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SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill No. 2952

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE CORPORATE LIFE OF THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 3844, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AGRICULTURAL LAND REFORM CODE, AS AMENDED”

- Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" Trillanes IV
- Referred to the Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Senate Bill No. 2953

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE ISLAND OF BORACAY, MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, DEFINING FOR THE PURPOSE THE MODE OF ACQUISITION FOR CERTAIN PARCELS OF ITS PUBLIC DOMAIN CLASSIFIED AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION UNDER PROCLAMATION NO. 1064 AND PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" Trillanes IV
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 2954

“AN ACT REGULATING HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY”

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2955

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES ON THE OFFENSE OF STEALING OR TAMPERING GOVERNMENT RISK REDUCTION AND PREPAREDNESS EQUIPMENT, ACCESSORIES AND OTHER FACILITY ITEMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Juan Ponce Enrile
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Environment and Natural Resources

Senate Bill No. 2956

“AN ACT TO BAN THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES ALONG RIVER BANKS, WATERWAYS AND BANKS OF INLAND WATERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement; and Local Government

Senate Bill No. 2957

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STATE AGRICULTURAL GUARANTEE AND INSURANCE PROTECTION FUNDS (SAGIP FUNDS), CREATING THE STATE AGRICULTURAL GUARANTEE AND INSURANCE PROTECTION CORPORATION

(SAGIPCO), DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Manuel “Lito” Lapid
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Agriculture and Food; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2958

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF DAVAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

- Introduced by Senator Juan Ponce Enrile
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2959

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY TO BE AFFECTED WITH PUBLIC INTEREST, SETTING THE ALLOWABLE LEVEL OF PROFIT FOR PETROLEUM COMPANIES, IMPOSING A WINDFALL PROFITS TAX ON PETROLEUM COMPANIES AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" Trillanes IV
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Ways and Means; and Energy

Senate Bill No. 2960

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DRUG PRICE REGULATORY BOARD TO REGULATE THE PRICES OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES IN THE PHILIPPINES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9502, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE CHEAPER AND QUALITY MEDICINES ACT OF 2008' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; Health and Demography; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2961

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

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Economic Affairs; Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2962

“AN ACT TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF STUDENTS BY REQUIRING THE USE OF SAFE CLEANING PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS”

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts and Culture; and Health and Demography

Senate Bill No. 2963

“AN ACT CREATING THE LAGUNA LAKE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (LLCA), THEREBY REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4850, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1966, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Ramon “Bong” Revilla, Jr.
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises; Economic Affairs; Ways and Means; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2964

“AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997”

- Introduced by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos
- Referred to the Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Senate Bill No. 2965

“AN ACT PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL INFORMATION IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE A NATIONAL DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes, Miriam Defensor Santiago and Edgardo J. Angara
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Science and Technology; Constitutional Amendments, Revision of

Codes and Laws; and Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 2966

“AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS FOR COMMERCIAL AND OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Local Government

Senate Bill No. 2967

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Civil Service and Government Reorganization; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2968

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO FRESH GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Senate Bill No. 2969

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 269, AS AMENDED, OR THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION DECREE, RESTRUCTURING THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES,

PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator Ralph Recto
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Cooperatives; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2970

“AN ACT REORGANIZING AND MODERNIZING THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Franklin Drilon, Edgardo Angara, Ramon “Bong Revilla, Jr. and Francis “Chiz” Escudero
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2971

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

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito-Estrada
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Economic Affairs; Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies; and Ways and Means

Senate Bill No. 2972

“AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND PORTABLE COMPUTERS”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Jinggoy Ejercito-Estrada, Manny Villar, Loren Legarda and Francis "Chiz" Escudero
- Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 2973

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ACT NO. 4103, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW"

- Introduced by Senator(s) Miriam Defensor Santiago and Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Senate Bill No. 2974

"AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF FILIPINO SEA-BASED OVERSEAS WORKERS, PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL SEAFARERS ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development; and Finance

Senate Bill No. 2975

"AN ACT GRANTING BROADER PROTECTION TO CONSUMERS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7394, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CONSUMER ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES"

- Introduced by Senator Ralph Recto
- Referred to the Committee on Trade and Commerce

Senate Bill No. 2976

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MAULAWIN SPRING PROTECTED LANDSCAPE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE AS MANDATED FOR BY THE NIPAS ACT OF 1992”

- Introduced by Senator Teofisto "Tg" Guingona III
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; and Finance

PROPOSED SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 578

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE; AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PREVALENCE OF ILLEGAL DOG MEAT TRADE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REVIEWING AND TIGHTENING EXISTING ANIMAL PROTECTIN POLICIES IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION AND PENALTIES”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 579

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FILIPINO STUDENT ATHLETES WHO JOINED AND COMPETED IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 26TH SUMMER UNIVERSIADE HELD IN SHENZEN, CHINA ON AUGUST 12-23, 2011”

- Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" Trillanes IV
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 580

"RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ALTERNATIVE INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC. (AIDFI) FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2011 RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOR THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP PRACTICES IN IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THE RURAL POOR IN UPLAND PHILIPPINE COMMUNITIES"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 581

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON ALLEGED CORRUPT PRACTICES IN THE MUNTINLUPA PENITENTIARY"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 582

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTS THAT THERE COULD BE A FIVE-FOLD INCREASE FROM THE CURRENT COUNT OF LESS THAN 10,000 CASES OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) INFECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY BY 2015"

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 583

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED ALARMING RISE OF LEPTOSPIROSIS CASES IN WESTERN VISAYAS”

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 584

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF BLOOD DONATIONS FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENFORCING STRINGENT SCREENING PROCEDURES AMONG BLOOD COLLECTING AGENCIES AND ESPOUSING HONESTY AMONG DONORS TO ADVOCATE RECIPIENT SAFETY”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 585

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS OF THE BALILI RIVER IN BENGUET AND TO FORMULATE POLICIES AND WAYS TO RESTORE, PRESERVE, AND SAVE THE SAME”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Environment And Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 586

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPENDING SERIES OF INCREASES IN POWER COSTS DUE TO THE VARIOUS ELECTRICITY RATE ADJUSTMENTS FILED BY THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PSALM), NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC), MERALCO AND NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NGCP) WITH THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING A RELIABLE AND SECURE SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC POWER AT REASONABLE AND AFFORDABLE RATES”

- Introduced by Senator Ralph Recto
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Energy; and Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 587

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATE OF PHILIPPINE COCONUT INDUSTRY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE REPORTED AGING AND DYING OF MILLIONS OF COCONUT TREES AND ITS SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROTECTING THE INDUSTRY AND ITS FARMERS”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture And Food; and Trade and Commerce

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 588

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED MASSIVE POACHING OF MIGRATORY AND ENDEMIC BIRDS IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INTENSIFYING CONSERVATION EFFORTS AMONG LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ALLOW BIRD POPULATIONS TO FLOURISH”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Environment And Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 589

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORMS AND THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ALLEGED CRIME OF FIDEL RAMOS IN ACCEPTING THE SUM OF PHP 5 MILLION AS AN ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION FROM MOAMMAR KADHAFI FOR THE 1992 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN”

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Electoral Reforms and Peoples Participation; and Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 590

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ARRIZA ANN SAHI NOCUM FOR BEING HONORED ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS (YWPA) AWARD 2011 LAST 27 AUGUST 2011 IN PASAY CITY, PHILIPPINES”

- Introduced by Senator Manuel “Lito” Lapid
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 591

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, REVISIONS OF CODES AND LAWS, AND OTHER PROPER COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE INDEFEASIBILITY OF THE TORRENS CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, THE INTEGRITY OF THE TORRENS INSURANCE SYSTEM AND STRICTER RULES FOR THE RECONSTITUTION OF LAND TITLES, IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT CONTROVERSIAL LAND DISPUTE IN QUEZON CITY AFFECTING RESIDENTS OF SANVILLE 1, 2, 3 AND 4, K-VILLE, K-SQUARE, METRO HEIGHTS, ARFEL HOMES, SADEL COURT, FERNWOOD GARDENS, CLARET SEMINARY, MARIA MONTESSORI SCHOOL, WILCON BUILDERS IN VISAYAS AVENUE, LIMQUECO COMPUND AND OTHER AFFECTED LAND OWNERS”

- Introduced by Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Justice and Human Rights; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 592

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED WASTEFUL CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY BY THE CITY OF MANILA DUE TO THE NONIMPLEMENTATION OF COST-SAVING MEASURES AND NONMONITORING OF ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION”

- Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensr-Santiago
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Energy and Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 593

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IN THE FACE OF A POTENTIAL RESURGENCE OF THE DEADLY AVIAN INFLUENZA A(H5N1)”

- Introduced by Senator Manuel “Lito” Lapid
- Referred to the Committee on Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 594

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING FR. PIERRE TRITZ, SJ IN RECOGNITION OF HIS NOBLE DEEDS AND DEVOTING SIXTY YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE IN HELPING DISADVANTAGED FILIPINO CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL AND GIVING THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE BETTER LIVES”

- Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 595

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AND PARLIAMENTS AROUND THE WORLD, AND ENCOURAGE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 WITH THE THEME: "WHAT DO CITIZENS EXPECT OF THEIR PARLIAMENTS?"”

- Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 596

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED OVERFISHING IN PHILIPPINE SEAS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING PROGRAMS AND POLICIES TO ADDRESS SMALL PELAGIC FISH SHORTAGE AND RESTORE ITS POPULATION TO NORMAL LEVEL”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture and Food; and Environment and Natural Resources

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 597

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INCREASE OF SUICIDE DEATHS IN RECENT YEARS, PARTICULARLY AMONG MALES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DEVELOPING A SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Youth, Women and Family Relations

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 598

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMPETENCIES OF PHILIPPINE TERTIARY EDUCATION WITH THE INTENTION OF UPDATING THE CURRICULA BY ADAPTING TO THE GLOBAL STANDARDS OF TOP RANKED COLLEGES AND

UNIVERSITIES, IMPROVING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND POSSIBLY INCREASING FURTHER APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC SECTOR”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Education, Arts And Culture; and Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 599

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHAMCEY G. SUPSUP FOR HONORING THE PHILIPPINES WITH A THIRD RUNNER-UP FINISH IN THE 2011 MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT, AND FOR DEMONSTRATING BEFORE THE WORLD, THE BEAUTY AND INTELLIGENCE OF FILIPINO WOMEN”

- Introduced by Senator Aquilino Koko Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 600

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO LOOK INTO THE PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN 2010 IN VIEW OF NEWS REPORTS OF FUND RELEASES AMOUNTING TO PHP7.5B ALLOCATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FARM TO MARKET ROADS”

- Introduced by Senator Francis Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Food

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 601

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE AND HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO INQUIRE ON THE AVAILABILITY, REASONABLE PRICING AND ACCESSIBILITY

OF CURRENT DENGUE TEST KITS TO THE MARKET WITH THE END IN VIEW OF REDUCING DENGUE EPIDEMICS IN THE COUNTRY”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Trade and Commerce; and Health and Demography

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 602

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE FOR THE DEFERMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION TO INCREASE THE FARES OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) AND METRO RAIL TRANSIT (MRT) AND TOLL FEES IN THE COUNTRY'S EXPRESSWAYS”

- Introduced by Senator(s) Manny Villar, Joker Arroyo; and Ralph G. Recto
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 603

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, AND CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION TO LOOK INTO THE PLIGHT OF THE FILIPINO NURSES, THEIR WORK AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS”

- Introduced by Senator Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Health and Demography; and Labor, Employment And Human

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 604

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO

CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INCREASING INCIDENTS OF OFW MURDERS AND THOSE KILLED WITH IGNOMINY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING POLICIES TO PROTECT OFWS AS WELL AS FORMULATING BETTER REPATRIATION PROCEDURE AND A RELEVANT SYSTEM OF GIVING ASSISTANCE TO THEM”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; and Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 605

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN EDSA AND THE FORMULATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE EDSA TRAFFIC DECONGESTION PROGRAM SPECIFYING SHORT-TERM APPROACHES AS WELL AS LONG-TERM STRATEGIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RESTORING EDSA AS A VIABLE THOROUGHFARE FOR THE TRANSPORT OF PERSONS AND GOODS”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Public Works and Public Services

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 606

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT A STUDY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INCREASE IN CAR THEFT INCIDENTS IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CRAFTING A RELEVANT LAW AIMED AT DETERRING THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENSE”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar

- Referred to the Committee on Public Order and Dangerous Drugs; and Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 607

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE INVENTORY OF RICE TERRACES IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS PROTECTED AREAS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF AVERTING THEIR EXPLOITATION AND DESTRUCTION, IN LIGHT OF THE SO-CALLED 'GOLD RUSH' THAT OFTEN ATTRACTS BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL SMALL-SCALE MINING”

- Introduced by Senator Manny Villar
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Environment and Natural Resources; and Local Government

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 608

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE AGRICULTURE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND (ACEF)”

- Introduced by Senator Francis Pangilinan
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Agriculture and Food and Accountability Of Public Officers and Investigations; and Finance

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 609

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS, THE SENATE SELECT OVERSIGHT

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALOUS PROCUREMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC) OF ONE BILLION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION (PHP 1.150 BILLION) WORTH OF OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT AND LIGHTHOUSES SPARE PARTS INTENDED FOR THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG), WITH THE END IN VIEW OF DETERMINING COMPLIANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT OF 2003', AND ENACTING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN SAID ACT AND OTHER RELEVANT LAWS OF THE LAND"

- Introduced by Senator(s) Teofisto "TG" Guingona III; and Antonio "Sonny" Trillanes
- Referred to the Committee(s) on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations; and Select Oversight Committee on Government Procurement

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 610

"RESOLUTION REITERATING THE CALL FOR THE RETURN BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF THE BELLS OF BALANGIGA, SAMAR AND OTHER ARTIFACTS AND WAR BOOTIES OF THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN WAR TAKEN FROM THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR"

- Introduced by Senator Aquilino Koko Pimentel III
- Referred to the Committee on Rules

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 611

"RESOLUTION INITIATED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMENDING PHILIPPINE LABOR ATTACHE TO LIBYA NASSER MUSTAFA AND THE PHILIPPINE

EMBASSY FOR THE DARING AND TIMELY RESCUE AND REPATRIATION OF HOUSEHOLD WORKERS DIANA JILL RIVERA AND MARY ANN DUCOS FROM THE GADHAFI COMPOUND IN LIBYA”

- Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito-Estrada
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