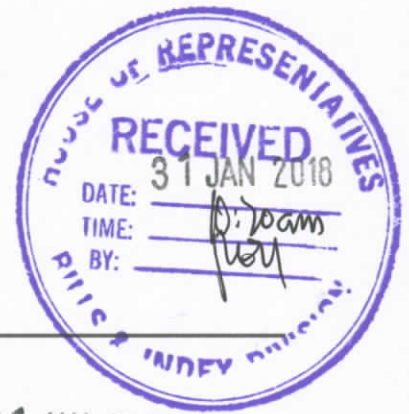


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 593

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on 31 JAN 2018

Re : **House Bill No. 7070**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 986.

Sponsors : Representatives Durano and Fortun

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which was referred House Bill No. 986, introduced by Rep. Lawrence Lemuel H. Fortun, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE BALANGAY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
BUTUAN BOAT, AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF THE PHILIPPINES

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7070,
entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE BALANGAY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
BUTUAN BOAT, AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF THE PHILIPPINES

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 986, with Representatives Fortun and Durano
as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI
Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

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HOUSE BILL NO. **7070**
(In substitution of House Bill No. 986)

Introduced by Representatives Fortun and Durano

AN ACT
DECLARING THE BALANGAY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BUTUAN BOAT,
AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** It is the policy of the State to promote and inculcate nationalism,
2 appreciation and pride in the cultural and historical heritage of the nation. Furthermore, the
3 State shall instill and foster nationalism, appreciation and pride in the country's National
4 Symbols that embody the ideals and traditions of the nation.
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6 **SEC. 2.** The Balangay, otherwise known as the Butuan Boat including all similar
7 boats that may be discovered later elsewhere in the country, is hereby declared as the
8 National Boat of the Philippines.
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10 **SEC. 3.** All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent
11 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.
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13 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
14 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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16 Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

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House Bill No. 7070

(In substitution of House Bill No. 986)

As Approved by the Committee on 27 November 2017

NATIONAL BOAT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by: REPS. FORTUN AND DURANO

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)

Committee Chairperson: REP. RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI

OBJECTIVES:

- To recognize the historical and cultural significance of the *Balangay* as well as the ideals, values and traditions it represents
- To preserve and promote the cultural treasures of the country

KEY PROVISION:

- Declares the *Balangay*, also known as the Butuan Boat including all similar boats that may be discovered later elsewhere in the country, as the National Boat of the Philippines

RELATED LAW:

- The 1987 Philippine Constitution