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**Juan Miguel F. Zubiri**  
*Senate President*





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## About the Cover

On the front cover of this issue of the Performance of the Senate is the image of the new Senate Building signaling the beginning of a new era in the history of the Senate. While the back cover features a collage of the two main places where the institution has lived the most: the Legislative Building and the Senate at the GSIS Building.

This pictorial collage encapsulates the enduring presence of our people's participation in national development and its continuing aspiration for democracy, equality, and progress. While the old buildings represent the strength of the past, the new building, which features four towers that surround the main Senate plenary hall, symbolizes the Senate's commitment to transparency, the rule of law, democracy, and patriotism.

The new Senate building reflects the vision of the senators of the 19th Congress headed by Senate President Juan Miguel Zubiri—respectful of the past and its traditions; but also, hopeful, diligent, innovative, and ready for the future.

Since the First Inaugural Session held in the Goldenberg Mansion in 1916, the Senate has changed situs a number of times, namely: The Intendencia (1916-1926); The Legislative Building (1926-1935); a School Building along Lepanto Street, temporarily after the war (1945-1947); a year at the Manila City Hall (1947-1948); back to the restored Legislative Building (1949-1972; 1987-1997) and the Senate at the GSIS Building (1997-present).

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**The Performance of the  
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Today, we take a short break from a productive year, during which we responded to the needs of our people and the challenges of the times with hard work and high purpose.

As a result, your Senate has approved a total of six measures enacted into law—four of national application, and two local laws. Twenty-two bills are now also for the President’s signature—seven of them national, fifteen local. Two national bills are pending bicameral conference committee, and six more national bills have been approved on third reading.

A highlight among our accomplishments is our approval of eight of the priority measures of the administration.

Of these, three have been signed into law—the SIM Registration Act, the Act Postponing the Barangay Elections, and the AFP Fixed Term Law—while four more are for the signature of the President, namely the measures on the Condonation of Unpaid Amortization and Interests on Loans of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries, the Regional Specialty Centers Act, the Extension of the Estate Tax Amnesty Act, and the Maharlika Investment Fund Act.

The Trabaho Para sa Bayan Act has also been approved on third reading.

And while we have primarily focused on measures in the Common Legislative Agenda, we have also acted on various local measures that will infuse much-needed funding into local governments and schools.

But while this scoreboard shows the quantity of our output, it cannot even begin to describe the quality of each. True to our tradition, we do not agree to proposals without discussion, nor embrace ideas without debate. We improve before we approve. We do not trade scrutiny for speed.

*Lahat naman po ng batas na ating pinapanday dito ay dumadaan sa masusing pag-aaral. Hindi po natin ito pinapabagal. Ang ating ginagawa ay pinapabuti.*

And it is the people who have assigned us that role: to be the final checkpoint before bills become laws. They want our guarantee that every bill that passes here bears the Senate's seal of great lawmaking.

And I am proud that every member of this Senate has done their part in honoring our pledge to the people. We show up, we step up, we speak out every session day that the roll is called.

We prefer head-to-head debates over hybrid sessions, where every senator worth his or her mandate participates, because we believe that without the full exchange of ideas, a legislature ceases to be deliberative.

There is another thing which our scoreboard does not reveal: The courage to investigate abuses.

Senate watchers, and the nation in general, can attest to the headline-making investigations of our committees, that have held exhaustive probes into various issues of national concern—from agriculture, to peace and order, to malversation of public funds.

But when we conduct hearings on anomalies, we do not merely find faults, we find solutions as well. Our intention is not merely to look for crooks to be indicted, but to find what remedial laws must be initiated.

And I assure the nation that while we are going into *sine die* adjournment today, it is only the plenary approval of bills that will take a pause.

Your Senate will still be hard at work. The production of bills in the committee, the heartbeat of lawmaking, will continue. The pursuit of public accountability and good governance will not go on vacation either. There is no moratorium on the conduct of our oversight.

Now, just as we opened our first session with a roll call, so today we must let the end credits roll. *Kaya pasasalamat po sa ating* Senate leadership: Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda, Majority Leader Joel Villanueva, Minority Leader Koko Pimentel, Deputy Majority Leaders JV Ejercito and Mark Villar, and Deputy Minority Leader Risa Hontiveros.

And of course, our colleagues in the Majority: Senators Sonny Angara, Nancy Binay, Alan and Pia Cayetano, Bato dela Rosa, Chiz Escudero, Jinggoy Estrada, Win Gatchalian, Bong Go, Lito Lapid, Imee Marcos, Robinhood Padilla, Grace Poe, Bong Revilla, Francis Tolentino, Raffy Tulfo, and Cynthia Villar.

Thank you for your patience, diligence, and cooperation throughout the past year. Sometimes we vote unanimously, sometimes with a little division. But in the end, we work as a single body, united in the goal of uplifting our people.

We also thank our tireless Senate Secretariat and staff, whose work makes our work possible. *Maraming salamat po.*

And when we return in July, I promise to continue wielding the gavel as firmly and as fairly as those before me.

We will return with high-impact legislation. We will unleash the forces of the Philippine economy, but we will also provide a soft landing for the less fortunate.

And when we meet again in this hall, let it be with greater determination and renewed commitment to perform the duties that the Republic and our people expect us to.

*Maraming, maraming salamat po. Mabuhay ang Senado!*

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**REPUBLIC ACTS**

**RA 11934 - An Act Requiring the Registration of  
Subscriber Identity Module (S. No. 1310/  
H. No. 14) (October 10, 2022)**

The Act regulates the registration and use of subscriber identity modules (SIMs) by mandating all end-users to register their SIMs with the public telecommunications entity as a prerequisite to the activation thereof. Failure to register the existing SIM within the period prescribed shall result in its automatic deactivation.

Telecommunications companies are required to keep the submitted information safe and secure in a centralized database. The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is mandated to perform an annual audit of the telecommunications companies' compliance with the proper information security standard to ensure the protection of data and to keep them in check.

Offenses under this Act shall include failure or refusal to register a SIM; breach of confidentiality either intentionally or due to negligence; providing false or fictitious information or identity or fraudulent IDs in SIM card registration; spoofing a registered SIM; sale of a stolen SIM; and sale or transfer of a registered SIM without complying with the required registration.

The law provides for corresponding penalties for violation of its provisions, ranging from six (6) months to six (6) years, or a fine of P100,000 to P4,000,000.

**RA 11935 - An Act Postponing the December 22  
Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan  
Elections, Amending for the Purpose  
Republic Act No. 9164, as Amended,**



**Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes (S. No. 1306/H. No. 4673) (October 10, 2022)**

The law postpones the December 2022 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to the last Monday of October 2023. The succeeding elections shall be held every three (3) years thereafter.

All incumbent Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials shall remain in office until their successors have been duly elected, unless sooner removed or suspended.

The term of office of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected under the law shall commence at noon of November 30 following their election.

**RA 11936 - 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 Twenty-Three (H. No. 4488) (December 16, 2022)**

The Act provides for the 2023 national budget in the amount of P5.268 trillion, which is 4.9% or PHP244.4 billion higher than the 2022 budget.

The General Appropriations Act was timely passed by the Senate as the first spending measure by the Marcos Administration which puts top priority on education, infrastructure development, health, agriculture, and social safety nets.

The budgetary allocations under each of the 8-Point Socio-Economic Agenda are:

1. Food Security

The agriculture sector was allocated the amount of P174 billion of which P156.6 billion will be used to support banner programs of the Department of Agriculture such as the National Rice, Corn, Livestock, and Fisheries Programs.

2. Improved Transportation

The amount of P976.5 billion was allocated for infrastructure development through the “Build Better More” Program. The Department of Public Works and Highways and Department of Transportation will receive P894.2 billion and P82.3 billion, respectively.

3. Affordable and Clean Energy

The amount of P10.2 billion was allocated to support the efforts of the Department of Energy in developing the country’s alternative and renewable energy resources through its various programs like the Renewable Energy Development Program, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Program, and the Alternative Fuels and Technologies Program.

4. Health Care

A total of P342.4 billion was allotted to advance medical facilities and human capital. The Department of Health including the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. was given P314.6 billion to improve and expand access to health care services through the construction, rehabilitation and upgrading of health facilities, and purchase of medical equipment. Funding has also been provided to support the implementation of the National Health Insurance Program for social health protection.

5. Education

The Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education were provided P720.4 billion and P31.7 billion respectively, to support schools in safely reopening and sustaining their programs and operations. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority was allocated P16.2 billion to support efforts in improving their technical and vocational training programs.

## 6. Social Services

Funding of P239.1 billion was allotted to the Department of Social Welfare and Development for its various social services programs. Of that amount, P196.7 billion will finance the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens, and Protective Services for Individuals and Families in Difficult Circumstances.

## 7. Sound Fiscal Management

To enhance the capacity of the fiscal and budgetary institutions in raising revenues from taxes by modernizing their information management systems, the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs received P13.1 billion and P5.2 billion, respectively. The DBM was allocated P1.7 billion.

## 8. Bureaucratic Efficiency

The government allocated P15.6 billion for the digitalization of government processes to improve the delivery of services and programs to the people and to streamline operations in the bureaucracy.

### **RA 11937 - An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Justin Donta Brownlee (H. No. 6224) (January 12, 2023)**

The law grants Philippine citizenship to American citizen Mr. Justin Donta Brownlee with all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto, under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

### **RA 11938 - An Act Converting the Municipality of Carmona in the Province of Cavite into a Component City to be Known as the City of Carmona (H. No. 3968) (February 23, 2023)**

The law converts the Municipality of Carmona into a component city to be known as the City of Carmona, which

shall comprise the present territory of the Municipality of Carmona, Province of Cavite. The territorial jurisdiction of the city shall be within the present metes and bounds of the Municipality of Carmona.

Until otherwise provided by law, the City of Carmona shall continue to be part of the Fifth Legislative District of the Province of Cavite.

### **R.A. No. 11939 - An Act Further Strengthening Professionalism and Promoting the Continuity of Policies and Modernization Initiatives in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Amending for this Purpose Republic Act No. 11709 (S. No. 1849/H. No. 6517) (May 17, 2023)**

The new law amends Republic Act No. 11709 which prescribes a fixed term for key military personnel in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to further strengthen the professionalism and promote the continuity of policies and modernization initiatives in the military.

Republic Act No. 11939 raised the compulsory retirement age for all officers and AFP enlisted personnel from 56 years old to 57 years old or upon accumulation of 30 years of satisfactory active duty, whichever comes later. However, compulsory retirement for those commissioned under Presidential Decree No. 1908, and those appointed in the Corps of Professors will be upon reaching 60 years old or completion of 20 years of satisfactory active duty, whichever comes later.

The Chief of Staff of the AFP and similarly of the Philippine Army, Philippine Air Force, Philippine Navy, and the Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy shall be retired upon completion of their tour of duty or upon relief by the President.

The maximum tenure-in-grade for officers also increased under the new law. Officers with the rank of brigadier general or commodore may hold their positions for five years instead of three years, and for

colonel or captain for the Navy for 10 years instead of eight years.

It also amends the officer grade distribution based on the AFP table of organization by adjusting the percentage for general or flag officers to 1.25%, and for first lieutenant or lieutenant junior grade and second lieutenant and ensign to 42.75%, in line with the AFP Modernization Program.

The new law provides that it shall also be applicable to officers and enlisted personnel, appointed and/or promoted under Republic Act No. 11709.

### **ADOPTED RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE ON TREATIES/INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS**

#### **Resolution No. 42—Resolution Concurring in the Ratification of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (P. S. Res. No. 485) (February 21, 2023)**

The Senate concurs in the ratification of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP), paving the way for more trade opportunities for the Philippines.

RCEP is the world's largest free trade agreement between the ten ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam), and their five major trading partners (Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea).

The Agreement aims to: (i) establish a modern, comprehensive, high-quality, and mutually beneficial economic partnership framework; (ii) liberalize and facilitate trade in goods through the progressive elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers; (iii) progressively liberalize trade in services to achieve substantial elimination of restrictions and discriminatory measures; and (iv) create

a liberal, facilitative, and competitive investment environment in the region.

Through the RCEP, the Philippines will gain access to a wider export market, benefit from lower import duties for raw materials for the manufacturing sector, and expand trade opportunities for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the global market.

The Special Oversight Committee on the RCEP Agreement has been created to monitor the targets and timelines of economic programs, and to propose legislative measures to address implementation gaps and recommendations to improve performance and exact accountabilities.

The RCEP was virtually signed during the 4<sup>th</sup> RCEP Summit on November 15, 2020 by the ASEAN member countries and Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea. It has created a free trade zone covering one third of the global population and 30% of the global gross domestic product.

### **FOR APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT**

#### **S. No. 1480 - An Act Rationalizing the Disability Pension of Veterans, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6948, Entitled, "An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the Benefits for Military Veterans and Their Dependents," As Amended**

The proposed measure seeks to increase the disability pension of military veterans and their dependents under Republic Act No. 6948.

The disability compensation is given to veterans whose disability was caused by disease, illness, or injury sustained during military service. The amount of monthly payments to be received by the veterans is based according to the degree of disability:

1. Four thousand five hundred pesos (P4,500.00) if the disability is rated between ten to thirty per centum (10% - 30%);
2. Five thousand three hundred pesos (P5,300.00) if the disability is rated between thirty-one to forty per centum (31% - 40%);
3. Six thousand one hundred pesos (P6,100.00) if the disability is rated between forty-one to fifty per centum (41% - 50%);
4. Six thousand nine hundred pesos (P6,900.00) if the disability is rated between fifty-one to sixty per centum (51% - 60%);
5. Seven thousand seven hundred pesos (P7,700.00) if the disability is rated between sixty-one to seventy per centum (61% - 70%);
6. Eight thousand five hundred pesos (P8,500.00) if the disability is rated between seventy-one to eighty per centum (71% - 80%);
7. Nine thousand three hundred pesos (P9,300.00) if the disability is rated between eighty-one to ninety per centum (81% - 90%); and
8. Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) plus one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) for the spouse and each unmarried minor child if the disability is rated between ninety-one to one hundred per centum (91% - 100%).

If a veteran reaches seventy (70) years old and is not receiving a pension under the measure but is deemed disabled, the veteran shall be entitled to a monthly pension of one thousand seven hundred pesos (P1,700.00). The entitlement to the disability pension shall be prospective and limited to eligible living veterans only.

**S. No. 1594 - An Act Institutionalizing the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Philippines Program, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes**

The establishment of the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Philippines Program is intended to encourage micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the countryside to develop local products, formulate marketing plans, and innovate branding strategies for their products. Giving support to MSMEs to engage in economic activities is seen to stir the local economy and create more employment and opportunities in the rural areas. The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is mandated to provide assistance to the Local Government Units (LGUs) in developing their local resources and promote Philippine products in the local and global markets.

The OTOP program envisions more MSMEs engaging in a viable economic livelihood to promote rural development, and to generate income and improve the local business. The essence of OTOP is to improve the quality of the local products and to foster cooperation and build a sense of local identity among local communities. With the implementation of the OTOP, it is expected for local economies to grow as a result of the development of indigenous raw materials, utilization of local skills and talents, and showcase of local traditions and cultures of the locale.

The OTOP program shall cover products and skills-based services known to a locality, which shall include, but not limited to, the following:

1. Processed foods;
2. Agricultural-based products;
3. Home and fashion, and creative artisanal products;
4. Arts and crafts;
5. Skills-based services and wellness products; and
6. Other goods and services that are eligible under the bill and as approved by the DTI.

The MSME beneficiaries will be assisted by the DTI and LGUs in the areas of product development, capacity building, standards and market compliance, market access and product promotion, and eligibility requirements.

The DTI shall create the OTOP Management Office (OTOP MO) to oversee implementation of the program.

Similarly, an OTOP Program Office will be created in every local government unit to help communities develop and promote their products and services across the country. OTOP Philippines Hubs will be set up in strategic ports of entry, malls, and other consumer-frequent locations to offer the products.

The amount necessary to carry out the initial implementation of the measure shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the DTI and shall thereafter be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**S. No. 1615 - An Act Recognizing the Municipality of Baler in the Province of Aurora as the "Birthplace of Philippine Surfing"**

The proposed measure seeks to declare the Municipality of Baler in the Province of Aurora as the birthplace of Philippine surfing.

This is in recognition of its status as one of the premiere surfing sites in the country and for earning a significant spot in the history and origin of Philippine surfing.

**S. No. 1841 - An Act Strengthening the Conservation and Protection of Our National Cultural Heritage, Through an Enhanced Cultural Policy and Cultural Mapping Program, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10066, or the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009"**

The bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 10066 or the "National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009," to strengthen efforts in the promotion and safeguarding of the country's cultural heritage through cultural mapping and an enhanced cultural heritage education program.

Cultural mapping is the process of identifying, recording, and documenting the cultural resources in the community

to ensure the preservation of the tangible and intangible cultural assets. Inasmuch as the local communities are bearers of cultural resources, the Local Government Units (LGUs) are mandated to carry out cultural mapping activities to identify their own heritage. Through the collaborative efforts of various government agencies and nongovernment organizations, cultural groups, academic and private institutions, the LGUs will be able to identify their assets, update their inventory of cultural properties, and submit the list to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). All cultural properties deemed important to the country's cultural heritage will be recorded into the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property. The measure provides that details regarding private ownership of registered cultural properties shall remain confidential in accordance with Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012. The information gathered from cultural mapping will be essential in formulating the cultural heritage conservation policies of the country.

The cultural property and natural property of cultural significance of the country shall be categorized as follows:

- (a) Grade I Level: National cultural treasures; national historical shrines; national historical monuments; national historical landmarks; and world heritage sites, and other cultural and natural heritage properties or elements inscribed or designated by international conventions, including but not limited to UNESCO lists of intangible cultural heritage, memory of the world, world network of biosphere reserves, global geoparks, wetlands of international importance; and ASEAN heritage parks;
- (b) Grade II Level: Important cultural properties; heritage zones; archeological sites; heritage houses; historic sites; all Gabaldon school buildings; other marked structures; and heritage trees; and
- (c) Grade III Level: All other cultural properties registered in the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property.

All cultural properties under the categories of Grades I and II are entitled to the following privileges:

- (a) Priority government funding for protection, conservation, and restoration;
- (b) Incentive for private support of conservation and restoration through the Conservation Incentive Program of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts for the same levels;
- (c) Placement of an official heritage marker;
- (d) Priority government protection in times of armed conflict, natural disasters, and other exceptional events that endanger the cultural heritage of the country; and
- (e) Priority protection from modification or demolition resulting from all government projects.

The declaration or delisting of Grade I and Grade II Level cultural properties shall go through a comprehensive evaluation process.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Department of Education (DepEd) shall raise awareness for cultural heritage conservation through their cultural, art, and research programs. They play an important role in building the capacity of teachers to help local government units in the cultural mapping of local heritage resources.

The initial amount of five hundred million pesos (P500,000,000.00) necessary to carry out the provisions of this bill shall be appropriated from the funds not otherwise appropriated and are available in the National Treasury. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**S. No. 1850 - An Act Condoning All Principal and Interests of Loans Arising from the Award of Agricultural Lands Under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program as of December 31, 2022 and for Other Purposes**

The bill seeks to condone the unpaid amortizations of Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) including the interests, penalties, and surcharges under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) or from other reform programs and laws.

The measure covers the ARBs who are the farmers or farmworkers who were awarded lands under Presidential Decree No. 27, Republic Act No. 6657 and Republic Act No. 9700, and who have been paying their outstanding loan balances to the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and private landowners as of December 31, 2022.

The amount of P57.557 billion principal debt of 610,054 ARBs will be condoned by the government. The balances of unpaid obligations of ARBs to landowners under the Voluntary Land Transfer and Direct Payment Schemes shall be assumed by the LBP charged against the Agrarian Reform Fund.

Of the said amount, P14.5 billion principal loan including interests, penalties, and surcharges of the 263,622 ARBs, whose names had been submitted by the LBP to Congress, shall be condoned outright. The remaining P43.057 billion shall be condoned upon the submission of the LBP and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) of the details of indebtedness of 346,432 ARBs. The LBP and DAR shall submit the details within the three-year period from the effectivity of the proposed measure.

It also terminates the payment of compensation to landowners under the Voluntary Land Transfer and Direct Payment Schemes, and the remaining balance due to the landowners shall be paid by the government charged to the Agrarian Reform Fund.

The DAR shall issue a Certificate of Condonation which shall be annotated on the beneficiary's Emancipation Patent (EP), Certificate of Land Ownership award (CLOA) or any other title based on the applicable agrarian reform law. The Registry of Deeds shall register the agrarian reform titles within sixty (60) days from the issuance thereof in the name of the ARBs.

Any pending case involving the forfeiture by the DAR of the agrarian reform award solely due to the failure of the ARB to pay the amortization plus interest shall be dismissed *motu proprio* by the DAR. Moreover, the execution of a final and executory administrative decision for failure to pay, cancellation of the agrarian reform title, extinguishment of the rights of possession and ownership, and removal of the person from the awarded land shall be immediately terminated. The cancelled title as a result of the final and executory case shall be reconstituted in favor of the ARB. In the event that the land has been awarded to another beneficiary, the DAR shall award another land to the disqualified beneficiary.

ARBs who have already completed payment of the amortization shall be given preference in the provision of credit facilities and support services and in programs and projects implemented by the Department of Agriculture and government financial institutions.

The bill likewise provides that all lands awarded to ARBs shall be excluded from the gross estate for purposes of estate tax.

**S. No. 2020 - An Act Establishing the Maharlika Investment Fund, Providing for the Management, Investment, and Use of the Proceeds of the Fund, and for Other Purposes**

The measure provides for the establishment of the Maharlika Investment Fund (MIF or Fund). Its objective is to promote economic growth and social development by investing national funds, and coordinating and strengthening the investment activities of the country's top-performing government financial institutions. It also creates the Maharlika Investment Corporation (MIC) which shall govern and manage the Fund in accordance with the objectives and purposes set forth, and shall adhere to the Santiago Principles and other internationally-accepted standards of transparency and accountability.

For the capitalization and initial funding, MIC shall have an authorized capital stock of P500 billion to be divided into five (5) billion shares, with a par value of P100.00 per share, which shall have the following classifications and features:

1. Common shares of three billion seven hundred fifty million (3,750,000,000) equivalent to P375 billion to be subscribed by the National Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, including government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs), or government-financial institutions. The one billion two hundred fifty million (1,250,000,000) shares equivalent to P125 billion shall initially be subscribed by the following:
  - a. Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP)–P50 billion;
  - b. Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP)–P25 billion; and
  - c. National Government–P50 billion pesos.
2. Preferred shares of one billion two hundred fifty million (1,250,000,000) equivalent to P125 billion, to be made available for subscription by the National Government, its agencies or instrumentalities; GOCCs or GFIs, except the Social Security System (SSS), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund), Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), and Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) Pension Fund.

The contribution of the National Government shall be sourced from:

1. Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) dividends. For the first two years, 100% of BSP's total declared dividends shall be used for MIC's capitalization, in the amount not exceeding P50 billion, as initial subscription of the national government to the capitalization of the MIC. The Monetary Board may recommend to the President the reduction of BSP's dividend contribution to the MIC whenever economic conditions warrant;

2. Ten percent (10%) of the national government's share from the income of the Philippine Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), for a period of five (5) years. Other government-owned gaming operators and/or regulators shall also contribute ten percent (10%) of their revenues from gaming operations.
3. Department of Finance-Privatization and Management Office (DOF-PMO)
  - a. properties, real personal, identified by the Privatization Council
  - b. proceeds from privatization of government assets
4. Other sources such as royalties and/or assessments.

The government agencies and GOCCs providing for the social security and public health insurance of government employees, private sector workers and employees, and other sectors and subsectors, such as, but not limited to, the SSS, GSIS, PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG Fund, OWWA, PVAO Pension Fund shall be absolutely prohibited, whether mandatory or voluntary, to contribute to the capitalization of the MIC.

The MIC shall be governed by a 9-member Board of Directors (BOD) which shall be chaired by the Department of Finance (DOF) Secretary in an ex officio capacity, the President and Chief Executive Officer (PCEO) of the MIC as Vice-Chairperson, and with the following as members: LBP PCEO; DBP PCEO; two (2) regular directors; and three (3) independent directors from the private sector to be appointed by the President of the Philippines.

The BOD of the MIC may engage in the following investments:

1. Cash, foreign currencies, metals, and other tradeable commodities;
2. Fixed income instruments issued by sovereigns, quasi-sovereigns, and supranationals;
3. Domestic and foreign corporate bonds;
4. Listed or unlisted equities, whether common, preferred, or hybrids;
5. Islamic investments, such as Sukuk bonds;

6. Joint ventures or co-investments, mergers and acquisitions;
7. Mutual and exchange-traded funds invested in underlying assets;
8. Real estate and infrastructure projects;
9. Programs and projects on health, education, research, and innovation, and other such investments that contribute to sustainable development;
10. Loans and guarantees to, or participation into joint ventures or consortiums with Filipino and foreign investors, which may be necessary or contributory to the economic development of the country, or important to the public interest;
11. Other investments with sustainable development impact as may be approved by the Board.

An Advisory Body to the BOD shall likewise be created to be composed of the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management, the Secretary of National Economic and Development Authority, and the Treasurer of the Philippines.

The MIC shall be subject to the provisions of Republic Act No. 10149 or the GOCC Governance Act of 2011. All procurement activities of the MIC shall be subject to and governed by the provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act except the engagement of professional or technical services necessary for the selection of investments.

The Maharlika Investment Fund Joint Congressional Oversight Committee (MIF-JCOC), shall be created and composed of seven (7) members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives. It shall be formed to oversee, monitor and evaluate the implementation of this measure. It shall be chaired jointly by the chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies and the House Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries.

The bill provides for specific offenses with corresponding penalties against those who violate the provisions of the proposed measure which are separate from, and in addition to, any administrative, civil, or criminal liability under other laws.



**S. No. 2212 - An Act Establishing Specialty Centers in Hospitals Under the Direct Supervision and Control of the Department of Health and Appropriating Funds Therefor**

The proposed measure seeks to establish specialty centers in the Department of Health (DOH) hospitals in every region of the country. Regional branches of the Philippine Heart Center, National Kidney and Transplant Institute, Lung Center of the Philippines, Philippine Children’s Medical Center, and Philippine Cancer Center will be established to provide specialized health services to the people in the provinces.

The DOH shall ensure that specialty hospitals will have medical specialists and hospital staff who have been trained in their fields of specialization to provide comprehensive health care. It shall provide the funding for capital outlay investments for specialty centers through the Health Facilities Enhancement Program and other fund sources.

The national specialty centers like the Philippine Heart Center, National Kidney and Transplant Institute, Lung Center of the Philippines, Philippine Children’s Medical Center, and Philippine Cancer Center, will lead in the development of the policies, protocols, and standards for the particular specialty and provide the specialty training and technical assistance to the specialty centers in the DOH hospitals.

DOH hospitals with specialty centers established under this measure will be required to submit an annual report of their activities, plans, and accomplishments to the DOH and to Congress, through the Committee on Health of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health and Demography of the Senate.

**S. No. 2219 - An Act Further Amending Republic Act No. 11213, Otherwise Known as the “Tax Amnesty Act,” As Amended by Republic Act No. 11569, by Extending the Period of Availment of the Estate Tax Amnesty Until June 14, 2025, and for Other Purposes**

This amendatory bill seeks to extend the period within which to avail the estate tax amnesty from June 15, 2023 to June 14, 2025.

The bill shall cover the estate of decedents who died on or before May 31, 2022, whose estate taxes have remained unpaid.

The appointed executor or administrator, legal heirs, transferees, or beneficiaries who wish to avail of the amnesty can file the estate tax returns electronically or manually, with any authorized agent bank, Revenue District Office through a Revenue Collection Officer, or authorized tax software provider. The payment shall also be made at the time the return is filed, either electronically or manually, with any authorized agent bank, Revenue Collection Officer, or authorized tax software provider.

Those who will avail of the tax relief will have to submit the necessary documents and will be allowed to pay the estate tax due on installment within a period of two years. The application for payment of the estate taxes shall be distinct and a separate process from the application for transfer of properties.

**H. No. 7185 - An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Kyle Douglas Jennermann**

The proposed bill grants Philippine citizenship to Canadian citizen Mr. Kyle Douglas Jennermann with all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto, under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

**PENDING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**S. No. 1359 - An Act Prohibiting the Imposition of a “No Permit, No Exam” Policy, or Any Policy that Prevents Students Enrolled in Public or Private Educational Institutions from Taking Examinations or Any Form of Educational Assessment for Reasons of**

**Outstanding Financial or Property Obligations, Such as Unpaid Tuition and Other School Fees**

The measure bans the “No Permit, No Exam” policy in public and private educational institutions that disallow students with unpaid tuition and other school fees to take their examinations.

The bill covers all public and private educational institutions including elementary and secondary schools, post-secondary technical-vocational institutes, higher educational institutions offering certificate, diploma or degree programs. Educational institutions shall be penalized when they commit the following acts: to disallow any student with outstanding financial or property obligations from taking examinations or any form of educational assessment; to require any student to secure a permit to take an examination or any form of education assessment from the school authorities prior to the administration of such examination or assessment; to compel any student or his or her parents or legal guardians to pay a portion of the outstanding financial or property obligations prior to administration of any examination or assessment; or to impose fines, penalties or interests on outstanding financial or property obligations.

The president of the educational institution who violates any of the prohibited acts shall be punished with a fine of twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) to fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) for each case.

Schools may, however, withhold the release of grades, diplomas, certificates, or clearances; deny student admission in the succeeding school year; and pursue the settlement of outstanding financial or property obligations through appropriate court action, until such time the obligations have been settled.

**S. No. 1410 - An Act Declaring the First Day of February of Every Year as the National Day for Awareness on the Hijab and Other Traditional Garments and Attire**

The proposed bill declares February 1 of every year as “National Day for Awareness on the Hijab and Other Traditional Garments and Attire.” It aims to promote diversity, awareness, and tolerance of religious and cultural beliefs expressed through the wearing of indigenous clothing, head garments, and coverings, like the *hijab*, *sinulog*, and *tapis*.

It is the declared policy of the State that the voluntary exercise of religious profession and worship, free from coercion or discrimination, shall be respected. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion.

The proposed measure specifically states that it does not require the wearing or non-wearing of a particular attire, garment, or clothing.

**APPROVED ON THIRD READING/PENDING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**S. No. 1290 - An Act Institutionalizing Active Transport by Establishing a Safe Pathways Network of Bicycle Lanes, Walkways and Slow Streets, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed “Walkable and Bikeable Communities Act” seeks to provide a safe pathways network of bicycle lanes, walkways, and slow streets which will eventually result in reduced carbon emission and help ease road congestion.

The Safe Pathways Network shall consist of the following:

1. Bicycle lanes which connect users to essential destinations such as medical facilities, schools, and other similar places, which may be temporary or permanent;
2. Walkways which are designated or constructed for the use of pedestrians, including the use of strollers and other children’s mobility equipment, which may be shared with non-motorized vehicles and electric

personal mobility devices, subject to guidelines set by the LGUs; and

3. Slow streets which provide safe and convenient access and use of specific local roads, subject to speed measures to be determined by the concerned LGU.

Local Government Units (LGUs) shall coordinate with public and private institutions within their jurisdiction to ensure that bicycle lanes, walkways, and other infrastructure can be built that will make it convenient for the transport users to actually use the end-of-trip facilities such as bike tracks. Commercial establishments like malls and banks are also encouraged to establish bicycle or multi-use racks and end-of-trip facilities.

The LGUs, in consultation with the Department of Transportation (DOTr), shall issue guidelines for the safe use of bicycle lanes and the use of non-motorized vehicles and electric personal mobility devices. They shall also incorporate the creation of the Safe Pathways Network and Infrastructure in their local development plans.

**S. No. 1604 - An Act Establishing an Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed measure seeks to establish a learning intervention program referred to as the “Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL)” Program which provides for well-systematized tutorial sessions and learning resources to learners under the basic education institutions of the Department of Education (DepEd). Learners who are covered under ARAL Program are those who were not able to enroll during the school year 2020 to 2021 and those who have below minimum proficiency levels in Language, Mathematics, and Science.

The tutors under the ARAL Program are teachers and para-teachers who shall receive remuneration for their services. Teachers will not be tutors of their own learners. Likewise, senior high school and tertiary level students

may volunteer as tutors and earn credits for their Literacy Training Service under the National Service Training Program. Pre-service teachers who volunteer as tutors will earn credits for relevant teaching experience when applying for plantilla positions in the DepEd.

Individuals or corporations whether public or private, local or foreign, that will make any donation, contribution, or grant, in cash or in kind, to the ARAL Program shall be exempt from the donor’s tax, and the cost of which shall be considered as an allowable deduction from the donor’s gross income.

A Joint Congressional Oversight Committee shall be created to oversee, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of the measure, and which shall be composed of five (5) members each from the Senate and House of Representatives.

**S. No. 1864 - An Act Providing for a Moratorium on the Payment of Student Loans During Disasters and Other Emergencies**

The measure provides for a moratorium on the payment of all fees, charges, and costs relating to the student loans incurred for higher education and technical-vocational education and training programs during disasters and other emergency situations.

The moratorium shall be available to students from areas declared to be under a state of calamity and shall be effective during the duration of the disaster and 30 days after its lifting. No penalties or interests shall be collected on the deferred payment of the student loans.

Students from state colleges and universities, local universities and colleges, technical-vocational institutions (TVIs), and private higher education institutions (HEIs) may avail of the moratorium on student loans administered by HEIs, TVIs, Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFast), Commission on Higher Education (CHED) or any other government agency. However, nothing prevents public or private HEIs and TVIs from implementing more favorable forms of payment, relief, or assistance to their students.

**S. No. 1964 - An Act Institutionalizing the Grant of a Teaching Allowance for Public School Teachers and Appropriating Funds Therefor**

The proposed bill seeks to institutionalize the grant of teaching allowance for all public school teachers engaged in teaching basic education curriculum, consistent with the policy guidelines and learning delivery modalities implemented by the Department of Education (DepEd).

The teaching allowance to be given to every teacher shall be seven thousand five hundred pesos (P7,500.00) for School Year 2023-2024, and ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for School Year 2024-2025 and the succeeding years. The additional benefit given to public school teachers is exempt from income tax, provided the total amount of benefits received does not exceed the threshold amount under the National Internal Revenue Code of the Philippines, as amended.

With the additional allowance, the teachers will have funds to spend on teaching supplies and materials that they need in the conduct of various learning delivery modalities.

**S. No. 2021 - An Act to Institutionalize the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Project for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by Amending Republic Act No. 6977 Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Small Enterprises, as Amended by Republic Act No. 9501 Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises**

The proposed amendatory bill to Republic Act No. 6977, as amended, seeks to institutionalize the Shared Service Facilities (SSFs) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in order to improve the productivity and competitiveness of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through the use of modern technology and more sophisticated equipment.

Shared service facilities refer to machinery, equipment, tools, systems, accessories and other auxiliary items, skills, and knowledge that are being provided by the DTI to MSMEs to enhance their capacities to improve their production and operations.

Under the proposed measure, the DTI together with other government agencies, Local Government Units (LGUs), private institutions and stakeholders shall establish SSF-Fabrication Laboratories (SSF-Fab Labs) in at least one strategic location in every province to assist MSMEs in the manufacturing of products. These SSF-Fab Labs will be equipped with flexible computer-controlled tools that can increase productivity and efficiency. They will be attached to state universities and colleges (SUCs), local universities or colleges (LUCs), private schools, colleges and universities, and government academic training institutions of the province for proper monitoring and maintenance.

The DTI and the other concerned agencies will be required to submit an annual progress report to Congress on the effectiveness of the SSF, budget utilization of the project, jobs and income generated, industry engagement, technology transfer, and overall growth of the businesses which availed of the SSFs.

The budget for the implementation of the measure shall be charged against the current budget of the DTI. Thereafter, funds for the continuous implementation of this proposed measure shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

**S. No. 2035 - An Act Establishing the National Employment Master Plan, to be Known as the “Trabaho Para sa Bayan Plan,” Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed “Trabaho Para Sa Bayan Act” establishes the National Employment Master Plan to generate employment opportunities, stimulate economic growth, and provide support to workers and businesses.

**PENDING ON SECOND READING**

**S. No. 1121 - An Act Creating a Philippine Transportation Safety Board, Prescribing its Powers and Functions, and Appropriating Funds Thereof**

The master plan focuses on the creation of job opportunities, giving support and financial assistance to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), improving the skills and productivity of workers through training and enhancement programs, incentivizing employers and stakeholders, and reintegration of the overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). Employment and labor market programs shall be implemented through the national, regional, and Local Government Units (LGUs) as well as the Bangsamoro Government and its component LGUs.

The master plan shall include a three-year, six-year, and ten-year development timeline. An inter-agency council shall be formed to be known as the “Trabaho Para sa Bayan Inter-Agency Council” (TPB-IAC) to formulate the TPB Plan and monitor the implementation and accomplishments, as well as the gaps in the execution of the plan. The TPB-IAC shall be composed of: (1) Director-General of National Economic and Development Authority as chairperson; (2) Secretaries of the Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Labor and Employment, as co-chairpersons; (3) Director-General of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority; (4) Secretary of Department of Budget and Management; (5) Secretary of Department of Finance; (6) one representative each from the employers’ organizations, labor organizations, marginalized or vulnerable sector, and informal sector.

The TPB-IAC will have to submit reports every January and July of each year to the Office of the President, the Senate of the Philippines, and the House of Representatives on the following: (1) timeline and status of implementation and accomplishments of each action component in the TPB Plan; (2) evaluation of policies, plans, programs and projects of relevant government agencies; and (3) recommendations for possible policy interventions to improve and address identified labor market challenges in the TPB Plan.

The amount needed for the initial implementation of this proposed measure shall be charged to the current year’s appropriations of the departments or agencies concerned. Thereafter, the budget for its implementation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

The proposed measure provides for the establishment of the “Philippine Transportation Safety Board” (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) which shall be an independent and non-regulatory body to investigate transportation-related accidents on land, sea, and air, including railway and pipeline systems.

The Board shall be composed of a Chairperson and six (6) members, all of whom will be appointed by the President. The Chairperson and the Members of the Board shall have the rank of a Department Secretary and Undersecretary, respectively. The Board shall have an Executive Director to be appointed by the Chairperson and who shall have the rank of Assistant Secretary.

The Board shall conduct investigations on the following:

1. Aircraft accidents and serious incidents, except those involving State aircrafts;
2. Motor vehicle crashes, including railroad grade crossing incidents;
3. Railroad incidents and accidents, including those involving passenger trains, which resulted to death, injury, or substantial damage to property;
4. Pipeline incident in which there is fatality or substantial property damage;
5. Major maritime transportation and aerial accidents or incidents occurring within Philippine maritime jurisdiction, except those involving domestic and foreign military vessels and ships, occurring within the national territory of the Philippines; and
6. Other serious incidents which are catastrophic and recurring in character.

Moreover, the proposed measure provides for the creation of Transportation Safety Fund from the Board’s

savings to be deposited in a special trust fund administered by the Board. The fund shall be used exclusively for the Board's operational expenses in investigating major accidents and training and related conferences to further enhance the expertise of the officers and employees of the Board.

The sum of P50 million is appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the initial organization and operations of the Board. Thereafter, such sums, as may be necessary for the operations of the Board, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**S. No. 1360 - An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10931, Otherwise Known as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act**

The amendatory measure seeks to expand the coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) by including all state universities and colleges (SUCs), local universities and colleges (LUCs), private higher education institutions (HEIs) and technical-vocational institutions (TVIs) for all Filipino students enrolled in the undergraduate, post-secondary tertiary education or technical-vocational training programs of their choice.

The establishment of TES in all state universities and colleges, local universities and colleges, private higher education institutions and technical vocational institutions for all Filipino students enrolled in the undergraduate, post-secondary tertiary education or technical-vocational training programs is the core of the measure.

Eligibility for the TES and the amount for the subsidy to be awarded are determined by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The TES is administered by UniFAST Board and the funds for the TES will come from the budget of the CHED and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). The financial aid can help

cover tuition and school fees, books and school supplies, and board and lodging costs.

TES beneficiaries shall continue to receive the subsidy until the completion of their undergraduate, post-secondary tertiary education, or technical-vocational programs, provided that the beneficiaries shall comply with the retention and residency requirements for the schools.

**S. No. 1470 - An Act Strengthening the Mechanism for Land Use Development and Infrastructure Planning and Budgeting for State Universities and Colleges, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 11396, Otherwise Known as the "SUCs Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) Act"**

The proposed bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11396 or the SUCs Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) Act by requiring the state universities and colleges (SUCs) to submit a land management plan to include priority infrastructure projects.

The SUC land use development and infrastructure plan (LUDIP) will have to be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) within two (2) years after approval of the measure and reviewed every five (5) years by the school Governing Boards.

The implementation of land use and infrastructure projects of the SUCs shall be monitored by an inter-agency committee to be composed of the Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Secretaries of Budget and Management, Public Works and Highways, and Socio-Economic Planning Departments, or their authorized representatives.

Funding for the implementation of the land use and infrastructure projects in the LUDIP shall be included in the annual general appropriations of the SUCs.

**S. No. 1806 - An Act Providing for the Bill of Rights and Obligations of Taxpayers, Creating the**

**Office of the National Taxpayer Advocate,  
Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for  
Other Purposes**

The proposed “The Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights and Obligations Act” aims to provide increased protection to taxpayers by ensuring that they are treated fairly and informed of their rights and obligations.

Taxpayers shall have fundamental rights as follows:

1. Right to information which includes clear, complete, accurate, and simplified explanation of tax laws;
2. Right to fair and faithful application of laws;
3. Right to challenge the position of and be heard by revenue authorities;
4. Right to present evidence and witnesses;
5. Right to be assisted or represented by a qualified professional;
6. Right to timely and expeditious completion and finality of tax audits;
7. Right against baseless assessment;
8. Right to be given an opportunity for amicable settlement;
9. Right to avail of installment payment;
10. Right to relief from paying interests and penalties;
11. Right to recover actual costs and actual damages arising from judicial actions;
12. Right to quality service and assistance; and
13. Right to privacy.

Any person or revenue officer who violates any of the rights of taxpayers shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than six (6) years, or a fine of not less than P100,000 but not more than P1,500,000, or both.

Likewise, complementary to the enumerated rights, taxpayers have the following obligations:

1. To comply with the tax laws, rules, and regulations;
2. To truthfully and timely disclose complete and correct information;
3. To lodge and submit complete documents on time;
4. To observe reasonable and diligent care in tax compliance;
5. To keep and make tax records available for examination;
6. To cooperate with revenue authorities in tax audit; and
7. To pay taxes on time.

The bill proposes the creation of the Office of the National Taxpayer Advocate (ONTA) which is an independent and autonomous office attached to the Department of Justice (DOJ) tasked to protect taxpayers and promote tax compliance. The office is to be headed by a Chief Taxpayer Advocate who shall be appointed by the President. The ONTA chief shall recommend the appointment of the Deputy Taxpayer Advocates for the National Capital Region, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao to the President. Both the chief and deputies will have a term of seven (7) years with one (1) re-appointment.

The Congressional Oversight Committee on the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program (COCCTRP) will exercise oversight powers on the implementation of the proposed measure.

The amount necessary for the implementation of this proposal, including the funding for the establishment of the ONTA, its yearly operations, and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**S. No. 1846 - An Act Protecting Consumers and Merchants Engaged in Internet Transactions, Creating for this Purpose the Electronic Commerce Bureau, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed “Internet Transactions Act” regulates the commercial activities conducted through the internet to protect the merchants and consumers from fraudulent, unethical, and illegal practices.

The bill focuses on business-to-business and business-to-consumer internet transactions, online travel, online media, and online delivery to promote fair competition and security of business. To maintain a robust e-commerce environment, digital transactions must be reliable, secure, and accessible to the consumers.

Violations of the provisions of the Act committed by the e-marketplaces, e-retailers, online merchants, and digital platforms may be penalized with a fine of one million pesos (P1M).

The E-Commerce Bureau shall be created under the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) which abolishes the E-Commerce Division under the Competitiveness Bureau of the DTI. Among others, the E-Commerce Bureau shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Implement, monitor, and ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the measure and the E-Commerce Act of 2000;
2. Require digital platforms, online merchants, or anyone else who engages in internet transactions to register their business and provide the required information;
3. Formulate plans, policies, and programs to ensure the robust and dynamic development of e-commerce;
4. Identify regulatory gaps affecting the e-commerce sector and recommend appropriate measures; and

5. Act as a virtual central unit to receive and address consumer complaints on internet transactions.

The E-Commerce Bureau shall be headed by a Director and supported by three (3) Assistant Directors. They will be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the DTI Secretary.

It will be within the DTI Secretary’s supervisory and regulatory function to take down a website, webpage, online application, social media account, and any other platform that is violative of the measure, the Consumer Act of the Philippines, and other related laws.

An Internet Transactions Act Congressional Oversight Committee will be formed and will exist for five (5) years. The Senate and House of Representatives will each have five members to the Committee.

Consumer-to-consumer transactions, as well as financial products and services, digital payments, and payment systems covered under Republic Act No. 11765 (Financial Products and Services Consumer Protection Act), Republic Act No. 11127 (National Payment Systems Act), and Republic Act No. 7653 (The New Central Bank Act), as amended, are excluded from the coverage of the proposed measure.

**S. No. 1869 - An Act Creating the Philippine Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Defining its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed measure creates the Philippine Center for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) under the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health (DOH) to serve as the authority on forecasting, analysis, strategy, and standards development for the prevention and control of all diseases of public health importance and health security events, whether domestic or international in origin. The CDC shall coordinate with centers for disease control of other countries and act as the National Focal Point of the Philippines for International Health Regulations concerns.



The CDC as provided in the measure shall be headed by a Director General, who shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the DOH Secretary. Deputy Director Generals will be appointed by the President upon the recommendation by the DOH Secretary to head the two component centers of the CDC: Center for Health Statistics and Center for Epidemiology and Surveillance.

Further, the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) will be renamed as the Philippine Research Institute of Medicine (PRIM), and will be directly under the CDC and will continue to perform its current functions.

The proposed bill authorizes the Secretary of Health, with the recommendation of the CDC, to allow other health and allied medical professionals who are duly trained by the DOH or its authorized representatives, to administer, dispense, and provide commodities considered as vital for public health emergencies with special authorization or regular certificate of registration from the Food and Drug Administration.

A key feature of the bill is the Vaccine Self-Reliance National Action Plan, which shall serve as a roadmap for all stakeholders at all levels to guide the development of policies, strategies, and initiatives, such as incentivizing investment and maintenance of vaccine manufacturing infrastructure, both public and private.

The national government, through the Department of Finance (DOF), shall provide incentives, such as tax exemptions, tax breaks, or remittance, and other financing mechanisms, as applicable, to promote and enable the establishment of local vaccine manufacturing in the Philippines.

Donations, grants, gifts, endowments, and contributions used actually, directly, and exclusively for the purpose of the CDC shall be exempt from donor's tax. The cost of these donations or contributions shall be considered as an allowable deduction from the gross income of the donor in accordance with the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended.

The amount necessary for the initial implementation of the proposed provisions of the measure shall be charged against the current year appropriation of the offices and agencies concerned. Thereafter, the funding requirements for the ensuing years shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**S. No. 1979 - An Act Providing for a National Policy in Preventing Adolescent Pregnancies, Institutionalizing Social Protection for Adolescent Parents, and Providing Funds Therefor**

The proposed "Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy Act" establishes the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Council (Council), an inter-agency and inter-sectoral council for the proper implementation of the provisions of the bill.

The Council, in collaboration with other government agencies, nongovernment organizations, civil society groups, and young people's organizations, shall be mandated to prepare an evidence-based National Program on the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy (NPPAP), through consultations with children, adolescents, and youth-oriented groups.

An Integrated Information and Service Delivery Network for Adolescent Health and Development (IISDN for AHD) shall also be organized in every city and municipality. The IISDN for AHD shall consist of different government and non-government organizations, institutions, and facilities to provide information and services to adolescents within their locality. It shall provide health services that are sensitive to the particular needs and rights of all adolescents.

The Department of Education (DepEd) shall develop educational standards, modules, and materials to promote comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in schools, communities, and other youth institutions. The CSE shall be a compulsory part of education, integrated at all levels in all public and private basic educational institutions. It will also cover out-of-school adolescents, indigenous adolescents in emergency situations, children with special concerns, and parents or guardians with adolescent children.

A comprehensive social protection service shall be provided by the respective Local Government Units (LGUs) to adolescents who are currently pregnant or have given birth, and to their partners, in order to prevent repeat pregnancies and to ensure their well-being while assuming the responsibilities of being young parents. Social protection mechanisms are also provided in cases of sexual violence, humanitarian and conflict crises, pandemics, or national emergency situations.

All concerned government agencies, including the LGUs, shall include in their annual budget the necessary funds for the activities within their mandates that are contributory to the implementation of this measure. Agencies and LGUs may also utilize their Gender and Development (GAD) budget in implementing their programs and activities to carry out the provisions of the proposed measure.

**S. No. 1980 - An Act Ensuring Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Protocols and Programming to Address the Gender-Differentiated Needs of Women During Emergencies Including Public Health Concerns, Pandemics, and Natural and Man-Made Disasters**

The proposed measure seeks to ensure gender-responsive and inclusive protocols and programs to address the gender-differentiated needs of women during public health concerns, emergencies, and disasters.

To prevent and respond to gender issues that women encounter during an emergency, specific protective measures shall be undertaken, among others:

1. Create the National Preparedness and Response Plan to inform, direct, and coordinate the implementation of the programs and to ensure accessibility, availability, and quality of services;
2. Prioritize women and girls in emergency response, especially those who are at most risk;
3. Strengthen gender-based violence (GBV) preparedness and response systems by ensuring that GBV services remain accessible and unimpeded;

4. Guarantee the availability of sexual and reproductive health goods and services, and ensuring the continuity and availability of mental health services;
5. Ensure the education system's adaptability in the event of a public health emergency or disaster to ensure the continuation of education, focusing on the vulnerabilities of girl learners;
6. Have a gendered approach to vaccination, taking into account differences in immunological responses, care burden or work of women, and security of women against gender-based violence;
7. Empower women through access to sustainable livelihood and/or employment;
8. Ensure safety and security of all displaced women migrants or at-risk individuals and groups due to an emergency, including mechanisms for immediate delivery of food, access to necessary drugs and medical care, and shelter for women and children;
9. Ensure that women in rural and indigenous communities have adequate and unimpeded access to health, legal, and socio-economic services; and
10. Ensure that migrant workers are given adequate resources and access to legal, medical, and social services in the receiving State, during transit and upon return, especially during repatriation.

The funds appropriated from the Calamity Fund for disaster risk reduction management and calamities amounting to P100 million, as well as from portions of the Gender and Development (GAD) budget or special health funds of agencies or Local Government Units (LGUs), may be used for the purposes of this bill including the implementation of the National Preparedness and Response Plan. Should the amount be insufficient to cover the necessary expenses, further financial support will come from the national government, subject to the guidelines of the Department of Finance (DOF) in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

**S. No. 2001 – An Act Providing for a New Passport Law, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8239, Otherwise Known as the Philippine Passport Act of 1996**

The proposed “New Philippine Passport Act” seeks to repeal Republic Act No. 8239 or the Philippine Passport Act of 1996.

Under the proposed bill, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Secretary or the authorized consular officer may issue the following types of passports:

- a) Diplomatic Passports - issued to citizens with diplomatic status or who are on diplomatic mission;
- b) Official Passports - issued to all government officials and employees who are on official trip abroad but who are not on diplomatic mission or have not been accorded diplomatic status;
- c) Regular passports - issued to Filipino citizens who are not eligible or entitled to diplomatic or official passports, including government officials or employees going abroad for pleasure or other personal reasons;
- d) Emergency Travel Document - issued by Foreign Service Posts to Filipino citizens who have been previously issued regular passports, but for one reason or another, cannot apply or cannot be issued a regular passport;
- e) Conventional Travel Document - issued for a Stateless person who is likewise a permanent resident or a refugee granted such status or asylum in the Philippines.

In the interest of national security, public safety and public health, and in accordance with the proposed measure, the DFA Secretary or the authorized consular officer may deny issuance of a passport or cancel an existing passport.

The DFA shall arrange accommodations to expedite the application and renewal of passport for senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs), pregnant women, overseas

Filipino workers (OFWs), and individuals with emergency and exceptional cases through the creation of special lanes. Senior citizens and migrant workers may submit their applications without need to physically appear in the Office of Consular Affairs or any Consular Office.

The DFA shall also institute arrangements to expedite the application and renewal for regular passports from the months of March to June for Muslim Filipinos who are intending pilgrims to the annual Hajj pilgrimage in coordination with the National Commission for Muslim Filipinos (NCMF).

Moreover, the proposed bill also enjoins the DFA to create databases and to coordinate with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in implementing appropriate measures to ensure that the information gathered for the passport database is protected against unauthorized access, use, disclosure, tampering, and accidental or intentional loss, destruction, and damage.

A list of offenses and corresponding penalties are also comprehensively provided under the proposed measure.

The proposed New Passport Act provides that regular passports issued shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years except for individuals under eighteen (18) years of age.

**S. No. 2019 – An Act Instituting Policies for the Protection and Welfare of Caregivers in the Practice of Their Profession**

The proposed “Caregivers’ Welfare Act” seeks to institute policies to protect and promote the welfare of caregivers in the practice of their profession. It covers caregivers employed in private homes, nursing or care facilities, and other residential settings.

As part of their protection, the measure provides that an employment contract must be executed between the caregiver and the employer before the commencement of the service. The contract must contain the following:

1. Duties and responsibilities of the caregiver;
2. Period of employment;
3. Work arrangement;
4. Compensation;
5. Authorized deductions;
6. Hours of work and rest days;
7. Board and lodging;
8. Other benefits as may be stipulated;
9. Termination of employment; and
10. Any other lawful condition agreed upon by both parties.

The measure mandates the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to develop a model employment contract for caregivers, which shall be made available in its websites, free of charge to caregivers, employers, and the general public.

A caregiver shall be entitled to the following benefits:

1. Overtime pay for work done beyond eight (8) hours a day;
2. Thirteenth month pay if one has rendered at least one (1) month of service;
3. An annual service incentive leave of at least five (5) days with pay if the caregiver has rendered at least one (1) year of service; and
4. Basic necessities such as at least three (3) adequate meals a day, humane sleeping condition for caregivers in live-in work arrangement, appropriate rest, and medical assistance in case of illness and injuries sustained during service.

Likewise, a caregiver shall be covered by the Social Security System (SSS), the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), and the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund).

Both the caregiver and the employer may mutually agree, upon written notice, to pre-terminate the contract of employment. In the event that a caregiver is unjustly dismissed, the caregiver shall be paid the compensation already earned plus the equivalent of fifteen (15) days' work by way of indemnity.

The employment contract may be terminated by the caregiver at any time before the expiration of the contract based on the following grounds: verbal or emotional abuse by the employer or any member of the household, inhumane treatment including physical abuse, commission of a crime against the caregiver, and violation of the terms and conditions of the employment contract, among others.

The regional office, agency, or national office of DOLE shall have jurisdiction over all labor-related disputes without prejudice to the filing of civil or criminal action in appropriate cases before the courts. It shall exhaust all conciliation and mediation efforts before a decision shall be rendered.

The DOLE Secretary is mandated to protect the caregivers hired under private employment agencies (PEAs) through a system of licensing and regulation. The provisions of the Labor Code of the Philippines as regards the nationality, net worth, owners and officers, office space, non-transferability of license, and commission of prohibited practices of PEAs shall apply.

**S. No. 2028 - An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Centenarians Act of 2016, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10868, and Providing Funds Therefor**

The measure provides that all Filipino senior citizens, whether residing in the Philippines or abroad, shall be honored with a cash gift in the total amount of P100,000 to be distributed in three (3) equal tranches upon reaching the ages of 80, 90, and 100.

Those who reach the age of 100 shall also receive a letter of felicitation from the President of the Philippines, congratulating the elderly for his or her longevity.

The measure further provides that the cash gift shall be subject to annual inflation adjustment by the National Economic and Development Authority. The adjustment shall be based on the average annual inflation in the preceding three (3) years.

To effectively implement the provisions of the proposed measure, an Elderly Data Management System shall be established by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), in coordination and consultation with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), the Local Government Units (LGUs), and the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC).

The amount necessary for the implementation of the proposed measure shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**S. No. 2034 - An Act Mandating the Institutionalization, Development, Training, Organization and Administration of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program in Higher Educational Institutions and Technical Vocational Institutions, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes**

The proposed measure requires the mandatory Basic Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program in higher education institutions (HEIs) and technical-vocational institutions (TVIs) for all students enrolled in not less than two (2)-year undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate programs.

In lieu of the mandatory Basic ROTC, a training-immersion program in the AFP training base may be designed, formulated, and adopted by the Department of National Defense (DND), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to complete the requirement of the measure.

Any student who fails to undergo the mandatory Basic ROTC shall not be qualified to graduate while the education institution that fails to institute and implement the same shall be subject to disciplinary and administrative sanctions. However, specialized programs for the following shall be instituted:

1. Those who are classified and officially registered as persons with disabilities;

2. Those whose religious beliefs prohibit the use of firearms in rendering service to the country; and
3. Those who have been convicted by final judgment of crimes involving moral turpitude.

The bill also re-institutionalizes the voluntary Advance ROTC Program.

All students who completed the Basic ROTC Program shall be enlisted as members of the Reserve Force with ranks and assignments pursuant to the applicable law.

To safeguard the students, the bill prohibits hazing, corruption, and other forms of abuses. Moreover, the ROTC Grievance Board and National Grievance and Monitoring Committee shall be established, which will ensure that no abuse, violence, or corruption in any educational institution implementing the program will be committed.

A Joint Congressional Oversight Committee shall be created to oversee, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of this measure. The Committee shall be composed of five (5) members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives.

**S. No. 2165 - An Act Institutionalizing the Automatic Income Classification of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed bill seeks to institutionalize the automatic income classification of the Local Government Units (LGUs). Provinces, cities, and municipalities shall be classified into six (6) classes—first to sixth—according to income ranges and based on the average annual regular income for three (3) fiscal years preceding a general income reclassification.

The first general income reclassification shall be made within six (6) months after the effectivity of the measure, and three (3) years thereafter. The schedule of income classification shall be automatically updated by the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) every three (3) years.

In addition, the bill ensures that during the first reclassification, no LGU will be downgraded, provided that the concerned LGU will not continue to fall below its income range during the next reclassification. No LGU official and personnel in the concerned LGU shall suffer any diminution of salary and benefits.

LGU income classification is critical in determining not only its financial capability to undertake programs and projects, but also in fixing the maximum tax ceiling imposable by the LGUs, in determining financial grants, aids, and other forms of assistance to LGUs, and in establishing the salary and benefit entitlements of LGU officials and personnel, among others.

**S. No. 2200 – An Act Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being in Basic Education by Institutionalizing a School-Based Mental Health Program, Establishing Care Centers, Prescribing the Creation of New Plantilla Positions of Mental Health Specialists and Mental Health Associates in the Department of Education, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed “Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act” seeks to:

1. Institutionalize an effective and efficient School-Based Mental Health Program to promote mental health awareness and manage the mental health concerns of all learners in public and private basic education schools, including out-of-school children in special cases;
2. Establish and maintain a Care Center in every public and private basic education institution. It shall be equipped with functional physical facilities, and accessible to the learners and the teaching and non-teaching personnel; and
3. Hire and capacitate competent personnel whose duties and responsibilities shall be geared towards

promoting and ensuring the mental health and well-being of all learners. New plantilla positions of Mental Health Specialists and Mental Health Associates will be created in the Department of Education (DepEd).

Moreover, all existing plantilla positions of Guidance Counselors and Psychologists in the DepEd shall be converted to Mental Health Specialists plantilla positions, and their corresponding salary grades shall be adjusted following the salary schedule prescribed in this bill.

The proposed bill provides that the Mental Health Program shall promote mental health awareness; manage the mental health concerns of all learners, including the prevention of suicide in schools; and define the role of every stakeholder in the school community to appropriately respond to such mental health concerns through prevention, intervention, postvention, and recovery.

A Joint Congressional Oversight Committee (JCOC), which shall be composed of five (5) members each from the Senate and the House of Representatives, is also created under the measure to oversee its implementation.

The amount needed for the initial implementation of this proposal shall be charged against those authorized in the current appropriations of the DepEd. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued implementation of this proposed measure shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**S. No. 2221 – An Act Providing for the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers**

The proposed “Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers” aims to protect the rights and overall welfare of local and overseas Filipino seafarers, promote their full employment, and ensure equal opportunities in the maritime industry regardless of sex or creed. It likewise affords the seafarers equal access to education, training, and development consistent with existing domestic and international laws, standards, and conventions.

As proposed, the measure shall cover the following with certain exceptions:

1. All Filipino seafarers who are engaged, employed, or working in any capacity, onboard Philippine or foreign-registered ocean-going vessels, except those in the following categories of ships:
  - a. Warships, naval auxiliaries, and Coast Guard vessels;
  - b. Government ships not engaged in commercial operations;
  - c. Ships of traditional built, as may be defined under existing rules and regulations; and
  - d. Fishing vessels, as may be defined by appropriate rules and regulations to be issued by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), in consultation with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and other relevant stakeholders.
2. All Filipino seafarers onboard Philippine registered domestic ships engaged in trade and commerce between Philippine ports and within Philippine territorial or internal waters shall be covered primarily by equivalent provisions of the Labor Code of the Philippines, as amended and related social and welfare benefits laws.

The following rights of seafarers are likewise specified in the measure:

1. Right to just terms and conditions of work;
2. Right to self-organization and to collective bargaining;
3. Right to educational advancement and training at reasonable and affordable costs;
4. Right to information;
5. Right to information of a seafarer's family or next-of-kin;

6. Right to safe passage and safe travel;
7. Right to consultation;
8. Right against discrimination;
9. Right to be protected against all forms of harassment and bullying;
10. Right to free legal representation;
11. Right to immediate medical attention;
12. Right to access to communication;
13. Right to record of employment or Certificate of Employment; and
14. Right to fair treatment in the event of a maritime accident.

In addition thereto, women seafarers shall not be discriminated against and shall be protected from gender-based discriminatory practices. In light of this, shipowners, manning agencies, and maritime training institutions shall formulate policies on gender and development and promote women's rights to adequate training and opportunities, and freedom from discrimination, harassment, and bullying.

The proposed measure also provides for the terms and conditions of employment such as the standard employment contract, hours of work and rest, paid annual leave, wages, allotment and remittance of wages, limitations on wage deductions, personal effects, social welfare benefits, sick leave and sickness benefits during public health emergencies, and payment of wages to abandoned seafarer.

The measure likewise includes provisions on medical care onboard ships and ashore; protection of seafarers from epidemics, pandemics, or other public health emergencies; financial security system to assist seafarers in case of occupational injury and other causes; and compulsory insurance for agency-hired workers.

An important feature of the proposed measure is the establishment of Seafarer Welfare Centers by the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). These centers shall be established in major crew-change ports, where a One-Stop-Shop for Seafarers shall be set up. Also, at least one public attorney shall be posted in the center to render free legal assistance and counseling to seafarers and their families.

**S. No. 2224 – An Act Introducing Administrative Tax Reforms, Amending Sections 21, 22, 34, 51, 56, 57, 58, 76, 77, 81, 90, 91, 103, 106, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 128, 200, 204, 236, 237, 241, 242, 243, 245, 248, and 269 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed “Ease of Paying Taxes Act” intends to modernize the tax administration system, present a classification of taxpayers, and simplify the mode for the filing and payment of taxes.

The proposal streamlines the current processes and lifts the barriers that prevent taxpayers from complying with tax laws with ease. Thus, the measure proposes to introduce the following administrative reforms to simplify compliance and strengthen taxpayers’ rights:

- 1) Provide taxpayers the option of filing their returns, and paying the taxes either personally or through electronic means;
- 2) Allow payment of internal revenue taxes to any authorized agent bank (AAB), and not only limited to AABs in the revenue district office where the taxpayer is registered;
- 3) Remove the option to pay internal revenue taxes to city or municipal treasurer with jurisdiction over the taxpayer;
- 4) Eliminate the distinction between documentation and basis of sales of goods and services, thereby requiring sales invoice for both;

- 5) Allow the adjustment of the Value-Added Tax (VAT) exemption threshold based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Philippine Statistics Authority every three (3) years; and
- 6) Ensure the availability of registration facilities to taxpayers not residing in the country.

Under the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) of 1997, as amended, every official, agent, or employee of the Bureau of Internal Revenue or any other agency of the Government charged with the enforcement of the provisions of the NIRC, who is guilty of any of the offenses provided, upon conviction for each act or omission, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00), but not more than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00), and suffer imprisonment of not less than ten (10) years but not more than fifteen (15) years, and shall likewise suffer an additional penalty of perpetual disqualification to hold public office, to vote, and to participate in any public election. Deliberate failure to act on the application for refunds within the prescribed period provided under Section 112 of the current Code and Section 204 of this amendatory bill on the Authority of the Commissioner to Compromise, Abate and Refund or Credit Taxes shall also be punishable.

**S. No. 2233 – An Act Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed “Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Act” aims to achieve better quality PPP Projects at lower costs. In this light, the State shall ensure equitable risk allocation in PPP Projects, and that all PPP Projects yield sufficient value for money, value for people, and value for planet.

Public-Private Partnership is defined under the measure as a contractual arrangement between the implementing agency and the project proponent for the financing, designing, construction, operation, and maintenance, or any combination thereof, of infrastructure or development projects which are typically provided by the



public sector, where each party shares in the associated risks.

The PPP Projects may also be financed partly from direct government appropriations and/or from official development assistance (ODA) of foreign governments or institutions. PPP Projects may be undertaken through contractual arrangements, including joint ventures, authorized under the succeeding implementing rules and regulations of this proposal, and such other variations thereof as may be approved by the appropriate approving body.

The measure shall apply to all PPP Projects undertaken by implementing agencies through PPP contracts with a project proponent, including joint ventures, as defined under this proposal. This shall also cover lease agreements, when such is a component of a PPP Project or possesses characteristics or elements of a PPP as provided in Section 5 of this proposed measure. This shall also apply to all contractual agreements with a private proponent involving the construction, operation, and maintenance, or a combination thereof, of toll facilities. This shall likewise apply to and be enforceable among all parties to said PPP contracts.

The proposed measure shall not be applicable to infrastructure projects undertaken through the design and build scheme under Republic Act No. 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act. It shall also not cover management contracts, service contracts, divestments or dispositions, corporatization, incorporation of subsidiaries with private sector equity, onerous donations, gratuitous donations, and other contractual arrangements that do not demonstrate the necessary characteristics or elements of a PPP as provided in this proposal. In such cases, the implementing agencies shall implement the aforementioned arrangements in accordance with the provisions of other applicable laws.

The PPP Projects are clustered as National PPP Projects or Local PPP Projects. The approval of authorized government agencies of the projects is based on the costs of the same. Thus, the NEDA Board – Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) shall review the amounts

for the National PPP Projects every three years after the enactment of this proposed measure, and may, as necessary, update the aforementioned amounts based on the cumulative growth of the nominal gross domestic product from the previous year of adjustment, as calculated from the official estimates of the Philippine Statistics Authority. National joint ventures with contribution of the implementing agency exceeding 50% of its entire assets shall also be approved by the NEDA Board-ICC.

Local PPP Projects, on the other hand, regardless of project cost, shall be approved by the local sanggunians in the case of LGUs, or by the boards in the case of LUCs. Prior to approval, Local PPP Projects implemented by Local Government Units (LGUs) shall be confirmed by the respective local development council.

A Project Development and Monitoring Facility (PDMF) referred to under EO No. 8, series of 2010, as amended by EO No. 136, series of 2013, is hereby institutionalized. The PDMF shall be used for the procurement of advisory and support services related to the preparation, structuring, evaluation, procurement, probity management, financial close, and monitoring of implementation of PPP Projects. The PDMF may be funded through the General Appropriations Act (GAA), official development assistance, or other sources, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Subject to the provisions of the GAA and relevant accounting and auditing rules and regulations, implementing agencies are hereby authorized to reallocate their funds for purposes of the PDMF.

Lastly, to oversee the implementation of the proposed measure, a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee shall be created.

**S. No. 2243 – An Act Strengthening and Revitalizing the Salt Industry in the Philippines, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes**

The proposed measure aims to create a Philippine Salt Industry Development Roadmap (Salt Roadmap) that includes

the programs, plans, and interventions needed to revitalize the salt industry and improve the production and salt development technology in the country.

The Philippine Salt Industry Development Council shall be created and formulate a five-year Salt Roadmap. The Salt Roadmap shall focus on salt production, market access for Philippine salt products industry, salt farming, research and development activities for salt production and processing, technical and financial assistance in the development of processing equipment for the salt industry, and continuous training and capacity building for the salt industry.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) shall lead the implementation of the Salt Roadmap. The BFAR in coordination with the Local Government Units (LGUs) shall identify and allocate public lands for salt production to qualified salt producers, and to establish model farms, salt farmers cooperatives and associations. Salt producers are required to register with the BFAR to monitor compliance with food safety standards and regulations.

As for the National Iodization Program, the bill provides that salt iodization for food grade salt shall be rendered optional, notwithstanding the provisions of Republic Act No. 8172 or the ASIN Law.

On the matter of tariff on imported salt, the bill proposes that there shall be levied, collected, and paid a duty of nine percent (9%) *ad valorem*, subject to existing free trade agreements.

Related to tariff, the Salt Industry Development and Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (SIDCEF) shall be created from the salt tariff collections account with the National Treasury. The SIDCEF shall be earmarked as follows: (1) 25% (of the available fund) for the establishment of salt farm warehouses/storage areas to be implemented by BFAR; (2) 25% for the provision of salt production materials, machinery, and equipment to be implemented by BFAR; (3) 15% for the conduct of capability

building/training to be implemented by the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and BFAR Provincial Offices; (4) 10% for the provision of easy-access, low-interest loans to be serviced by the Land Bank of the Philippines; (5) 5% for the establishment and strengthening of salt producers cooperative to be implemented by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA); (6) 10% for the development of modern salt production and processing technology to be implemented by the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI); and (7) 10% for the construction of roads or *Daan Asinan* to be implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPHW).

The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this measure shall be taken from the appropriations of the BFAR. Thereafter, such amount as may be needed for its continued implementation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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1. R.A. No. 11934 An Act Requiring the Registration of Subscriber Identity Module (S. No. 1310/H. No. 14) [October 10, 2022]
2. R.A. No. 11935 An Act Postponing the December 22 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, as Amended, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes (S. No. 1306/H. No. 4673) [October 10, 2022]
3. R.A. No. 11936 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 Twenty-Three (H. No. 4488) [December 16, 2022]
4. R.A. No. 11937 An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Justin Donta Brownlee (H. No. 6224) [January 12, 2023]

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| 5. | R.A. No. 11938 | An Act Converting the Municipality of Carmona in the Province of Cavite into a Component City to be Known as the City of Carmona (H. No. 3968) [February 23, 2023]  |     | 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 Known as the Baclay National High School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6660) [June 15, 2023] |  |
| 6. | R.A. No. 11939 | An Act Further Strengthening Professionalism and Promoting the Continuity of Policies and Modernization Initiatives in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 11709 (S. No. 1849/H. No. 6517) [May 17, 2023]  |     |   |  |
| 7. | R.A. No. 11940 | An Act Extending the Term of Office of the President of the Adiong Memorial State College from Three (3) Years to Four (4) Years in Accordance with Republic Act No. 8292, Otherwise Known as the Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997, Further Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7935, as Amended by Republic Act No. 8651 (H. No. 4635) [June 15, 2023] | 9.  | R.A. No. 11942  | An Act Separating the Sapa Anding National High School - Ramon Magsaysay Extension in Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay, Province of Zamboanga Del Sur from the Sapa Anding Agricultural Vocational Technical School, Converting it into an Independent National High School to be Known as the Ramon Magsaysay National High School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6661) [June 15, 2023] |
| 8. | R.A. No. 11941 | An Act Separating the Tukuran Technical-Vocational High School - Baclay Extension in Barangay Baclay,   | 10. | R.A. No. 11943  | An Act Separating the Mariano Peralta National High School - Datu Danwata Extension in Barangay Datu Danwata, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental from the Mariano Peralta National High School, Converting it into an Independent National High School to be   |

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| 12. R.A. No. 11945 | An Act Establishing a National High School in Barangay Bolila, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental to be Known as the Bolila National High School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6697) [June 15, 2023]   | 15. R.A. No. 11948 | An Act Converting the Tribal Filipino School of Tambelang, Known as the TFS of Tambelang Elementary School, in Barangay Datu Danwata, Municipality of Malita, Province of Davao Occidental into an Integrated School to be Known as the TFS of Tambelang Integrated School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6664) [June 15, 2023] |
| 13. R.A. No. 11946 | An Act Separating the Bacoor National High School - Tabing Dagat Annex in Barangay Tabing Dagat, Bacoor City, Province of Cavite from the Bacoor National High School, Converting it into an Independent National High School to be Known as the Mariano Gomes National High School, and Appropriating Funds | 16. R.A. No. 11949 | An Act Converting the Kidaman Elementary School in Barangay Kalbay, Municipality of Jose Abad Santos, Province of Davao Occidental into an Integrated School to be Known as the Kidaman Integrated School, and   |

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17. R.A. No. 11950

An Act Converting the Hibao-An Elementary School in Barangay Hibao-An Sur, Mandurriao District, Iloilo City Into an Integrated School to be Known as the Hibao-An Integrated School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6695) [June 15, 2023]

1. S. No. 1480

An Act Rationalizing the Disability Pension of Veterans, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 6948, Entitled, “An Act Standardizing and Upgrading the Benefits for Military Veterans and their Beneficiaries,” as Amended

18. R.A. No. 11951

An Act Converting the Nabitanan Elementary School in Barangay Nabitanan, La Paz District, Iloilo City into an Integrated School to be Known as the Nabitanan Integrated School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6696) [June 15, 2023]

2. S. No. 1594

An Act Institutionalizing the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Philippines Program, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes

3. S. No. 1615

An Act Recognizing the Municipality of Baler in the Province of Aurora as the “Birthplace of Philippine Surfing”

19. R.A. No. 11952

An Act Separating the Addang Elementary School - Ambatutong Extension in Barangay Bunot, Municipality of Paracelis, Province of Mountain Province from the Addang Elementary School, Converting it into an Independent Elementary School to be Known as the Ambatutong Elementary School, and Appropriating Funds Therefor (H. No. 6699) [June 15, 2023]

4. S. No. 1841

An Act Strengthening the Conservation and Protection of Our National Cultural Heritage, Through an Enhanced Cultural Policy and Cultural Mapping Program, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10066, or the “National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009”

5. S. No. 1850

An Act Condoning All Principal and Interests of Loans Arising from the Award of Agricultural Lands Under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program as

of December 31, 2022 and for Other Purposes

6. S. No. 2020 An Act Establishing the Maharlika Investment Fund, Providing for the Management, Investment, and Use of the Proceeds of the Fund, and for other Purposes

7. S. No. 2212 An Act Establishing Specialty Centers in Hospitals Under the Direct Supervision and Control of the Department of Health and Appropriating Funds Therefor

8. S. No. 2219 An Act Further Amending Republic Act No. 11213, Otherwise Known as the "Tax Amnesty Act", as Amended by Republic Act No. 11569, by Extending the Period of Availment of the Estate Tax Amnesty Until June 14, 2025, and for Other Purposes

9. H. No. 7185 An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Kyle Douglas Jennermann

**PENDING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (2)**

1. S. No. 1359 An Act Prohibiting the Imposition of a "No Permit, No Exam" Policy, or any Policy that Prevents Students Enrolled in Public or Private Educational

Institutions from Taking Examinations or any Form of Educational Assessment for Reasons of Outstanding Financial or Property Obligations, such as Unpaid Tuition and Other School Fees

2. S. No. 1410 An Act Declaring the First Day of February of Every Year as the National Day for Awareness on the Hijab and other Traditional Garments and Attire

**APPROVED ON THIRD READING/PENDING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (6)**

1. S. No. 1290 An Act Institutionalizing Active Transport by Establishing a Safe Pathways Network of Bicycle Lanes, Walkways and Slow Streets, and for Other Purposes

2. S. No. 1604 An Act Establishing an Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) Program, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes

3. S. No. 1864 An Act Providing for a Moratorium on the Payment of Student Loans During Disasters and Other Emergencies

4. S. No. 1964 An Act Institutionalizing the Grant of a Teaching



Allowance for Public School Teachers and Appropriating Funds Therefor

5. S. No. 2021

An Act to Institutionalize the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Project for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by Amending Republic Act No. 6977, Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Small Enterprises, as Amended by Republic Act No. 9501, Otherwise Known as the Magna Carta for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

6. S. No. 2035

An Act Establishing the National Employment Master Plan, to be Known as the “Trabaho Para sa Bayan Plan,” Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes

**PENDING SECOND READING (35)**

1. S. No. 1121

An Act Creating a Philippine Transportation Safety Board, Prescribing its Powers and Functions, and Appropriating Funds Thereof

2. S. No. 1360

An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Tertiary Education Subsidy, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10931, Otherwise Known as the

3. S. No. 1470

“Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”

An Act Strengthening the Mechanism for Land Use Development and Infrastructure Planning and Budgeting for State Universities and Colleges, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 11396, Otherwise Known as the “SUCs Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) Act”

4. S. No. 1806

An Act Providing for the Bill of Rights and Obligations of Taxpayers, Creating the Office of the National Taxpayer Advocate, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes

5. S. No. 1846

An Act Protecting Consumers and Merchants Engaged in Internet Transactions, Creating for this Purpose the Electronic Commerce Bureau, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes

6. S. No. 1869

An Act Creating the Philippine Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Defining its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes

7.	S. No. 1979	An Act Providing for a National Policy in Preventing Adolescent Pregnancies, Institutionalizing Social Protection for Adolescent Parents, and Providing Funds Therefor		Administration of Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program in Higher Educational Institutions and Technical Vocational Institutions, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes
8.	S. No. 1980	An Act Ensuring Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Protocols and Programming to Address the Gender-Differentiated Needs of Women During Emergencies Including Public Health Concerns, Pandemics, and Natural and Man-Made Disasters	13.	S. No. 2165  An Act Institutionalizing the Automatic Income Classification of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities, and for Other Purposes
			14.	S. No. 2200  An Act Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being in Basic Education by Institutionalizing a School-Based Mental Health Program, Establishing Care Centers, Prescribing the Creation of New Plantilla Positions of Mental Health Specialists and Mental Health Associates in the Department of Education, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes
9.	S. No. 2001	An Act Providing for a New Passport Law, Repealing for the Purpose Republic Act No. 8239, Otherwise Known as the "Philippine Passport Act of 1996"		
10.	S. No. 2019	An Act Instituting Policies for the Protection and Welfare of Caregivers in the Practice of Their Profession		
11.	S. No. 2028	An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Centenarians Act of 2016, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10868, and Providing Funds Therefor	15.	S. No. 2221  An Act Providing for the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers
12.	S. No. 2034	An Act Mandating the Institutionalization, Development, Training, Organization and	16.	S. No. 2224  An Act Introducing Administrative Tax Reforms, Amending Sections 21, 22, 34, 51, 56, 57, 58, 76, 77, 81, 90, 91, 103, 106, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 128, 200, 204, 236,

	237, 241, 242, 243, 245, 248, and 269 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as Amended, and for Other Purposes		Technology of the Philippines, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10919
17. S. No. 2233	An Act Strengthening Public-Private Partnerships, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes	22. H. No. 3961	An Act Declaring April 4 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal, in Commemoration of its Cityhood Anniversary
18. S. No. 2243	An Act Strengthening and Revitalizing the Salt Industry in the Philippines, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes	23. H. No. 3963	An Act Declaring November 23 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the Province of Benguet to be Known as "Benguet Day" in Commemoration of its Foundation Day
19. H. No. 606	An Act Renaming the Bohol Island Circumferential Road, Which Commences in Barangay Poblacion III Towards the North of the City of Tagbilaran, and Returns to Barangay Poblacion III from the Eastern Side of the City of Tagbilaran in the Province of Bohol, as the President Carlos P. Garcia Circumferential Road	24. H. No. 3964	An Act Declaring July 28 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in Cabadbaran City, Province of Agusan Del Norte, to be known as "Cabadbaran Day", in Commemoration of its Foundation Day
20. H. No. 925	An Act Declaring July 2 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in Pasig City to be Known as the "Araw ng Pasig"	25. H. No. 3965	An Act Declaring July 15 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the Cordillera Administrative Region to be Known as "Cordillera Day", in Commemoration of its Foundation Day
21. H. No. 1456	An Act Changing the Name of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines into the University of Science and	26. H. No. 3971	An Act Declaring March 2 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the Province of La Union to be Known as "La Union Day", in

- Commemoration of its Founding Anniversary
27. H. No. 3974 An Act Declaring August 11 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the Province of Samar to be Known as “Samar Day”, in Commemoration of its Foundation Day
28. H. No. 3978 An Act Declaring April 16 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the City of Marikina, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10788, Entitled “An Act Declaring April 16 of Every Year a Special Holiday and No Class Day in Schools in the City of Marikina in Commemoration of its Founding Anniversary to be Known as Marikina City Day”
29. H. No. 6688 An Act Renaming the Urdaneta City Bypass Road, Traversing Barangays Nancayasan, Santo Domingo, Santa Lucia, Camantiles, and Anonas in the City of Urdaneta, Province of Pangasinan, to Ambassador Eduardo “Danding” M. Cojuangco Jr. Avenue
30. H. No. 6694 An Act Renaming the Tambacan Bridge Traversing the Iligan River Located in Barangay Tambacan, City of Iligan in

- the Northern Mindanao Region, as the Mariano Lluç Badelles Sr. Bridge
31. H. No. 7126 An Act Naming the National Highway, Stretching from Barangay San Juan Bautista, Traversing Through Barangays Tagongtong, Abucayan, Hiwacloy, Digidigon, Balaynan and Payatan in the Municipality of Goa, Barangays Lupi, Tierra Nevada, Binalay, Camagong, Salvacion, San Roque, San Ramon, Sagrada, La Medalla, Magsaysay and San Vicente in the Municipality of Tinambac, Up to Barangay Nalayahan in the Municipality of Siruma, All in the Province of Camarines Sur, as Speaker Arnulfo “Noli” Fuentebella Highway
32. H. No. 7413 An Act Renaming the Agham Road and the BIR Road, Stretching from North Avenue, Traversing Through Quezon Avenue, up to East Avenue, All Located in Quezon City, as Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Avenue
33. Ctte. Rpt. No. 19 In Re Directing the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon), to Conduct an

Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Alleged Overpriced and Outdated Laptops Procured by the Department of Education (DepEd) Through the Department of Budget and Management-Procurement Service (DBM-PS) (PSRs 120 and 134)

34. Ctte. Rpt. No. 25

In Re Directing the Appropriate Senate Committee to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, Into the Soaring Market Prices of Local Onions (PSR 350)

35. Ctte. Rpt. No. 39

In Re Directing the Appropriate Committee/s of the Senate to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Recent Technical Glitch in the Country's Air Traffic Management System with a View to Improving the Philippines' Overall Air Traffic Services, Utilizing it as an Engine of Further Economic Growth, and Aligning the Relevant Agencies' Plans with the Goals of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 to Spur the Economy, Revitalize the Tourism Sector, and Create More Opportunities For Job Generation (PSRs 390, 391, 392, 400, 401, 402, 403, 418, and 421)

## ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

### A. Resolution Concurring in the Ratification of Treaties and/or International Agreements/Conventions (1)

1. Res. No. 42 Resolution Concurring in the Ratification of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (PSR 485) [February 21, 2023]

### B. Simple Resolutions (71)

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 the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR 1) [July 25, 2022]
2. Res. No. 2 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 the First Regular Session of the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR 2) [July 25, 2022]
3. Res. No. 3 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the

		Senate of the Philippines on the Death of Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (PSRs 10, 28, and 60) [July 27, 2022]			Flyweight Title at the International Convention Centre in East London, South Africa (PSR 84) [August 8, 2022]
4.	Res. No. 4	Resolution Commemorating the 108 <sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of the Iglesia Ni Cristo, Commending the Leadership of Ka Eduardo V. Manalo, and Recognizing its Contribution to the Filipino Nation and the World (PSRs 66 and 68) [July 27, 2022]	8.	Res. No. 8	Resolution Amending Rule IV, Section 6 and Rule X, Sections 13, 18 and 20 of the Rules of the Senate (PSR 139) [August 15, 2022]
5.	Res. No. 5	Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of Honorable Fidel Valdez Ramos, 12 <sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines (PSRs 72, 73, 74, 75, 76 and 90) [August 1, 2022]	9.	Res. No. 9	Resolution Reconstituting the Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation and Renaming it to Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation and Victims Compensation (PSR 95) [August 15, 2022]
6.	Res. No. 6	Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Recipients of the Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) of the Philippines 2021 Awards for their Significant Contributions to Philippine Society (PSRs 77 and 91) [August 8, 2022]	10.	Res. No. 10	Resolution Expressing the Deepest Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of a Sports Legend and “Asia’s Fastest Woman” Lydia De Vega (PSRs 127, 129, 130, 131, 132, 135, 137, 138, and 140) [August 15, 2022]
7.	Res. No. 7	Resolution Commending and Congratulating Davemark “Dobermann” Apolinario for Winning the International Boxing Organization (IBO) World	11.	Res. No. 11	Resolution Expressing Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of Evangeline Rose Gil Eigenmann, Veteran Actress Popularly Known as Cherie Gil (PSR 109) [August 16, 2022]
			12.	Res. No. 12	Resolution Congratulating and Commending the

- Philippine National Police Taekwondo Team for Winning the Overall Title in the Taekwondo Event of the 2022 World Police and Fire Games Held Last July 22-31, 2022 in Rotterdam, Netherlands (PSR 113) [August 16, 2022]
13. Res. No. 13 Resolution Commending and Congratulating 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee Dr. Bernadette J. Madrid (PSRs 173, 174, 181, and 186) [September 6, 2022]
14. Res. No. 14 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (PSR 198) [September 12, 2022]
15. Res. No. 15 Resolution Commending and Congratulating Alexandra “Alex” Eala for Winning the 2022 Girls’ Junior Grand Slam Singles Crown of the US Open Tennis Tournament (PSRs 199, 201, and 202) [September 12, 2022]
16. Res. No. 16 Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Bagsik Team of the Muaythai Association of the Philippines for Bagging Eight Gold, Six Silver, and

- One Bronze Medals at the International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA) Youth World Championships Held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on August 29, 2022 (PSRs 165 and 200) [September 12, 2022]
17. Res. No. 17 Resolution Honoring and Commending the Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos of 2022 (PSRs 106, 108, 151, 154, 188, 208, and 210) [September 13, 2022]
18. Res. No. 18 Resolution Congratulating and Commending Filipino Olympian Ernest John “EJ” Obiena for Garnering His Largest and Most Successful Medal Haul During Pole Vaulting Competitions in 2022 (PSRs 212, 63, 71, 87, 97, 164, 170, 177, 179, 220, 222, and 223) [September 19, 2022]
19. Res. No. 19 Resolution Honoring the Exemplary Heroism of the Five (5) Members of the Bulacan Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) Who Sacrificed their Lives to Save the Victims of Super Typhoon Karding on 25 September 2022 (PSRs 233, 234, 235, 238, 239, 240, and 241) [September 27, 2022]

20. Res. No. 20 Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating Jesus Is Lord Church on its 44<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on 29 October 2022 (PSR 230) [September 27, 2022]
21. Res. No. 21 Resolution Authorizing All Regular Standing Committees, Oversight Committees and Special Committees of the Senate to Conduct Hearings, Meetings and Consultations During Every Recess of the Senate to Have Continuity in the Process of Passing Pending Proposed Legislation and to Conduct Investigations on Issues of National Interests to Aid in Crafting Relevant Legislation (PSR 243) [September 28, 2022]
22. Res. No. 22 Resolution Honoring and Commending the Eight New National Artists by Virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1390 (PSRs 16, 22, and 152) [September 28, 2022]
23. Res. No. 23 Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Philippine National Weightlifting Team on its Outstanding Performance in the 2022 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships Held in Tashkent City, Uzbekistan (PSRs 119 and 146) [September 28, 2022]

24. Res. No. 24 Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Philippine Delegation to Skate Asia 2022 for Their Outstanding Performance (PSR 161) [September 28, 2022]
25. Res. No. 25 Resolution Creating a Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds, Programs and Activities (PSR 302) [November 21, 2022]
26. Res. No. 26 Resolution Commending the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Under the Leadership of Its President, His Excellency Vuong Dinh Hue, for Strengthening Philippines-Vietnam Inter-Parliamentary Relations (PSR 303) [November 23, 2022]
27. Res. No. 27 Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Powerlifting Association of the Philippines for their Outstanding Performance in the 2022 Southeast Asian Cup (PSR 246) [November 28, 2022]
28. Res. No. 28 Resolution Congratulating and Commending Chess Prodigy Bince Rafael Operiano for Winning the Sixth Eastern Asia Youth Chess Championship in



29. Res. No. 29      Bangkok, Thailand (PSRs 285 and 293) [November 29, 2022]
30. Res. No. 30      Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating Aleia Aielle Aguilar for Her Outstanding Performance at the Abu Dhabi World Jiu-Jitsu Championships (PSRs 286, 294, and 318) [November 29, 2022]
31. Res. No. 31      Resolution Recognizing and Congratulating Rafael “Paeng” Nepomuceno for His Outstanding Performance at the 16<sup>th</sup> Asian Senior Championships (PSRs 287, 290, and 295) [November 29, 2022]
32. Res. No. 32      Resolution Congratulating the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery on Its Sesquicentennial Anniversary and Commending Its Invaluable Contribution to the Development of Medical and Healthcare Educational Institutions in the Country (PSR 336) [December 5, 2022]
33. Res. No. 33      Resolution Recognizing and Commending May Richell A. Cestina-Parsons for Receiving the Prestigious George Cross Award from the United Kingdom Government (PSRs 320 and 347) [December 7, 2022]

33. Res. No. 33      Resolution Congratulating and Commending Filipina Beauty Queen and Actress Kylie Verzosa for Winning Best Actress at the 2022 Distinctive International Arab Festivals Awards Held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (PSRs 272 and 314) [December 7, 2022]
34. Res. No. 34      Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Entire Philippine Delegation on Their Outstanding Performance in the 2022 Eastern Asia Youth Chess Championships in Bangkok, Thailand (PSRs 304, 306, and 308) [December 7, 2022]
35. Res. No. 35      Resolution Congratulating and Commending Filipina Figure Skater Sofia Lexi Jacqueline Frank for Her Stellar Victory in the 2022 Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy Held in Jakarta, Indonesia (PSRs 360 and 362) [December 12, 2022]
36. Res. No. 36      Resolution Congratulating and Commending All Filipino Delegates and Awardees on their Outstanding Performance in the 2022 International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), Handgun World Shoot XIX, Held in Pattaya, Thailand (PSR 363) [December 12, 2022]

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| 37. Res. No. 37 | Resolution Expressing the Sense of the Senate to Denounce in the Strongest Possible Terms the Illegal and Brazen Incursions and Encroachments in the West Philippine Sea that Undermine our Sovereignty and Threaten the Integrity of our National Territory (UNR 2) [December 14, 2022] | 248, 269, 273, 276, 281, and 292) [February 6, 2023]   |
| 38. Res. No. 38 | Resolution Congratulating and Commending Filipino Jiu-Jitsu Athletes Kimberly Anne Custodio, Meggie Ochoa and the Rest of the Philippine Team for their Successful Run at the 2022 JJIF Jiu-Jitsu World Championship (PSRs 277, 268, 270, and 282) [December 14, 2022]                   | 41. Res. No. 41<br>Resolution Condemning the Blatant Practice of Selling and Marketing Vape Products in Various Flavors and Packaging Designed to Entice the Youth, in Violation of the “Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act” (RA 11900), and Urging the Concerned Agencies of the Government, Particularly the Department of Trade and Industry, to Strictly Implement the Law (URN 3) [February 6, 2023] |
| 39. Res. No. 39 | Resolution Honoring and Commending The Outstanding Women in the Nation’s Service (TOWNS) 2022 Awardees (PSRs 250, 252, 283, 312, and 424) [January 23, 2023]   | 42. Res. No. 43<br>Resolution Congratulating and Commending Filipino Actor Romeo “John” Gonzales Arcilla for Winning the Coveted Volpi Cup for Best Actor in the 78 <sup>th</sup> Annual Venice International Film Festival (PSR 490) [February 22, 2023]  |
| 40. Res. No. 40 | Resolution Congratulating and Commending Carlos Edriel Poquiz Yulo as One of the Best Gymnasts the Philippines Has Produced Thereby Honoring the Country With Accolades in His Quest for Excellence in Gymnastics (PSRs 458, 23,   | 43. Res. No. 44<br>Resolution Urging the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to Postpone the Planned Phase Out of All Traditional Jeepneys by 30 June 2023, Pending the Resolution of Valid and Urgent Concerns Raised by Affected Operators and Drivers Regarding the  |

- Financial Viability of the Program (PSR 507) [February 28, 2023]
44. Res. No. 45 Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Winners of the 2022 *Galing Pook* Awards (PSRs 316, 323, 335, 337, and 511) [March 1, 2023]
45. Res. No. 46 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Demise of National Scientist Dr. Angel C. Alcala (PSR 469) [March 1, 2023]
46. Res. No. 47 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of Negros Oriental Governor Roel Ragay Degamo (PSRs 520 and 521) [March 6, 2023]
47. Res. No. 48 Resolution Condemning the Spate of Killings of and Attacks Against Government Officials and Private Persons, and Urging the Philippine National Police and Other Law Enforcement Agencies to Undertake the Necessary Steps in Ensuring the Safety of All (PSR 517) [March 6, 2023]
48. Res. No. 49 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and

- Sincere Condolences of the Philippine Senate to the Casualties of the Devastating Earthquakes in the Republic of Türkiye (PSRs 480, 483, 487, and 498) [March 7, 2023]
49. Res. No. 50 Resolution Congratulating and Commending Julie Uychiat for Being the First Filipina to Finish the World Marathon Challenge, Winning Four of the Seven Marathons in its 2023 Edition (PSRs 471, 516, and 522) [March 7, 2023]
50. Res. No. 51 Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of former Minister of Trade and Industry, Roberto “Bobby” Velayo Ongpin (PSRs 468 and 523) [March 8, 2023]
51. Res. No. 52 Resolution Congratulating and Commending Eumir Felix Marcial for his Fourth Straight Professional Boxing Victory After Conquering a Middleweight Match in San Antonio, Texas, USA (PSRs 494 and 256) [March 13, 2023]
52. Res. No. 53 Resolution Commending the Philippine Government Contingent for their Valor and Service in the Rescue

		and Recovery Operations Conducted Following the Magnitude 7.8 Earthquake in Türkiye and Syria (PSR 535) [March 15, 2023]			Challenge (EIC) 2022 (PSRs 325, 331, and 377) [March 22, 2023]
53.	Res. No. 54	Resolution Congratulating the 19 Filipino Students Who Were Awarded Gold Medals at the World International Mathematical Olympiad (PSRs 429 and 430) [March 20, 2023]	57.	Res. No. 58	Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Ateneo Debate Society and the Ateneo De Manila University for their Historic Feat of Winning the 2023 World Universities Debating Championship (PSRs 404, 405, 406, 412, 416, 417, and 438) [March 22, 2023]
54.	Res. No. 55	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Larry Apolinario for his Exceptional Performance as Champion of the First Philippine Trail Running Association (PHILTRA) National Championships (PSR 547) [March 21, 2023]	58.	Res. No. 59	Resolution Commemorating the 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the State of Israel on May 14, 2023 (PSR 552) [May 10, 2023]
55.	Res. No. 56	Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Awardees of the 20 <sup>th</sup> Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) Awards for their Invaluable Contributions to Nation-Building (PSR 548) [March 21, 2023]	59.	Res. No. 60	Resolution Commending and Congratulating Marlon Tapales for Winning the World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) World Super Bantamweight Titles (PSR 587) [May 10, 2023]
56.	Res. No. 57	Resolution Congratulating and Commending Batangas State University for Their Exemplary Performance and for Winning the Championship in the University Category in the Engineering Innovation	60.	Res. No. 61	Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Philippine Women's National Football Team for Winning the Women's Championship of the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) Held Last July 17, 2022 at Rizal Memorial Stadium, Manila (PSRs 50, 51, 54, 57, 62, 89, and 117) [May 15, 2023]

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| 61. Res. No. 62 | Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Philippine Women's National Football Team, Also Known as the "Filipinas" for Qualifying in the 2023 Women's FIFA World Cup Following Their Historic Quarterfinal Win Against Chinese-Taipei in the AFC Women's Asian Cup in Pune, India (PSR 88) [May 15, 2023]   |                 | Philippine National Arnis Team and Their Coaching Staff for Winning 6 Gold Medals, 2 Silver Medals, and 4 Bronze Medals at the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Southeast Asian Games Held at Hall A, Chroy Changvar Convention Centre, Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 14 to 16 May 2023 (PSRs 633 and 634) [May 31, 2023]  |
| 62. Res. No. 63 | Resolution Expressing the Profound Sympathy and Sincere Condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the Death of Hon. Carlos M. Padilla, the Governor of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, on 5 May 2023 (PSRs 610, 615, and 646) [May 31, 2023]  | 65. Res. No. 66 | Resolution Commending and Congratulating the Philippine National Soft Tennis Team for Their Outstanding Performance During the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Southeast Asian (SEA) Games Held in Cambodia (PSR 632) [May 31, 2023]  |
| 63. Res. No. 64 | Resolution Congratulating and Commending the Members of the Philippine Team Who Have Won in Their Respective Sports Categories, Thus Bringing the Country's Medal Haul to a Total of Two Hundred Sixty (260) Medals, During the 32 <sup>nd</sup> Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) Held on May 5 to 17, 2023 at Phnom Penh, Cambodia (PSRs 619, 621, 622, 623, 625, 640, and 649) [May 31, 2023] | 66. Res. No. 67 | Resolution Commending and Congratulating the Samahang Kickboxing ng Pilipinas (SKP) for Winning Three (3) Gold, Four (4) Silver, and Eight (8) Bronze Medals in the Kickboxing Event; One (1) Silver, and Five (5) Bronze Medals in the Kun Khmer Event; and Two (2) Silver, and Four (4) Bronze Medals in the Vovinam Event at the 2023 Southeast Asian Games Held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia (PSR 617) [May 31, 2023] |
| 64. Res. No. 65 | Resolution Congratulating and Commending the   | 67. Res. No. 68 | Resolution Commending and Congratulating the Philippine National Men's   |

Basketball Team Gilas Pilipinas for Winning the Gold Medal in the 2023 Southeast Asian Games Men's Basketball Championship (PSRs 618 and 639) [May 31, 2023]

the House of Representatives to Hold a Joint Session to Hear the Message of the President of the Republic of the Philippines (HCR 1) [July 25, 2022]

68. Res. No. 69 Resolution Expressing the Deepest Sympathy and Condolences of the Senate on the Passing of Negros Oriental Governor Carlo "Guido" Reyes (PSR 650) [May 31, 2023]

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 Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines, is Ready to Hear His State of the Nation Address in a Joint Session of Both Houses (SCR 1) [July 25, 2022]

69. Res. No. 70 Resolution Creating a Special Committee on the Rehabilitation of the Manila Central Post Office (PSR 638) [May 31, 2023]

70. Res. No. 71 Resolution Declaring as Read and Approved the Journal of the 77<sup>th</sup> Session of the Senate (PSR 647) [May 31, 2023]

3. Ct. Res. No. 3 Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Legislative Calendar for the First Regular Session of the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines (SCR 4/HCR 5) [August 3, 2022]

71. Res. No. 72 Resolution Authorizing the Production and Distribution of Twenty (20) Printed and One Hundred (100) Digital Copies of the Journal and the Record of the Senate for the First Regular Session of the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines (PSR 648) [May 31, 2023]

4. Ct. Res. No. 4 Concurrent Resolution Supporting the 2022-2028 Medium-Term Fiscal Framework of the National Government (SCR 3/HCR 2) [September 12, 2022]

### C. Concurrent Resolutions (10)

1. Ct. Res. No. 1 Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Senate and

5. Ct. Res. No. 5 Concurrent Resolution Establishing the Philippine Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament Forum, as Provided Under Article VI,

- Section 3 of Republic Act No. 11054, Otherwise Known as the “Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao” (SCRs 2 and 5) [December 6, 2022]
6. Ct. Res. No. 6 Concurrent Resolution Establishing and Maintaining an Integrated and Secure Digital Legislative Management System for the Congress of the Philippines to be Known as the e-Congress (SCR 7) [February 28, 2023]
7. Ct. Res. No. 7 Concurrent Resolution Granting Consent to Mr. Delfin N. Lorenzana, Bases Conversion Development Authority Chairman and Former Secretary of the Department of National Defense, and Mr. Gamaliel Asis Cordoba, Chairman of the Commission on Audit, and Former Commissioner of the National Telecommunications Commission, to Receive the Awards to be Conferred on them by the Government of Japan for their Contributions to Philippine-Japan Relations (HCR 9 and SCR 8) [March 15, 2023]
8. Ct. Res. No. \_\_\_ Concurrent Resolution Granting Consent to Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda to Accept the

- “Commendatore” to the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic Conferred Upon Her by the Italian Republic (SCR 6) [March 21, 2023]
9. Ct. Res. No. \_\_\_ Concurrent Resolution Granting Consent to Senate President Pro Tempore Loren Legarda to Accept the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Biodiversity Heroes Award Conferred Upon Her by the ASEAN (SCR 9 and PSR 442) [March 21, 2023]
10. Ct. Res. No. \_\_\_ Concurrent Resolution Providing for the Adjournment of the First Regular Session of the Nineteenth Congress of the Philippines Not Later Than Twelve O’clock, Midnight, Today, May 31, 2023 (SCR 11) [May 31, 2023]

CUMULATIVE  
STATISTICAL DATA



**Statistical Report on Bills and Resolutions  
Filed and Acted Upon  
19th Congress**

July 25, 2022 to June 2, 2023

(As of June 15, 2023)

<b>SENATE BILLS</b>		
<b>SENATE BILLS FILED:</b>		2,264
1 <sup>st</sup> Regular Session		2,264
<b>SENATE BILLS ENACTED INTO LAW</b>		<b>3</b>
Republic Act No.	Senate Bill No.	
RA-11934	SBN-1310	Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Registration Act
RA-11935	SBN-1306	Postponing the December 2022 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections*
RA-11939	SBN-1849	Strengthening Professionalism in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Amending RA-11709)
<i>*Consolidated with Approved House Bill</i>		
<b>ENROLLED COPY SENT TO MALACANANG :</b>		<b>1</b>
SBN-1850	CONDONATION OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM DEBT	
<b>PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES :</b>		<b>7</b>
SBN-1480	RATIONALIZING THE DISABILITY PENSION OF VETERANS	
SBN-1594	OTOP PHILIPPINES ACT OF 2022	
SBN-1615	BALER IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF PHILIPPINE SURFING	
SBN-1841	AMENDING RA 10066 (NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009)	
SBN-2020	MAHARLIKA INVESTMENT FUND ACT OF 2023	
SBN-2212	REGIONAL SPECIALTY CENTERS ACT	
SBN-2219	EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF AVAILMENT OF ESTATE TAX AMNESTY	
<b>PENDING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE :</b>		<b>2</b>
SBN-1359	NO PERMIT, NO EXAM PROHIBITION ACT	
SBN-1410	NATIONAL DAY FOR AWARENESS ON THE HIJAB AND OTHER TRADITIONAL GARMENTS AND ATTIRE	
<b>PENDING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES :</b>		<b>6</b>
SBN-1290	WALKABLE AND BIKEABLE COMMUNITIES ACT	
SBN-1604	ARAL PROGRAM ACT	
SBN-1864	STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT MORATORIUM DURING DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES ACT	
SBN-1964	KABALIKAT SA PAGTUTURO ACT	
SBN-2021	INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SHARED SERVICE FACILITIES (SSF) PROJECT FOR MSMES	
SBN-2035	TRABAHO PARA SA BAYAN ACT	
<b>PENDING SECOND READING CALENDAR FOR SPECIAL ORDER:</b>		<b>18</b>
SBN-1121	PHILIPPINE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD ACT	
SBN-1360	UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION ACT	

SBN-1470	SUCS LAND USE DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LUDIP) ACT	
SBN-1806	THE TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS ACT	
SBN-1846	INTERNET TRANSACTIONS ACT OF 2022	
SBN-1869	PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL (CDC) ACT	
SBN-1979	PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY ACT OF 2023	
SBN-1980	GENDER RESPONSIVE AND INCLUSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2023	
SBN-2001	NEW PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT	
SBN-2019	CAREGIVER'S WELFARE ACT	
SBN-2028	EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF THE CENTENARIANS ACT	
SBN-2034	RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) ACT	
SBN-2165	AUTOMATIC INCOME CLASSIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS ACT	
SBN-2200	BASIC EDUCATION MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PROMOTION ACT	
SBN-2221	MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS	
SBN-2224	EASE OF PAYING TAXES ACT	
SBN-2233	PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) ACT	
SBN-2243	PHILIPPINE SALT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT	
<b>PENDING SECOND READING CALENDAR FOR ORDINARY BUSINESS: 6</b>		
SBN-355	TAKLONG AND TANDOG GROUP OF ISLANDS NATURAL PARK ACT	
SBN-1536	EXPANDED LAS PINAS PARANAQUE WETLAND PARK OF 2022	
SBN-1600	SOGIESC EQUALITY ACT	
SBN-1691	SAN FRANCISCO PROTECTED LANDSCAPE ACT	
SBN-1725	ALIBIJABAN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND SEASCAPE ACT	
SBN-2252	PAOAY LAKE PROTECTED LANDSCAPE ACT	
<b>CONSOLIDATED/SUBSTITUTED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT : 185</b>		
<b>WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>RECOMMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>SENATE BILLS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC HEARING:</b>	<b>2,029</b>	
<b>SENATE RESOLUTIONS</b>		
<b>SENATE RESOLUTIONS FILED:</b>	<b>649</b>	
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<b>SENATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED :</b>	<b>72</b>	
<b>Simple Resolutions :</b>	<b>69</b>	
<b>Adopted Resolution No.</b>	<b>SRN</b>	<b>Short Title</b>
<b>RES. NO. 1</b>	SRN-1	INFORMING THE PRESIDENT THAT THE SENATE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED WITH THE ELECTION OF ITS OFFICERS
<b>RES. NO. 2</b>	SRN-2	INFORMING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT SENATE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED FOR ELECTION OF ITS OFFICERS
<b>RES. NO. 3</b>	SRN-10	SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER SHINZO ABE

<b>RES. NO. 4</b>	SRN-66	COMMEMORATING THE 108TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO
<b>RES. NO. 5</b>	SRN-72	SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF HONORABLE FIDEL VALDEZ RAMOS
<b>RES. NO. 6</b>	SRN-77	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN (TOYM) OF THE PHILIPPINES 2021 AWARDS
<b>RES. NO. 7</b>	SRN-84	COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING DAVEMARK 'DOBERMANN' APOLINARIO
<b>RES. NO. 8</b>	SRN-139	AMENDING RULE IV, SECTION 6 AND RULE X, SECTIONS 13 AND 18 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE
<b>RES. NO. 9</b>	SRN-95	SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARAWI CITY REHABILITATION
<b>RES. NO. 10</b>	SRN-127	EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF LYDIA DE VEGA
<b>RES. NO. 11</b>	SRN-109	CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF EVANGELINE ROSE GIL EIGENMANN (CHERIE GIL)
<b>RES. NO. 12</b>	SRN-113	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE TAEKWONDO TEAM
<b>RES. NO. 13</b>	SRN-173	COMMENDING DR. BERNADETTE J. MADRID (THE 2022 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARDEE)
<b>RES. NO. 14</b>	SRN-198	CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II
<b>RES. NO. 15</b>	SRN-199	CONGRATULATING ALEXANDRA "ALEX" EALA FOR WINNING THE 2022 GIRLS' JUNIOR GRAND SLAM SINGLES CROWN
<b>RES. NO. 16</b>	SRN-165	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE BAGSIK TEAM OF THE MUAYTHAI ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
<b>RES. NO. 17</b>	SRN-106	HONORING AND COMMENDING THE METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS OF 2022
<b>RES. NO. 18</b>	SRN-212	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO OLYMPIAN ERNEST JOHN "EJ" OBIENA
<b>RES. NO. 19</b>	SRN-233	EXEMPLARY HEROISM OF THE FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF PDRRMO
<b>RES. NO. 20</b>	SRN-230	RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING JESUS IS LORD CHURCH FOR CELEBRATING ITS 44th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

<b>RES. NO. 21</b>	SRN-243	AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT HEARINGS, MEETINGS AND CONSULTATION DURING RECESS OF THE SENATE
<b>RES. NO. 22</b>	SRN-16	HONORING AND COMMENDING THE EIGHT NEW NATIONAL ARTISTS
<b>RES. NO. 23</b>	SRN-119	COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE YOUNG FILIPINO WEIGHTLIFTERS
<b>RES. NO. 24</b>	SRN-161	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION IN SKATE ASIA 2022 (MALAYSIA)
<b>RES. NO. 25</b>	SRN-302	CREATION OF OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS
<b>RES. NO. 26</b>	SRN-303	COMMENDING VIETNAM UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS PRESIDENT, HIS EXCELLENCY VUONG DINH HUE
<b>RES. NO. 27</b>	SRN-246	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
<b>RES. NO. 28</b>	SRN-285	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CHESS PRODIGY BINCE RAFAEL OPERIANO
<b>RES. NO. 29</b>	SRN-286	RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING ALEIA AIELLE AGUILAR
<b>RES. NO. 30</b>	SRN-287	RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING RAFAEL "PAENG" NEPOMUCENO
<b>RES. NO. 31</b>	SRN-336	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
<b>RES. NO. 32</b>	SRN-320	RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING MAY RICHELL A. CESTINA-PARSONS
<b>RES. NO. 33</b>	SRN-272	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA BEAUTY QUEEN AND ACTRESS KYLIE VERZOSA
<b>RES. NO. 34</b>	SRN-304	COMMENDING THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION IN THE 2022 EASTERN ASIA YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS
<b>RES. NO. 35</b>	SRN-360	COMMENDING FILIPINA FIGURE SKATER SOFIA LEXI JACQUELINE FRANK (JAKARTA, INDONESIA)
<b>RES. NO. 36</b>	SRN-363	COMMENDING FILIPINO DELEGATES AND AWARDEES IN 2022 INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL SHOOTING
<b>RES. NO. 38</b>	SRN-277	CONGRATULATING JIU-JITSU ATHLETES KIMBERLY ANNE CUSTODIO, MEGGIE OCHOA AND REST OF PHILIPPINE TEAM
<b>RES. NO. 39</b>	SRN-250	HONORING AND COMMENDING THE OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN THE NATION'S SERVICE (TOWNS) 2022 AWARDEES
<b>RES. NO. 40</b>	SRN-458	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING CARLOS EDRIEL POQUIZ YULO

<b>RES. NO. 43</b>	SRN-490	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO ACTOR ROMEO "JOHN" GONZALES ARCILLA
<b>RES. NO. 44</b>	SRN-507	POSTPONEMENT OF THE PLANNED PHASE OUT OF ALL TRADITIONAL JEEPNEYS BY JUNE 30, 2023
<b>RES. NO. 45</b>	SRN-316	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE WINNERS OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GALING POOK AWARDS
<b>RES. NO. 46</b>	SRN-469	CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEMISE OF NATIONAL SCIENTIST DR. ANGEL C. ALCALA
<b>RES. NO. 47</b>	SRN-520	EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF GOVERNOR ROEL DEGAMO
<b>RES. NO. 48</b>	SRN-517	CONDEMNING KILLINGS OF, AND ATTACKS AGAINST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE PERSONS
<b>RES. NO. 49</b>	SRN-480	SYMPATHIES OF THE SENATE TO THE CASUALTIES OF THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA
<b>RES. NO. 50</b>	SRN-471	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JULIE UYCHIAT (FIRST FILIPINA TO FINISH THE WORLD MARATHON CHALLENGE)
<b>RES. NO. 51</b>	SRN-468	CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF ROBERTO "BOBBY" VELAYO ONGPIN
<b>RES. NO. 52</b>	SRN-494	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING EUMIR FELIX MARCIAL
<b>RES. NO. 53</b>	SRN-535	COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT (RESCUE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA)
<b>RES. NO. 54</b>	SRN-429	CONGRATULATING 19 FILIPINO STUDENTS GOLD MEDALIST AT THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD
<b>RES. NO. 55</b>	SRN-547	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING LARRY APOLINARIO
<b>RES. NO. 56</b>	SRN-548	CONGRATULATING THE AWARDEES OF THE 20TH TEN ACCOMPLISHED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS (TAYO) AWARD
<b>RES. NO. 57</b>	SRN-325	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE BATANGAS STATE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING STUDENTS TEAM
<b>RES. NO. 58</b>	SRN-404	CONGRATULATING THE ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY (WORLD UNIVERSITIES DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2023)
<b>RES. NO. 59</b>	SRN-552	RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

<b>RES. NO. 60</b>	SRN-587	COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MARLON TAPALES
<b>RES. NO. 61</b>	SRN-50	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM
<b>RES. NO. 62</b>	SRN-88	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE WOMEN'S NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM (FILIPINAS)
<b>RES. NO. 63</b>	SRN-610	CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF HON. CARLOS M. PADILLA (GOVERNOR, NUEVA VIZCAYA)
<b>RES. NO. 64</b>	SRN-619	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE TEAM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SPORTS
<b>RES. NO. 65</b>	SRN-633	CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ARNIS TEAM
<b>RES. NO. 66</b>	SRN-632	COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL SOFT TENNIS TEAM
<b>RES. NO. 67</b>	SRN-617	COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE SAMAHANG KICKBOXING NG PILIPINAS (SKP)
<b>RES. NO. 68</b>	SRN-618	COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM GILAS PILIPINAS
<b>RES. NO. 69</b>	SRN-650	CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE PASSING OF NEGROS ORIENTAL GOVERNOR CARLO 'GUIDO' REYES
<b>RES. NO. 70</b>	SRN-638	CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REHABILITATION OF THE MANILA CENTRAL POST OFFICE
<b>RES. NO. 71</b>	SRN-647	DECLARING AS READ AND APPROVED THE JOURNAL OF THE 77TH SESSION OF THE SENATE
<b>RES. NO. 72</b>	SRN-648	AUTHORIZING THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE JOURNAL AND THE RECORD OF THE SENATE
<b>Resolution on Treaty Concurrence 1</b>		
<b>Adopted Resolution No.</b>	<b>SRN</b>	<b>Short Title</b>
<b>RES. NO. 42</b>	SRN-485	REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
<b>Unnumbered Resolution: 2</b>		
<b>Adopted Resolution No.</b>	<b>UNR</b>	<b>Short Title</b>
<b>RES. NO. 37</b>	UNR-2	EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE SITUATION IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA
<b>RES. NO. 41</b>	UNR-3	SELLING AND MARKETING VAPE PRODUCTS IN VARIOUS FLAVORS AND PACKAGING
<b>CONSOLIDATED WITH ADOPTED RESOLUTION:</b>		<b>110</b>
<b>CONSOLIDATED WITH ADOPTED SCR:</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>COMMITTEE REPORT APPROVED : 11</b>		
<b>PENDING SECOND READING, SPECIAL ORDER:</b>		<b>1</b>
SRN-350	SOARING MARKET PRICES OF LOCAL ONIONS	

<b>PENDING SECOND READING, ORDINARY BUSINESS: 1</b>		
SRN-448	RE-EXAMINING THE EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND STANDARD EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF OFWS IN KUWAIT	
<b>CONSOLIDATED/SUBSTITUTED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT : 6</b>		
<b>WITHDRAWN BY AUTHOR/S :</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>SENATE RESOLUTIONS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC HEARING : 446</b>		
<b>SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS</b>		
<b>SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS FILED:</b>		<b>11</b>
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<b>SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED : 9</b>		
<b>Concurrent Resolution</b>	<b>SCR</b>	<b>Short Title</b>
<b>CT. RES. NO. 2</b>	SCR-1	JOINT COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS TO HEAR THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
<b>CT. RES. NO. 3</b>	SCR-4	LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR, 1ST REGULAR SESSION, 19th CONGRESS *
<b>CT. RES. NO. 4</b>	SCR-3	THE 2022-2028 MEDIUM-TERM FISCAL FRAMEWORK OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
<b>CT. RES. NO. 5</b>	SCR-5	PHILIPPINE CONGRESS-BANGSAMORO PARLIAMENT FORUM
<b>CT. RES. NO. 6</b>	SCR-7	INTEGRATED AND SECURE DIGITAL LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ECONGRESS)
<b>CT. RES. NO. 7</b>	SCR-8	GRANTING CONSENT TO MR. DELFIN N. LORENZANA AND MR. GAMALIEL ASIS CORDOBA *
<b>CT. RES. NO. __</b>	SCR-6	GRANTING CONSENT TO SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOREN LEGARDA TO ACCEPT THE 'COMMENDATORE' TO THE ORDER OF MERIT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
<b>CT. RES. NO. __</b>	SCR-9	GRANTING CONSENT TO SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LOREN LEGARDA TO ACCEPT THE ASEAN BIODIVERSITY HEROES AWARD
<b>CT. RES. NO. __</b>	SCR-11	ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION (19TH CONGRESS)
<b>* Consolidated with Adopted House Concurrent Resolution</b>		
<b>CONSOLIDATED WITH ADOPTED SCR:</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC HEARING : 1</b>		
<b>SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS</b>		
<b>SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FILED:</b>		<b>2</b>
1st Regular Session 2		
<b>SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEES FOR PUBLIC HEARING 2</b>		
<b>RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES (SENATE)</b>		
<b>SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FILED:</b>		<b>4</b>
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<b>SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS PENDING IN THE COMMITTEES FOR PUBLIC HEARING 4</b>		

<b>HOUSE BILLS</b>		
<b>HOUSE BILLS FILED : 427</b>		
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<b>HOUSE BILLS ENACTED INTO LAW: 19</b>		
<b>Republic Act No.</b>	<b>House Bill No.</b>	<b>Short Title</b>
<b>11934</b>	HBN-14	SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) REGISTRATION ACT *
<b>11935</b>	HBN-4673	POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS
<b>11936</b>	HBN-4488	GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2023**
<b>11937</b>	HBN-6224	PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO JUSTIN DONTA BROWNLIE
<b>11938</b>	HBN-3968	CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CARMONA
<b>11939</b>	HBN-6517	PROFESSIONALISM AND MODERNIZATION INITIATIVES IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES*
<b>11940</b>	HBN-4635	EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ADIONG MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE
<b>11941</b>	HBN-6660	BACLAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (TUKURAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR)
<b>11942</b>	HBN-6661	RAMON MAGSAYSAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (RAMON MAGSAYSAY, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR)
<b>11943</b>	HBN-6668	GASPAR DANWATA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MALITA, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL)
<b>11944</b>	HBN-6669	MABCA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (SAGNAY, CAMARINES SUR)
<b>11945</b>	HBN-6697	BOLILA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MALITA, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL)
<b>11946</b>	HBN-6700	MARIANO GOMES NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (BARANGAY TABING DAGAT, BACOR CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE)
<b>11947</b>	HBN-6663	BUKID INTEGRATED SCHOOL (JOSE ABAD SANTOS, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL)
<b>11948</b>	HBN-6664	TFS OF TAMBELANG INTEGRATED SCHOOL (MALITA, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL)
<b>11949</b>	HBN-6665	KIDAMAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL (JOSE ABAD SANTOS, DAVAO OCCIDENTAL)
<b>11950</b>	HBN-6695	HIBAO-AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL (BARANGAY HIBAO-AN SUR, MANDURRIA DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY)
<b>11951</b>	HBN-6696	NABITASAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL (BARANGAY NABITASAN, LA PAZ DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY)
<b>11952</b>	HBN-6699	AMBATUTONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (PARACELIS, PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE)

\* Consolidated with approved Senate Bill

<b>** APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, VETOED OTHER PARTS</b>	
<b>ENROLLED COPY SENT TO MALACANANG : 1</b>	
HBN-6336	NEW AGRARIAN EMANCIPATION ACT
<b>PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES: 8</b>	
HBN-1171	OTOP PHILIPPINES ACT
HBN-5110	AMENDING RA 10066 (NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT OF 2009)
HBN-5961	BALER THE BIRTHPLACE OF PHILIPPINE SURFING (AURORA), AN ECOTOURISM DESTINATION
HBN-6608	MAHARLIKA INVESTMENT FUND ACT
HBN-7751	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SPECIALTY CENTERS ACT
HBN-7185	PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KYLE DOUGLAS JENNERMANN
HBN-7909	EXTENDING THE COVERAGE AND PERIOD OF AVAILMENT OF THE ESTATE TAX AMNESTY (R.A.NO. 11213)
HBN-7939	RATIONALIZING THE DISABILITY PENSION OF VETERANS
<b>PENDING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: 3</b>	
HBN-5693	NATIONAL HIJAB DAY (FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR)
HBN-6483	ALLOWING COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH UNPAID TUITION TO TAKE PERIODIC AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS
HBN-7584	NO PERMIT, NO EXAM PROHIBITION ACT
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HBN-606	PRESIDENT CARLOS P. GARCIA CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD (TAGBILIRAN, BOHOL)
HBN-925	ARAW NG PASIG
HBN-1456	UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE PHILIPPINES
HBN-3961	ANTIPOLO CITY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, CITYHOOD ANNIVERSARY
HBN-3963	BENGUET DAY
HBN-3964	CABADBARAN DAY (CABADBARAN, AGUSAN DEL NORTE)
HBN-3965	CORDILLERA DAY (CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION)
HBN-3971	LA UNION DAY
HBN-3974	SAMAR DAY
HBN-3978	MARIKINA CITY DAY
HBN-6688	AMBASSADOR EDUARDO "DANDING" M. COJUANGCO JR. AVENUE (BYPASS ROAD, URDANETA CITY)
HBN-6694	MARIANO LLUCH BADELLES SR. BRIDGE (TAMBACAN, ILIGAN CITY, NORTHERN MINDANAO REGION)
HBN-7126	SPEAKER ARNULFO "NOLI" FUENTEBELLA HIGHWAY (CAMARINES SUR)
HBN-7413	SENATOR MIRIAM P. DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO AVENUE (QUEZON CITY)
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HBN-1029	CONVERTING THE ROAD FROM TUGUIS, ODIONGAN TO TUGDAN, ALCANTARA, ALL IN ROMBLON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD
HBN-1030	CONVERTING ROAD FROM BOLIGANAY, ODIONGAN TO KABALIWAN, SAN AGUSTIN (ROMBLON) INTO NATIONAL ROAD

HBN-1031	CONVERTING SABLAYAN-AGPANABAT-BAGACAY ROAD (ROMBLON), INTO NATINOAL ROAD	
HBN-1043	DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (NEGROS OCCIDENTAL)	
HBN-7234	FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES (CEBU LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS)	
HBN-7508	DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT (LEYTE)	
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	SRN-400	AIRPORT NAVIGATION SYSTEM FIASCO
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THE  
SENATE COMMITTEES



## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

In keeping with the Senate's mandate to enact sensible laws that are responsive to the needs of the people and the challenges faced by our country, the different Senate Standing, Special and Oversight Committees conducted a total of Four Hundred (400) public hearings, inquiries in aid of legislation, technical working group (TWG) meetings, consultations, and bicameral conferences, two (2) of which were in lieu of the oversight functions of different committees.

Through the conduct of these hearings, meetings and conferences, valuable information and insights were gathered, national issues and policy recommendations were discussed and thoroughly evaluated, and eventually policy directions are firmed up and decided for the plenary's approval.

## **THE STANDING and SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

In sum, the standing committees and their subcommittees conducted a total of 396 public hearings, inquiries in aid of legislation, TWG meetings, consultations, and bicameral conferences.

Notable among the standing committees which have the most number of activities are:

The Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon), with 18 hearings and meetings, including executive sessions;

The Committee on Basic Education, with 23 public hearings and inquiries, TWG meetings, and organizational meeting;

The Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform, with 22 public hearings, TWG meetings, briefings and consultative meetings;

The Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs, with 20 public hearings, TWG meetings, executive sessions, and organizational meeting;

The Committee on Finance, including its fourteen (14) subcommittees, had 51 public hearings, budget briefings, and bicameral conferences;

The Committee on Ways and Means conducted 22 public hearings, TWG meetings, and organizational meeting; and

Lastly, the Special Committee on Marawi Rehabilitation and Victims Compensation conducted two (2) hearings.

#### **THE CONGRESSIONAL / SENATE SPECIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES**

For the First Regular Session of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Congressional Oversight Committees and Senate Special Oversight Committees have conducted their respective organizational meetings. These are the Congressional Oversight Committee on the Official Development Assistance (ODA) Law and the Senate Special Oversight Committee on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

OUR  
SENATORS



SENATE  
PRESIDENT  
JUAN MIGUEL  
"MIGZ" F. ZUBIRI

**Senate President Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri** is a veteran legislator, with over two decades of experience across both houses of Congress.

Prior to his career in the Senate, he served the Third District of Bukidnon from 1998 to 2007, and was consistently cited as one of the most outstanding solons in the House of Representatives.

During his first term in the Senate, Senator Zubiri, at age 39, became the youngest to be elected as Senate Majority Leader since the First Congress in 1946. He was again elected as Senate Majority Leader in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

He was reelected to the Senate in 2022 on the strength of 18.5 million votes. A hard worker, a consultative leader, and an effective consensus builder, he was then elected by his colleagues to serve as Senate President of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Guided by his principle of "helping the Filipino people help themselves," he has been a prolific lawmaker, serving as the principal author and sponsor of over a hundred laws of national application, both in the Senate and during his stint as Congressman.

As a Mindanawon, the Bangsamoro Organic Law (RA 11054) is his most notable contribution to the promotion of

peace and development in Mindanao. As a fervent advocate of clean energy, he worked for the passage of the Renewable Energy Act of 2008 (RA 9153) and the Biofuels Act of 2006 (RA 9367), earning him the moniker Mr. Clean Energy. And as a champion of the micro, small, and medium enterprises sector, he pushed for the passage of the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 (RA 11032).

He is considered the Father of the New Cooperative Code, being the principal sponsor and author of the Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008 (RA 9520). His commitment to the growth of the cooperative sector was carried over to the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Congresses, where he chaired the Committee on Cooperatives.

Outside of his legislative work, Senate President Zubiri is actively involved with various humanitarian initiatives, most prominently the Philippine Red Cross, where he previously served as Vice Chairperson, and currently as a member of the Board of Governors.

He is also a committed environmentalist, co-founding the Philippine Deer Foundation, a deer conservation project, as well as the Palawan-based Katala Foundation, which protects endangered wildlife species and their habitats.

In his youth, Zubiri was an accomplished martial artist, and he now serves as the Chairman and President of the Philippine Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation (PEKAF), which is the National Sports Association for Arnis. Under his leadership, PEKAF is responsible for training and supporting the Philippine National Arnis Team throughout their successful campaigns during the 30th and 32nd Southeast Asian Games.

Senator Zubiri has published two books, the *Philippine Cooperative Code of 2008* and *Bukidnon: The Philippine Frontier*. He holds a master's degree in Environment and Natural Resources Management from the University of the Philippines Open University, and a Bachelor of Science in Agri-Business Management from the University of the Philippines - Los Baños.

He takes pride in being husband to Audrey, a writer and philanthropist; a loving father to Adriana, Juanmi, and Santi; and a good son to Representative Jose Ma. Zubiri Jr. of Bukidnon, and Victoria Fernandez-Zubiri of Libon, Albay.



SENATE  
PRESIDENT PRO  
TEMPORE  
LOREN LEGARDA

Four-term Senator Loren Legarda has authored many legislative accomplishments to improve the lives of the Filipinos, particularly in the areas of environmental protection, climate change mitigation, cultural preservation, and other measures aimed at promoting inclusive and sustainable development.

She served as a member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, representing the Lone District of the Province of Antique, and notably the sole Antiqueña who served as Deputy Speaker of the House.

Prior to being the youngest elected Senator in 1998, she was a respected and multi-award-winning broadcast journalist with over 30 industry awards. These include the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Award in 1992, The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) Award in 1995, and the Benigno Aquino Award for Journalism in 1995, among others.

A public servant of more than two decades, Legarda is also notable for being the only female to top two senatorial elections, in 1998 and in 2007. Additionally, she holds the distinction of being the only female Majority Leader to have served in the Philippine Senate.

She is currently the Senate President Pro Tempore; Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Culture and the Arts; Chairperson of the Senate Special Oversight

Committee on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP); Chairperson of the Senate Panel to the Philippine Congress - Bangsamoro Parliament Forum; and Chairperson of the Special Committee on the Rehabilitation of the Manila Central Post Office.

### **A staunch advocate of climate change and environmental awareness**

Legarda has been a steadfast champion for environmental protection and has played a significant role in advocating climate change awareness and action in the Philippines. She has authored and sponsored numerous landmark environmental and climate change laws and international agreements such as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, the Clean Air Act, the Climate Change Act, the People’s Survival Fund Act, the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, Green Jobs Act, the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act, Doha Amendment to Kyoto Protocol, and the Paris Agreement, among many others.

Her inspiring advocacy for environmental protection has earned her global recognition. She has been recognized as a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum, UNEP Laureate, and ASEAN Biodiversity Hero. She is also currently the UNDRR Global Champion for Resilience, the UNFCCC National Adaptation Plan Champion, a Commissioner of the Global Commission on Adaptation, the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) Ambassador for Parliaments, the Women Political Leaders Global Ambassador for Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Environment, and a member of the UNITE Global Parliamentarians Network to End Infectious Diseases.

### **A champion for the promotion of Philippine culture and the arts**

Recognizing the importance of safeguarding the country’s rich cultural heritage in nation-building, she has been instrumental in the passage of significant legislation aimed at promoting, preserving, and restoring

the cultural properties, sites, and intangible heritage of the country and indigenous communities. These landmark laws include the National Museum of the Philippines Act, the National Cultural Heritage Act, the Gabaldon School Buildings Conservation Act, and the National Indigenous Peoples Day. Legarda also spearheaded the National Cultural Mapping Project which she actively pushed to be institutionalized through Senate Bill No. 1841 or An Act Strengthening the Conservation and Protection of our National Cultural Heritage, through an Enhanced Cultural Policy and Cultural Mapping Program, which has been approved on Third Reading and ratified in both chambers of Congress.

Legarda, the indigenous arts and culture advocate, initiated the establishment of the first permanent textile gallery in the country, the “Hibla ng Lahing Filipino: The Artistry of Philippine Textiles,” at the National Museum of the Philippines. This textile gallery was later showcased around different parts of the world through a traveling exhibition as envisioned by Legarda in pursuit of fostering a deeper appreciation of Philippine heritage and promoting greater support for cultural enterprises and creative industries of our indigenous peoples.

In appreciation for her lifelong advocacy to protect and preserve our culture, heritage, and the arts, Legarda was conferred the Dangal ng Haraya by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. Many indigenous people’s groups likewise bestowed titles upon her for advocating the rights and welfare of the Indigenous Peoples: Bai a Labi by the Marawi Sultanate League, Tukwif by the Cordillera Indigenous Elected Women Leaders’ League which means ‘bright star’; Cuyong Adlaw Dulpa-an Labaw sa Kadunggan by the Panay Bukidnon from Visayas, which translates to ‘shining sun rising in power’; and, Bae Matumpis by the cultural communities of Mindanao, which means ‘the one who takes care’.

Legarda is a champion of these advocacies but seeks to break down the silos and advance policies and programs

that integrate culture, nature, health and well-being, and education all in the context of readiness.

### **An advocate for strengthening bilateral relations between nations**

As a Senator, Legarda actively engaged and participated in various parliamentary exchanges, bilateral forums, and meetings with representatives from other nations. She also sponsored numerous treaties and international agreements such as the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), International Labour Convention (ILO) 189, Agreement between the Government of the Philippines and the Government of Australia concerning the Status of Visiting Forces of the other State (SOVFA), Doha Amendment to Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement, mutual legal assistance treaties with the UK and China, and free trade agreements such as the Free Trade Agreement between the Philippines and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), among others.

During the First Regular Session of the 19th Congress, Legarda was one of the speakers in the Special Sessions of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Shangri-La Dialogue, Asia's premier annual security and defense summit held in Singapore that brings together defense ministers, military officials, and experts from various countries to discuss security challenges and regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Through her efforts to strengthen bilateral relations with other countries, Legarda was bestowed with the title of Knight in the French National Order of the Legion of Honor, Knight in the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the Commendatore to the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, and the Award of Distinction by the European Union.

### **An Iskolar ng Bayan and a Military Reservist**

A cum laude graduate of the University of the Philippines, the National Defense College of the Philippines

top-notch, and graduate of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Command and General Staff College, Legarda is a reserve officer of the Philippine Air Force with the rank of full colonel. She was also conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, by the University of the Philippines.



**SENATE  
MAJORITY  
LEADER  
JOEL VILLANUEVA**

Senator Villanueva is the Senate's Majority Leader, a post that further deepened his resolve to become every Filipino's *Empleyado sa Senado*.

As former TESDA Secretary, he made a convincing case that Tech-Voc can pave the way for a better life. As a legislator believing that Tech-Voc can ignite, fuel, and accelerate economic growth, he authored measures that uplift the status of middle-level employees in the country, such as Republic Act 11230 or the Tulong-Trabaho Law.

In the past six years, Senator Villanueva has been crucial in passing more than 300 laws in the upper chamber as Chairperson of the Committees on Labor and Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education. He penned legislative landmarks such as the First-Time Jobseekers Assistance Act, the Philippine Qualifications Framework Act, and the Department of Migrant Workers Act.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and amid the devastation to his family because of the death of his mother and sister, Sister Dory Villanueva and Bocaue Mayor Joni Villanueva, he pushed for the immediate passage of the Work from Home Law and the Doctor para sa Bayan Law.

The Senate Majority Leader likens his role in the Senate as a point guard being a basketball enthusiast and former member of the Philippine National Team who



competed in the inaugural SEABA competition in 1994. Having been in the Rules Committee during his term as a Party List Representative from 2002-2010, he tackles the day-to-day agenda as a team player, like the seasoned basketball player that he is.

Senator Villanueva vows to create more jobs in the country for all Filipinos, to ensure that those who work abroad do so by choice and not out of necessity, as he pushes for his pet legislation this 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senate Bill No. 2035 or the Trabaho Para sa Bayan Act, which seeks to establish a national employment master plan. As an EDCOM 2 Commissioner, he advocates for adopting a supermarket of competencies and expanding enterprise-based training.

He is a graduate of Commerce majoring in Economics at the University of Santo Tomas, batch 1996, and was that year's leadership awardee. From 1996 to 1998, he took up Special Studies in Business Administration at Harvard University, USA. He is a certified Barista who completed an Advanced Food and Beverage Service Course (NC III) at TESDA in 2012. The Polytechnic University of the Philippines conferred him an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 2013, while the Bulacan State University recently conferred him a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

The 2022 People of the Year by Stargate People Asia Magazine recipient is married to Gladys Cruz-Villanueva. The Almighty blessed them with two children, Jaden and Gwyn, whom they consider Divine gifts. His father, Brother Eddie Villanueva, is the founder and Spiritual Director of the Jesus Is Lord (JIL) Church Worldwide.



## SENATE MINORITY LEADER AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III

Senator Aquilino "Koko" de la Llana Pimentel III traces his family roots to Region 1 – Ilocos Norte, Region 3 - Zambales, and Mindanao.

Senator Koko is married to Ma. Anna Kathryn de Guzman Yu-Pimentel of Marikina City and Bulan, Sorsogon in Bicol; and has three children: Aquilino Martin Emmanuel VI, Aquilino Justo VII and Ma. Kathryn Helena.

Senator Koko is currently the Senate Minority Leader in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress. He is a former Senate President, just like his father Senate President Nene Pimentel. They are the first father and son to have become Senate President and Minority Leader.

As the Senate Minority Leader, Senator Koko actively participated in the plenary deliberations of most of the Committee Reports sponsored on the Floor, including the following measures and resolutions: (1) Committee Report No. 68: Extending the Period of Availment of the Estate Tax Amnesty; (2) Committee Report No. 29: Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement; (3) Committee Report No. 23: Mandatory Retirement Age of Generals/Flag Officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines; (4) Committee Report No. 19: Alleged Overpriced and Outdated Laptops Procured by DepEd Through DBM-PS; (5) Committee Report No. 11: Disability Pension of Veterans Rationalization; (6) Committee Report No. 10: General

Appropriations, FY 2023; and (7) Committee Report No. 3: Fiasco Behind Sugar Order No. 4.

He also authored bills and resolutions that will benefit Filipinos, particularly senior citizens, and guard the utilization of public funds, namely: (1) Senate Bill No. 76: “Abolishing the Travel Tax on Filipinos and on Nationals of ASEAN Member States”; (2) Senate Bill No. 74: An Act Amending Section Two of Republic Act No. 10868, also known as “The Centenarians Act of 2016”; (3) Senate Bill No. 979: “The Philippine Geriatric Medical Center Act” or “The Senior Citizens’ Hospital Act”; (4) Senate Bill No. 72 or “The Philippine Orthopedic Center Modernization Act”; (5) Senate Bill No. 977: “An Act Protecting Individuals Engaged in Food, Grocery, and Pharmacy Delivery Services”; (6) Proposed Senate Resolution No. 122: “Resolution Calling for an Investigation, in Aid of Legislation, on the Anomalous and Erroneous Way that the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) is Implementing Republic Act No. 7699, otherwise known as the Portability Law”; (7) Proposed Senate Resolution No. 120: “A Resolution Directing the Senate Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigation (Blue Ribbon), to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Alleged Overpriced and Outdated Laptops Procured by the Department of Education (DepEd) through the Department of Budget And Management – Procurement Services”; and (8) Proposed Senate Resolution No. 585: “Resolution Directing the Senate Committee On Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon) to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Delayed Issuance of National Identification Cards.”

He served as Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship and the Committee on Foreign Relations, as well as Commission on Appointments, Committee on Justice and Judicial and Bar Council during the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress. He was also Chairperson of the Committee on Electoral Reforms and People’s Participation and the Committee on Justice and Human Rights during the previous Congresses.

Born on January 20, 1964 in Cagayan de Oro City, Senator Koko received his Law degree from the University

of the Philippines and topped the Bar Examinations in 1990 with a grade of 89.85%. He earlier graduated with a degree in B. S. Mathematics from the Ateneo de Manila as an NSDB scholar. Senator Koko was awarded Doctor of Humanities, honoris causa by the Polytechnic University of the Philippines in 2012, and Doctor of Laws, honoris causa by the University of the Philippines in 2017.

He became Senator in August 2011, after winning his election protest, and was elected in the 2013 and 2019 senatorial elections.

Senator Koko has been a member of the Partido Demokratiko Pilipino Lakas ng Bayan (PDP Laban) since 1982.

Senator Koko is an advocate of a Federal System of Government.

Senator Koko Pimentel believes that “Creativity is the next big thing.” He proposes a formula, very simple to remember, for the rapid, sustained, and fair progress and development of our beloved country the Philippines: “CREATIVITY, CONNECTIVITY, COMMUNITY.”



**SENATE DEPUTY  
MAJORITY  
LEADER  
JOSEPH VICTOR  
“JV” G. EJERCITO**

Senator Joseph Victor “JV” Gomez Ejercito is the Deputy Majority Leader of the Senate of the Philippines in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress. Concurrently, he serves as the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Local Government and Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement.

Ejercito is also Vice Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance; Committee on Health and Demography; Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education; Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation; Committee on Public Services; and Committee on Rules.

At the same time, he is the Chairperson of the Senate Sub-committee on the Public-Private Partnership Act; Sub-committee on Amendments to the Universal Health Care Act; and Sub-committee on the Comprehensive Infrastructure Development Master Plan. He is a member of all permanent committees of the Senate.

Since his reelection as Senator in 2022, Ejercito has filed measures focused on infrastructure development, transportation, public health, housing, and local government. He has also vowed to strengthen congressional oversight on the implementation of the Universal Healthcare Law and the Department of Human Settlements

and Urban Development Law, both of which he principally sponsored during his first term in the Senate.

During the First Regular Session of the 19th Congress, he has authored and co-authored 66 bills and 53 resolutions.

Five of his proposed measures – the Comprehensive Master Plan for Infrastructure Development, Automatic Income Reclassification for Local Government Units Bill, Amendments to the Universal Healthcare Law, Amendments to the Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Law, and Public-Private Partnership Bill – were identified as priority measures of the Marcos Administration. The Senate approved his Specialty Centers Bill on third and final reading on May 29, 2023.

During the Senate’s deliberation on the 2023 National Budget, Ejercito secured additional funding for the expansion of regional specialty centers, as well as the OFW Hospital in Pampanga; major railway projects such as the North-South Commuter Railway Project and Metro Manila Subway Project; and the modernization of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. He also defended the first ever budget of the newly-created Department of Migrant Workers.

A “fiscalizer” in his own right, Ejercito has grilled officials on various issues of national concern, such as agricultural smuggling, gambling-related crimes, growing tensions in the West Philippine Sea, glitches affecting the country’s air traffic system, among others.



**SENATE DEPUTY  
MAJORITY  
LEADER  
MARK A. VILLAR**

Senator Mark A. Villar served as the Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for five (5) strong years under the Duterte Administration.

As the head of DPWH, Senator Mark was able to institute numerous changes which led to the timely completion, rehabilitation, and improvement of quality infrastructure all over the Philippines. He played a prominent role in realizing the “Golden Age of Infrastructure” through the “Build, Build, Build” Program, which generated over six (6) million jobs from 2016 to 2021.

He has led reforms in policies and strategies in the DPWH. One of which is addressing the Road Right of Way issues, which is one of the main reasons for project delays. He issued numerous important Department Orders, which includes: the Blacklisting of Contractors; the Strict Application of the Procurement Law (R.A. No. 9184) in the Conduct of Post Qualification of Bidders with Delayed Ongoing Contracts; the Electronic Submission and Receipt of Bids for the Procurement of Civil Works Contracts; and the Geotagging of DPWH Civil Works Projects, among other issuances.

He relentlessly pursued the completion of projects under the Luzon Spine Expressway Network Program, the Mindanao Logistics Network, the “Tatag ng Imprastaktura para sa Kapayapaan at Seguridad” (TIKAS) Program, the

Tourism Road Infrastructure Program (TRIP), the Roads Leveraging Linkages for Industry and Trade (ROLL-IT) Program, the “Kalsada Tungo sa Paliparan, Riles, at Daungan” (KATUPARAN) Program, the Agri-Infrastructure Support Program, and many other priority projects. Further, at the onset of the pandemic, he was instrumental in the building of seven hundred thirty (730) operational facilities with twenty-seven thousand three hundred two (27,302)-bed capacities.

Back in 2010, he was elected as Representative for the Lone District of Las Piñas and served as Congressman until 2016, when he was appointed by President Duterte as DPWH Secretary. Prior to being a public servant, he served for eight (8) years as the General Manager of Crown Asia Corporation.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, he chairs Senate Committee on Trade, Commerce, and Entrepreneurship and Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions, and Currencies.

He finished his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, Philosophy, and Economics at the University of Pennsylvania and his Master’s Degree in Business Administration at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

He is married to former Congresswoman and former Undersecretary of the Department of Justice, Atty. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, and has a daughter, Emma.

A man of action, the hardworking, and resilient, Senator Mark A. Villar.



## SENATE DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER RISA HONTIVEROS

Senator Risa Hontiveros, re-elected with a fresh mandate, continued to champion the rights and welfare of women, children, and the less privileged.

Senator Hontiveros, current Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality has a total of 63 bills for the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Among her notable bills for this cycle include the Free Dialysis for Senior Citizens Bill of 2022, Magna Carta of Workers in the Informal Economy, Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers, Maternity Benefit for Women in the Informal Economy, Gender Responsive and Inclusive Pandemic and Disaster Management Act of 2022, Lingap Para Kay Lolo At Lola Bill, Bantay Dagat Welfare and Incentives Bill, and the SOGIE Equality Bill.

Senator Hontiveros is an active participant in various debates, raising concerns about the welfare of Filipino workers, farmers, and local industries.

As the Senate ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership in February 2023, Hontiveros raised critical questions to amplify the concerns of farmers on the ground. The lone NO vote was from Senator Hontiveros.

As a member of the minority, Senator Hontiveros participated in numerous hearings that reviewed matters of public concern and investigated possible corruption.

In November 2022, Hontiveros blew the lid off a large-scale human trafficking operation that duped Filipinos into working at cryptocurrency scam centers in neighboring Asian countries. By April 2023, Hontiveros had established that scam centers are already in Manila, and that foreigners are also illegally trafficked to the Philippines to work as scammers. This is considered an extension of the investigation on the notorious ‘pastillas scam’ and other POGO-related crimes, which Hontiveros also made public in 2019.

Senator Hontiveros also felt a deep sense of duty to provide truthful information on the sugar importation fiasco, a controversy that rocked the agriculture sector, first in 2022, and more recently, in early 2023. She constantly reiterated the gravity of agricultural smuggling and its far-reaching consequences. Additionally, the senator emphasized the need to streamline processes at the agriculture sector to avoid soaring food prices and the loss of livelihood of sugar industry workers.

As an advocate of improving the country’s access to low-cost, reliable electricity, Senator Hontiveros fearlessly exposed the excessive dividends paid to NGCP shareholders, revealed China’s threat to the country’s grid, questioned unfinished energy development projects, and continuously called for refunds for overcharged consumer payments in an effort to hold errant energy stakeholders accountable.

In the Senate’s version of the Maharlika Investment Fund Act, Senator Hontiveros made sure there is absolute prohibition of the use of funds of the GSIS, Social Security System (SSS), PhilHealth and other insurance and pension institutions. For her, safeguards for the protection of pensioners’ and contributors’ hard-earned money must be enforced.

Outside of the halls of the Senate, Senator Hontiveros partnered with various local government units in advancing various advocacies to benefit Filipinos.

From shepherding the passage of the Expanded Solo Parent Welfare Law, to leading discussion groups for the localization of Mental Health Law, to providing avenues to access the DOH Medical Assistance for Indigent Patients, providing immediate relief and resiliency packages for the elderly, Senator Risa continues to show her commitment to promoting the well-being of every Filipino.



**SENATOR  
JUAN EDGARDO  
"SONNY" ANGARA**

*"Sinisiguro natin na bawat miyembro ng pamilyang Pilipino—mula kay baby at kina ate at kuya hanggang kina nanay at tatay, pati sina lolo at lola—ay sinusupportahan at inaalagaan, nang sa gayon, mabigyan silang lahat ng pagkakataon para mangarap sa isang mas magandang kinabukasan at sa isang mas masagana't mas mapang-arulang Pilipinas."*

To provide opportunities to every Filipino family is the goal of every measure and policy pushed by Senator Sonny Angara. He is one of the most hardworking and productive members of Congress, having sponsored or authored more than 330 laws in his 18 years as legislator—first as Aurora Province Representative from 2004 to 2013, and then as Senator from 2013 to the present. Senator Sonny has authored such landmark legislation as the Free College Law, the Free Kindergarten Law, the Universal Healthcare Act, the expanded Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Act, the Kasambahay Law, the OWWA Charter, the Expanded Senior Citizens Act, the National Athletes and Coaches Benefits and Incentives Act, and the National Sports Academy Act.

He continues to chair the Senate Committee on Finance. With this portfolio, he helped steer the national response to the pandemic through legislation such as the Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, the National COVID-19 Vaccination Program Act, and the Health Emergency Allowance for Health Workers Law. He has also served as

the Chairperson of the Committee on Youth, where he successfully shepherded the SK Reform which among other things, granted monthly honoraria to SK members, secretaries, and treasurers. As Youth Committee Chairperson in the 19th Congress, he continues to push for greater opportunities for the youth to participate in policy-making and nation-building.

Since 2019, Senator Angara has been advocating a “Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino)” campaign for making Philippine goods and services more sophisticated and globally competitive. Under this initiative, he filed such bills as the Exports and Investments Development Act (EIDA), the Domestic Bidders Preference Program Act, the National Quality Policy and Infrastructure (NQP) Act, and the Shared Service Facilities Act.

Seeing the potential of Filipino professionals to succeed further in the digital economy, Senator Angara was principal author of the Digital Workforce Competitiveness Act. In the 19th Congress, he has filed the National Digital Transformation Act, the Local ICT Officers Act, and the Science and Technology Parks Incentives Act, among many other measures.

Senator Sonny is a graduate of Xavier School, the London School of Economics, the University of the Philippines College of Law, and Harvard Law School. He has been a regular newspaper columnist, and a professor of Law. He is the co-team captain of the Senate Defenders, the official basketball team of the Senate.

He is happily married to wife Tootsy and they have three children.



## SENATOR MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY

Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy Sombillo Binay-Angeles continues to push for legislation that aims to protect and promote the welfare of women and children, persons with disabilities, overseas Filipino workers, barangay workers, the environment, and greater autonomy and revenues for local government units during her last term this 19<sup>th</sup> Congress.

For the First Regular Session, Senator Nancy had filed twenty-four (24) Senate bills along with 21 Senate resolutions. These include Senate Bill No. 117- Strengthening the Conservation and Protection of Natural Cultural Heritage (consolidated in and substituted by Senate Bill No. 1841 – An Act Strengthening the Conservation and Protection of Philippine Cultural Heritage through Cultural Mapping, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise Known as the “National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009”); Senate Bill No. 2174- Extending Period of Availment of Estate Tax Amnesty (substituted by Senate Bill No. 2219 – An Act Further Amending R.A. No. 11213, otherwise Known as the “Tax Amnesty Act”, as Amended by R.A. No. 11569, by Extending the Period of Availment of the Estate Tax Amnesty until June 14, 2025, and for other Purposes); Senate Bill No. 1850: Condonation of the Agrarian Reform Debt; and Senate Bill No. 2212 – Regional Specialty Centers Act.

The Senator is currently the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Accounts, Committee on Ethics and Privileges, and the Committee on Tourism.



She is also the Vice Chairperson of the Committees on Culture and Arts, Finance, Trade, Urban Planning, Women, and Youth; and a member of 18 other committees. She is also part of the Senate contingent of the Commission on Appointments, where she chairs the Committees on Agrarian Reform and Education.



## SENATOR ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO

***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”—  
Jeremiah 29:11***

As a veteran public servant with over 30 years of service in local governance, lawmaking, and foreign affairs, Senator Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano continues to be tireless in his mission to honor GOD, build communities, and transform the nation.

Now in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Alan chairs the Senate Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises as well as the Committee on Science and Technology. He is also the Commission on Appointments Minority Leader and Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations, also known as the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee.

For the Senate Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises, Senator Alan has advocated the following legislative agenda: 1) Foreign Affairs Retirement and Disability Benefits; 2) Extension of the Corporate Life of the Philippine Aerospace Development Corporation; 3) Briefing of the Philippine National Oil Company. For the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, he has pushed for the following: 1) E-Governance/ E-Government Act; 2) Cybersecurity Bills; 3) Affordable and Accessible Internet for All; 4) Digital Literacy; 5) Philippine Handloom Weaving Industry Development Act.

In the first regular session, Senator Alan has filed a total of 23 Senate Bills that seek to lift Filipinos from cyclic and oppressive poverty and to provide equal opportunities for all. He has also filed a total of 6 Resolutions as Main Author, and 13 Co-authored Resolutions. Some of Senator Alan's priority legislation are as follows: 1) the National Values, Etiquette, and Moral Uprightness Act; 2) Sampung Libong Pag-asa Law; 3) Anti-Online Gambling Act; 4) MERCHANT Loan Program Act; and 5) Puhunan Tungo sa Kaunlaran Act.

In living out his faith through public service, Senator Alan continues to establish programs for national transformation with the end goal of bringing the Kingdom of God into Filipinos' daily lives. These include the "Presyo, Trabaho, Kita/Kaayusan (PTK)", a livelihood program he launched in 2013, which helps more than 200 existing sectoral groups across the country with easy access to capital through low-interest loans.

Another effort of Senator Alan to help underprivileged Filipinos is the Tulong-Medikal Program, which sets up help desks in different hospitals nationwide to assist more Filipinos in need of medical assistance. Since October 2022, his office has helped thousands of patients in 12 hospitals across the country.

To continue the legacy of his father, the late Senator Rene Cayetano, Senator Alan gives free legal advice, together with Senator Pia Cayetano, to the Filipino people through their public service TV program, Cayetano in Action with Boy Abunda (CIA with BA).



## SENATOR PIA S. CAYETANO

For 19 years, Senator Pia S. Cayetano has built a track record for getting the tough job done for the welfare of Filipinos.

She fights for the rightful share of education and health in the national budget as senior Vice Chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee.

Senator Pia has championed several laws to strengthen and future-proof the Philippines' public health system.

The Sin Tax Reform Laws of 2012 and 2020 were among her major contributions to health legislation. These laws financed healthcare by imposing higher taxes on 'sin' products, including tobacco, alcoholic drinks, and e-cigarettes. At the same time, higher sin taxes sought to curb addiction to these harmful products, especially among the youth.

Senator Pia authored and worked extensively on the Inclusive Education Bill, and co-authored the Excellence in Teacher Education Act. Her other education measures include the Ladderized Education Act, Open Distance Learning Act, Open High School System Act, and the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education Act.

On the economy, Senator Pia shepherded the enactment of the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises Act, or CREATE, in 2021. Touted as a 'game changer' by economists, CREATE substantially lowered corporate income taxes, and modernized the tax and fiscal

incentives system to generate investments and employment.

She currently chairs the Senate's first-ever Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation, and Futures Thinking. Among its outputs is the bill seeking to make cities and communities walkable and bike-friendly, and a report on the futures of education.

She is a staunch advocate of the rights and welfare of women and children. Senator Pia led the passage of the country's first Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act, as well as the Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act.

Her work acknowledges the dual role of women in society as primary caregivers in the home, and as active members of the workforce. To this end, she worked for the passage of the 105 Days Expanded Maternity Leave Act, Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act, and Magna Carta of Women.

Drawing from her own experiences as an adoptive mom, Senator Pia sought to give children without parental care a loving home. The Domestic Administrative Adoption Act and the Foundling Recognition and Protection Act which she co-authored and co-sponsored, are part of alternative child care reforms that she helped enact, along with the Foster Care Act, which she sponsored in 2009.

Senator Pia is actively engaged in global inter-parliamentary work. She was recently elected as a bureau member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union's (IPU) Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs. She also chairs the Asia and Pacific Regional Chapter of UNITE, a network of parliamentarians for global health. Previously, she served as President of the IPU Women's Bureau from 2008 to 2010.

For fighting for women's reproductive rights Senator Pia was recognized by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Senator Pia continues to pursue this advocacy by sponsoring maternal and child healthcare seminars for mothers and community health workers around the country.

Most recently, she was named as one of the recipients of the 2023 World No Tobacco Day Award. This is a recognition given by the World Health Organization to individuals and groups in six regions for their outstanding work in tobacco control and health promotion.

Senator Pia co-hosts with her brother, Senator Alan Cayetano, the television legal advice show, 'Cayetano in Action with Boy Abunda' or CIA with BA. The program is inspired by 'Compañero y Compañera,' the pioneering legal advice show from the 1990s that was hosted by their father, the late Senator Rene Cayetano.

A lawyer, triathlete, and mother. Senator Pia S. Cayetano embodies a Pinay In Action and a woman leader for our times.



## SENATOR RONALD "BATO" M. DELA ROSA

Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa is the current Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs and the Senate Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation and Victims' Compensation. He is the best choice to chair and preside over the above mentioned Senate Committees as he is the only member of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress to have been in the frontlines both as a military man and a police officer. To add to his personal experiences in the battlefield, Senator Dela Rosa is also the most academically qualified in the areas of peace and order being a holder of a Doctorate Degree in Development Administration with a thesis on Counter Terrorism.

Armed with his knowledge on the intricacies in the workings of the Executive Branch of government, he is designated as the Vice Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance that handles the annual appropriation of the Department of National Defense (DND), Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, and Dangerous Drugs Board, among others. His recommendation to the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance resulted in the increased budget of the Revised AFP Modernization Program and other key programs of the agencies he handles.

Consistency is a notable quality in the good Senator. He has remained steadfast in his fight against the

proliferation of illegal drugs. At the same time, he has never wavered in devoting himself to the greater and more compelling mission of restoring peace and order in our society. In line with this, his priority legislation focuses on continuously introducing institutional reforms and innovations in crime prevention and eradication of illegal drugs. His priority legislation include the following: Death Penalty for Large-Scale Illegal Drug Trafficking, Institutionalization of the National Council to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, amendments to the Party-list System Act, SIM Card Registration Act, and the National Defense Act.

Rising from the ranks, Senator Dela Rosa is very much aware and sympathetic to the plight of our men in uniform, whom he believes should be acknowledged and recognized for their selflessness and sacrifices. Though no amount of monetary reward can ever repay their patriotism, Senator Dela Rosa filed measures to ensure that our heroes are properly and fairly compensated. These are: PNP Revitalization and Capability Enhancement Act, Special Defense Economic Zone Act, Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Act, Free Legal Assistance to Officers and Enlisted Personnel of the AFP and the PNP, Rationalizing the Disability Pension of Veterans, and the Restructuring of the PNP Act, to name a few.

As one of the senators pushing for the revival of the mandatory Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), he was also designated as Chairperson of the Subcommittee on ROTC Act under the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education. The sub-committee report for the said bill is currently pending approval on second reading of the Senate plenary.

Senator Dela Rosa, a Mindanaon himself, strongly advocates for the protection of farmers and their alleviation from poverty. He believes that our poor farmers have been vulnerable targets of insurgents the moment they feel neglect from our government. Senator Dela Rosa is pushing for the passage of the Filipino Farmers Financial Assistance Program Act, Integrated Urban Agriculture Act, Condonation of the Agrarian Reform Debt Act, Salt Industry Development

and Revitalization Act, and the National Agricultural Crop Program Act.

As of the end of the First Regular Session of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, he has authored and co-authored 66 bills and 65 resolutions. In the same period, the committees and subcommittee under his leadership conducted twenty nine (29) public hearings and consultations.

Although he goes by the moniker “Bato,” his heart has remained soft, especially for the less fortunate. The Senator never hesitates extending a hand to those who have been victimized by crime, be they public officials or ordinary citizens. If the crime has been committed by supposed enforcers of the law, Senator Bato is the first to cry, if only to express that his heart breaks in the face of injustice. That is his brand of leadership—the heart that is soft for the needy must be the same heart that takes a strong stand against abuses and oppression.



## SENATOR FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

Francis Joseph Guevara Escudero, or Chiz as most Filipinos know him, is one of the youngest lawmakers to serve in Congress and among its most popular members having consistently won elections in the House of Representatives and later on in the Senate, where he was voted at the top of the senatorial bracket.

A lawyer and a professor of law, Chiz is a product of the University of the Philippines, from primary all the way to law school. He passed the Philippine Bar in 1994 and went on to obtain a Masters degree in International and Comparative Law at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1996.

He entered politics in 1998 when he was elected Representative of the First District of Sorsogon. He served three terms during which he served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader and House Minority Floor Leader.

In 2007 and 2013, Chiz ran and was among the top senators that the voters preferred. He was one of the Senate's most productive members. He passed a total of 273 laws and among the legislators who made sure that there will be no pending bill unheard in his committees.

Chiz was named one of the country's Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) for youth leadership, the only Filipino to be named Asia News Network's Asia's Idols, honored as one of the world's Young Global Leaders by the World Economic Forum, and received the Rotary Golden

Wheel Award in recognition of his contributions in political governance and the legislative field.

In 2019, Chiz went back to his hometown in Sorsogon and became the governor of the province. As governor, Chiz pushed for the speedy implementation of numerous projects on Health, Infrastructure, Agriculture, Social Services, Tourism, and Disaster Risk Management that immensely improved the lives of his fellow Sorsoganons.

With the fresh mandate given to him in the 19th Congress, Chiz continues to push for extensive legislation on good governance, education, agriculture, electoral reforms, and justice and human rights.

As Chairperson of the Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education, he championed the passage in the Senate of two landmark legislation that would benefit indigent but deserving students.

In March, all 22 senators in attendance at the plenary session unanimously voted in support of Senate Bill Nos. 1359 also known as the “No Permit, No Exam’ Prohibition Act” and 1864 or the “Student Loan Payment Moratorium During Disasters and Emergencies Act.”

The main purpose of SB 1359 is to prohibit the “no permit, no exam” practice and to disallow any policy that bars students from taking educational assessments due to unpaid financial or property obligations, such as tuition and other school fees in both public and private schools. On the other hand, SB 1864 provides a respite for college students from paying financial obligations to their schools if they fall during a declaration of either a national or local state of calamity in the area where they are located.

These major bills, today, are already in the Bicameral Conference level to consolidate versions of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, after which, they will be sent to Malacanang for the President’s signature.



## SENATOR JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

A prominent Filipino politician known for his extensive career in public service, Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada hails from a family with a rich political legacy being the eldest son of former Philippine President Joseph Ejercito Estrada and former First Lady and Senator Luisa Pimentel Ejercito Estrada.

Senator Jinggoy’s educational journey began with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics at the University of the Philippines. He pursued a Bachelor of Laws degree at Lyceum University while serving as the Vice Mayor of the Municipality of San Juan at the young age of 25.

His political career took off in 1988 as vice mayor and in 1992 he became the youngest elected local chief executive in the country, serving as the mayor of San Juan municipality for three consecutive terms. This early experience in leadership paved the way for his subsequent political achievements.

In 2004, he was elected Senator, marking a significant milestone in his political journey. During his two terms in the Senate from 2004 to 2016, he passionately championed causes that held personal significance to him. Notably, he played a pivotal role in advocating the rights and welfare of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), actively pushing for legislation that protected their rights and provided support for their families.

At the age of 44, Senator Jinggoy became the youngest elected Senate President Pro Tempore, showcasing

his leadership and trust among his peers. Throughout his political career, he held various key positions, including Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment, and Human Resources Development, which allowed him to steer landmark labor legislation. Some of these include the Batas Kasambahay (Republic Act 10361), Lifting the Night Work Prohibition for Women (RA 10151), and Strengthening the Migrant Workers Act (RA 10022). He also spearheaded the institutionalization of Public Employment Service Offices nationwide through RA 10691.

In his current role as Chairperson of the Senate Committee on National Defense and Security, Senator Jinggoy authored and sponsored RA 11939, a law signed by President Marcos on May 17, 2023. This legislation aimed to strengthen professionalism, continuity policies, and modernization initiatives in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Two out of four other measures enacted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress that are national in scope were co-authored by Senator Jinggoy. These are the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Registration Act or RA 11934 and RA 11935, the law moving the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) elections from December 2022 to October 2023.

Concurrent to his defense committee post is his Chairmanship in the Committee on Labor, Employment, and Human Resource Development. He held the same position in his first two terms in the Senate.

He has consistently supported measures that seek to protect workers' rights, improve labor conditions, and provide social protection. Through his involvement in the labor committee, Senator Jinggoy has been able to contribute to the formulation of policies that address the needs and concerns of the labor sector.

Senator Jinggoy's legislative accomplishments extend beyond labor and defense issues. He served as the principal author of several important laws, including RA 10917, which strengthens and expands the coverage of the Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES),

and RA 10801, also known as the OWWA Act, which focuses on the welfare of overseas Filipino workers.

Additionally, he authored RA 10771, the Philippine Green Jobs Act of 2016, promoting a "green economy" through tax incentives and duty-free importation of capital equipment for environmentally conscious companies. He also played a key role in enacting RA 10165, the Foster Care Act of 2012, which established foster care as a primary childcare program for abused, abandoned, and neglected children.

Born on February 17, 1963, Senator Jinggoy is happily married to Ma. Presentacion "Precy" Vitug-Ejercito, and together they have been blessed with four children: Janella Marie, Joseph Luis Manuel, Julian Emilio, and Julienne.

Through his dedicated public service, Senator Jinggoy made a significant impact on the lives of Filipinos, advocating their rights, welfare, and opportunities for a better future.





## SENATOR WIN GATCHALIAN

“Education is the foundation of our national development.” This has been the standpoint of Senator Win Gatchalian since he entered public service. He is a steadfast advocate of educational programs and a champion of quality, affordable, and accessible education for Filipino learners.

He first entered public service as representative of the first district of Valenzuela City in 2001 and later served in 2004 as mayor of the city for nine years. Upon his return to the House of Representatives in 2013, he pioneered the Free Higher Education measure to make the state and local universities and colleges tuition-free.

In 2016, he victoriously landed a seat in the Senate. A year after, the Free Higher Education Act that he authored has turned into a reality when Republic Act No. 10931—the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act was signed into law.

As Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture during the 18th Congress, he pushed for various education reforms. Among the landmark laws he has fought for are the Alternative Learning System Act, Inclusive Education for Learners with Disabilities Act, National Academy of Sports Act, Good Manners and Right Conduct and Values Education Act, Excellence in Teacher Education Act and the creation of a Second Congressional Commission on Education or EDCOM II to review, assess, and evaluate the state of the Philippine education system

and recommend innovative and targeted policy reforms relevant to the needs of the people and society.

Now, on his second term in the Upper Chamber, he continues to chair the Committee on Basic Education and concurrently serves as the co-Chairperson of the EDCOM II.

As the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Energy during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Congresses, Senator Win has also become one of the leading voices in the Philippine energy sector. He successfully steered the passage of several key measures aimed at fostering a competitive, investor-friendly, and red tape-free environment—the Murang Kuryente Act, Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund Act, Energy Virtual One Stop Shop Act, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, among others.

For nine years, Senator Win has pushed for the enactment of the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Registration Act, which was finally realized with the signing of the law that he co-authored and co-sponsored. He also strove toward the passage of several pro-consumer laws such as the Mobile Number Portability Act wherein consumers now have the freedom to shift to other mobile service providers or subscriptions without changing their mobile numbers; and the Financial Products and Services Consumer Protection Act to safeguard and promote the rights of consumers on financial products and services.

Indeed, his commitment to genuine public service continues to drive him in pursuing his promising vision of a better Philippines. As Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, he seeks to put the Filipino taxpayer in his priority measures, which includes the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and Obligations Act and the Ease of Paying Taxes Act.

For his extensive track record as a public servant and for his notable contributions to the development of the country, he was chosen as the 69th Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellow in 2019. He was one of the four Filipinos to receive the prestigious fellowship from Singapore.

For his education advocacies, he received the Gawad Sulo in Public Service, the highest award given by the Philippine Normal University (PNU) to individuals, groups, and organizations for their contribution to education.

The PNU also conferred him the honorary degree of Doctor of Education, honoris causa for his leadership in enacting the Excellence in Teacher Education Act.

It is evident that Senator Win Gatchalian's impeccable work ethic and tireless dedication to serve the country for over 20 years has made him one of the most distinguished lawmakers today.



## SENATOR CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE T. GO

Prior to becoming a senator of the Republic, Senator Christopher “Bong” Go began his career in public service in 1998 as the Executive Assistant of then Davao City 1st District Representative and former President Rodrigo Duterte.

He eventually became the former President’s most trusted aide when the latter became Davao City Mayor in 2001 until he was catapulted into the presidency in 2016, during which he served as Special Assistant to the President. He was then elected Senator in 2019, garnering roughly 21 million votes and placing 3rd overall.

As a Senator, he has authored or co-authored 32 laws and sponsored or co-sponsored 170 laws in the 18th Congress. In the first regular session of the 19th Congress, he has co-authored three laws, namely RA 11934 or the SIM card registration, RA 11935 or the Postponement of Barangay and SK election, and RA 11937 or the grant of Philippine citizenship to Justin Brownlee.

He has also co-sponsored three other laws this Congress:

1. RA 11936 - 2023 General Appropriations
2. RA 11938 - Cityhood of Carmona
3. RA 11939 - Amending the AFP professionalism law

He also serves as co-author of several bills that were passed on 3rd reading in the Senate, namely:

1. Senate Bill 1964 – Kabalikat sa Pagtuturo
2. Senate Bill 1410 – National Day for Awareness on the Hijab and Other Traditional Garments and Attire
3. Senate Bill 1804 – New Agrarian Emancipation Act
4. Senate Bill 2035 – Trabaho Para Sa Bayan
5. Senate Bill 1841 – Enhanced Cultural Policy and Cultural Mapping Program
6. Senate Bill 1359 – No Permit, No Exam Prohibition
7. Senate Bill 2021 – Institutionalizing the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Project for MSMEs

Go holds the crucial position of Chairperson for the Senate Committees on Health and Demography, as well as on Sports. Through these significant roles, he has spearheaded numerous impactful initiatives aimed at enhancing healthcare accessibility and improving the overall quality of life for all Filipinos.

Among his noteworthy endeavors are the successful implementation of the Malasakit Centers program and the establishment of Super Health Centers.

Also, he principally sponsored 69 laws for the upgrade or establishment of several public hospitals in the country.

He also successfully authored and sponsored the establishment of regional specialty centers nationwide that will offer specialized medical services similar to the Philippine Heart Center, Lung Center of the Philippines, and National Kidney and Transplant Institute, among others.

Additionally, he has actively championed grassroots sports development, recognizing its profound significance in nurturing aspiring athletes and as an integral part of the collective campaign against illegal drugs and criminality.



## SENATOR MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

Senator Manuel "Lito" Mercado Lapid is a senior senator from Porac, Pampanga with a long and storied career as an actor and as a public servant.

From his humble beginnings as a stuntman, Senator Lapid rose to become one of the country's premiere action superstars. Following his successful acting career, Senator Lapid heeded the call of our countrymen for him to

enter public service. Throughout his political journey, he has garnered recognition for his steadfast commitment to his advocacy for the welfare of the Filipino people.

Born on October 25, 1955, in Porac, Pampanga, Senator Lito Lapid initially pursued a career in the entertainment industry. He gained popularity as an action star in numerous Filipino movies during the 1980s and 1990s, earning him a significant following and establishing him as a household name.

In 1992, Senator Lapid's passion for public service led him to enter politics. He successfully ran for the position of vice governor of Pampanga, where he served for three years. In 1995, he became the governor of Pampanga, a position he held for nine years. His tenure as governor was marked by numerous achievements, including improvements in infrastructure, education, and public health in the province.

In 2004, Senator Lapid decided to expand his political career further and ran for a seat in the Philippine Senate.

He emerged victorious, securing a position as a senator and officially beginning his national legislative journey. Throughout his time as a legislator, Senator Lapid has been an active participant in various committees, focusing on agriculture; education, culture, and arts; tourism; public order and dangerous drugs; and games, amusement, and sports.

During the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Lapid's bill to provide free legal assistance to indigent litigants was signed into law. R.A. No. 9999, otherwise known as the "Free Legal Assistance Act of 2008" provided incentives to private lawyers to accommodate indigent clients who have, otherwise, no means to avail of legal services for their cases.

During the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Lapid authored R.A. No. 11767, or the Foundling Recognition and Protection Act. This law provided legal mechanisms for the care, registration, and assistance to deserted or abandoned children or infants or persons with unknown facts of birth and parentage or "foundlings."

Throughout his career, Senator Lapid has co-authored landmark pieces of legislation such as R.A. No. 9994 - Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2009, R.A. No. 9851 - International Humanitarian Law, R.A. No. 9729 - Climate Change Act of 2008, R.A. No. 9710 - Magna Carta of Women of 2008, R.A. No. 9502 - Universally Accessible Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008, R.A. No. 9501 - Magna Carta for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), R.A. No. 10173 - Data Privacy Act of 2011, R.A. No. 10175 - Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2011, R.A. No. 11862 - Expanded Anti-Trafficking Act of 2021, R.A. No. 11509 - Doktor Para Sa Bayan Act, R.A. No. 11469 - Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, R.A. No. 11511 - Organic Agriculture Act, and R.A. No. 11479 - Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020.

Senator Lapid likewise authored hundreds of resolutions that recognize and honor the achievements of Filipinos all over the world in various fields, including the arts, academia, public service, and sports. These resolutions were meant to shine the light on Filipinos whose work are

often overlooked, while inspiring the rest of the country to pursue similarly their passion towards excellence in their chosen fields.

Throughout his career, Senator Lapid has truly been a people's senator. As his journey continues in the halls of the Senate, he remains a champion of the masses, recognizing the achievements of the Filipino people while pushing for meaningful legislation and programs that benefit especially those who need them the most.



## SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS

Senator Maria Imelda Josefa Remedios “Imee” Romualdez Marcos has been a public servant for more than four decades, starting as Kabataang Barangay Chairperson in her youth to her present role as a lawmaker.

“Manang Imee,” as she is affectionately called by kin, constituents, and fans alike, became assemblywoman of her paternal province, Ilocos Norte, in 1984. She completed three terms as its congresswoman from 1998 to 2007, and served as its governor from 2010 to 2019.

Upon her election as a Senator of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2019, she assumed Chairmanship of the Senate committees on economic affairs; electoral reforms and people’s participation; and cultural communities. In the present 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, she chairs the Senate committees on foreign relations; cooperatives; and social justice, welfare, and rural development; besides maintaining the electoral reforms committee.

Senator Marcos hopes to replicate on a national scale the single-digit poverty incidence she achieved for Ilocos Norte, crafting laws that create jobs and business opportunities that can cope with a digital and more environmentally conscious future.



## SENATOR ROBINHOOD C. PADILLA

“Aksyon, hindi drama” — ito ang paninindigan ni Robinhood Ferdinand Cariño Padilla sa kanyang paglilingkod sa Senado ng Republika ng Pilipinas. Dahil sa ibinigay na tiwala ng higit sa 26.6 milyong Pilipino, nahalal siya bilang Number 1 Senador ng bansa noong nagdaang 2022 National Elections.

Ang kanyang layunin ay rebolusyonaryong pagbabago sa pamamagitan ng pagpapahayag ng boses ng bawat mamamayang Pilipino at pagtatanggol sa mga marhinalisado at nasa laylayan ng ating lipunan.

Bilang kauna-unahang Filipino Muslim na Senador sa nakalipas na 30 taon, itinuturing niya ang kanyang pagkakaluklok sa serbisyo publiko bilang simbolo ng pagkakaisa ng lahat ng Pilipino—ano man ang katutubong pinagmulan o pananampalataya.

Siya ang tumatayong kampeon ng Muslim na naghahangad na isusog sa Senado ang mga panukalang batas na titiyak ng pagkilala sa katutubong pinagmulan, pangmatagalang kapayapaan at kaunlaran sa rehiyon ng Bangsamoro. Kabilang sa kanyang mga panukala ay National Hijab Day, Creation of Additional Shari’ah Courts, Equal Access to Public Cemeteries Act, at Equality and Non-Discrimination Act.

Bilang Tagapangulo ng Senate Committees on Cultural Communities and Muslim Affairs, Public Information and Mass Media, at Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes, tinitiyak ni Senador

Padilla na may saysay ang bawat piso mula sa buwis na pinaghihirapan ng ating taumbayan. Ang kanyang serbisyo publiko ay nakasentro sa kapakinabangan ng mga mahihirap at pagpapaunlad ng mga lokal na pamahalaan.

*Game-changing*—ganito natin mailalarawan ang kanyang agenda sa lehislatura kabilang na ang paggamit ng wikang Filipino sa lahat ng komunikasyon ng gobyerno, pagbibigay ng access sa paggamit ng medical na cannabis, at pagtiyak na ang reporma sa Konstitusyon ay tungo sa pagpapaunlad ng Inang Bayan.



## SENATOR GRACE L. POE

Senator Grace Poe is a formidable advocate of transparency in governance, efficient delivery of public services, and the protection of the rights of mothers, children, commuters and consumers.

In her first term as senator, she immediately set to work creating meaningful legislation, more than 50 of which are now fully enacted laws. Among these are the laws providing for free lunch program for public school children; for maternal and child care for the first 1000 days of life of a child; for free text alerts in times of disaster; for extended validity of driver's license and passports; and making our streets, public spaces, and workplaces safer by prohibiting all forms of sexual harassment; to name a few.

She won her second term as Senator in 2019 and continues to serve our country especially our most marginalized and disenfranchised sectors. In the First Regular Session of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, she shepherded the passage of RA 11934 or the Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Registration Law which provides safety from text scams and other digital criminalities, while instituting adequate safeguards that will protect the consumers' right to privacy.

For her track record in governance, she was chosen as a Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellow of the National University of Singapore, a prestigious recognition of excellence in public service.



Senator Poe earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Boston College in 1991, with concentration in Government and Political Theory. Prior to Boston College, she took up AB Development Studies at the University of the Philippines-Manila and finished her secondary education at Assumption College.



## SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.

**He followed his father's footsteps but chartered his own destiny and made an indelible mark that has now been etched in history.**

Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr., son of the late former Senator Ramon Revilla Sr. and Azucena Mortel Bautista, holds the great distinction for being elected thrice as a lawmaker in the upper chamber of Congress. His three decade-old public service which started during his early days in leading the Province of Cavite consistently championed social justice.

A man of action and defender of the poor and the oppressed, this true-blooded Caviteño has brought these silver screen attributes into real life since 1995 when he served as vice governor. Despite being a rookie public servant, he courageously supported and implemented anti-drug programs as Chairperson of the Cavite Multi-Agency Anti-Drug Council (CMAC) which led to the biggest drug haul and apprehension in the Philippines at that time. His vigilant anti-drug efforts earned him a Medal of Valor and an International Award of Honor from the International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association, Inc.

In 1998, his record-breaking achievements became the very foundation which launched him towards becoming elected as the provincial governor. During his term, the image of Cavite was transformed from being a notorious murder capital to one of the most peaceful provinces in the country.

He led rescue and retrieval efforts in the M/V Princess of the Orient tragedy in September 1998. This exemplary performance of then Governor Bong Revilla was given due recognition by the Department of Transportation and Communications and the Philippine Coast Guard.

To further environmental causes, he led Cavite's Task Force Bantay Likas Yaman. He also improved social services in the entire province through various programs and projects such as establishment of the Cavite Rescue 161, Cavite Computer Center, and the Cavite-Korea Friendship Hospital. The Conceptual Provincial Development Plan for Cavite - Vision 2020 - was also prepared and presented during his administration.

Appointed Chairperson of Videogram Regulatory Board (now Optical Media Board) in 2002, he vigorously fought video and music piracy, leaving no stones unturned in running after syndicates and individuals involved in the illegal trade. Under his leadership, the VRB was able to conduct 3,480 major operations, including routine inspections throughout the country which turned over P5 billion worth of goods seized, and conviction of 21 optical disc pirates, 2 videotape pirates and 5 large-scale distributors and retailers. This feat accorded him an international recognition by the Motion Picture Association in Hollywood, USA.

His illustrious years in public service while serving as part of the executive branch led to a high level of trust reposed in him by the people which catapulted him to the Senate in 2004. And after having proven his weight in gold, he was able to garner the most number of votes when he was re-elected Senator of the Republic in 2010. Then just a neophyte lawmaker, Senator Bong Revilla headed two important committees during the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress - the Senate Committee on Public Information and Mass Media, and the Senate Committee on Public Works. Some of the landmark laws which Senator Bong Revilla authored or co-authored are: Mandatory Helmet Act, Open High School System Act, Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Act, Magna Carta of Women, Anti-Child Pornography, Legitimation of Children Born to Parents

Below Marrying Age, Granting Additional Benefits and Privileges to Senior Citizens, Defining and Penalizing the Crime of Photo and Video Voyeurism, Reducing the Rate of Amusement Tax, Philippine Disaster Risk Management Act of 2009, GOCC Governance Act of 2011, Night Work Prohibition of Women Employees, Release of Retirement Pay Within 30 Days After Retirement, Decriminalizing Vagrancy, Foster Care Act, Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2012, and Prohibition of Children Riding Motorcycles Act, among others. He was also instrumental in the passage of local bills which aided in infrastructure programs of local government units and helped usher development in their respective areas.

A genuine public servant that he has always been, he did not confine himself to his legislative duties inside the walls of the Senate. He continues to directly bring the government closer to its constituency by immediately responding to the needs of the Filipino people, especially during times of disaster. He is always first on the ground to provide assistance and aid to the calamity-stricken victims. His Bayanihan Response and Relief program is also recognized as a model in disaster response, as with his other social programs.

He is a man of perseverance and tenacity and destined to withstand even the greatest of tribulations. Despite all the political persecution he faced when his second term was about to end, he was elected back to the Senate in 2019. And at the present 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, he continues to pursue social justice, public order and security, improved teachers' welfare, travel safety, community empowerment and infrastructure development. During the First Regular Session of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, he already filed 308 bills and 89 resolutions. Among his priority measures include: institutionalizing the grant of teaching supplies allowance for public school teachers; lowering the mandatory and optional retirement age of government employees; amending the Centenarians Act; expanding the coverage of Senior Citizens Act; increasing daily wage by P150; providing direct financial assistance to rice farmers; granting additional 15-day family and medical leave; free

public housing program; accelerating health infrastructure development; and reviving the Philippine movie industry.

Because of his performance as a public servant, he was conferred doctorate degrees (honoris causa) in Public Administration by the Cavite State University and in Humanities by the Nueva Vizcaya University. His heart for the least, the last and the lost is the very key that led him closer to the people.

With his outstanding accomplishments and proven track record in public administration and legislation, Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr. consistently broke glass ceilings that have restricted showbiz personalities and caged them within the most mistaken notion that non-conventional elected personalities will not be good government leaders. His achievements in public service which benefited the entire nation are proof enough that with the genuine heart for public service, leaders can be created even out of the most unconventional molds. And Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr. is a living testament that when the harmony between hard work and passion is met - the fruition of genuine public service and social justice will be harvested.



## SENATOR FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO

Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino is a multi-awarded public servant, lawyer, law professor, and author. He was elected to the Philippine Senate in 2019. He is Chairperson of the Senate Committees on Justice and Human Rights and on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations, also known as the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee.

Senator Tolentino is also a member of the Commission on Appointments and representative of Congress in the Judicial and Bar Council.

As Chairperson of the Blue Ribbon Committee, Senator Tolentino spearheaded the series of Senate inquiries in aid of legislation over various alleged anomalous contracts entered by certain government agencies. The investigations later paved way for the filing of necessary charges against some delinquent public officials as well as the crafting of proposed new laws to infuse additional safeguards in preventing another cycle of infringement within the government bureaucracy.

As an advocate of good governance, Senator Tolentino has filed Senate Bill No. 618, which seeks to enhance the current Government Procurement Reform Act by creating a uniform warehousing and inventory system for all government procuring entities.

Being the head of the Senate Justice panel, the senator from Cavite also authored and sponsored a number of proposed legislation, which seek to enhance and further

strengthen the current state of the human rights and justice system in the country. These include the proposed stiffer penalties for child and elderly abuses as well as the bills aimed to ensure the welfare of Filipino seafarers and caregivers.

As a champion of electoral reforms, Senator Tolentino succeeded in convincing the Commission on Elections to allow overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to vote in the most convenient way, internet voting, in the 2025 midterm elections.

A true-blooded patriot, Senator Tolentino is an active member of the country's military reserve force—with a rank of Brigadier General—and recently authored the mandatory imposition of the Reserved Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) for students in the tertiary level. The senator campaigns for the strengthening of existing ROTC units through the ROTC Games in partnership with the Commission on Higher Education. He also advocates for the enhancement of the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA).

He founded and launched the Philippine Legal Justice Center (PLJC), a legal aid clinic, which provides free, adequate, and accessible legal assistance to marginalized and indigent litigants, overseas Filipino workers, and indigenous peoples and communities.

Prior to his election in the Senate, Senator Tolentino served as Chairperson of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority where he, being a disaster preparedness advocate, formulated Metro Manila's earthquake contingency plan, known as Oplan Metro Yakal.

He had also served as mayor of Tagaytay City and as Presidential Adviser on Political Affairs.

He has taught Constitutional Law and legal management subjects at law schools in Manila, Cebu, and Dumaguete.

Senator Tolentino is a law graduate from the Ateneo de Manila University. He also has three Master of Laws

degrees from the University of Michigan Law School, the University of London, and from the Ivy League-Columbia Law School in New York.

He is a member of the Philippine Bar and the New York Bar.



## SENATOR RAFFY T. TULFO

Senator Raffy Tulfo is a known defender of the poor and aggrieved with a career in broadcasting spanning for over 25 years. Regarded by many as “Idol,” he is the man behind the multi-awarded and widely popular *sumbungan ng bayan*, “Raffy Tulfo in Action” or “Wanted sa Radyo.”

He clinched his first big break on broadcast when he became the host for PTV 4’s “Philippines’ Most Wanted.” Senator Raffy served for several public service programs on DZXL, Abante, and TV5, which allowed him to provide immediate resolutions to disputes which then led to thousands of Filipinos lining up to have the opportunity to receive his aid. His advocacy includes promoting and protecting the rights of families, OFWs, and workers.

Using the power of the pen to inform the public and express his opinions on burning issues, Senator Raffy also became a columnist for several print publications.

### **Legislative**

Popular for his brand of public service where he acts swiftly on the problems of ordinary citizens, Senator Raffy has brought his experience and expertise in crafting meaningful bills and resolutions for the First Regular Session of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress. He is the current Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Migrant Workers and Senate Committee on Energy.

As of the closing of the First Regular Session, he has authored 103 bills and 19 resolutions, inspired by the principle of Former President Ramon Magsaysay who said:

“I believe that he who has less in life, should have more in law.”

Aiming to codify the rights of our seafarers into a single reference law and protect our heroes at sea, Senator Raffy has persistently pushed for the swift passage into law of the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers bill which he has authored and sponsored. The said bill has been approved at the Senate on second reading.

To alleviate the plight of OFWs, among the bills he authored include SB No. 2078 or the “OFWs Financial Literacy Enhancement Act” and SB No. 2077 or the “Balikbayan Hub Act” establishing an OFW Resting Lounge in all international airports.

Most notable as well is Senator Raffy’s push for stricter screening process for foreign employers to avoid abuses against OFWs.

A true defender of laborers, Senator Raffy also filed SB No. 1696 providing a Magna Carta for Barangay Workers, including the Tanods, who have been neglected for the longest time in terms of benefits, salaries, and allowances.

Senator Raffy has also committed in finding ways to address the looming energy crisis and other energy-related problems in the Philippines by filing Senate Resolution (SR) No. 107 investigating the persistent and recurring power outages in different parts of the country; SR No. 601 which looked into the power outages due to the lapses in transmission system; and SR No. 629 investigating Samal Island Electric Crisis, among others.

Known for grilling personalities hounded with anomalies and throwing challenging questions to resource persons, Senator Raffy has actively participated in committee hearings since he assumed office in the Senate. Through these hearings, he managed to propose the

mandatory use of body-worn cameras in police ops, opposed the LTO’s anti-poor regulations, and made a motion to cite uncooperative police officers in contempt during two separate hearings of the Senate Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs.

Aside from leading committee hearings on Energy and Migrant Workers, he is known to have actively participated in hearings of the Senate Committee on Health and Demography; Public Information and Mass Media; Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform; Justice and Human Rights; Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; Local Government; and Blue Ribbon, among others.



## SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR

Cynthia Aguilar Villar earned her degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of the Philippines, which recognized her as the 2017 UPA Most Distinguished Alumna. She completed her Masters in Business Administration at the New York University. In June 2018, she received an honorary doctor of laws (honoris causa) from the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) for her work in agricultural development, poverty alleviation, education, women and children welfare.

She practiced as a financial analyst and college professor until she married Former House Speaker and Senate President Manny Villar. She supported her husband in various entrepreneurial ventures that eventually led to making Vista Land the biggest homebuilder in the Philippines. She also managed a private development bank from 1989 to 1998.

In 2001, Cynthia Villar won as representative of Las Piñas, where she completed three terms or nine years of service until 2010. She was Chairperson of Committee on Higher and Technical Education during the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Congress. She was President of the Lady Legislators during the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Congress initiating legislation benefitting women, children, and family.

Cynthia Villar founded and chaired the Villar Foundation (now Villar Social Institute for Poverty

Alleviation and Governance or Villar SIPAG). Its various programs are assistance to OFWs including the yearly OFW & Family Summit; environment protection including the establishment of the Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park; agricultural training in four farm schools and establishment of various livelihood projects in over 3,000 locations nationwide.

She established four farm schools, Las Piñas-Bacoor for Southern Luzon & Bicol Region; San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan for Central & Northern Luzon & CAR Region; San Miguel, Iloilo for Visayas and Davao City for Mindanao. She also established 3 factories for processing plastic wastes into school chairs to be given free to public schools and farm schools in Las Piñas for Luzon, San Miguel, Iloilo for Visayas and Cagayan De Oro for Mindanao. In the 2013 Midterm Elections, Cynthia Villar ran and won as senator. In the 2019 National Elections, Cynthia Villar ran and won anew as senator.

She was proclaimed as the Number One Senator having garnered a total of 25 Million votes. She chairs the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources since 2013 until now. Besides pursuing and enacting relevant laws, she also led numerous initiatives to empower farmers, among which is the establishment of TESDA-accredited farm schools, which have so far reached over 2,805 all over the country.

Senator Villar was conferred the rank of honorary Auxiliary Commodore by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Auxiliary for her commitment to environment protection. She is also an Honorary Member of the Philippine Horticultural Society and other socio-civic groups.

Amidst all her achievements and awards, she successfully raised three well-educated children: Paolo is the CEO of publicly listed Vista Land; Mark is the Former Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and now Senator; and Camille is currently a Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives representing the Lone District of Las Piñas City. Camille is also the Vice

Chairperson of AllHome, President of All Value, and Director of Starmalls/Vista Malls.



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