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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY

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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and FINANCE

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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; and CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- > Introduced by Senator GRACE L. POE
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- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

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- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- > Referred to the Committee on Economic Affairs

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- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

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- > Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee on CULTURAL COMMUNITIES

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- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; and WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

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- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

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- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES; GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; and WAYS AND MEANS

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on AGRARIAN REFORM; and AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

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

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CURRENCIES

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> Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

Referred to the Committee(s) on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; and CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

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- ➤ Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

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> Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

Referred to the Committee(s) on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY; and EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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- > Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION; and PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- > Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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- > Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee on JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; and AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
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- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP; ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; and FINANCE

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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
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- ➤ Introduced by Senator ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES
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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and FINANCE

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- > Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

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- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY; and FINANCE

"AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1638 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'ESTABLISHING A NEW SYSTEM OF RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' BY GRANTING THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO RETIREES WHO HAVE REACQUIRED PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Senate Bill No. 1471

"AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE MUSIC INDUSTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

Senate Bill No. 1472

"AN ACT TO RECRUIT, HIRE, AND TRAIN ADDITIONAL SCHOOL-BASED GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL"

- > Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

Senate Bill No. 1473

"AN ACT INSTITUTING FAMILY PRIVACY PROTECTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA

Referred to the Committee on WOMEN, FAMILY RELATIONS AND GENDER EQUALITY

Senate Bill No. 1474

"AN ACT MANDATING THAT EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM AND THE CONSEQUENT PREPARATION OF TEXTBOOKS AND RELATED MATERIALS SHOULD HAVE CONTINUITY AND STABILITY, AND THAT THE SAME SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY ANY CHANGE DURING THE PERIOD OF AT LEAST SIX (6) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE R.A. NO. 8047, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BOOK PUBLISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT"

- > Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

Senate Bill No. 1475

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REGIONAL SUBSIDIZED COLLEGE EDUCATION PROGRAM OF 2013 AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

Senate Bill No. 1476

"AN ACT TO REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS BY REQUIRING TERTIARY AND SPECIALIZED HOSPITALS TO SHARE CERTAIN SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA;
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE;

"AN ACT ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL RAILWAY AUTHORITY, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; and PUBLIC SERVICES

Senate Bill No. 1478

"AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY CREATING LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS IN EVERY CITY AND MUNICIPALITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- > Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on YOUTH; WAYS AND MEANS; and FINANCE

Senate Bill No. 1479

"AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE URBAN AND COUNTRYSIDE GREENING IN THE PHILIPPINES"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and FINANCE

Senate Bill No. 1480

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN EXPANDED VOUCHER SYSTEM IN THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6728, AS AMENDED"

Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA

Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and FINANCE

Senate Bill No. 1481

"AN ACT CREATING A LOCAL HOUSING BOARD IN ALL CITIES AND FIRST TO THIRD CLASS MUNICIPALITIES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on URBAN PLANNING, HOUSING AND RESETTLEMENT; and LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senate Bill No. 1482

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT SEVENTY NINE FORTY-ONE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PARTY LIST SYSTEM ACT"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on ELECTORAL REFORMS AND PEOPLES PARTICIPATION

Senate Bill No. 1483

"AN ACT TREATING LOCALLY MANUFACTURED INSTANT NOODLES AS BASIC NECESSITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 3 SUBPARAGRAPH (1) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PRICE ACT'"

- > Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Senate Bill No. 1484

"AN ACT GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ACCREDITATION OF MICROENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

"AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT INCENTIVE AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO ATHLETES WHO HAVE WON TITLES OR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS; HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and FINANCE

Senate Bill No. 1486

"AN ACT CONFERRING CAREER PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY UPON REGULAR AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, AND SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- > Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- > WITHDRAWN

Senate Bill No. 1487

"AN ACT DECLARING THE SAMAR ISLAND NATURAL PARK (SINP), SITUATED IN THE PROVINCES OF SAMAR, NORTHERN SAMAR AND EASTERN SAMAR, AS PROTECTED AREA AND ITS PERIPHERAL AREAS AS BUFFER ZONE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; and FINANCE

"AN ACT REQUIRING FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALL ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT"

- Introduced by Senator MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO;
- Referred to the Committee on FINANCE;

Senate Bill No. 1489

"AN ACT INCREASING THE ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 84, CHAPTER I, ESTATE TAX, TITLE III OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED"

- > Introduced by Senator FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO
- Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

Senate Bill No. 1490

"AN ACT PROVIDING THE PUBLIC WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE AND EDUCATION ON THE EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO MERCURY THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH ADVISORIES AND BY REQUIRING THAT SUCH APPROPRIATE ADVISORIES BE POSTED, OR MADE READILY AVAILABLE, AT ALL BUSINESSES THAT SELL FRESH, FROZEN, AND CANNED FISH AND SEAFOOD WHERE THE POTENTIAL FOR MERCURY EXPOSURE EXISTS"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY; and ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senate Bill No. 1491

"AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE POPULATION AND THE LAND AREA REQUIREMENTS THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS A LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (500,000,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.

7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

- > Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senate Bill No. 1492

"AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT LIGHTING PRODUCTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on TRADE, COMMERCE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP; and ENERGY

Senate Bill No. 1493

"AN ACT ADOPTING THE HIGHER PRESCRIBED PENALTY, INCLUDING DEATH, OF THE NATIONAL LAW OF AN ALIEN FOUND GUILTY OF TRAFFICKING DANGEROUS DRUGS AND OTHER SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002'"

- > Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; and JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Senate Bill No. 1494

"AN ACT DECLARING MAY 15 OF EACH YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY TO OBSERVE THE NATIONAL FARMERS AND FISHERFOLK DAY"

- Introduced by Senator JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
- Referred to the Committee(s) on EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE; and AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

"AN ACT STREAMLINING THE BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS BUREAUCRACY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on PUBLIC ORDER AND DANGEROUS DRUGS; JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS; and FINANCE

Senate Bill No. 1496

"AN ACT REGULATING THE SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTION FROM, OR SALE OF TICKETS TO ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT'"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

Senate Bill No. 1497

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL BRANCHES, SUBDIVISIONS, INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF HIRED FOREIGN CONSULTANTS, THE NATURE OF THEIR WORK AND THEIR COMPENSATION, PERKS, AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES IN CASE OF VIOLATION THEREOF"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION; and GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

"AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997'"

- Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES; and LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Senate Bill No. 1499

"AN ACT AMENDING TITLES V AND VI, SECTIONS 102 AND 107 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991"

- > Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee(s) on LOCAL GOVERNMENT; and SOCIAL JUSTICE, WELFARE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Senate Bill No. 1500

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 107 (A) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, SEEKING TO EXEMPT FROM THE IMPOSITION OF VALUE ADDED TAX ON DONATED IMPORTATIONS OF ITEMS OR GOODS, WHICH ARE FOR NON-PROFIT, CHARITABLE, HUMANITARIAN, RELIEF PURPOSES"

- ➤ Introduced by Senator JINGGOY P. EJERCITO-ESTRADA
- Referred to the Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

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