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First Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO.

Submitted by the Committee on Public Services on September 17, 1987.

Re : Senate Bill No. 52

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor: Senator Rene A. V. Saguisag

Mr. President:

The Committee on Public Services to which was referred Senate Bill No. 52, entitled:

"AN ACT
TO EXTEND THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE OF THE MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS BEYOND AUGUST 30, 1987"

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the Bill be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman

Committee on Public Services

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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CONGRESS

SESSION

SENATE BILL NO.  $\underline{52}$ 



INTRODUCED BY SEN. SAGUISAG

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

The franking privilege of the members of the new Congress expires on August 30, 1987 under Executive Order No. 199.

The bill seeks to extend it up to the end of their terms. Their successors will enjoy a similar privilege.

Surviving spouses of Members of Congress shall enjoy a limited form of franking privilege.

The privilege is available only to assist in and expedite the conduct of the official business, activities and duties of the Congress, covering all matters which directly or indirectly pertain to the legislative process or to any congressional representative functions generally, or to the functioning, working, or operating of the Congress and the performance of official duties in connection therewith, and shall include, but not be limited to, the conveying of information to the public, and the asking of the views of the public, and the views or information of other authority of government, as a guide or means of assistance in the performance of those functions, and will not include matter which is purely personal, or purely politically partisan, such as in seeking political support in an election contest.

In view of the urgency of the proposal in light of the expiry date of August 30, 1987, quick action on it is earnestly urged.

Manila, August 11, 1987.

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SENATE BILL NO. 52



INTRODUCED BY SEN. SAGUISAG

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE OF THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BEYOND AUGUST 30, 1987

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The franking privilege of the Members of Congress which expires on August 30, 1987 is hereby extended up to the end of their terms. This privilege will also be enjoyed by their successors during their terms.

SECTION 2. Upon the death of a Member of Congress during his or her term of office, his or her spouse may send, for a period not to exceed three months after his or her death, as franked mail, nonpolitical correspondence relating to the death of the Member.

SECTION 3. The privilege mentioned in Section 1 of this Act is available only to assist and expedite the conduct of the official business, activities and duties of the Congress, and will not include matters which are purely personal or purely politically partisan such as in seeking political support in an election contest.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Transportation and Communications shall issue the necessary guidelines to implement this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

APPROVED,