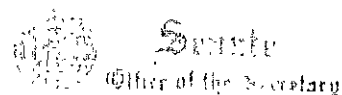


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RESOLUTION

AMENDING SECTION 13 (35) RULE X OF THE SENATE RULES BY DIVIDING INTO TWO SEPARATE STANDING COMMITTEES THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS

Whereas, the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports during the 8th until the 10th Congress forms part of the regular standing committees of the Senate as two separate committees, namely the Committee on Games and Amusement and the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;

Whereas, there has been a growing concern over matters and issues pertaining to both amateur sports and professional sports that should be taken independently to give full attention towards the upliftment of both sectors;

Whereas, with the dismal harvest of nine (9) medals in the Olympic Games since we started competing in 1928, an average rank of 14th to 18th place in the Asian Games since 1951, and a measly 4th position in the Southeast Asian Games being competed by ten (10) nations since 1977; it is high time for the Senate to provide its serious legislative attention to amateur sports affairs as an independent committee to drastically improve and leap-frog the stature of our sports delegation to become world class athletes;

Whereas, aspects pertaining to professional sports and amusement affairs of the committee covers wide array and very significant areas of jurisdiction that deserves to be treated with distinct attention as a stand alone committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to amend Section 13 (35) Rule X of the Senate Rules by dividing into two separate standing committees the Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports to read as follows:

"SEC. 13. After the organization of the Senate in the manner provided in Rule IX, the following permanent committees shall be formed, with the duties, powers and general jurisdiction specified hereunder:

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35) COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT. NINE (9) MEMBERS. ALL MATTERS RELATING TO GAMES AND AMUSEMENT, SUCH AS LOTTERIES, JAI-ALAI, HORSE-RACING, DOG-RACING, WRESTLING, BOXING, BASKETBALL AND ALL OTHER PROFESSIONAL SPORTS.

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39) COMMITTEE ON AMATEUR SPORTS COMPETITIVENESS. NINE (9) MEMBERS. ALL MATTERS RELATING TO AMATEUR GRASSROOTS AND ELITE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT."

Adopted,


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Senator