franchise Granted To Masbate  Community Broadcasting Co., Inc. Under	<b>41</b> . H. No. 6005	Granting the Infinivan, Inc. a Franchise to Construct, Install, Establish, Operate and Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout the Philippines
	Republic Act No. 7510, Entitled "An Act Granting The Masbate Community Broadcasting Co., Inc., A Franchise To Construct, Install, Operate And Maintain Radio And Television Broadcasting Stations In The Islands Of Masbate And	<b>42</b> . H. No. 6011	Granting Veritas Media Arts Inc. A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Radio And Television Broadcasting Stations In The Province Of Bohol And The Visayas
36. H. No. 5601	Romblon And The Whole Of The Visayas  Extending To Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted To The Philippine Telegraph And Telephone Corporation (PT&T) To Establish, Install, Maintain And Operate Wire And/Or Wireless Telecommunications Systems, Lines, Circuits And Stations Throughout The Philippines For Public Domestic And	<b>43</b> . H. No. 6012	Extending For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted To Bell Telecommunication Philippines, Inc., Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7692, Entitled An Act Granting To Bell Telecommunication Philippines, Inc., A Franchise To Install, Operate And Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout The Philippines
37. H. No. 5616	International Communications Under Republic Act No. 4161, As Amended Regulating And Modernizing The Practice Of Pharmacy In The Philippines	<b>44</b> . H. No. 6021	Granting the Pilipinas Asian Pearl Airways, Inc. a Franchise to Establish, Operate and Maintain Domestic and International Air Transport Services
38. H. No. 5844	Granting the Avocado Broadband Telecoms, Inc. A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout	<b>45</b> . H. No. 6038	Renewing For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the Franchise Granted To Corona International, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 7398
39. H. No. 5859	The Philippines  Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the Franchise Granted to People's Broadcasting Service, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 7477, As Amended by R.A. No. 9213	46. H. No. 6053	Renewing for Another Twenty-Five (25) Years the Franchise Granted to ZOE Broadcasting, Inc., Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7279, Entitled "An Act Granting the ZOE Broadcasting Network, Inc., A Franchise to Construct, Install, Operate and Maintain Radio

	and Television Broadcasting Stations Throughout the Philippines", as Amended by R.A. No. 7968		Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout The Philippines
<b>47</b> . H. No. 6080	Modifying The Qualifications For, And Creating A Screening Committee In The Election Or Appointment Of The Directors And Officers Of Electric Cooperatives, Amending For The Purpose	<b>52</b> . H. No. 6313	Granting The Makinig Network, Inc. A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Radio And/ Or Television Broadcasting Stations Throughout The Philippines
	Sections 26-A And 26-B Of Presidential Decree No. 269, As Amended By Republic Act No. 10531, Otherwise Known As The National Electrification Administration Reform Act Of 2013	53. H. No. 6314	Granting The Megamanila Telecom Corp. A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout The Philippines
48. H. No. 6144	Establishing The University Of Science And Technology Of Southern Philippines (USTSP), Providing For The Purpose The Amalgamation Of The Mindanao University Of Science And Technology (MUST) And The Misamis Oriental State	<b>54</b> . H. No. 6315	Granting The Pilipinas Radio Waves Corp. A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Radio And/Or Television Broadcasting Stations Throughout The Philippines
	College Of Agriculture And Technology (MOSCAT)	55. H. No. 6418	Prohibiting the Discrimination on the Employment of Any Individual on the
<b>49</b> . H. No. 6168	Amending The Franchise Granted To Byers Communications, Inc. Under Republic Act No. 8107, Expanding Its Scope Into A National Coverage, And Renewing Its Term For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years	PENDING CONFERENCE	Basis Merely of Age  CE COMMITTEE (3)
50. H. No. 6193	Renewing For Another Twenty-Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted To Kalayaan Broadcasting System, Incorporated Under Republic Act No. 7303, As Amended By Republic Act No. 8105, Entitled 'An Act	1. S. No. 2671	Modifying the Compensation And Position Classification System Of Civilian Government Personnel And The Base Pay Schedule Of Military And Uniformed Personnel In The Government
	Granting The Kalayaan Broadcasting System, Incorporated, A Franchise To	2. S. No. 2922	Creating The Philippine Trade Representative Office
	Construct, Install, Operate And Maintain Radio Broadcasting Stations In The Island Of Mindanao	3. S. Jt. Res. No. 12	Authorizing The President Of The Philippines, His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III, To Address The Projected

Granting The Metro Connections And Telecom Corp. A Franchise To Construct,

**51**. H. No. 6312

Electricity Imbalance In The Luzon Grid

APPROVED ON THIRD READING BY THE SENATE	/
PENDING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (	17)

	S. No. 12	OF REPRESENTATIVES (17) Providing Barangay Officials, Including	9. S. No. 2426
1.	S. NO. 12	Barangay Tanods, Members Of The Lupon Ng Tagapamayapa, Barangay Health Workers And Barangay Day Care Workers A Retirement Benefit	10. S. No. 2709
2.	S. No. 886	Define the Role of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) During Elections	
3.	S. No. 1733	Implementing The People's Right To Information And The Constitutional Policies Of Full Public Disclosure And Honesty In The Public Service	<b>11.</b> S. No. 2712
4.	S. No. 2042	Prohibiting the Development, Production, Stockpiling, Use of Chemical Weapons and Providing for Their Destruction and Providing Penalties	
5.	S. No. 2209	Establishing Resource Centers For Indigenous Cultural Communities/ Indigenous Peoples To Enhance And Ensure Delivery Of Essential Services	12. S. No. 2789
6.	S. No. 2269	Amending Section 4 (B) Of Republic Act No. 7898, Otherwise Known As The AFP Modernization Act, As Amended By Republic Act No. 10349, Establishing The 'Revised AFP Modernization Program'	13. S. No. 2948
7.	S. No. 2270	Ensuring The Fundamental Equality Of Men And Women Under The Laws On Marriage And Family Relations, Amending For The Purpose Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines	14. S. No. 2952
8.	S. No. 2278	Mandating the Completion of the Land Acquisition and Distribution (LAD) Component of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) by June 30, 2016 Pursuant to Republic Act No. 6657, Otherwise Known as The	

Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law, as Amended

Include Ethnic Origin In The National Survey Conducted By The Philippine Statistics Authority

Granting Survivorship Benefits To The Surviving Legitimate Spouse Of A Deceased Retired Member Of The Office Of Solicitor General

Amending, Thereby Strengthening Republic Act No. 7586, Otherwise Known As The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act Of 1992, Declaring And Establishing As Protected Areas And Buffer Zones The Parcels Of Land Designated By The President Of The Republic Of The Philippines Pursuant To Republic Act No. 7586, Providing For Their Management

Including Responsive, Empowered and Service-Centered Youth in the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council in All Levels, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 10121, Otherwise Known As The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010

Establishing A National Vision Screening Program For Kindergarten Pupils

Granting Educational Assistance And Benefits To The Dependents Of All Members Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau Of Fire Protection (BFP), Bureau Of Jail Management And Penology (BJMP), National Bureau Of Investigation (NBI), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) And Bureau Of Corrections (BuCor) Who Are Killed Or Permanently Incapacitated While In The Performance Of Their Duty Or By Reason Of Their Office Or Position

15. S. No. 2982 Increasing The Maternity Leave Period

To One Hundred (100) Days For Female Employees In The Government Service And In The Private Sector, And Granting An Option To Extend For An Additional Thirty (30) Days Without Pay, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 1161,

As Amended

16. S. No. 3088 Amending Pertinent Laws On The

Retirement Benefits And Pension Of The Uniformed Personnel Of The Uniformed

Services

17. H. No. 4894 Converting The Villafuerte-Pena High

School In Barangay Ponglon, Municipality Of San Jose, Province Of Camarines Sur Into A National Technical-Vocational High School To Be Known As Juan C. Pena National Technical-Vocational High

School

### APPROVED ON SECOND READING (2)

1. S. No. 2897 Establishing The Regulatory Framework

For The Safe Operations Of The Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Industry, Delineating The Powers And Functions Of Various Government Agencies, Defining

And Penalizing Certain Acts

2. H. No. 5942 Amending And Extending For Twenty-

Five (25) Years The Franchise Granted To Smart Communications, Inc. (Formerly Smart Information Technologies, Inc.) Under Republic Act No. 7294, Entitled An Act Granting Smart Information Technologies, Inc. (Smart) A Franchise To Establish, Install, Maintain, Lease And

Operate Integrated Telecommunications/ Computer /Electronic Services, And Stations Throughout The Philippines For Public Domestic And International Telecommunications

# COMMITTEE REPORTS SUBMITTED AND ARE PENDING SECOND READING (56)

#### A. Period of Amendments (4)

Adequate Food

2. S. No. 2626 Creating A Local Housing Board In

All Cities And First To Third Class

Municipalities

3. S. No. 2675 Declaring The Coconut Levy Assets

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Settlement And Urban Development, Defining Its Mandates, Powers And

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2. S. No. 136 Reforming The National Apprenticeship

Program And Providing Standards For The Training And Employment Of Apprentices, And Regulatory Standards For Accreditation Of Apprenticeship

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Casual and Contractual Employees of the Government Who Have Rendered the Prescribed Years of Service in the

4. S. No. 480	National Government Agencies and the Local Government Units  Increasing The Quarters Allowance Of Officers And Enlisted Personnel Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines	10. S. No. 2139	Amending Certain Sections Of Republic Act No. 4200, Otherwise Known As An Act To Prohibit And Penalize Wiretapping And Other Related Violations Of The Privacy Of Communication
5. S. No. 498	Providing For Additional Insurance Coverage And Benefits For All Members Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines Who Are Killed, Wounded Or Injured In The Line Of Duty, Providing Funds For	11. S. No. 2210	Institutionalizing the Poverty Reduction Through Social Entrepreneurship (PRESENT) Program and Promoting Social Enterprises With the Poor as Primary Stakeholders
6. S. No. 1185	The Payment Of The Premiums  Amending Section 450 Of Republic Act No. 7160, Otherwise Known As The Local Government Code Of 1991, As	<b>12</b> . S. No. 2235	Amending Sections 443, 454, 463 And 477 Of Republic Act No. 7160, Otherwise Known As 'The Local Government Code Of 1991'
	Amended, Allowing The Conversion Of A Municipality Which Has A Land Area Of At Least Fifty (50) Square Kilometers Or Inhabitants Of At Least	13. S. No. 2271	Establishing A Framework For Film And Television Tourism In The Philippines, Marketing The Industry Globally And Providing Employment For The Sector
	Twenty-Five Thousand (25,000) Into A Component City If It Has An Annual Average Locally Generated Income Of At Least Two Hundred Twenty Million Pesos (P220,000,000.00) For The Last Two Consecutive Years Based On 2012 Constant Prices	14. S. No. 2361	Repealing Section 55 Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 881, Otherwise Known As The Omnibus Election Code Of The Philippines, As Amended, And Mandating The Commission On Elections To Provide For The Office Spaces Of Its Field Offices
7. S. No. 1719	Providing For The Minimum Contents Of A Comprehensive Report Of Elections To The President And To Congress By The Commission On Elections	15. S. No. 2763	Providing For A System Of Absentee Voting For Qualified Members Of The Electoral Staff Of National Candidates And Accredited National Political Parties And Party-Lists, And Election Lawyers
8. S. No. 1830	Providing For An Increase In The Standing Force Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines Through The Recruitment	16. S. No. 2768	Upgrading The Amai Pakpak Medical Center In Marawi City, Lanao Del Sur
9. S. No. 2134	And Special Enlistment Of Provisional Enlisted Personnel  Reorganizing The Cooperative Development Authority, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act No. 6939,	17. S. No. 2778	Strengthening The Regulation Of Health Facilities And Services In The Philippines, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act No. 4226, Otherwise Known As The Hospital Licensure Act
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19. S. No. 2838	Acts Of Arbitrary Internal Displacement  Establish The Archipelagic Sea Lanes In The Philippine Archipelagic Waters,	<b>26</b> . S. No. 2945	Amending Batas Pambansa Blg. 68 Otherwise Known As The Corporation Code Of The Philippines
	Prescribing The Rights And Obligations Of Foreign Ships And Aircraft Exercising The Right Of Archipelagic Sea Lanes Passage	<b>27</b> . S. No. 2983	Providing For The Delineation Of The Specific Forest Lands Limits Of The Public Domain
	Through The Established Archipelagic Sea Lanes And Providing For The Associated Protected Measures Therein	<b>28</b> . S. No. 3026	Regulating The Practice Of Criminology Profession In The Philippines, And Appropriating Funds Therefor, Repealing
<b>20</b> . S. No. 2843	Providing For Affordable Drug Rehabilitation Treatment For Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) Beneficiaries, Further Amending Republic Act 7875, As Amended		For The Purpose Republic Act No. 6506, Otherwise Known As An Act Creating The Board Examiners For Criminologists In The Philippines
21. S. No. 2894	Providing For The Basic Law For The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region And	<b>29</b> . S. No. 3027	Increase The Old-Age Pension Of Military Veterans Amending For The Purpose Section 10 Of Republic Act No. 6948
	Abolishing The Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao, Repealing For The	<b>30.</b> S. No. 3035	Authorizing Public-Private Partnerships
	Purpose Republic Act No. 9054, Entitled 'An Act To Strengthen And Expand The Organic Act For The Autonomous Region	<b>31.</b> S. No. 3210	Integrating Palliative And Hospice Care Into The Philippine Health Care System
	In Muslim Mindanao,' And Republic Act No. 6734, Entitled 'An Act Providing For An Organic Act For The Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao'	<b>32</b> . S. No. 3221	Strengthening The Human Organ And Tissue Donation And Transplantation Program And Providing Penalties For Violation Thereof, Amending For This Purpose Republic Act No. 7170, As
<b>22</b> . S. No. 2915	Upgrading The Southern Isabela General Hospital In Santiago City, Province Of Isabela Into A Tertiary General Hospital		Amended, Also Known As The Organ Donation Act Of 1991
	To Be Known As The Southern Isabela Medical Center	<b>33</b> . S. No. 3223	Strengthening The Philippine Comprehensive Policy On HIV And
23. S. No. 2924	Regulating The Registration, Licensure, And Practice Of Occupational Therapy		Aids Prevention, Treatment, Care, And Support, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act No. 8504, Otherwise Known
<b>24</b> . S. No. 2925	Regulating The Practice Of Speech Language Pathology In The Philippines		As 'The Philippine Aids Prevention And Control Act Of 1998'
<b>25</b> . S. No. 2930	Amending Sections 69 And 261 (cc) Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 881, Otherwise Known As The Omnibus Election Code Of The Philippines, As Amended	34. S. Jt. Res. No. 17	Ordaining a Glossary of Significant Housing Terminologies for the Adherence by the Key Shelter Agencies, Other Appropriate Agencies of Government, and

<b>35</b> . H. No. 703	Other Housing and Urban Development Stakeholders  Dividing Barangay North Bay Boulevard South In The City Of Navotas Into Three	<b>42</b> . H. No. 4215	Naming The Camiguin Circumferential Road In The Province Of Camiguin Into The Pedro P. Romualdo Circumferential Highway
	(3) Distinct And Independent Barangays To Be Known As Barangays North Bay Boulevard South 1, North Bay Boulevard South 2 And North Bay Boulevard South	<b>43</b> . H. No. 4570	Dividing Barangay Tanza In The City Of Navotas Into Two (2) Distinct And Independent Barangays To Be Known As Barangay Tanza 1 And Tanza 2
<b>36</b> . H. No. 1001	Providing For The Establishment Of A District Hospital In The Municipality Of Santa Elena, Province Of Camarines Norte	<b>44</b> . H. No. 4576	Dividing Barangay Tangos In The City Of Navotas Into Two (2) Distinct And Independent Barangays To Be Known As Barangay Tangos North And Barangay Tangos South
<b>37</b> . H. No. 1140	Naming The National Road From Barangay Abangay To Barangay Poblacion,	<b>45</b> . H. No. 4889	Defining The Maritime Zones Of The Republic Of The Philippines
	Municipality Of Dingle, Province Of Iloilo As Board Member Rufino A. Palabrica Jr. National Road	<b>46.</b> H. No. 5204	Naming As "St. Paul Avenue" The Road Beside The St. Paul College Of Ilocos Sur (SPCIS) High School Department
<b>38</b> . H. No. 1247	Naming The Diversion Road In Sorsogon City, Sorsogon As Salvador H. Escudero III Diversion Road		Located In The Municipality Of Bantay, Province Of Ilocos Sur And The SPCIS College Department Located In Barangay
<b>39</b> . H. No. 1374	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The		Bayubay, Municipality Of San Vicente, Province Of Ilocos Sur
	Province Of Leyte To Be Stationed At The City Of Ormoc, Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (I) Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980, As Amended	<b>47</b> . H. No. 5620	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court In The Third Judicial Region To Be Stationed In The Municipality Of Iba, Province Of Zambales, Further Amending For The Purpose Section 14, Paragraph (C) Of
<b>40</b> . H. No. 4012	Renaming The Gurel - Bokod - Kabayan - Abatan Road In The Province Of Benguet To Cong. Andres Acop Cosalan Road		Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980, As Amended
<b>41</b> . H. No. 4013	Renaming The Acop - Tublay, Kapangan - Kibungan - Bakun - Sinipsip, Buguias Secondary National Road In The Province Of Benguet To Gov. Bado Dangwa	<b>48</b> . H. No. 5621	Creating Three (3) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The Province Of Laguna To Be Stationed In Calamba City, Amending For The Purpose Section

National Road

Of Benguet To Gov. Bado Dangwa

14(E) Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,

Otherwise Known As The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980, As Amended

49. H. No. 5632	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Metropolitan Trial Court In The		and Northern Ireland (PSR-535) [March 4, 2014]
	National Capital Judicial Region To Be Stationed In Malabon City, Metro Manila, Amending For The Purpose Section 27 Of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, Otherwise Known As "The Judiciary Reorganization Act Of 1980", As Amended	2. Res. No. 37	Resolution Concurring in the Ratification of the Extradition Treaty Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of India (PSR-536) [March 4, 2014]
50. H. No. 5751	Increasing The Bed Capacity Of The Rosario District Hospital In The Municipality Of Rosario, Province Of La Union From Twenty-Five (25) To Fifty (50) Beds	3. Res. No. 38	Resolution Concurring in the Ratification of the Treaty on Extradition Between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Spain (PSR-537) [March 4, 2014]
51. H. No. 5852	Upgrading The Wao District Hospital In The Municipality Of Wao, Province Of Lanao Del Sur And Appropriating Funds Therefor, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 3607, Entitled An Act To Provide For The Establishment Of	4. Res. No. 82	Resolution Concurring In The Ratification Of The Agreement On Social Security Between The Republic Of The Philippines And The Kingdom Of Denmark (PSR- 1333) [May 18, 2015]
<b>52</b> . H. No. 5901	One General Hospital In Each Of The Municipalities Of Bayang, Tamparan And Wao, All In The Province Of Lanao De Sur Increasing The Bed Capacity Of The Governor Celestino Gallares Memorial	5. Res. No. 83	Resolution Concurring In The Ratification Of The Agreement On Social Security Between The Portuguese Republic And The Republic Of The Philippines (PSR- 1335) [May 18, 2015]
	Hospital (GCGMH) In Tagbilaran City, Province Of Bohol From Two Hundred Twenty Five (225) To Five Hundred Twenty-Six (526) Beds	6. Res. No. 85	Resolution Concurring In The Accession To The Nagoya Protocol On Access To Genetic Resources And The Fair And Equitable Sharing Of Benefits Arising From Their Utilization To The Convention On Biological Diversity (PSR-1331) [May 25, 2015]
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- A. Resolutions Concurring in the Ratification of Treaties and/or **International Agreements/Conventions (14)** 
  - Resolution Concurring in the 1. Res. No. 36 Ratification of the Extradition Treaty Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain

Resolution Concurring in the Ratification of the Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) Establishing the Pemsea Resource Facility Center (PSR-1332) [May 25, 2015]

8. Res. No. 94	Resolution Concurring in the Ratification to the Protocol Relating to An Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Article 3 bis) (PSR-1334) [August 10, 2015]	14. Res. No. 117	Resolution Concurring In The Acceptance Of The Doha Amendment To The Kyoto Protocol (PSR-1722) [February 1, 2016]
<ul><li>9. Res. No. 95</li><li>10. Res. No. 107</li></ul>	Resolution Concurring In The Accession To The 1999 Montreal Convention For The Unification Of Certain Rules For International Carriage By Air (PSR-1336) [August 10, 2015]  Resolution Concurring In The Ratification	B. Simple Resolutions (118)  1. Res. No. 1	Resolution Informing His Excellency, the President of the Philippines That the Senate Has Been Organized With the Election of Its Officers and That This Body Has Entered Upon the Exercise of Its Functions For the First Regular Session of
<b>11.</b> Res. No. 108	Of The Agreement Between The Republic Of The Philippines And The Republic Of Turkey For The Avoidance Of Double Taxation And The Prevention Of Fiscal Evasion With Respect To Taxes On Income (PSR-1540) [December 14, 2015] Resolution Concurring In The Ratification	2. Res. No. 2	the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-23) [July 22, 2013]  Resolution Informing the House of Representatives that the Senate Has Been Organized With the Election of Its Officers and That This Body Has Entered Upon the Exercise of Its Functions for
	Of The Protocol Amending The Convention Between The Republic Of The Philippines And The Italian Republic For The Avoidance Of Double Taxation With Respect To Taxes On Income And The Prevention Of Fiscal Evasion, Signed At Rome, On 5th December, 1980 (PSR-	3. Res. No. 3	the First Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-24) [July 22, 2013]  Resolution Honoring and Commending the Outstanding Teachers of 2013 Awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (PSR-207, 209, 215 & 231) [September 2, 2013]
12. Res. No. 109	Resolution Concurring In The Ratification Of The Agreement Between The Republic Of The Philippines And The Federal Republic Of Germany For The Avoidance Of Double Taxation With Respect To Taxes On Income And Capital (PSR-1542) [December 14, 2015]	4. Res. No. 4	Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service (COPS) of 2013, Awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., the Rotary Club of New Manila East and the Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank) (PSR-210, 213 & 219) [September 2, 2013]
13. Res. No. 116	Resolution Concurring In The Accession To The Hague Convention On The Civil Aspects Of International Child Abduction (PSR-1723) [February 1, 2016]	5. Res. No. 5	Resolution Honoring and Commending the Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) of 2013 Awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc., and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro (PSR-177 & 214) [September 2, 2013]

6.	Res. No. 6	Resolution Amending Rule X, Section 13 of the Rules of the Senate (PSR-212) [September 2, 2013]
7.	Res. No. 7	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Dr. Alicia Santos for Being Conferred the Prestigious Gawad Mabini with the Rank of Dakilang Kasugo Presidential Award (PSR-176) [September 10, 2013]
8.	Res. No. 8	Resolution Expressing the Sense of the Senate to Join the Community of Nations and Parliaments Around the World in Commemorating the Sixth International Day of Democracy on September 15, 2013, With the Theme, "Strengthening Voices for Democracy" (PSR-256) [September 16, 2013]
9.	Res. No. 9	Resolution Authorizing All Committees of the Senate to Hold Meetings, Hearings or Conferences During the Recess of the Congress for the Purpose of Studying and Preparing Any Proposed Legislation or to Investigate Any Matter or Subject Falling Under Their Jurisdiction (PSR-270) [September 25, 2013]
10.	Res. No. 10	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Miss Philippines Megan Lynne Young for Winning the Crown and Title of Miss World 2013 (PSR-272, 273, 274, 281, 282 & 285) [October 14, 2013]
11.	Res. No. 11	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Mutya Johanna Fontiveros Datul for Having Been Crowned as Miss Supranational 2013 (PSR-237) [October 14, 2013]
12.	Res. No. 12	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Grandmaster Wesley So for Bringing Honor and Distinction

Medal in the Men's Chess Competitions of the Recently Concluded 27th Summer Universiade (World University Games) at the Kazan Equestrian Complex in Kazan, Russia, this July 2013 (PSR-99) [October 14, 2013]

13. Res. No. 13

Resolution Recognizing and Commending Sgt. Freddie Demacotak, Private First Class Reynante D. Sobremonte, and Private Randy A. Ayson Who Were Wounded in Action, and 2Lt. Rostum C. Delasa, Sgt. Freddie G. Demacotac, Jr., Cpl. Noly T. Capillano, Pfc. Carlos G. Dalisay, Pfc. Ramil G. Lopez, Cpl. Israel T. Briguera, Ssgt. Abelardo P. Palomero, Pfc. Rovrando R. Romero, Pvt. Manuel T. Bunagan, Jr., Cpl. Erwin B. Pili, Pfc. Joseph R. Villanueva, Pfc. Reynante D. Sobremonte, Pfc. Pablito D. Endaya, Jr., Pvt. Jeffrey B. Doctolero and Pvt. Randy P. Ayson, Members of the Marine Battalion Landing Team-3 (MBLT3) of the Philippine Marine Corps, for Their Bravery and Dedication in Defending and Upholding the Peace Situation in Mindanao During the Encounter of the Government Forces with the Abu Sayyaf in Indanan, Sulu on 16 March 2009 (PSR-284) [October 14, 2013]

14. Res. No. 14

Resolution Waiving and Abandoning the Use of the Remaining 2013 Senate Priority Development Assistance Fund and Expressing the Sense of the Senate for the President to Utilize the Savings Created by Such Abandonment to Augment the Calamity Fund (PSR-302 & 305) [October 22, 2013]

15. Res. No. 15

Resolution Extending the Term of the Special Oversight Committee on Economic Affairs Until Otherwise Terminated by the Chamber (PSR-318)

to the Country by Winning the Gold

16. Res. No. 16	[October 23, 2013]  Resolution Expressing the Full Support and Active Participation of the Senate in the Observance of the International	<b>21</b> . Res. No. 21	Resolution Creating a Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds (PSR-361) [January 21, 2014]
<b>17</b> . Res. No. 17	Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2013 (PSR-374) [November 26, 2013] Resolution Congratulating and	<b>22</b> . Res. No. 22	Resolution Commending the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police for the Heroic Performance of Their Sworn Constitutional Duty as Protectors of the
	Commending the People's Champ and Sarangani Congressman Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao for Winning the World Boxing Organization International Welterweight		People and the State, and as Sentinels of Peace and Order in the Zamboanga Crisis (PSR-283) [January 22, 2014]
10 D N 10	Title At the Venetian Macao in Macau Special Administrative Region on 24 November 2013 (PSR-379, 380, 382, 384, 385 & 392) [November 27, 2013]	<b>23</b> . Res. No. 23	Resolution Expressing Gratitude to the Members of the International Community for Their Humanitarian Response in the Aftermath of Super Typhoon Yolanda (PSR-427) [January 22, 2014]
18. Res. No. 18	Resolution Expressing the Gratitude and Appreciation of the Senate to All Philippine Government Agencies, Private Institutions, NonGovernment Organizations, Civic Groups, Foreign Governments and International Organizations, Including Foreign	<b>24</b> . Res. No. 24	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Overseas Filipino Worker Rose "Osang" Fostanes for Being Named the First Winner of the X Factor Israel on 14 January 2014 in Tel-Aviv, Israel (PSR- 448, 454 & 457) [January 22, 2014]
	Humanitarian Organizations, for the Responsive Relief and Assistance Operations in the Philippines Due to the Catastrophic Damage Caused by Typhoon Yolanda (PSR-383 & 391) [November 27, 2013]	<b>25</b> . Res. No. 25	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Bea Rose Santiago for Honoring the Philippines with the Prestigious Miss International 2013 Title in Tokyo, Japan, on 17 December 2013 (PSR-419, 420 & 433) [January 22, 2014]
19. Res. No. 19	Resolution Expressing the Full Support and Active Participation of the Senate in the Observance of the National Volunteer Month in December 2013 (PSR-394) [December 3, 2013]	<b>26</b> . Res. No. 26	Resolution Acknowledging and Commending the Artistic Achievements, Philanthrophy and Education Advocacy Campaign of Mr. Allan "apl.de.ap" Pineda (PSR-58) [January 29, 2014]
<b>20</b> . Res. No. 20	Resolution Expressing the Condolences and Sympathies of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of Former South Africa President Nelson Mandela (PSR- 412) [December 10, 2013]	<b>27</b> . Res. No. 27	Resolution Commending Maria Susana "Toots" Ople for Having Been Conferred by the Government of the United States of America the Global Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Hero Award for 2013 for Her

28. Res. No. 28	Persistent and Unyielding Effort to Curb Human Trafficking (PSR-130) [January 29, 2014]  Resolution Congratulating and Commending Veteran Filipino Actor Joel Torre for Winning the Best Actor Award in the 17th Puchon International Fantastic		Martinez For Being The First Filipino and Southeast Asian Figure Skater To Qualify For The Winter Olympics And For His Inspiring Performance in the 2014 Winter Olympics Held In Sochi, Russia (PSR-505, 511,513,514,515,517 & 529) [February 26, 2014]
	Film Festival (PIFAN) Held in Bucheon Gymnasium, Jung-Dong, Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea on July 18, 2013 (PSR-181) [January 29, 2014]	<b>35</b> . Res. No. 35	Resolution Congratulating And Commending Filipina Beauty Ariella Arida For Being Crowned Third Runner- Up In The 2013 Miss Universe Pageant Held At Crocus City Hall In Moscow,
29. Res. No. 29	Resolution Commending and Congratulating the Filipino Members of the Organization for the Prohibition of		Russia On 10 November 2013 (PSR-348 & 368) [February 26, 2014]
	Chemical Weapons for Being Part of the Team that Won a Nobel Peace Prize for 2013 (PSR-328) [January 29, 2014]	<b>36</b> . Res. No. 39	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Angeli Dione Barbas Gomez for Honoring the Philippines with the Miss Tourism International 2013-
<b>30.</b> Res. No. 30	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Maria Lourdes "Malou" C. Mangahas, Jarius Y. Bondoc, and Rodrigo "Jiggy" D. Manicad, Jr. for Being Named		2014 Title in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 31 December 2013 (PSR-559) [March 11, 2014]
	the 2013 Journalists of the Year (JOY) (PSR-355) [January 29, 2014]	<b>37</b> . Res. No. 40	Resolution Congratulating And Commending The 2013 Awardees Of
31. Res. No. 31	Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Recipients of "The Outstanding Young Men" (TOYM) of the Philippines 2013 Award (PSR-421 & 451) [January 29, 2014]		"The Outstanding Women In The Nation's Service" (TOWNS) Conferred By The TOWNS Foundation In Patnership With The Metrobank Foundation, Inc. And The Metrobank Card Corporation (PSR-376 and 386) [May 6, 2014]
32. Res. No. 32	Resolution Creating a Select Oversight Committee on Barangay Affairs (PSR- 123) [February 4, 2014]	38. Res. No. 41	Resolution Commending the 2014 Recipients of the Soroptimist Unsung Women Heroes Awards For Their Tireless
33. Res. No. 33	Resolution Commending the Soldiers of the 14th Infantry Battalion Deployed to Guiuan, Eastern Samar in Recognition of their Incredible Acts of Bravery in the		Dedication and Service in Uplifting the Welfare of Disadvantaged Women in Their Communities (PSR-628) [May 14, 2014]
	Wake of Typhoon <i>Yolanda</i> (PSR-415) [February 19, 2014]	39. Res. No. 42	Resolution Congratulating Nonito Donaire Jr. for Winning the May 31, 2014 World
<b>34</b> . Res. No. 34	Resolution Congratulating And Commending Michael Christian		Boxing Association (WBA) Featherweight Championship Title At the Cotai Arena of

	the Venetian Hotel And Casinoin Macau (PSR-688, 689 & 692) [June 11, 2014]		Bank and the Rotary Club of New Manila East (PSR-827) [September 1, 2014]
<b>40</b> . Res. No. 43	Resolution Declaring as Read and Approved the Journal of the 83rd Session of the Senate (PSR-710) [June 11, 2014]	47. Res. No. 50	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Filipino Junior Golfers Harmie Nicole Constantino, Carl
41. Res. No. 44	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 First Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-711) [June 11, 2014]		Jano Corpus, Annyka Chanel Pineda- Cayabyab, Andrew Chua and the Rest of the Philippine Contingent for Emerging Victorious in the 2014 Veritas World Junior International Golf Tournament at the Brookside Golf Club in Pasadena, California on July 19-24, 2014 (PSR-843) [September 3, 2014]
<b>42</b> . Res. No. 45	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 Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-768) [July 28, 2014]	48. Res. No. 51	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Filipino Junior Archer Gabriel Luis Moreno for Winning the Country's First Gold Medal in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Youth Olympic Games on 24 August 2014 in Nanjing, People's Republic of China (PSR-861 & 871) [September 3, 2014]
<b>43.</b> Res. No. 46	Resolution Informing His 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 Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-769) [July 28, 2014]	49. Res. No. 52	Resolution Commending and Honoring the Filipino UN Peacekeepers in Golan Heights for Demonstrating Exemplary Courage and Resolve in the Recent Standoff Against Syrian Rebels, Successfully Carrying Out Their Peacekeeping Mission, and Reflecting the
<b>44</b> . Res. No. 47	Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Metrobank Foundation's Outstanding Teachers of 2014 (PSR-836 & 858) [September 1, 2014]	50 D W 50	Professionalism and Competence of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (PSR-876, 877, 881 & 899) [September 8, 2014]
<b>45</b> . Res. No. 48	Resolution Honoring and Commending the Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) of 2014 (PSR-792) [September 1, 2014]	50. Res. No. 53	Resolution Expressing the Sense of the Senate to Join the Community of Nations and Parliaments Around the World in Commemorating the Seventh International Day of Democracy on September 15, 2014 with the Theme,
<b>46.</b> Res. No. 49	Resolution Commending and Congratulating the Philippines' Ten Outstanding Police Officers in Service		"Engaging Youth on Democracy" (PSR-912) [September 15, 2014]
	(C.O.P.S.) of 2014 as Selected and Sponsored by Metrobank Foundation, PS	51. Res. No. 54	Resolution Commending the <i>Integrity Initiative</i> , a Private Sector-Driven Effort,

Which Aims to Both Institutionalize Integrity Standards Among All Sectors of Society, and Fight the Culture of Corruption, and Urging the Government to Require All Private Firms Engaging in Business with It to Sign the *Initiative's Integrity Pledge*, Which Is a Commitment to Adhere to Ethical Business Practices and to Support a National Campaign Against Corruption (PSR-868) [September 16, 2014]

52. Res. No. 55

Resolution Commending Businessman and Inventor Rogelio 'Vonz' Santos Jr., Architect Royal Christopher L. Pineda, and Designer Antonio 'Budji' C. Layug for Having Initiated the Butterfly House Project, a Design-Led Approach to Provide Affordable, Habitable, Durable, and Convenient Emergency Shelters for Displaced Families, in Lieu of the Traditional Tents and Bunk Houses; and Urging the Government to Support Such Good Design by Creating An Environment That Values and Utilizes Filipino Innovation as a Problem-Solving Mechanism (PSR-879) [September 22, 2014]

53. Res. No. 56

Resolution Honoring and Commending the Contributions of Veteran Filipino Broadcast Journalists Angelo Castro, Jr. and Harry Gasser in Elevating the Standards of Philippine Broadcast Media (PSR-644) [September 22, 2014]

54. Res. No. 57

Resolution Commending the Collaborative Efforts of the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental Together with the Protected Area Management Board and the Local Community for the Conservation of the Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary in Light of its Successful Inscription in the List of World

Heritage Sites Maintained by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization World Heritage Committee (PSR-735) [September 22, 2014]

55. Res. No. 58

Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Important Contribution of the Graduates of Escuela Taller De Intramuros in the Conservation and Restoration of the Country's Rich Cultural Heritage (PSR-825) [September 22, 2014]

56. Res. No. 59

Resolution Commending The Local Government And Community Of The Municipality Of Pandan In Antique For Their Active Role In The Conservation And Preservation Of The Bugang River As The Cleanest Inland Body Of Water In The Philippines, Thus Serving As A Model In The Successful Adoption Of A Community-Based Eco-Tourism Approach In Safeguarding The Country's Water Resources (PSR-766) [September 22, 2014]

57. Res. No. 60

Resolution Commending The Gawad Sa Manlilikha Ng Bayan Awardees For Their Immense Contribution And Tireless Dedication In The Promotion Of The Country's Rich Cultural Heritage For The Current And Future Generation Of Filipinos (PSR-765) [September 24, 2014]

58. Res. No. 61

Resolution Congratulating and Commending Dumingag, Zamboanga Del Sur Mayor Nacianceno "Jun" Mejos Pacalioga Jr. For Winning The One World Award 2012 On 14 September 2012 In Legau, Germany (PSR-807) [October 21, 2014]

59. Res. No. 62

Resolution Commemorating the Life and Legacy of Former Health Secretary Alberto 'Quasi' G. Romualdez in Health

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	Reform and His Invaluable Contributions to the Health Sector (PSR-927) [October 27, 2014]
Res. No. 63	Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolence of the Senate on the Death of the Honorable Juan M. Flavier, Former Senator of the 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> Congress (1995-2007) (PSR-1014) [November 17, 2014]
Res. No. 64	Resolution Expressing The Deep Sympathy And Sincere Condolence Of The Senate Of The Philippines On The Death Of The Honorable Vicente T. Paterno, Senator Of The Eighth Congress (1987-1992), Businessman And Economist (PSR-1027) [November 25, 2014]
Res. No. 65	Resolution Commending Francisco Sionil Jose for His Distinguished Contribution to Literature and Journalism (PSR-1045) [December 9, 2014]
Res. No. 66	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Jamie Herrell for Honoring the Philippines with the Prestigious Miss Earth 2014 Title on 29 November 2014 at the University of the Philippines Theater in Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines (PSR-1039) [December 9, 2014]
Res. No. 67	Resolution Recognizing The 66 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights And The Celebration Of The International Human Rights Day (PSR-1052) [December 10, 2014]
Res. No. 68	Resolution Congratulating and Commending University of the Philippines Professor and Scientist, Dr. Alonzo Gabriel, for Being Named Among the Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World by the Junior Chamber International (PSR-875) [December 15, 2014]
	Res. No. 65  Res. No. 66  Res. No. 67

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6.	Res. No. 69	Resolution Expressing the Full Support of
		the Senate to the Review of Peacekeeping
		Operations and Special Political Missions
		Conducted by the United Nations in
		Light of Changes in the Geopolitical
		Landscape and Risks Faced by United
		Nations International Missions (PSR-
		1044) [January 21, 2015]

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68. Res. No. 71

69. Res. No. 72

70. Res. No. 73

67. Res. No. 70

Resolution Urging the Elected Leaders of the Country and Our People Themselves to Heed the Call of Pope Francis to Live Simply and In "Outstanding Honesty, Integrity and Commitment to the Common Good" so That Together, We Can Do Justice to Everyone and Serve the Least of Our Brethren in Commemoration of the "Year of the Poor" (PSR-1110) [January 21, 2015]

Resolution Expressing the Sense of the Senate in Recognizing the Enduring Friendship and Dynamic Bilateral Relations of the Republic of the Philippines With the Republic of Korea and Expressing Gratitude to the Korean People and Their Government for Their Continuing Contribution to the National Development of the Philippines (PSR-1111) [January 26, 2015]

Resolution Congratulating the City of Vigan, Ilocos Sur for Being Named One of the New 7 Wonders Cities and Commending the City for Being a Model for Heritage Conservation and Utilization (PSR-1053, 1057, 1085 & 1130) [January 28, 2015]

Resolution Congratulating And Commending The Recipients Of "The Outstanding Young Men" (TOYM) Of The Philippines 2014 Award Honored By The Junior Chamber International - Philippines, Inc., TOYM Foundation,

		(PSR-1116 & 1157) [February 10, 2015]
71.	Res. No. 74	Resolution Expressing The Sense Of The Senate Of The Philippines To Declare 06 March 2015, As A "National Day Of Healing For Unity And Peace" (PSR-1204) [March 3, 2015]
72.	Res. No. 75	Resolution Expressing the Full Support and Active Participation of the Senate of the Philippines in the Observance of the International Women's Day (PSR-1205) [March 10, 2015]
73.	Res. No. 76	Resolution Supporting the Goals of International Women's Day on March 8, 2015, Especially in Light of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (PSR-1218) [March 10, 2015]
74.	Res. No. 77	Resolution to Honor Empowered and Outstanding Women for Their Valuable Contributions in the Different Areas of Society in Celebration of Women's Month (PSR-1237) [March 16, 2015]
75.	Res. No. 78	Resolution Expressing The Sense Of The Senate To Direct The Government Peace Negotiating Panel To Secure From The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) And/Or International Monitoring Team (IMT) A Copy Of The MILF Investigation Report On The January 25 Mamasapano Incident And To Formally Request The MILF And/Or IMT A Copy of The Same Report (PSR-1240) [March 17, 2015]
76.	Res. No. 79	Resolution Commending And Congratulating Grandmaster Wesley So For Placing Eighth In The World Chess Ranking With 2700 ELO Rating In the World Chess Federation (FIDE) Making Him The Highest-Rated Filipino

Inc., And Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc.

Grandmaster in History (PSR-1220) [March 17, 2015]

77. Res. No. 80

78. Res. No. 81

79. Res. No. 84

80. Res. No. 87

81. Res. No. 88

Resolution Expressing The Deepest Sympathy And Condolences Of The Senate Of The Philippines To The Republic Of Nepal For The Tragic Loss Of More Than Eight Thousand (8,000) Lives And Widespread Destruction Brought About By A 7.8 Magnitude Earthquake Off Kathmandu On 25 April 2015 (PSR-1301) [May 12, 2015]

Resolution Expressing The Deep Sympathy And Sincere Condolence Of The Senate Of The Philippines On The Untimely Demise Of The Philippine Envoy To Pakistan Honorable Domingo D. Lucenario Jr. (PSR-1328 & 1329) [May 12, 2015]

Resolution Congratulating And Commending Iconic Actress Nora Cabaltera Villamayor Popularly Known As Nora Aunor For Being Honored The Lifetime Achievement Award By The Asean International Film Festival And Awards (AIFFA) At The Borneo Convention Centre In Kuching, Malaysia On 11 April 2015 (PSR-1270) [May 20, 2015]

Resolution Honoring Former Senate President Pro-Tempore Leticia Ramos Shahani Who Continues To Serve the Nation and The Filipino People With Utmost Dedication and Excellence, Recognizing Her Remarkable Contribution as Legislator, Diplomat, Educator, Women's Rights Advocate and Civil Society Leader (PSR-1396) [June 10, 2015]

Resolution Declaring As Read and Approved the Journal of the 85th Session of the Senate (PSR-1398) [June 10, 2015]

82. Res. No. 89	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		the Awardees of the 2015 Search for Outstanding Teachers (S.O.T.) Conducted by Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated (PSR-1466, 1526 & 1545) [September 1, 2015]
83. Res. No. 90	Of The Sixteenth Congress Of The Philippines (PSR-1399) [June 10, 2015]  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 Third Regular Session of	<b>89</b> . Res. No. 98	Resolution Honoring and Commending the Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) of 2015 Awarded by the Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated and the Rotary Club of Makati Metro (PSR-1445, 1465 & 1524) [September 1, 2015]
84. Res. No. 91	the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-1441) [July 27, 2015]  Resolution Informing His 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 Third Regular	90. Res. No. 99	Resolution Honoring and Commending the Awardees of the 2015 Search For the Country's Outstanding Police Officers in Service (C.O.P.S.) Conducted by Metrobank Foundation, Incorporated (PSR-1496, 1504 & 1525) [September 1, 2015]
85. Res. No. 92	Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-1442) [July 27, 2015]  Resolution To Rename The Senate Committee On Civil Service And Government Reorganization And Expand Its Jurisdiction, Amending For The Purpose Section 13 (31) Rule X Of The Senate Rules (PSR-968) [August 3, 2015]	91. Res. No. 100	Resolution Congratulating And Commending Victoria Lucia Tauli- Corpuz For Being The First Indigenous Woman From The Philippines To Be Appointed As Special Rapporteur On The Rights Of Indigenous Peoples By The United Nations Human Rights Council (PSR-568 & 668) [September 8, 2015]
86. Res. No. 93	Resolution Amending Rule X, Section 13, Rules Of The Senate (PSR-1132) [August 3, 2015]	92. Res. No. 101	Resolution Commending Ligaya Fernando Amilbangsa As A Cultural Advocate of Pangalay, A Traditional Dance Of The
87. Res. No. 96	Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolence of the Senate of the Philippines on the Demise of the Honorable Agapito "Butz" Aquino, Former Senator (1987-1995) and Member of the House of Representatives (1998-2007) (PSR-1507, 1509 & 1510) [August 18, 2015]	93. Res. No. 102	Sulu Archipelago, For Her Research Documentation, Choreography, And Preservation Of This Unique Cultural Treasure (PSR-1527) [September 8, 2015]  Resolution Commending The Work Of Dr. Lorenzo Lucero Mata For His Dedication As A Public School Teacher And His Contribution To The Preservation Of Philippine History Through The Cultural
<b>88.</b> Res. No. 97	Resolution Honoring and Commending		Documentation Of The Heritage Town,

	San Vicente In Ilocos Sur (PSR-1447) [September 9, 2015]	100. Res. No. 112	Resolution Recognizing And Commending Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, The Special
94. Res. No. 103	Resolution Honoring the Memory of Senator Joker P. Arroyo and Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate on His Passing (PSR-1612, 1624, 1638 & 1640) [November 3, 2015]		Representative Of The United Nations Secretary-General For Disaster Risk Reduction And Head Of The United Nations Office For Disaster Risk Reduction, For Her Invaluable Role In Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction In International Development Frameworks
95. Res. No. 104	Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolence of the Senate on the Death of the Honorable Ernesto F. Herrera, Former Senator		And Supporting The Implementation Of Key Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Programs In The Philippines (PSR-1700)[January 19, 2016]
	(1987-1998) and Member of the House of Representatives (1998-2001) (PSR-1639 & 1646) [November 3, 2015]	<b>101</b> . Res. No. 113	Resolution Congratulating And Commending "The Outstanding Young Men" (TOYM) Of The Philippines
96. Res. No. 105	Resolution Expressing The Strong Sense Of The Senate That Any Treaty Ratified By The President Of The Philippines Should Be Concurred In By The Senate, Otherwise The Treaty Becomes Invalid		Award Honored By The Junior Chamber International - Philippines, Inc., TOYM Foundation, Inc., And Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc. (PSR-1696) [January 26, 2016]
	And Ineffective (PSR-1414) [November 10, 2015]	<b>102</b> . Res. No. 114	Resolution Expressing The Profound Sympathy And Sincere Condolence Of
97. Res. No. 106	Resolution Congratulating And Commending Senator Loren Legarda For Her Appointment As A Global Champion For Resilience By The United Nations		The Senate On The Death Of Democrito Mendoza, Founder Of The Trade Union Congress Of The Philippines (TUCP) (PSR-1719) [February 1, 2016]
	Office For Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) (PSR-1676) [December 8, 2015]	<b>103</b> . Res. No. 115	Resolution Congratulating And Commending Liviana G. Navarro For Being A Five-Time Gold Medalist And
98. Res. No. 110	Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolence of the Senate of the Death of Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc, Editor in Chief of the Philippine Daily Inquirer (PSR 1699,1701 & 1704) [January 18, 2016]		For Bagging Five (5) Plaques And Four (4) Other Medals In The 19th World Championship Of Performing Arts (WCOPA) Held Last July 13-17, 2015, At Long Beach, California, USA (PSR-1720) [February 1, 2016]
99. Res. No. 111	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach for Winning the Prestigious 64th Miss Universe Pageant (PSR-1697 & 1698)	104. Res. No. 118	Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolence of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of its Beloved Former President, the Honorable Jovito R. Salonga (PSR-1734)

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	[May 30, 2016]	<b>111</b> . Res. No. 119	Resolution Declaring as Read and Approved the Journal of the 56th Session
<b>105</b> . Res. No. 119	Resolution Declaring as Read and Approved the Journal of the 56th Session		of the Senate (PSR-1744) [June 6, 2016]
	of the Senate (PSR-1744) [June 6, 2016]	<b>112</b> . Res. No. 120	Resolution Authorizing the Production and Distribution of One Hundred Fifty
106. Res. No. 120	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 Third Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines		(150) Printed and Digital Copies Each of the Journal and the Record of the Senate for the Third Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR-1745) [June 6, 2016]
	(PSR-1745) [June 6, 2016]	113. Res. No. 121	Resolution Expressing the Gratitude and Appreciation of the Senate to the
<b>107</b> . Res. No. 113	Resolution Congratulating And Commending "The Outstanding Young Men" (TOYM) Of The Philippines Award Honored By The Junior Chamber International - Philippines, Inc., TOYM		Honorable Pia S. Cayetano for Her Invaluable Contributions to the Senate and the Nation During Her Terms as Senator (PSR-1746) [June 6, 2016]
100 D. N. 114	Foundation, Inc., And Gerry Roxas Foundation, Inc. (PSR-1696) [January 26, 2016]	<b>114.</b> Res. No. 122	Resolution Commending the Honorable Miriam Defensor Santiago for Her Hard Work and Dedicated Service to the Senate and the Nation During Her Terms as
108. Res. No. 114	Resolution Expressing The Profound Sympathy And Sincere Condolence Of		Senator (PSR-1747) [June 6, 2016]
	The Senate On The Death Of Democrito Mendoza, Founder Of The Trade Union Congress Of The Philippines (TUCP) (PSR-1719) [February 1, 2016]	115. Res. No. 123	Resolution Expressing the Gratitude and Appreciation of the Senate to the Honorable Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada for His Invaluable Contributions to the Senate and the Nation During His Terms
<b>109</b> . Res. No. 115	Resolution Congratulating And Commending Liviana G. Navarro For		as Senator (PSR-1748) [June 6, 2016]
	Being A Five-Time Gold Medalist And For Bagging Five (5) Plaques And Four (4) Other Medals In The 19th World Championship Of Performing Arts (WCOPA) Held Last July 13-17, 2015, At Long Beach, California, USA (PSR-1720)	116. Res. No. 124	Resolution Expressing the Gratitude and Appreciation of the Senate to the Honorable Teofisto "TG" Guingona III for His Invaluable Contributions to the Senate and the Nation During His Term as Senator (PSR-1749) [June 6, 2016]
440 D N 110	[February 1, 2016]	<b>117</b> . Res. No. 125	Resolution Commending the Honorable
110. Res. No. 118	Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolence of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of its Beloved Former President, the Honorable Jovito R. Salonga (PSR-1734) [May 30, 2016]		Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid for His Hard Work and Dedicated Service to the Senate and the Nation During His Terms as Senator (PSR-1750) [June 6, 2016]

118. Res. No. 126	Resolution Expressing the Gratitude and Appreciation of the Senate to the Honorable Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for His Invaluable Contributions to the Senate and the Nation During His Term as Senator (PSR-1751) [June 6, 2016]
119. Res. No. 127	Resolution Commending the Honorable Sergio R. Osmeña III for His Dedicated and Outstanding Performance During His Terms as Senator (PSR-1752) [June 6, 2016]
120. Res. No. 128	Resolution Expressing the Gratitude and Appreciation of the Senate to the Honor- able Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. for His In- valuable Contributions to the Senate and the Nation During His Terms as Senator (PSR-1753) [June 6, 2016]
<b>121</b> . Res. No. 129	Resolution Commending the Minority Leader, the Honorable Juan Ponce Enrile, For His Invaluable and Dedicated Service to the Senate and the Filipino People During His Terms as Senator (PSR-1754) [June 6, 2016]
<b>122</b> . Res. No. 130	Resolution Commending the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Majority Leader, the Honorable Alan Peter Compañero S. Cayetano, For His Dedicated and Outstanding Leadership in Steering the Deliberations of the Senate During the Sixteenth Congress (PSR-1755) [June 6, 2016]
<b>123</b> . Res. No. 131	Resolution Commending the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Honorable Ralph G. Recto, for His Exemplary Per- formance During the Sixteenth Congress (PSR-1756) [June 6, 2016]
<b>124</b> . Res. No. 132	Resolution Expressing the Sincere Appreciation of the Senate to Its President, the Honorable Franklin M. Drilon, for

His Exemplary Leadership During the Sixteenth Congress (PSR-1757) [June 6, 2016]

### C. Concurrent Resolutions (14)

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Į.	Ct. Res. No. 1	Concurrent Resolution Providing for the
		Senate and The House of Representatives
		to Hold a Joint Session to Hear the
		Message of the President of the Republic
		of the Philippines (H. Ct. Res. No. 2) [July
		22, 2013]

2. Ct. Res. No. 2 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 First Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines, Is Ready to Hear His State of the Nation Address in a Joint Session of Both Houses (S. Ct. Res. No. 1) [July 22, 2013]

3. Ct. Res. No. 3 Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Legislative Calendar for the First Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (S. Ct. Res. No. 3/H. Ct. Res. No. 3) [August 7, 2013]

4. Ct. Res. No. 4 Concurrent Resolution Providing For The Adjournment Of The First Regular Session Of The Sixteenth Congress Of The Philippines Not Later Than Twelve O'clock, Midnight Today, Wednesday, 11 June 2014 (H. Ct. Res. No. 5) [June 11, 2014]

5. Ct. Res. No. 5 Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Senate and the House of Representatives to Hold a Joint Session to Hear the Message of the President of the Republic of the Philippines (HCR-6) [July 28, 2014]

6.	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 Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines, Is Ready to Hear His State of the Nation Address in a Joint Session of Both Houses (SCR-5) [July 28, 2014]
7.	Ct. Res. No. 7	Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Legislative Calendar for the Second Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines (HCR-7/SCR- 6) [August 4, 2014]
8.	Ct Res. No. 8	Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines Not Later Than Twelve O'clock, Midnight, Today, June 10, 2015 (SCR-7) [June 10, 2015]
9.	Ct. Res. No. 9	Concurrent Resolution Providing For The Senate And The House Of Representatives To Hold A Joint Session To Hear The Message Of The President Of The Republic Of The Philippines (HCR- 12) [July 27, 2015]
10.	Ct. Res. No. 10	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 Third Regular Session Of The Sixteenth Congress Of The Philippines, Is Ready To Hear His State Of The Nation Address In A Joint Session Of Both Houses (SCR-

8) [July 27, 2015]

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11. Ct. Res. No. 11	Concurrent Resolution Providing for the
	Legislative Calendar for the Third Regular
	Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the
	Philippines (SCR-9/HCR-13) [August 3,
	2015]

12. Ct. Res. No. 12

Concurrent Resolution Amending Section
1 And The Title Of House Bill No. 4261,
Entitled 'An Act Converting The Bakhaw
Elementary School In Barangay Bakhaw,
Municipality Of Mandurriao, Iloilo
City Into An Integrated School To Be
Known As Bakhaw Integrated School
And Appropriating Funds Therefor', For
The Purpose Of Its Enrollment (HCR-14)
[December 16, 2015]

13. Ct. Res. No. 13

Concurrent Resolution Providing that the Senate and the House of Representatives Hold A Joint Public Session to Canvass the Votes Cast for President and Vice President in the Elections Held on May 9, 2016 and Proclaim the President-Elect and Vice-President Elect (SCR-10) [May 23, 2016]

14. Ct. Res. No. 14 Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Adjournment of the Third Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Philippines Not Later Than Twelve O'Clock, Midnight, Today, June 6, 2016 (SCR-11) [June 6, 2016]

# **CUMULATIVE STATISTICAL DATA**

# **SIXTEENTH CONGRESS**

July 22, 2013 to June 6, 2016 (As of June 29, 2016)

SENATE BILLS	
I. SENATE BILLS FILED	3,327
First Regular Session	2281
Second Regular Session	563
Third Regular Session	383
II. SENATE BILLS ACTED UPON/PASSED BY THE SENATE	699
Enacted into law	72
Vetoed by the President of the Philippines	2
Passed by both Houses	18
Acted Upon by the Senate	607
Conference Committee Report Approved by the Senate	0
2. Pending Conference Committee	2
3. Pending in the House of Representatives	16
4. Approved on Third Reading	0
5. Approved on Second Reading	1
6. Pending on Second Reading	61
Special Order	37
Ordinary Business	24
7. Consolidated/substituted in the Committee Reports	427
8. Sent to Archives	79
9. Withdrawn	18
10. Recommitted	1
11. Reported Out but Committee Report Sent to the Archives	2
III. SENATE BILLS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEES FOR PUBLIC HEARING	2,528

SENATE RESOLUTIONS	
I. SENATE RESOLUTIONS FILED	1,757
First Regular Session	717
Second Regular Session	687
Third Regular Session	353
II. SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED	132
Simple Resolution	117
Treaties	15
III. SENATE RESOLUTIONS ACTED UPON	153
Consolidated/Considered in Adopted resolutions	59
2. Committee Report Approved	1
3. Approved on Second Reading	0
4. Pending on Second Reading	21
Special Order	3
Ordinary Business	18
5. Consolidated/Substituted in the Committee Report	42
6. Sent to the Archives	23
7. Withdrawn	7
IV. SENATE RESOLUTIONS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEES	1,467
V. PENDING FIRST READING	5

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	
I. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FILED	11
First Regular Session	4
Second Regular Session	3
Third Regular Session	4
II. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED	9
1. Adopted	5
2. Consolidated with adopted House Concurrent Resolutions	4
III. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE	2

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS	
I. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FILED	18
First Regular Session	8
Second Regular Session	6
Third Regular Session	4
II. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION ACTED UPON/PASSED BY THE SENATE	9
Approved by the President of the Philippines	2
2. Pending Conference Committee	1
3. Pending on Second Reading	2
Special Order	1
Ordinary Business	1
4. Consolidated/Substituted in the Committee Report	4
III. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE	9

HOUSE BILLS		
I. HOUSE BILLS SENT TO THE SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE		793
First Regular Session	165	
Second Regular Session	397	
Third Regular Session	231	
II. HOUSE BILL ENACTED INTO LAW/PASSED BY THE SENATE		296
Enacted into Law	182	
Consolidated with Approved Bill	56	
Vetoed by the President of the Philippines	3	
Passed by both Houses	55	
III. ACTED UPON BY THE SENATE		113
1. Conference Committee Report Approved by the Senate	0	
2. Pending Conference Committee	2	
3. Sent Back to the House of Representatives	1	
4. Approved on Third Reading	0	

5. Approved on Second Reading	1
6. Pending Second Reading	53
Special Order	18
Ordinary Business	36
7. Consolidated in the Committee Report	22
8. Sent to the Archives	14
9. Reported Out but Committee Report Sent to the Archives	20
IV. HOUSE BILL PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC HEARING/COMMITTEE REPORT PREPARATION	384

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS	
I. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FILED	11
First Regular Session	3
Second Regular Session	4
Third Regular Session	4
II. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED	10
III. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE	1

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS	
I. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FILED	15
First Regular Session	3
Second Regular Session	9
Third Regular Session	3
II. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ACTED UPON/ADOPTED	6
1. Approved by the President of the Philippines	4
2. Consolidated with approved Senate Joint Resolution	1
3. Pending Conference Committee	1
III. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE	9

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS	
I. HOUSE RESOLUTIONS FILED	2
First Regular Session	1
Second Regular Session	1
II. HOUSE RESOLUTIONS SENT TO THE ARCHIVES	2

# THE SENATE COMMITTEES

#### THE SENATE COMMITTEES:

# "MEETING THE NATION'S NEEDS AND THE CHALLENGES OF THE TIMES"

"My dear colleagues, hard work is the bridge between the goals we set when the 16th Congress opened, and the accomplishments that we are proudly claiming now. Hard work enabled us to achieve so much in a span of three years....

Our collective efforts yielded a harvest of laws that will strengthen the economy, promote social justice and transform our country into one of the strongest and fastest growing economies in the world."

These were the words of Senate President Franklin Drilon in his closing address to what has been a very productive and proactive 16<sup>th</sup> Congress. Indeed in response to the challenges, the Senate committees worked hard to help come up with relevant laws to meet the pressing needs of the country.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Heeding to the call, the Senate Committees and oversight committees conducted a total of 961 public hearings/bicameral conferences/ technical working group/ consultations (913 by the committees and 48 by the oversight Committees) for the three (3) regular sessions of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress from July 22, 2013 up to July 4, 2016. The various hearings, meetings, conferences and consultations delved and looked into issues of national significance.

#### THE PERMANENT STANDING COMMITTEES

All in all the standing committees conducted a total of 913 public hearings/ meetings/ bicameral conferences/ technical working groups/ consultations.

Among the most active were the following:

The *Committee on Finance* including its subcommittees which had 164 hearings/ meetings/ conferences/ consultations;

The Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship which conducted a total of 64 public hearings/ technical working

- groups/ bicameral conferences/ briefing/ executive meeting;
- The Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) which had a total of 62 public hearings/ meetings/ executive sessions/ ocular inspections;
- The Committee on Justice and Human Rights which conducted 52 public hearings/ technical working groups/ bicameral conferences:
- The Committee on Agriculture and Food which had 50 public hearings/ technical working group meetings/ bicameral conferences/ briefing/ consultations;
- The *Committee on Local Government* which undertook 43 public hearings/ technical working groups/ bicameral conferences/ briefings/ consultation;
- The *Committee on Public Services* and its sub-committees which had 41 public hearings/ technical working group meetings/ consultations/ ocular inspection;
- The *Committee on Education, Arts and Culture* which conducted 36 public hearings/ technical working groups/ bicameral conferences/ organizational meeting;
- The Committee on Ways and Means and its sub-committee which had 29 public hearings/ technical working groups/ bicameral conferences/ consultations/ organizational meeting;
- The Committee on Civil Service and Reorganization which also had 29 public hearings/ technical working groups/ bicameral conference/ organizational meeting;
- The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources which conducted 28 public hearings/ technical working groups/ briefings/organizational meeting;
- The Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs which undertook 26 public hearings/ technical working groups/ executive sessions;
- The Committee on Labor and Employment and a subcommittee which had 25 public hearings/ technical working groups/ meetings/ bicameral conferences;
- The *Committee on Public Works* which conducted 24 public hearings/ technical working group meetings/ briefings/ ocular inspection;

- The *Committee on Health* and its sub-committees which likewise conducted 24 public hearings/ technical working group meetings/ bicameral conference/ meeting;
- The Committee on National Defense and Security which had 20 public hearings/ technical working groups/ meeting/ executive session;
- The *Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement* which likewise conducted 20 public hearings/ technical working group meetings/meetings;
- The Committee on Cooperatives which had 17 public hearings/ technical working groups/ consultation;
- The Committee on Electoral Reforms and People's Participation which undertook 16 public hearings/ technical working groups/ meeting;
- The *Committee on Economic Affairs* which conducted 15 public hearings/ bicameral conference/ meeting;
- The *Committee on Energy* which likewise had 15 public hearings/ technical working groups/ bicameral conferences

The undertakings of all the other committees are reflected in the attached report.

#### THE SPECIAL / OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

Seventeen (17) oversight committees conducted a total of 48 public hearings/ technical working groups/ meetings.

The most active was the *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee* on the *Automated Election System* which conducted 14 public hearings/ technical working groups/ meeting;

The *Joint Oversight Committee on Cooperatives* had 10 consultative meetings/ public hearing/ forum;

- The *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Public Expenditures* which had 5 public hearings/ meeting; and
- The *Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Tourism* which had 3 public hearing/ meetings.

All the 13 other oversight committees conducted one hearing/meeting each.

The undertakings of all the other committees are reflected in the attached report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS FILED**

The committees filed 503 committee reports. Among the latest reports filed are:

- Committee Report Number-464 on SBN 3209 and House Bill Number 5572 : *Anti-Mail Order Spouse Act*;
- Committee Report Number-444: Voter's Registration Act on SBN 1224: "Increasing the Penalties for Election-Related Offenses and House Bill Number 4111: Amending Secs. 263 and 264, Omnibus Election Code";
- Committee Report Number 442 on SBNos 3154, 143 and 100 on the "Integrated Coastal Management Act";
- Committee Report Number 353 on Senate Bill Numbers 3088 and 3031 on the "Unified Uniform Personnel Retirement Benefits and Pension Reform Act which was sent to the House for concurrence;
- Committee Report Number 339 on Senate Bill Numbers 3035, 459, 2655 and 2672 on the : "Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Act"; and
- Committee Report Number 359 on Senate Bill Numbers 3091 and 2889 which was later signed into law as RA 10869;

In addition to these, the Senate adopted 14 resolutions on various treaties, conventions and agreements, among which are:

- Resolution Number 86 (PSR No. 1332) on the "Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)";
- Resolution No. 83 (PSR No. 1335) on the "Agreement on Social Security between the Portuguese Republic and the Republic of the Philippines"
- Resolution No. 107 (PSR No. 1540) on the "Agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Turkey for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Annexed Protocol";
- Resolution No. 82 (PSR No. 1333) on the Agreement on Social Security Between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Denmark;

- Resolution No. 94 (PSR No. 1334) on the "Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation";
- Resolution No. 95 (PSR No. 1336) on the ""1999" Montreal Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air"; and
- Resolution No. 109 (PSR No. 1542) on the "Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital".

#### **BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The sustained efforts of the Committees led to the conduct of 45 bicameral conference committee meetings which gave birth to various important laws among which are:

The Philippine Competition Act (RA 10667);

The Cabotage Law (RA 10668);

The Tax Incentives Monitoring and Transparency Act (TIMTA) (R.A.No. 10708);

The Customs Modernization Act (RA No. 10863)

An Act Reorganizing and Modernizing the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) (RA No. 10867);

An Act Allowing the Entry of Foreign Banks in the Philippines (RA No. 10641)

The Go Negosyo Law (RA 10644);

The Maritime Industry Authority Law (RA No. 10635);

The Establishment of Public Employment Service Offices (RA. No. 10691)

The Department of Information and Communications Technology Act (DICT RA. 10844); and

The Extension of the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RA 10848)

# **MEMBERS OF THE SENATE**

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