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#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

**SBN 3317** "AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senators Jinggoy P. Ejercito-Estrada, Manny B. Villar, Loren B. Legarda, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Francis N. Pangilinan, and Franklin M. Drilon
- Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development Finance

**SBN 3318** "AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT PILOT STUDIES TO DETERMINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE ACQUIRED BONE MARROW FAILURE DISEASES"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- > Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; and Finance

**SBN 3319** "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF 1998"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- > Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food

**SBN 3320** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION DECREE"

- > Introduced by Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III
- > Referred to the Committees on Energy; and Cooperatives

**SBN 3321** "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

> Introduced by Senator Sergio R. Osmeña III

> Referred to the Committees on Energy; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 3322** "AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT, HEALTH CARE AND DEATH BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO WIN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS OR IN OTHER EQUALLY PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL GAMES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senators Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes, Miriam Defensor Santiago, Jinggoy P. Ejercito-Estrada, and Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committees on Games and Amusement; and Finance

**SBN 3323** "AN ACT DECLARING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- > Introduced by Senator Edgardo J. Angara
- Referred to the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Education, Arts and Culture

**SBN 3324** "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9344 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE ACT OF 2006' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senators Vicente C. Sotto III, Ramon A. Revilla Jr., Francis N. Pangilinan, Manny B. Villar, Miriam Defensor Santiago, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, and Pia S. Cayetano
- Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

**SBN 3325** "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

- > Introduced by Senator Teofisto "Tg" Guingona III
- > Referred to the Committees on Energy; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 3326** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda, Ralph G. Recto, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, and Franklin M. Drilon
- Referred to the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance

**SBN 3327** "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MAGNA CARTA FOR PHILIPPINE INTERNET FREEDOM, CYBERCRIME PREVENTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, CYBERDEFENSE AND NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committees on Science and Technology; Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 3328** "AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, DECLARING THE 25TH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RESPECT FOR CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committees on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; Ways and Means; and Finance

**SBN 3329** "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF 1998"

- Introduced by Senators Miriam Defensor Santiago, Gregorio B. Honasan II, Manny B. Villar, and Francis N. Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Local Government; and Finance

**SBN 3330** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION TO THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS DURING THE REGIME OF FORMER PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS, DOCUMENTATION OF SAID VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Teofisto "Tg" Guingona III
- > Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

**SBN 3331** "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MOTORCYCLE HELMET ACT OF 2009"

- > Introduced by Senator Gregorio B. Honasan II
- Referred to the Committees on Public Services; and Trade and Commerce

**SBN 3332** "AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 137 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9520 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT AMENDING THE COOPERATIVE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008"

- > Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
- > Referred to the Committee on Cooperatives

**SBN 3333** "AN ACT ENHANCING THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF UNDERGROUND AND SURFACE MINING WORKERS BY EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF REDUCED RETIREMENT AGE AND AFFORDING THEM CORRESPONDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW"

- > Introduced by Senator Jinggoy P. Ejercito-Estrada
- Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

**SBN 3334** "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REPARATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE SURVIVORS AND RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS DURING THE REGIME OF FORMER PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS, DOCUMENTATION OF SAID VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

- Introduced by Senators Sergio R. Osmeña III, Teofisto "Tg" Guingona III, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, and Franklin M. Drilon
- > Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

**SBN 3335** "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR."

- Introduced by Senators Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, and Franklin M. Drilon
- > Referred to the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

**SBN 3336** "AN ACT TO REQUIRE SPORTS RELATED INJURY PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Amateur Sports Competitiveness

**SBN 3337** "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN'S TOYS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, CHILDCARE ARTICLES AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS, CONTAINING TOXIC CHEMICALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator Manny B. Villar
- Referred to the Committees on Health and Demography; Trade and Commerce; and Finance

**SBN 3338** "AN ACT PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MECHANIZATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY"

- Introduced by Senators Ramon A. Revilla Jr., Manny B. Villar, and Francis N. Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Science and Technology; Ways and Means; and Finance

### **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

**PSRN 888** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO STUDENTS OF THE CHAMPACA SECTION FROM THE PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL-QUEZON CITY MAIN CAMPUS FOR BAGGING THE HIGHEST AWARDS IN THE 22ND ASAHIKAWA CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL MAP CONTEST ON 28 OCTOBER 2012 AT THE HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY IN ASAHIKAWA, JAPAN"

- > Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 889** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF TEAM PHILIPPINES FOR WINNING 23 MEDALS, INCLUDING ONE GOLD, TWELVE SILVER AND TEN BRONZE MEDALS, IN THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (IMSO) FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS HELD IN LUCKNOW, INDIA FROM OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 2, 2012"

- > Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 890** "RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE MASSACRE OF A TRIBAL FAMILY AND DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONTINUING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY THE MILITARY AGAINST RESIDENTS OF BONG MAL, SOUTH COTABATO WHO ACTIVELY OPPOSE THE TAMPAKAN GOLD-COPPER PROJECT"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- > Referred to the Committee on National Defense and Security

**PSRN 891** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINES' CAPABILITIES IN DOING BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE STANDARDS SET BY THE 2013 WORLD BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- > Referred to the Committee on Economic Affairs

**PSRN 892** "RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLANNED METRO RAIL TRANSIT (MRT) FARE INCREASE TO TAKE EFFECT ON 2013, IN VIEW OF THE STRONG OPPOSITION FROM THE RIDING PUBLIC IN GENERAL"

- > Introduced by Senator Ramon A. Revilla Jr.
- > Referred to the Committee on Public Services

**PSRN 893** "RESOLUTION COMMENDING CARLOS 'KESZ' VALDEZ FOR WINNING THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PEACE PRIZE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THOUSANDS OF STREET CHIDLREN BY TEACHING THEM THEIR RIGHTS BY INSPIRING THEM TO LIVE BETTER LIVES"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 894** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DUMPING OF TOXIC WASTE IN PHILIPPINE WATERS BY A FOREIGN FIRM AND ITS ALLEGED CLAIM OF COVERAGE UNDER THE VISITING FORCES AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES TO AVOID INVESTIGATION AND POSSIBLE CRIMINAL LIABILITY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PHILIPPINE TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PARAMOUNT OBJECTIVE OF PROTECTING THE NATIONAL INTEREST"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- Referred to the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Environment and Natural Resources

**PSRN 895** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED DUMPING OF TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS WASTES IN SUBIC BAY BY GLENN DEFENSE MARINE ASIA"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Environment and Natural Resources

**PSRN 896** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN

INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DUMPING OF HAZARDOUS WASTES IN OUR TERRITORIAL SEAS ABUTTING SUBIC BAY AND IF NECESSARY TO REVISIT THE PROVISIONS OF THE RP-USA VISITING FORCES AGREEMENT TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE INCIDENT SUBJECT OF THIS RESOLUTION"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committees on Foreign Relations; and Environment and Natural Resources

**PSRN 897** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED UNREASONABLE EXCLUSION AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST CHINESE TOURISTS COMMITTED BY SOME OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION, IN VIOLATION OF COMMONWEALTH ACT 613, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT OF 1940 AND REPUBLIC ACT 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Justice and Human Rights

**PSRN 898** "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTHEAST ASIAN CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO"

- > Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Referred to the Committee Foreign Relations

**PSRN 899** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO BOXER BRIAN "THE HAWAIIAN PUNCH" VILORIA FOR DEFEATING MEXICAN BOXER HERNAN "TYSON" MARQUEZ UNIFYING THE WORLD BOXING ASSOCIATION (WBA) AND WORLD BOXING ORGANIZATION (WBO) FLYWEIGHT TITLES ON 17 NOVEMBER 2012 AT THE HOME DEPOT CENTER IN CARSON, CALIFORNIA, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"

- > Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 900** "RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED RAMPANT VIOLATIONS OF LABOR LAWS AND REGULATIONS BY SEVERAL BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) INDUSTRIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING SAID LAWS AND FORMULATING, IF NECESSARY, SOUND LABOR POLICY FOR THE SECTOR THEREBY PROTECTING FURTHER BPO WORKFORCE"

- > Introduced by Senator Jinggoy P. Ejercito-Estrada
- Referred to the Committees on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Economic Affairs

**PSRN 901** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON ALLEGATIONS THAT FORMER PAGCOR CONSULTANT, RODOLFO SORIANO, AND FORMER PAGCOR CHAIR EFRAIM GENUINO, RECEIVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BRIBES IN CONNECTION WITH A \$2-BILLION MANILA BAY CASINO PROJECT"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committees on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; and Games and Amusement

**PSRN 902** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO CURB THE INCREASING NUMBER OF ILLEGAL REMITTANCE AGENTS BY IMPOSING STRICTER PENALTIES AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO LEGITIMATE REMITTANCE CHANNELS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committees on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Economic Affairs

**PSRN 903** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER WILL FREDO FOR BEING NAMED BEST DIRECTOR IN THE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL MANHATTAN ON 8 NOVEMBER 2012 IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE FILM THE CAREGIVER"

- > Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 904** "RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND ARTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE RECENT DOUBLE MURDER AND ARSON COMMITTED INSIDE THE CAMPUS OF MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR PURPOSES OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR VICINITY"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture; and Public Order and Dangerous Drugs

**PSRN 905** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER BRILLANTE MA. MENDOZA FOR WINNING THE ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTING AWARD IN THE 6TH ANNUAL ASIA PACIFIC SCREEN AWARDS (APSA) IN QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA ON 23 NOVEMBER 2012"

- > Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 906** "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ICONIC FILIPINO ACTRESS MARIA LEONORA TERESA CABALTERA AUNOR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS NORA AUNOR FOR WINNING THE BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS AWARD IN THE 6TH ASIA PACIFIC SCREEN AWARDS (APSA) IN QUEENSLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA ON 23 NOVEMBER 2012"

- > Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

**PSRN 907** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED MASS TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE RADIO PHILIPPINES NETWORK IN ORDER TO CRAFT BETTER MEASURES TO PROTECT RETRENCHED WORKERS"

- > Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

**PSRN 908** "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE; AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS (BLUE RIBBON) TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF INVESTMENT SCAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND THE REPORTED INVOLVEMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS WELL AS INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN THESE ILLEGAL SCHEMES"

- > Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committees on Trade and Commerce; and Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations

**PSRN 909** "RESOLUTION AND COMMENDING THE TWIN VICTORIES OF MS. NORA AUNOR AND MR. BRILLANTE MENDOZA FOR BAGGING THE BEST PERFORMANCE BY AN ACTRESS AND BEST DIRECTOR AWARDS RESPECTIVELY IN THE 2012 ASIA PACIFIC SCREEN AWARDS HELD IN BRISBANE AUSTRALIA, A SHINING TESTAMENT OF DISTINCT FILIPINO ARTISTRY AND PURE TALENT"

- > Introduced by Senator Manny B. Villar
- > Referred to the Committee on Rules

#### **COMMITEE REPORT**

**CRN 456**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Works; and Finance, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 1869**, introduced by Representative Dalog, entitled, "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senators Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr. and Franklin M. Drilon
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 457**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Works; and Finance, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 3622**, introduced by Representative Agyao, entitled, "AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE KALINGA ENGINEERING DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA INTO TWO (2) REGULAR DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senators Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr. and Franklin M. Drilon
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 458**, submitted by the Committee on Public Works, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 5600**, introduced by Representatives Eriguel and Ortega III, entitled, "AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE LOCATION OF THE LA UNION SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE FROM NAGUILIAN, LA UNION TO AGOO, LA UNION, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9033", recommending its approval without amendment.

- > Sponsored by Senators Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr. and Franklin M. Drilon
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 459**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; Social Justice, Welfare, and Rural Development; and Finance, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3317**, with Senators Ejercito Estrada, Villar, Legarda, Escudero, Pangilinan and Drilon as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 530, 1050 and 1371, taking into consideration House Bill No. 5627.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 460**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Foreign Relations, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3061**, introduced by Senator Defensor Santiago, entitled "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 17 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9851, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ACT ON CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, GENOCIDE, AND OTHER CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY", recommending its approval without amendment.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 461**, submitted by the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 3877**, introduced by Representatives Banal and Primicias-Agabas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "ARAW NG PAGBASA," A REGULAR WORKING HOLIDAY", recommending its approval with amendment, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2678.

- > Sponsored by Senator Edgardo J. Angara
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 462**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Games and Amusement; and Finance, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3322**, with Senators Trillanes IV, Defensor Santiago, Ejercito Estrada and Pimentel III as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT, HEALTH CARE AND DEATH BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO WIN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS OR IN OTHER EQUALLY PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL GAMES

AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval in consolidation with Senate Bill Nos. 258, 2741 and 2906.

- Sponsored by Senator Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 463**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Youth, Women and Family Relations, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3324**, with Senators Sotto III, Revilla Jr., Pangilinan, Villar, Defensor Santiago, Escudero and Cayetano (P.) as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9344 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUVENILE JUSTICE AND WELFARE ACT OF 2006" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 43, 2403 and 2488, taking into consideration Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 404 and 748.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 464**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources; Local Government; and Finance, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3326**, with Senators Legarda, Recto, Escudero, Marcos Jr. and Drilon as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DELINEATION OF THE SPECIFIC FOREST LIMITS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1367, and 2994, taking into consideration House Bill No. 5860.

- Sponsored by Senators Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos Jr., Franklin Drilon, Loren B. Legarda and Ralph G. Recto
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 465**, submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on **SENATE BILL NO. 2607**, introduced by the Committee on Rules, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AN AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR TOWN SITE PURPOSE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval without amendment.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 466**, submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 5409**, introduced by Representatives Arnaiz and Matugas,

entitled "AN ACT RECLASSIFYING THE 15.6587 HECTARES OF LAND WITHIN LOT NO. 734E OF CAD 115, BAIS CADASTRE FROM TIMBERLAND FOR FISHPOND DEVELOPMENT INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING PROJECT", recommending its approval without amendment.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 467**, submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 4657**, introduced by Representatives Mercado (R.) and Matugas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LAND IN BARANGAY COMBADO, MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS", recommending its approval without amendment.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 468**, submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 3974**, introduced by Representatives Vergara and Matugas, entitled "AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PARCEL NO. III, FORBES PARK RESERVATION, LOCATED IN BAGUIO CITY, FROM THE OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 10, DATED 09 FEBRUARY 1924, AND PROCLAMATION NO. 63, DATED 06 AUGUST 1925, AND DECLARING THE EXCLUDED PORTIONS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 730, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SALE WITHOUT PUBLIC AUCTION OF PUBLIC LANDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS''', recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 469**, submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 3973**, introduced by Representatives Calimbas-Villarosa and Matugas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF SABLAYAN, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO AN AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL OR OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES", recommending its approval without amendment.

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**CRN 470**, submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 951**, introduced by Representatives Fua and Matugas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED AT PONONG, BARANGAY SIMACOLONG, MUNICIPALITY OF LAZI, PROVINCE OF SIQUIJOR AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE", recommending its approval without amendment.

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**CRN 471**, submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 851**, introduced by Representatives Roman and Matugas, entitled "AN ACT RECLASSIFYING PORTIONS OF THE ROOSEVELT PROTECTED LANDSCAPE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DINALUPIHAN AND HERMOSA, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND,", recommending its approval without amendment.

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**CRN 472**, submitted by the Committee on Local Government, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 4427**, introduced by Representatives Unabia and Primicias-Agabas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUGBONG-COGON, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUGBONGCOGON CHARTER DAY", recommending its approval without amendment.

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**CRN 473**, submitted by the Committee on Local Government, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 4861**, introduced by Representatives Unabia and Primicias-Agabas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 10 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, PROVINCE OF BULACAN", recommending its approval without amendment.

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**CRN 474**, submitted by the Committee on Local Government, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 4856**, introduced by Representatives Barzaga and Primicias-Agabas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND IN ALL ITS BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS THE FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS", recommending its approval without amendment.

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- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 475**, submitted by the Committee on Local Government, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 4673**, introduced by Representatives Sakaluran and Primicias-Agabas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT", recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr.
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 476**, submitted by the Committee on Local Government, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 4675**, introduced by Representatives Emano and Primicias-Agabas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ADLAW SA JASAAN", recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr.
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 477**, submitted by the Committee on Local Government, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 4679**, introduced by Representatives Enverga and Primicias-Agabas, entitled "AN ACT DECLARING NOPVEMBER 4 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON", recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr.
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 478**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Agriculture and Food; Local Government; and Finance, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3329**, with Senators Defensor Santiago, Honasan II, Villar and Pangilinan as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF 1998", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1691, 1942, 3154 and 3222, and Proposed Senate Resolution Nos. 578 and 747.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan
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**CRN 479**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Public Works; and Finance, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 2404**, introduced by Representative Bulut-Begtang, entitled "AN ACT CONVERTING THE AYAGA-FLORA-LASAM PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senators Ramon "Bong" Revilla, Jr. and Franklin M. Drilon
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**CRN 480**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Public Services, on **SENATE BILL NO. 2095**, introduced by Senator, entitled "AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE COMMITTED BY COMMON CARRIERS, FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 365 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OR THE REVISED PENAL CODE", recommending its approval without amendment.

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**CRN 481**, submitted by the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations, on **SENATE BILL NO. 2080**, introduced by Senator Cayetano (P.), entitled "AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIVE OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL CONCIOUSNESS DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN", recommending its approval with amendments, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 1099 and House Bill No. 4434.

- > Sponsored by Senator Pia S. Cayetano
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 482**, prepared and submitted by the Committee on Foreign Relations, on **PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 898**, entitled "RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOUTH-EAST ASIAN CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AS A CATEGORY 2 CENTRE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF UNESCO", recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senator Loren B. Legarda
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 483**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Energy; and Finance, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6058**, introduced by Representative Abad, et al., entitled "AN ACT CONDONING THE INTEREST ON THE PAID PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT OF FUEL COMPENSATING CHARGE/INCREMENTAL COST CHARGE (FCC/ICC) OF THE ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (ZANECO) PAYABLE AND DUE TO THE NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC)", recommending its approval without amendment.

- > Sponsored by Senator Ralph G. Recto
- Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 484**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Public Services; and Ways and Means, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6305**, introduced by Representative Del Mar, et al., entitled "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6958, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY", recommending its approval without amendment.

- > Sponsored by Senator Ralph G. Recto
- Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 485**, submitted by the Committee on Finance, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 6455**, introduced by Representative Abaya, et al., entitled "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 THIRTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval with amendments.

- Sponsored by Senators Franklin M. Drilon; Edgardo J. Angara; Ralph G. Recto; Sergio R. Osmeña III, and all members of the Senate Committee on Finance
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

CRN 486, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance, on SENATE BILL NO. 3334, with Senators Osmeña III, Guingona III, Escudero and Drilon as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REPARATION AND RECOGNITION OF THE SURVIVORS AND RELATIVES OF THE VICTIMS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER RELATED VIOLATIONS DURING THE REGIME OF FORMER PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS, DOCUMENTATION OF SAID VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, FOR AND OTHER PURPOSES". recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2615 and 3330.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 487**, prepared and submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3335**, with Senators Escudero and Drilon as authors thereof, entitled "AN ACT STRENGHTENING THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS (BUCOR) AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2933.

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- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 488**, submitted by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 897**, introduced by Representatives Durano and Matugas, entitled "AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE CAMOTES ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROCLAMATION NO. 2152 DATED DECEMBER 29, 1981, ENTITLED DECLARING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CERTAIN PARCELS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS MANGROVE SWAMP FOREST RESERVES", recommending its approval without amendment, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2463.

- > Sponsored by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 489**, submitted jointly by the Committees on Environment and Natural Resources and Finance, on **HOUSE BILL NO. 4758**, introduced by Representative Miraflores, et al., entitled "AN ACT DECLARING THE NORTHWEST PANAY PENINSULA LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF NABAS, MALAY AND BURUANGA, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LIBERTAD PANDAN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval with amendments by substitution.

- > Sponsored by Senators Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero and Franklin M. Drilon
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 490**, submitted by the Committees on Local Government, and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3296**, introduced by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, entitled "AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR PURPOSE

REPUBLIC ACT 9164, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", recommending its approval without amendment.

- Sponsored by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr. and Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III
- > Calendared For Ordinary Business

**CRN 491**, submitted by the Committee on Agriculture and Food; jointly with the Committees on Science and Technology, Ways and Means, and on Finance, on **SENATE BILL NO. 3338**, introduced by Senators Revilla Jr., Villar and Pangilinan, entitled "AN ACT PROMOTING THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MECHANIZATION DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY", recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 1972, 2450 and 2478, taking into consideration **HOUSE BILL NO. 6548**.

- Sponsored by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan
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