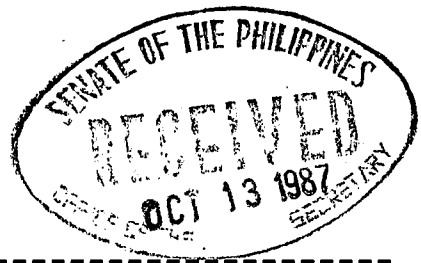


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COMMITTEE REPORT 40

Jointly submitted by the Committees on Women and Family Relations and Public Information and Mass Media on October 13, 1987

Re: Senate Bill No. 149, prepared by the Committees.

Recommending its approval in substitution of S. Nos. 20 and 25..

Sponsors: Senators Maceda, Rasul, Tamano, Mercado, Herrera and Romulo

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Women and Family Relations and the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media to which were referred S. No. 20, introduced by Senators Maceda, Rasul and Tamano, entitled:

"AN ACT TO DECLARE UNLAWFUL THE PRACTICE OF MATCHING FILIPINO WOMEN FOR MARRIAGE TO FOREIGN NATIONAL ON A MAIL ORDER BASIS AND OTHER SIMILAR PRACTICES, INCLUDING THE ADVERTISEMENT, PUBLICATION, PRINTING OR DISTRIBUTION OF BROCHURES, FLIERS AND OTHER PROPAGANDA MATERIALS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF AND PROVIDING PENALTY THEREFOR,"

and S. No. 25, introduced by Senators Mercado, Herrera and Romulo, entitled:

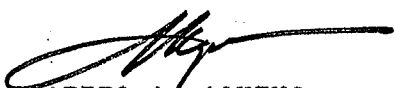
"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION OR BROADCAST OF ANY ADVERTISEMENT THAT RECRUITS OR SELLS FILIPINO WOMEN AS WIVES TO FOREIGNERS,"

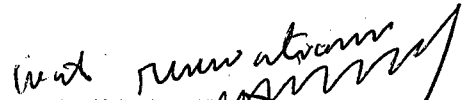
have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that S. No. , prepared by the Committees and entitled:

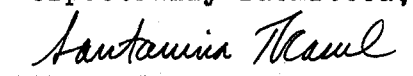
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be approved in substitution of S. No. 20 and S. No. 25 with Senators Maceda, Rasul, Tamano, Mercado, Herrera and Romulo as authors thereof.

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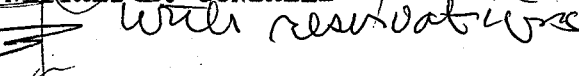

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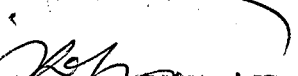
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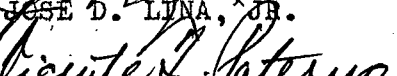

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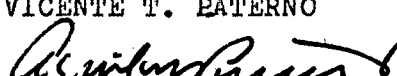

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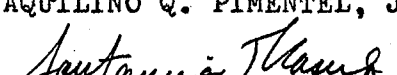

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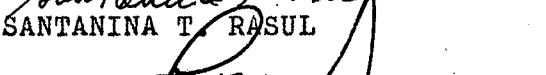
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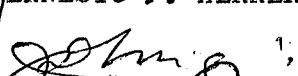

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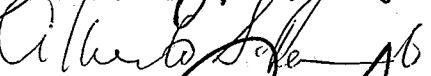
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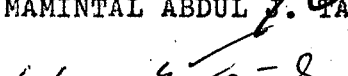

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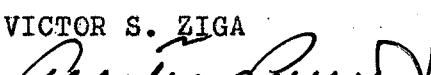

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SENATE

S-B. No. 149

Prepared by the Committee on Women and Family Relations and the Committee on Public Information and Mass Media with Senators Maceda, Rasul, Tamano, Mercado, Herrera and Romulo as authors thereof.

AN ACT

TO DECLARE UNLAWFUL THE PRACTICE OF MATCHING FILIPINO WOMEN FOR MARRIAGE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS ON A MAIL-ORDER BASIS AND OTHER SIMILAR PRACTICES, INCLUDING THE ADVERTISEMENT, PUBLICATION, PRINTING OR DISTRIBUTION OF BROCHURES, FLIERS AND OTHER PROPAGANDA MATERIALS IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF AND PROVIDING PENALTY THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to ensure and
2 guarantee the enjoyment of the people of a decent standard
3 of living. Towards this end, the State shall take measures
4 to protect the Filipino women from being exploited in utter
5 disregard of human dignity in their pursuit of economic up-
6 liftment.

7 SEC. 2. Pursuant thereto, it is hereby declared
8 unlawful,

9 a) For a person, natural or juridical, association,
10 club or any other entity to commit any of the following
11 acts:

12 1) To establish or carry on a business which
13 has for its purpose the matching of Filipino
14 women for marriage to foreign nationals on a
15 mail-order basis or through personal
16 introduction;

17 2) To advertise, publish, print or distribute or
18 cause the advertisement, publication, print-
19 ing or distribution of any brochure, flier,

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1 or any propaganda materials calculated to
2 promote the prohibited act in paragraph a)
3 (1) hereof;

4 3) To solicit, enlist or in any manner attract
5 or induce any Filipino woman to become a mem-
6 ber in any club or association whose object-
7 ive is to match women for marriage to foreign
8 nationals either on a mail-order basis or
9 through personal introduction.

10 b) For the owner, manager, or other officer or officers
11 concerned of any newspaper, magazine, television or radio
12 station, or other media, or of an advertising agency,
13 printing company or other similar entities, to knowingly
14 allow, or consent to, the acts prohibited in Section 2,
15 Paragraph a) (2) hereof.

16 SEC. 3. In case of violation of this Act by an asso-
17 ciation, club, partnership, corporation, or any other
18 entity, the incumbent officers thereof who have
19 participated in the violation of this Act shall be held
20 liable.

21 SEC. 4. Any person found guilty by the court to have
22 violated any of the acts herein prohibited shall suffer an
23 imprisonment of not less than six years and one day but not
24 more than eight years, and, a fine of not less than eight
25 thousand pesos (P8,000). Provided, That if the offender is
26 foreigner, he shall be immediately deported and barred for-
27 ever from entering the country after serving his sentence
28 and payment of fine.

29 SEC. 5. All laws, decrees, orders, instructions, rules
30 and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with this
31 Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

32 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
Approved,