SENATE

S. No. 2522

- PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEES ON BASIC EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE, WITH SENATORS VILLAR, GO, GATCHALIAN, ANGARA, BINAY, CAYETANO, DELA ROSA, DRILON, GORDON, HONTIVEROS, LACSON, LAPID, MARCOS, PACQUIAO, PANGILINAN, PIMENTEL III, RECTO, REVILLA JR., SOTTO III, VILLANUEVA AND ZUBIRI AS AUTHORS THEREOF
- AN ACT DECLARING THE SECOND THURSDAY OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY"
- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:
- 1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National
- 2 Baptist Day Act".
- 3 SEC. 2. It is hereby the declared policy of the State to
- 4 recognize the Baptists for the continuous pursuit of their
- 5 evangelical mission to contribute to nation-building by
- 6 establishing Christian schools that instill academic

excellence and build character in individuals, and churches
that proclaim, teach and share biblical principles for the
betterment of society.

4 SEC. 3. To recognize the important contribution of the 5 Baptists in nation-building, the State shall promote the 6 observance of the second Thursday of January of every 7 year as "National Baptist Day" and proclaim the same as a 8 special working holiday.

9 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days 10 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a 11 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,