Foreword

On July 26, 2010, we convened the 15th Congress, brought to this Chamber on the wings of our people’s great expectations for genuine reform to make government accountable at all times, mindful of its duty to serve the public interest above personal gain, and responsive to the needs of the poor and marginalized.

Through this performance report, we share the highlights of our journey as Representatives of our people during the three Regular Sessions of the 15th Congress as we worked to transform government into an indomitable guardian of the public interest.

We molded this Chamber into an authentic bastion of our people’s aspirations for positive change towards good governance in all facets of our national life. We rose to the challenge of removing obstacles to good governance blazed new paths to overcome economic stagnation and gain inroads in the war against poverty. Through strategic legislation, we created the social, political, and economic policy frameworks that bring to every Filipino more and better opportunity for a life of abundance and dignity. Always, we measured our work in terms of perceptible gains in the economy and improvements in the way we live as a people.

At the end of the 15th Congress, the Philippine economy became one of the brightest stars in the global economic firmament, having maintained a robust and fast-growing economy despite a global financial downturn and garnering accolades and upgrades from international credit rating agencies. The return of optimism and pride in our public institutions and in the national leadership is undeniable and palpable. As a consequence of the decisive steps we took to make sure government works for the best interest and welfare of the people, more of the necessary social services are now within reach of the public.

Lawmaking is never an easy task especially when we veer away from the status quo and devote attention to urgent contemporary political directions. But the landmark pieces of legislation we have crafted give us the strongest confidence that we succeeded to bring about remarkable reform that improved the way we Filipinos live our everyday lives, manage our society, and shape the future of the nation.
I am grateful for the unparalleled privilege of working with my fellow Members in the House—our dedicated and hard-working Deputy Speakers, Majority and Minority Leaders, Committee Chairpersons, Members, the congressional staffs, as well as our diligent Secretariat and the able Secretary General.

Our duty requires us to fully commit ourselves to our collective constituency, the Filipino people, whose support and renewed confidence in this venerable institution inspired us to become living manifestations of public service.

FELICIANO "SONNY" BELMONTE JR.
Speaker
House of Representatives
Championing Change and Good Governance


The 15th Congress commenced on July 26, 2010 energized by the overwhelming wave of renewed hope for national change that accompanied the election of President Benigno S. Aquino III.

Members of the House of Representatives elected Rep. Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. of Quezon City as Speaker, personifying their collective desire to establish the Chamber as a powerhouse of reform that would enact policies to meet high public expectations and follow the straight path to sustainable, people-oriented development.

In his inaugural speech, Speaker Belmonte declared his resolve to transform the House into a bastion of authentic, positive change and a beacon of good governance. He urged Members to conscientiously perform their legislative duties and exemplify a strong work ethic, marked by discipline, integrity, and commitment to pass laws that are responsive to the needs of the people.

This institutional transformation the Speaker aspired for three years ago did see fruition in the 15th Congress, as he boldly declared during the day of sine die adjournment, “We end this Congress confident in the truth that we have, by our unity in purpose, sheer hard work and dedication to duty, won back a good measure of our people’s faith in our ability to give them a House they can trust, in a government that unconditionally honors their trust.”

As of June 6, 2013, House Members filed a remarkable total of 10,071 bills and resolutions, of which 4,387 were processed. Of the total number, 452 measures became laws, three reports were ratified in the conference committee level, two were undergoing bicameral conference discussion, 16 concurred with Senate amendments, 585 were approved on Third Reading, 11 on Second Reading, 1610 resolutions and reports were adopted, and one was the verified impeachment complaint against then Supreme Court
Chief Justice Renato Corona. All in all, the House achieved a processing rate of 26 measures on each of the 168 session days.

In the 15th Congress, Speaker Belmonte led the House in approving long-awaited key legislation—several of them waylaid by contentious debates in previous Congresses due to contentious debates—that opened up reproductive health services for women and families, protection from and punishment for perpetrators of involuntary disappearances, funding for public services from additional “sin taxes,” monetary redress for victims of the Marcos regime, and punitive measures against cybercriminals.

This Congress also consistently garnered the highest public satisfaction and trust ratings, both for Speaker Belmonte and the institution itself. The House registered a +33 percent net satisfaction in the fourth quarter of 2010 (Social Weather Station), record-breaking at that time. It achieved an even higher net +42 by the end of 2012 and settled at net +31 in early 2013. Its performance and trust ratings were measured at 52 percent and 51 percent, respectively, in March 2013 by PulseAsia, Inc.

Mapping Out the Agenda for Change

The House of Representatives in the 15th Congress is distinguished by the unstinting pursuit of a policy reform agenda for national development spearheaded by Speaker Belmonte and fleshed out by the House Secretariat in the first-ever comprehensive legislative agenda publication, Promoting Good Governance, Ensuring Sustainable Growth and Achieving Social Justice. The book presented a menu of priority legislative measures introducing reforms in areas such as sustaining economic growth, revving up trade and investments, enhancing rural productivity, increasing land utilization, expanding access to health services, fortifying social protection, strengthening the bureaucracy, upholding the rule of law, ensuring environmental sustainability, revitalizing education, and advancing political and electoral reform.

During the First Regular Session, the Speaker and the House membership identified 107 priority measures, from which 23 were similarly classified as priorities by the President and the Senate, and endorsed by the Legislative Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC). As Congress reconvened for the Second Regular Session, the LEDAC assembled once more and added 13 priority measures, among which include essential bills on reproductive health
and responsible parenthood, protection of domestic help, expansion of science and technology scholarship programs as well as amendments on existing laws on rural electrification, housing, sin taxes, human security, and data privacy.

In a further development, both Chambers of Congress met on September 29, 2011 for a pioneering Legislative Summit with the theme, “Integrating Priorities for Legislative Action.” Instigated at the behest of Speaker Belmonte, the meeting established mutual points of agreement for the second half of the 15th Congress. The Legislative Summit complemented the LEDAC by providing legislative solutions to pressing socio-political issues.

The House and the Senate identified at least 26 common priority measures to be tackled throughout the Second Regular Session. The bicameral event showcased the exceptional synergy between the House and the Senate as well as a united Congress’ initiative and willingness to meet the legislative requirements of the Filipino people.

The following priority measures have been enacted into law: the GOCC Governance Act of 2011 (RA 10149); the Data Privacy Act (RA10173); strengthening the Anti-Money Laundering Law (RA 10167 and RA 10365); reinforcing the AFP Modernization Program (RA 10349); the Risk Reduction and Preparedness Equipment Protection Act (RA 10344); restructuring the excise tax on alcohol and tobacco products (RA 10351); the Domestic Workers Act (RA 10361); amending the charter of the People’s Television Network, Inc. (RA 10390); Rationalizing Nightwork Prohibition on Women (RA 10151); the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2012 (RA 10533); and the laws institutionalizing the Reproductive Health Law (RA 10354) and synchronizing the ARMM elections (RA 10153), respectively. In addition, two measures amending the EPIRA were also enacted, to wit: the Extension of the EPIRAs Lifeline Rate (RA 10150); as well as prolonging the life of the Joint Congressional Power Commission (JR 1).

Making Government Accountable to the People

The House’s firm commitment to promote public accountability and responsiveness in the bureaucracy is manifested in the passage of measures that curb systemic corruption, maximize the impact of government services, and raise investor confidence in the country’s economic prospects.
One of the earliest laws to emerge from the 15th Congress is the Government-Owned and –Controlled Corporations Governance Act (RA 10149) to curb financial abuses in public sector-owned businesses. To establish the drive to stymie graft in government, the House enacted RA 10589, which declares December of every year as “Anti-Corruption Month.”

Several measures effected major changes in government, especially in the country’s systems of social services, education and justice, such as the laws decriminalizing vagrancy, which protects indigents, particularly the homeless, from parties that may abuse the former due to their social status (RA 10158); amending the Anti-Money Laundering Act to allow the investigation and freezing of suspected “dirty money” accounts (RA 10167 and RA 10365); strengthening the Bureau of Corrections (RA 10575); and criminalizing the financing of terrorist acts and groups (RA 10168). RA 10533 formally set the Philippine Standard Time (PST) as the official time designation throughout the country. RA 10154 keeps government offices responsive by ensuring the release of retirement benefits of employees within 15 days from retirement and setting penalties for non-compliance.

Significant reforms were introduced to make the educational system at par with global standards by the passage of RA 10157, institutionalizing kindergarten education, and RA 10533, enhancing the Philippine basic education system by strengthening its curriculum and increasing the number of years for basic education, otherwise known as the K-12 Program.

On December 13, 2011, the Chamber made known its unyielding resolve to restore public trust in the Judicial Department by voting to impeach then-Supreme Court Chief Justice Renato Corona. The successful prosecution of Chief Justice Corona in accordance with the Constitution is a victory for the public accountability of government officials. On March 22, 2011, the House impeached Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez, who resigned before an impeachment trial in the Senate could be held.

Four bills reforming the electoral process were likewise signed by President Aquino. RA 10367 calls for the mandatory biometrics voter registration to assure a clean, complete and permanent voters’ list. RA 10366 authorizes the Commission on Elections to establish precincts specifically assigned to persons with disabilities and senior citizens. RA 10380 allows local absentee voting for members of the media and RA 10590 amends RA 9189, or the Overseas Absentee Voting Act of 2003, to further facilitate the conduct of elections among qualified Filipinos abroad.
In the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, the election of regional executives in 2011 was synchronized with that of other local and national officials in May 2013 by virtue of RA 10153.

To enhance the institution’s representative powers, the Chamber enacted four laws redistricting three provinces and a densely populated legislative district in Metro Manila. RAs 10171, 10177, and 10144 reapportioned the provinces of Palawan, Cotabato, and Bukidnon, respectively. RA 10170, on the other hand, divides the 2nd District of Quezon City.

The House also gave its imprimatur on reforms in certain government offices. It passed on Third Reading the bills bolstering the career executive service (HB 6877) to enhance leadership and supervisory positions in government; reorganizing the Philippine Statistical System (HB 6229) to improve the data gathering of accurate statistics as a basis for public policy; simplifying the passport application process while raising penalties for tampering with a passport (HB 5854); and mandating the representation of cooperatives in the Land Bank of the Philippines board of directors (HB 3871).

The House also passed measures to streamline and correct the administration of land resources through RA 10587, which regulates the practice of environmental planning as well as bills authorizing the Land Management Bureau to conduct a survey of cadastral lots in the entire country (HB 5870) and instituting reforms in real property valuation and assessment (HB 6044) to establish impartial and consistent appraisal standards. The Chamber likewise passed HB 6544, or the National Land Use and Management Act of the Philippines. It provides for a national land use policy which enhances government’s capacity to preserve agricultural land and watersheds for succeeding generations.

In addition, over 186 Regional Trial Courts, 22 Municipal Trial Courts, 1 Municipal Circuit Court, and 60 Metropolitan Trial Courts were created during the 15th Congress.
Fighting Poverty and Social Injustice

In the 15th Congress, the House approved anti-poverty and inclusive growth-oriented budget bills. The annual General Appropriations Acts from 2011 to 2013 (RAs 10147, 10155, 10352) were passed on time, ensuring the delivery of public services.

The House also focused urgent attention to the welfare of marginalized sectors of society—for instance, women and children in difficult situations, and those struggling to make ends meet—through the passage of poverty alleviation bills and by funding the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program. The annual budgets likewise granted the biggest chunk to the Department of Education (DepEd) while roughly 30 percent was earmarked for social services.

Other welfare measures passed include RA 10361, or the Kasambahay Law, which protects domestic workers from abuse as it upholds household employee rights; RA 10364, which enhances the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003 to include attempted trafficking, free legal assistance to OFWs, and protection for social workers and law enforcers, among others; RA 10524, which expands the positions reserved for persons with disability; and RA 10165, or the Foster Care Act, which mandates the creation of an organized system of temporary foster home adoption under the supervision of the Department of Social Welfare and Development as a way to reduce the number of neglected or homeless children.

Also passed by the Chamber were RA 10152, which provides for mandatory vaccination of infants; RA 10532, which institutionalizes the Philippine National Health Research System; RA 10151, which legalizes the employment of night workers, mainly women in business process outsourcing (BPO) industries who work during the night, providing them with proper health safeguards; RA 10150, which extends the discounted electric power “lifeline rate” for another 10 years; and RA 10368, provides for reparations and recognition of victims of human rights violations during the Marcos regime. To formalize a national sports training program among the youth, RA 10588 was ratified to institutionalize the conduct of the Palarong Pambansa.

At the village level, HB 1330 establishes the Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) of the rural poor as a network program of participating state colleges and
universities. HB 6050 establishes and funds rural farm schools as an alternative delivery system for public secondary education.

For solo parents, HB 6184 grants a comprehensive package of social benefits including housing, comprehensive package of social benefits, flexible work schedule, parental leave, educational benefits or scholarships, and discounts on medicine, baby's milk and other purchases. The House also passed HB 4578, prescribing the mechanisms for various government housing agencies to facilitate the disposition of public lands for socialized housing.

**Boosting Economic Fundamentals**

The 15th Congress commenced in 2010 amidst an environment of global economic uncertainty brought about by a financial crisis of unforeseen magnitude, the repercussions of which linger today. However, robust economic fundamentals have kept the country considerably shielded from recession and commercial stagnation.

While major western economies struggle to recover their stability, the House recognizes the need to boost Philippine competitiveness in time for an eventual general resurgence in the world economy. The landmark “Sin Tax Law” (RA 10351) is expected to boost the government's coffers by imposing additional levies to alcoholic and tobacco-based products. The potential earnings from these new taxes will be used to fund infrastructure projects, improve education, as well as finance government’s healthcare initiatives.

As white-collar scams become more common in the country, the Chamber approved measures to counteract financial wrongdoing. It enacted amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering Law (RA 10167 and RA 10365) and the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 (RA 10175) and Data Privacy Law (RA 10173) which prevent the perpetration of scams on the populace via the internet and other digital media.

To entice foreign investors to bring their capital and technical know-how into the national economy and promote domestic spending, the following laws were also enacted: RA 10372, or the Copyright Amendment Act; RA 10374, extending the life of the Land Bank of the Philippines; and RA 10574, raising the ceiling on foreign ownership of rural banks to 60 percent. In line with government’s advocacy of enhancing the
country’s economic growth, the House passed the following measures on Third Reading: HB 5977, which creates the Philippine Trade Representative Office; HB 4935, rationalizing fiscal incentives; HB 4867, amending the Insurance Code; HB 4788, or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act; HB 4655, which strengthens the transparency and disclosure requirements in the use of credit card facilities, thereby boosting domestic consumption.

The House likewise enacted RA 10378, which recognizes the principle of reciprocity as basis for the grant of income tax exemptions to international carriers.

In terms of improving the country’s labor market, the following laws were passed. RA 10395, strengthening tripartism; and RA 10396, which augments conciliation-mediation as a voluntary mode in settling labor disputes.Awaiting further action are bills that provide for the development of entrepreneurship skills among government employees (HB 3861); strengthen adult education programs for workers and employees (HB 4209); establish a credit assistance program for overseas workers (HB 4539); institute a framework that creates and accredits micro-enterprise development (HB 4688); and various amendments to PD 442, otherwise known as the Labor Code of the Philippines.

For the agricultural sector, HB 6118 compels the Land Bank of the Philippines to provide direct credit support to agrarian reform beneficiaries and small farmers and fisherfolk. HB 6093 exempts from estate tax the unpaid balance of just compensation due to the decedent owner or his legal heirs of agricultural land sold to the government.

The House advocated policies that capitalize on the Philippines’ growing distinction as being one of the world’s most dynamic economies, growing at a robust 6.6 percent in 2012—ranking among the highest in Asia. In 2013, the Philippine economy reached a milestone having been awarded for the very first time an investment grade rating of BBB- from international credit ratings agency, Fitch Ratings. Shortly thereafter, the country received one more investment grade rating from another ratings agency, Standard & Poor’s, upgrading the country to BB+. The 15th Congress adjourned as the country posted a 7.8 percent gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the first quarter of 2013—the highest in Asia.

Promoting a Healthy Society

The country’s national budgets enacted during the 15th Congress contain mechanisms that give precedence to public healthcare, particularly in rural areas, by providing for the construction of more healthcare facilities in the countryside.
The enactment of the law providing mandatory immunization of infants and children (RA 10152) is a clear step towards the attainment of Congress’ goal to provide wider and more accessible healthcare for all. RA 10354, or the Responsible Parenthood, Reproductive Health and Population and Development Act, underscores the determination of the House to rise above gridlocks and allow government to deliver planned parenthood services down to the barangay level.

RA 10526 declares the month of January of every year as “Liver Cancer and Viral Hepatitis Awareness and Prevention Month Act. RA 10410 recognizes the age from zero (0) to eight (8) years as the first crucial stage of educational development and strengthening the early childhood care and development system. RA 10532 formalizes government’s policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people, instill health consciousness among them, and provide better services through health research and development initiatives.

The Universal Healthcare Services to All Filipinos Act or the PINOY Health Insurance Act (HB 6048) aims to make professional healthcare services within the reach of all Filipinos.

To improve the quality of public and private health services, the House approved HB 5928, institutionalizing a pre-hospital emergency care system; and HB 5471, strengthening government regulation of hospitals, clinic and health facilities through supervision by the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services, which shall have quasi-judicial powers. HB 4308 requires healthcare service providers to show a price list of their services including incidental expenses and medical supplies chargeable to the patient.

**Upholding People’s Rights**

As an institution, the House continually strove to protect every member of society—especially women and children—from violence, forced labor, human trafficking, and other forms of abuse. In its quest to uphold this particular mandate, the Chamber approved several measures to uphold the rights of persons.

RA 10353, or the Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act, is the first domestic anti-disappearance law in Asia, enacted 16 years after first being filed in the legislature. RA 10396, revitalizing the People’s Television Network, was signed into law in order to address government’s deficiencies in disseminating public information through broadcast media.

The welfare and safety of children were of utmost importance in several approved bills. HB 4480 provides for the special protection
of children in places of armed conflict. HB 4455 criminalizes corporal punishment and encourages positive and non-violent disciplinary methods, while HB 5496 requires all elementary and secondary schools to address acts of bullying in the school. HB 5246 makes it a state policy to recognize that the years from birth to age six are the first crucial state of development and thus strengthening the Early Childhood Care and Development Council. HB 5626, on the other hand, provides measures to ensure the safety of children aboard motorcycles. Similarly, HB 6155 opens up development resources and crisis assistance services to women and children.

Other measures reinforcing human rights include HB 6751, amending the Philippine AIDS Prevention and Control Act of 1998; HB 5927, which strengthens further workers’ right to self-organization; and HB 3747, which extends the period for indigenous communities to exercise the option to secure titles to their ancestral lands.

HB 4209 grants free information programs for employees to learn about the rights of workers, women in the workplace, and other anti-discrimination laws. Another anti-bigotry law, HB 4643, expands the prohibited acts of discrimination against women on account of gender. Meanwhile, through HB 3546, the House aims to protect the right of students to enrol in review schools of their choice.

To facilitate the proper dispensation of justice, the Chamber pushed for the passage of RA 10389, which institutionalizes recognizance as a mode of release of an indigent person in custody as an accused in a criminal case; and RA 10592, amending the Revised Penal Code by giving an offender the fullest benefit of preventive imprisonment.

Other laws involving public safety are: RA 10591, or the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act; RA 10536, providing stiffer penalties for acts in violation of the Meat Inspection System; RA 10586, or the Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013; HB 4571, regulating the use of mobile devices while driving; and HB 4660, reinforcing the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Saving the Environment

The House passed RA 10174, establishing the People’s Survival Fund, as a necessary means to mitigate the effects of calamities upon communities. This is an amendment to RA 9729, or the Climate Change Act of 2009, that provides the citizenry with a financial reserve for use during times of emergency.
To preserve the environment for future generations, the House passed bills that provide for the protection, rehabilitation, and sustainable management of forest ecosystems (HB 5485) as well as revive Arbor Day every June 25th to encourage the planting of trees (RA 10176), and bring about the general reforestation of the country’s terrestrial domains, many of which are set to be delineated and classified as natural sanctuaries upon the passage of another proposed bill on specific forest limits (HB 5860). RA 10587 regulates the practice of environmental planning while RA 10593 provides for stiffer penalties for the unauthorized cutting of coconut trees.

The bill launching an “Adopt-A-Wildlife Species Program” (HB 5421) seeks to safeguard the country’s diverse yet endangered fauna by introducing a personal and participatory dimension in wildlife conservation through adoption. Other environmental bills filed on Third Reading include providing for a comprehensive hazardous and radioactive wastes management program (HB 4812), establishing marine protected areas in all coastal municipalities and cities (HB 57), and regulating the production, sale, utility, collection, recycling, and disposal of plastic bags (HB 4840).

**Defending National Sovereignty**

In light of emerging security threats—both internal and external—the 15th Congress underscored the need to defend the Filipino people’s national interests amidst a changing geopolitical climate.

The Chamber passed RA 10349, which amends RA 7898, otherwise known as the AFP Modernization Act.

The House reasserted the Philippines’ undisputable rights over its claims in the West Philippine Sea by passing on Third Reading bills that define the maritime zones of the country (HB 4185) and establish archipelagic sea lanes, including the rights of foreign ships in Philippine waters (HB 4153), in reference to prevailing multilateral agreements, namely the United Nations Convention on the Laws of the Seas (UNCLOS).

For the well-being of the men and women in uniform who put their lives at risk for flag and country, the House passed a bill on Third Reading that provide for the payment of the administrative total disability pension to senior veterans of wars and military campaigns (HB 4359); as well as instituting amendments to RA 6948, or the act that standardizes and upgrades benefits for military veterans and their dependents (HB 3697).

Military officers and enlisted personnel who represent the country in United Nations-led peacekeeping operations will benefit from HB 4617, which prescribes rates of pay and allowances of officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines while on overseas duty. Through this bill, Filipino soldiers and
policemen serving in UN operations together with their families shall continue receiving government benefits despite their respective foreign assignments.

Raising the Bar for Legislative Performance

The 15th Congress saw the House of Representatives establishing the legislative foundations needed by the nation to fight corruption in the bureaucracy, improve accessibility and quality of government services for underprivileged Filipinos, and institute administrative transparency and efficiency. The Chamber is particularly proud to have veered away from histrionics on its deliberations and emphasized an atmosphere of discipline and cordiality, allowing it to pass the most number of reform-intensive laws that directly benefit the Filipino.

Speaker Belmonte’s leadership of the House impelled surging public confidence in the institution as he steered the House through the delicate task of crafting and shepherding policies that promote direly needed change in society. Through the individual and collective decisions of House Members aided in their work by the Secretariat and congressional staff, the House attained record-setting gains in three years that transformed the landscape of national politics and gave hope for genuine reform and greater responsiveness of government to the needs and aspirations of the Filipino people.
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RA1055 FY 2012 General Appropriations Act (HB05023)
RA1032 FY 2011 General Appropriations Act (HB06455)

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HB04153 Establishing The Archipelagic Sea Lanes In The Philippine Archipelagic Waters
HB04188 Defining The Maritime Zones Of The Republic Of The Philippines

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HB04867 Strengthening The Insurance Industry, Further Amending For The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 612, Otherwise Known As The Insurance Code
HB04935 Rationalizing Fiscal Incentives
HB05411 Granting Additional Exemption To An Individual Taxpayer Amending For The Purpose Section 35(B) Of The National Internal Revenue Code Of 1997, As Amended By Republic Act No. 9504
HB06093 Exempting From Estate Tax The Unpaid Balance Of Just Compensation Due The Decedent Owner Or His/Her Legal Heirs Or Successors In Interest Of Agricultural Land Acquired By The Government
HB06118 Strengthening And Institutionalizing Direct Credit Support Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines To Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries, Small Farmers And Fisherfolk
HB06354 Placing The Fernando Air Base In Lipa City, Batangas, Under The Administration Of The Bases Conversion And Development Authority (BCDA) To Be Utilized For Other Productive And Commercial Purposes
HB06481 Amending Chapter XII, On Cooperative Banks, Of Republic Act No. 9520, Otherwise Known As The Philippine Cooperative Code Of 2008
HB06561 Agrarian And Agricultural Credit Condonation Act Of 2012
HB06739 Institutionalizing Industry Cluster-Based Programs And Projects Through Inter-Local Cooperation And People's Participation
HB06883 Strengthening The Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation
HB06904 Further Strengthening The Government Service Insurance System

EDUCATION

RA10157 Institutionalizing the Kindergarten Education into the Basic Education System (HB03826)
RA10410 Recognizing The Age From Zero (0) To Eight (8) Years As The First Crucial Stage Of Educational Development And Strengthening The Early Childhood Care And Development System (HB06694/SB03256)
RA10533 Enhanced Basic Education Act Of 2012 (HB06643/SB03268)

Plu 6 Republic Act Establishing And Converting School Into State Universities: RA10228, RA10229, RA10230, RA10583, RA10584, and RA10585; and 1 Republic Act Separating And Converting School Into State College: RA10231

HB01863 Rationalizing The Board Of Regents Of The Partido State University
HB03546 Protection Of Students’ Right To Enroll In Review Centers Act Of 2010
HB03825 Establishing A Philippine High School For Sports And Appropriating Funds Therefor
HB03849 Strengthening The Philippine Public Safety College System as the Premier Educational Institution For Training, Human Resources Development And Continuing Education Of All Police
HB03953 Establishing The Donsod P. Macapagal Memorial Library And Museum
HB04210 Integrating Labor Education Into The Social Science Subjects In The Tertiary Education Curriculum
HB04255 Strengthening The Ladderized Interface Between Technical-Vocational Education And Training (TVET) And Higher Education
HB04373 Granting Discounts On Basic And Education Services To Underprivileged Students In The Post-Secondary And Tertiary Levels
HB04455 Promoting Positive And Non-Violent Disciplines In Lieu Of Corporal Punishment Of Children
HB04791 Penalizing The Imposition Of A ‘No Permit, No Exam Policy’ Or Any Such Policy That Prohibits Students Of Post-Secondary And Higher Education From Taking Their Midterm Or Final Examinations Due To Unpaid Tuition And Other School Fees
HB04888 Expanding Access To Education Through Open Learning And Distance Education In Post-Secondary And Tertiary Levels Of Education
HB05229 Recognizing The German European School Manila, Incorporated As An Educational Institution Of International Character
HB05246 Recognizing The Early Years From Zero (0) To Six (6) As The First Crucial Stage Of Development And For This Purpose Strengthening The Early Childhood Care And Development Council, Renaming The Day Care Center As Child Development Council, Renaming The Day Care Center As Child Development Center, And For Other Purposes
HB05445 Prohibiting Public And Private Hospitals From Requiring The Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Payment Of Money 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HB06050 Establishing Rural Farm Schools As Alternative Delivery Made Of Secondary Education And Appropriating Funds Therefor
HB06086 Establishing The Open High School System In The Philippines
HB06219 Establishing A Voluntary Student Loan Program By Banks And Other Financial Institutions
HB06547 Establishing At Least One (1) Special Education (SPED) Center For Each School Division And At Least Three (3) SPED Centers In Big School Divisions For Children With Special Needs (CSN), Providing Guidelines Therefor, And For Other Purposes
HB06577 Granting Free College Entrance Examinations To Graduating High School Students, High School Graduates, College Entrants Or Transferees Applying For Admission In State Universities And Colleges And Local Colleges And Universities And To Underprivileged Public High School Students Belonging To The Top Ten Percent (10%) Of The Graduating Class Applying For Admission In Private Higher Education Institutions
HB06860 Broadening The Coverage Of The Science And Technology Scholarship Program, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 6787
HB06896 Transferring The Abellana College Of Arts And Trades In Mandaeza A Satellite Campus Of Cebu Technological University, To Barangay Bitoon, Municipality Of Dumanjug, Province Of Cebu, To Be Known As The Cebu Technological University - Dumanjug Campus
HB06897 Mandating All Higher Education Institutions To Create A Crime Prevention Committee That Shall Ensure The Safety And Security Of Their Students
Plus 8 House Bills Establishing And Converting Schools Into State Universities: HB04431, HB04442, HB04445, HB04446, HB04447, HB05913, and HB06687; and 4 House Bills Establishing And Converting Schools Into State College: HB00799, HB04183, HB04256 and HB04556.

ELECTORAL REFORM
RA10153 Synchronization Of The Elections And The Term Of Office Of The Elective Officials Of The Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) With Those Of The National And Other Local Officials (HB04136)
RA10366 Mandating The Use Of Easily Accessible Polling Places For Persons With Disabilities, Senior Citizens, And Expectant Mothers (HB05509/SB01287)
RA10367 Requiring All Registered Voters Whose Biometrics Have Not Been Captured To Appear Before The Election Officer Of Their Place Of Registration For Purposes Of Having Their Photographs, Fingerprints And Signatures Captured Through The Method Of Biometries (HB03450/SB01043)
RA10380 Providing For Local Absentee Voting For Media (HB04241/SB01198)
RA10590 Amending Republic Act No. 9189, Entitled 'An Act Providing For A System Of Overseas Absentee Voting By Qualified Citizens Of The Philippines Abroad' (HB06542)
JR00003 Annulling The Book Of Voters Of The Municipalities/Cities In The Autonomous Region Of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Directing The Commission On Elections To Immediately Conduct A New General Registration Of Voters In The Region (HRJ00304/SRJ00017)
HB04145 Identifying Other Persons Criminally LIABLE For Election Offenses And Increasing The Penalties For Election-related Offenses
HB06528 Instituting A Compulsory Insurance For Members Of The Board Of Election Inspectors (BEI), Special Board Of Election Inspectors (SBEI), The Board Of Election Tellers (BET) And Their Support Staff For Every National And Local Elections
HB06551 Strengthening The Political Party System, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes

ENERGY
RA10531 Strengthening The National Electrification Administration Further Amending For The Purpose Presidental Decree No. 269, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The 'National Electrification Administration Decree' (HB06214/SB03389)
HB05460 Providing Incentives For The Manufacture, Assembly, Conversion And Importation Of Electric, Hybrid And Other Alternative Fuel Vehicles, And For Other Purposes

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
RA10174 Establishing The People's Survival Fund Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 9279, Otherwise Known As 'The Climate Change Act Of 2009' (HB06215/SB02811)
RA10176 Reviving The Conservation Of 'Arbor Day' (HB04130/SB01146)
HB04812 Providing For A Comprehensive Hazardous And Radiactive Waste Management And Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof

HB04840 Regulating The Production, Importation, Sale, Provision, Use, Recovery, Collection, Recycling And Disposal Of Plastic Bags
HB05421 Establishing An 'Adopt-A-Wildlife Species Program'
HB05485 Providing For The Protection, Rehabilitation, And Sustainable Management Of Forest Ecosystems
HB05860 Providing For The Delineation Of The Specific Forest Limits Of The Public Domain
HB05996 Providing For The Retention By The Protected Area Management Board Of Seventy-Five Percent (75%) Of The Revenues Accruing To The Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF), Amending For The Purpose Section 16 Of Republic Act No. 7586, Otherwise Known As The 'National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 1992'
HB06023 Prevention Of Pollution From Ships Act Of 2012
HB06688 Requiring The Use Of Energy-Eficient Lighting Products
HR00032 Creating A Congressional Oversight Mining Committee

FRANCHISE
RA10178 Granting The Reliance Broadcasting Unlimited Inc. A Franchise To Construct, Install And Maintain Radio And Television Broadcasting Systems In The Philippines (HB04879)
RA10181 Granting TV Asia Foundation Philippines, Incorporated A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Television Broadcasting Stations In The Philippines (HB05492)
RA10182 Granting The Telecommunications Technology Solutions A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish And Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout The Philippines (HB05574)
RA10183 Granting Wi-tribe Telecoms, Inc., A Franchise To Operate And Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout The Philippines (HB05613)
RA10142 Renewing The Franchise Granted To Quest Broadcasting Inc. (HB05576)
RA10143 Renewing The Franchise Granted To Philippine Global Communications, Inc. (Formerly RCA Communications, Inc.) For Another Twenty-five (25) Years (HB06032)

GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM
RA10149 GOCC Governance Act Of 2011 (HB04067/SB02649)
RA10154 Requiring All Government Offices To Ensure The Release Of The Retirement Benefits Of Its Employees Within Fifteen Days From Retirement (HB03862/SB02748)
RA10172 Further Authorizing The City Or Municipal Civil Registrar Or The Consul General To Correct Clerical Or Typographical Error In The Date Of Birth Or Sex Of A Person Appearing In The Civil Register Without Need Of A Judicial Order (HB04530/SB03113)
RA10173 Protecting Individual Personal Data In Information And Communications Systems In The Government And In The Private Sector (HB04115/SB02965)
RA10144 Penalizing Unauthorized Taking, Stealing, Keeping Or Tampering Of Government Risk Reduction And Preparedness Equipment, Accessories And Similar Facilities (HB03932)
RA10149 Amending Republic Act No. 7894, Otherwise Known As The AFP Modernization Act (HB06410/SB03164)
RA10174 Extending The Term Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines (HB05461/SB02949)
RA10190 Amending Republic Act No. 7306 Entitled 'An Act Providing For The Establishment Of The People's Television Network, Incorporated, Defining Its Powers And Functions, Providing For Its Sources Of Funding And For Other Purposes (HB06703/SB03116)
RA10151 Strengthening The National Electric Utility Commission Further Amending For The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 269, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The National Electric Utility Commission Decree (HB06216/SB03389)
RA10152 Institutionalizing The Philippine National Health Research System (HB06735/SB03199)
RA10155 Setting The Philippine Standard Time (PST) In All Official Sources Throughout The Country (HB06168/SB03284)
RA10157 Promoting And Strengthening Filipino Design, Providing For The Purpose A National Design Policy And Renaming The Product Development And Design Center Of The Philippines Into The Design Center Of The Philippines (HB06852/SB03071)
RA10155 Strengthening The Bureau Of Corrections (Bucor) (HB06887/SB03355)
JR00001 Extending The Life Of The Joint Congressional Power (HB03116)

Another Twenty-five (25) Years (HB06032)
HB06680  Broadening The Coverage Of The Science And Technology Scholarship Program, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7687
HB06867  Establishing A Comprehensive System For Registration And Licensing Of Social Welfare And Development Agencies And Accreditation Of Social Welfare And Development Programs And Services
HB06870  Regulating Harbor Pilotage Services And The Conduct Of Harbor Pilots In All Ports In The Philippines, Reorganizing Port Authorities
HB06877  Strengthening The Career Executive Service
HB06883  Strengthening The Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation
HB06904  Further Strengthening The Government Service Insurance System

JHR00037  Expanding The Coverage Of The Legislative Oversight Committee To Monitor And Oversee The Implementation Of The Visiting Forces Agreement With The United States Of America To Include Other Defense And Status Of Forces Agreements With Other Countries Concurred With By The Senate, Amending For The Purpose Joint Resolution No. 2

GRANTING CITIZENSHIP
RA10148  An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Marcus Eugene Douthit (HB02107)
RA10356  Granting Philippine Citizenship To Jesse Josephine C. Lichauco (HB05277/ SB02983)
HB02088  An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Gulshan Bedi
HB02683  Granting Philippine Citizenship To Beatriz Berta Olga Olgado Roxas
HB06882  Granting Philippine Citizenship To Peter Leslie Wallace

HEALTH
RA10132  The Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act which requires that all children under five years old should be given basic immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases (HB04931/SB01138)
RA10354  Responsible Parenthood, Reproductive Health And Population And Development Act (HB0424/SB02865)
RA10526  Declaring The Month Of February Of Every Year As 'Liver Cancer And Hepatitis - B Awareness And Prevention Month' (HB09888/ SB03224)
HB00590  Establishing A Program For Public Education On Prostate Cancer
HB00592  Providing For National Folic Acid Education Program To Prevent Birth Defects
HB03130  Establishing The Barangay Integrated Development Approach For Nutrition Improvement (BIDAN) Of The Rural Poor As A Network Program Of The Participating State Colleges And Universities
HB03088  Promote and Support Breastfeeding As An Essential Component Of Family Planning And Responsible Parenthood
HB04075  Mandatory Ocular Prophylaxis On Newborns Act Of 2011
HB04308  Requiring Healthcare Facilities To Provide A Price List Of Their Supplies That Can Be Charged In The Medical Bill
HB04541  Establishing Mercury Exposure Information Program
HB05471  Strengthening The Regulation Of Health Facilities And Services In The Philippines
HB05751  Mandated Immunization Testing Of All Women Of Childbearing Age Who Will Undergo Cosmetic Surgery
HB05928  Institutionalizing A Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Care System
HB06048  Providing For Universal Health Care Services To All Filipinos (P I N O Y Health Insurance Act)
HB06154  Blood Type Identification Act Of 2012
HB06388  Establishing Quality Standards For Mineral, Carbonated And Other Bottled Waters
HB06474  Strengthening The Food Safety Regulatory System In The Country To Protect Consumer Health And Facilitate Market Access Of Local Foods And Food Products
HB06529  Providing For Toy And Game Safety Labeling, Appropriating Funds Therefor
HB06552  Safe And Non-Toxic Children’s Products Act Of 2012
HB06731  Strengthening The Philippine Comprehensive Policy On HIV And AIDS Prevention, Treatment, Care And Support And Establishing The Philippine National HIV And AIDS Program, Revising For The Purpose Republic Act No. 8504, Otherwise Known As The Philippine AIDS Prevention And Control Act Of 1998, And Appropriating Funds Therefor
HB06802  Declaring Malunggay (Moringa) As 'The National Vegetable Of The Philippines' And The Month Of November Of Every Year As 'The National Malunggay Month'
HB06809  Prohibiting The Practice Of Ghost Surgery Or Ghost Anesthesia By Medical Doctors And Hospitals


**HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

HB04316 Instituting Reforms In The Subdivision And Condominium Owners' Protective Decree

HB04578 Prescribing the Mechanisms to Facilitate the Disposition of Government-Owned Lands for Socialized Housing Sites for Low-Buyers' Protective Decree

HB04656 Instituting Reforms In The Government's Drive Against Professional Squatters And Squatting Rackeeteers/Or Syndicates

HB05446 Strengthening The Balanced Housing Development Program

**JUSTICE**

RA10518 Decriminalizing Vagrancy (HB04936/SB02726)

RA10519 Adjusting The Rate Subsidiary Imprisonment To One Day For An Amount Equivalent To The Daily Minimum Wage Of A Lawyer In The National Capital Region (HB00600/SB02808)

RA10344 Penalizing Unauthorized Taking, Stealing, Keeping Or Tampering Of Government Risk Reduction And Preparedness Equipment, Accessories And Similar Facilities (HB09312)

RA10533 Anti-Enforced Or Involuntary Disappearance Act (HB00098/SB02817)

RA10568 Providing Compensation To Victims Of Human Rights Violations During The Marcos Regime (HB00990/SB03134)

RA10370 Establishing A Separate Municipal Circuit Trial Court Comprising The Municipalities Of Buenavista And San Lorenzo In The Province Of Guimaras (HB02821)

RA10389 Institutionalizing Recognition As A Mode Of Granting The Release Of An Indigent Person In Custody As An Accused In A Criminal Case And For Other Purposes (HB03595)

RA10515 Anti-Cable Television And Cable Internet Pirflager Act (HB00709/SB03345)

RA10523 Declaring The First Week Of February Of Every Year As 'World Interfaith Harmony Week' In The Entire Country (HB06480/SB03272)

RA10531 Strengthening The National Electrification Administration Further Amending For The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 269, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The National Electrification Administration Decree (HB002134/SB03198)

RA10536 Providing Stiffer Penalties For Acts In Violation Of The Meat Inspection System (HB05490/SB03188)

RA10572 Establishing The Liability Of The Absolute Community Or Conjugal Partnership For An Obligation Of A Spouse Who Practices A Profession And The Capability Of Either Spouse To Dispose Of An Exclusive Property Without The Consent Of The Other Spouse, Amending For The Purpose Articles 73 And 111 Of The Civil Code Of The Philippines (HB06307)

RA10573 Strengthening The Bureau Of Corrections (Bucor) (HB06687/SB03315)

RA10586 Penalizing Persons Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Dangerous Drugs, And Similar Substances (HB04251/SB03365)

RA10592 Giving Offender The Fullest Benefit of Preventive Imprisonment, Amending for the Purpose Article 29 Of The Penal Code No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As the Revised Penal Code (HB00417 & HB02129/SB03366)


HB01213 Amending Section 2 Of Republic Act No. 4103, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Indiscipline Sentence Law

HB02951 Amending Act No. 3126, Otherwise Known As An Act To Establish Periods Of Prescription For Violations Penalized By Special Acts And Municipal Ordinances And To Provide When Prescription Shall Begin To Run In The Province Of Guimaras (HB02821)

HB03497 Authorizing The Court To Require Community Service in lieu of Imprisonment for the Penalty of Arrezzo Menor

HB03543 Providing For A Longer Period For The Rectification Of Simulated Births

HB03747 Extending The Period For Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples To Exercise The Option To Secure Title To Their Ancestral Lands (Adopting The Property Regime Of Conjugal Partnerships Of Gain)

HB04368 Amending Executive Order No. 209, Otherwise Known As The Code Of The Philippines, By Harmonizing Said Law With Recent Rulings Of The Supreme Court Of The Philippines On Divorce Obtained By The Alien Spouse In Another Country

HB04807 Prohibiting Racial, Ethnic And Religious Discrimination

HB05496 Requiring All Elementary And Secondary Schools To Adopt Policies To Prevent And Address The Acts Of Bullying In Their Instruction

HB05627 Protecting The Rights Of Internally Displaced Persons

HB05715 Whistleblower, Protection, Security And Benefit Act

HB06582 Strengthening The Juvenile Justice System In The Philippines

HB06184 Granting Additional Benefits To Solo Parents Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 8972, Otherwise Known As The 'Solo Parents Welfare Act Of 2000'

HB06482 Prescribing Stricter Penalties On The Crime Of Delivering Prisoners From Jail And Insubility In The Custody Of Prisoners

HB06744 Rationalizing And Strengthening The Probation System By Increasing Inter Alia The Probationable Penalty To Less Than Eight Years

HB06775, HB06776, HB06777, HB06778, HB06782, HB06797, HB06798, HB06799, HB06821, HB06850, HB06859, HB06861, and HB06888

**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**

RA10511 Rationalizing The Nightwork Prohibition on Women Workers (HB04276/SB02701)

RA10514 Requiring All Government Offices To Ensure The Release Of The Retirement Benefits Of Employees Within Fifteen Days From Retirement (HB03862/SB02748)

RA10361 Domestic Workers Act (HB06414/SB00078)

RA10395 Strengthening Tripartism (HB06685/SB02921)

RA10396 Strengthening Conciliation - Mediation As A Voluntary Mode Of Dispute Settlement For All Labor Cases (HB06686/SB02918)

RA10386 Providing For The Development Of Entrepreneurship Skills Among Government Employees For An Innovation-Inspired Corps Of Civil Servants

RA04205 Amending Presidential Decree No. 442, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Labor Code Of The Philippines By Adding A New Article 287-A Reducing The Retirement Age Of Horse Jockeys From Sixty (60) To Fifty-Five (55)

RA04209 Strengthening Adult Education Programs For Workers And Employees

RA04539 Establishing A Credit Assistance Program For Overseas Workers

RA04641 Expanding The Prohibited Acts Of Discrimination Against Women On Account Of Sex, Amending For The Purpose Articles 135 And 137 Of The Labor Code Of The Philippines

RA09192 Strengthening Further The Workers' Right To Self-Organization

RA06841 OWVA Act Of 2011

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

RA10516 Conforming Upon A Member Of The Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Pan limbog And Sangguniang Pandalawigan The Appropriate Civil Service Eligibility (HB04357/SB02946)

RA04061 Strengthening The Local Autonomy Of Local Governments By Repealing For The Purpose Section 21 Of RA 1021 Otherwise Known As The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Act Of 2010
HB04410 Direct Remittance To The Host Local Government Of Its Forty Percent Share (40%) Of The Proceeds From National Wealth Taxes

HB04565 Creating A Local Housing Board In Every City And First To Third Class Municipalities

HB05567 Mandating The Designation Of A Cooperative Officer In The Local Government Unit

HB05620 Exempting From The Population And Land Area Requirements The Conversion Of A Municipality Onto A Component City: If It Has A Locally Generated Average Annual Income Of At Least Two Hundred Million Pesos (P200,000,000.00)

HB06567 Providing All Barangay Officials, Including Barangay Tanods, Members Of The Lupon Ng Tagapamayapa, Barangay Health Workers And Barangay Day Care Workers, A Lump Sum Retirement Pay Equivalent To One (1) Year Honorarium

PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

HB04225 Strengthening The Participation Of Civil Society Organizations In The Formulation Of National, Regional And Local Development Plans

HB05228 Providing Benefits To Barangay Volunteer Workers

HB06713 Filipino Volunteerism In Nation-building (VNB) Or Bayanihan Sa Bagumbayan (BSB) Act

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

RA10166 Regulating The Practice Of Geology In The Philippines (HB05640/SB02941)

RA10350 Regulating And Modernizing The Practice Of Interior Design In The Philippines (HB04323/SB03123)

RA10587 Regulating The Practice Of Environmental Planning (HB04692/SB03138)

HB04693 Regulating The Practice Of Mining Engineering

HB05851 Regulating The Practice Of Metallurgical Engineering

HB06442 Regulating The Practice Of Forestry In The Philippines

HB06643 Expanding The Scope Of The Practice Of Midwifery

HB06538 Regulating The Education And Licensure Of Physicians And The Practice Of Medicine In The Philippines, Repealing For The Purpose Republic Act No. 2182, As Amended, And For Other Purposes

HB06575 Regulating And Modernizing The Practice Of Pharmacy In The Philippines

HB06876 Regulating The Practice Of Pharmacy In The Philippines

PUBLIC INFORMATION

RA10390 Amending Republic Act No. 7306 Entitled 'An Act Providing For The Establishment Of The People’s Television Network, Incorporated, Defining Its Powers And Functions, Providing For Its Sources Of Funding And For Other Purposes (HB06073/SB03116)

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RA10573 Declaring The Sheikh Karimul Mahfudh Mosque At Tubig Indangan, Simalul, Province Of Tawi-Tawi, As A National Historical Landmark (HB01105)

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