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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Education, Arts and Culture, National
Defense and Security, and Finance on 08 OCT 2001

Re: **Senate Bill No. 1824** prepared by the Committees

Recommending its approval in substitution of S. B. Nos. 41, 60, 255, 392, 457,
716, 1139, 1314, 1358, 1508, 1520, 1667 and 1674, and P. S. Res. No. 45

Sponsors: **Senators Cayetano and Magsaysay, Jr.**

Mr. President:

The Committees on Education, Arts and Culture, National Defense and
Security, and Finance, to which were referred **Senate Bill No. 41**, introduced by
Sen. Flavier, entitled:

**“AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE COURSES IN THE CURRICULA OF
ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, CONVERTING THE
EXISTING COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS AS OPTIONAL SUBJECTS ONLY, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”**

Senate Bill No. 60, introduced by **Sen. Flavier**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
AMENDING COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 1 PROVIDING FOR
OPTIONAL MILITARY TRAINING SERVICE IN SECONDARY
AND TERTIARY EDUCATION”**

Senate Bill No. 255, introduced by **Sen. Osmeña III**, entitled:

**“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN OPTIONAL RESERVED OFFICERS'
TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) PROGRAM FOR ALL
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

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Senate Bill No. 392, introduced by Sen. de Castro, entitled:

**“AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR SUMMER MILITARY TRAINING (SMT)
PROGRAM AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE REGULAR
RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) PROGRAM
FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES
AND OTHER SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”**

Senate Bill No. 457, introduced by Sen. Drilon, entitled:

**“AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN OPTIONAL RESERVED OFFICERS’
TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) AND CITIZEN’S ARMY TRAINING
(CAT) PROGRAM FOR ALL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

Senate Bill No. 716, introduced by Sen. Legarda Leviste, entitled:

**“AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A CITIZEN’S ECOLOGY SERVICE COURSE,
IN LIEU OF THE EXISTING MILITARY TRAINING COURSE,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 1,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

Senate Bill No. 1139, introduced by Sen. Magsaysay, Jr., entitled:

**“AN ACT
MAKING THE COURSE ON MILITARY INSTRUCTION (ROTC
COURSE) AN OPTIONAL COURSE, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE THE PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED
SEVENTY AND SEVENTY SEVEN (RA 7077), OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘CITIZEN ARMED FORCE OR ARMED
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT’ AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”**

Senate Bill No. 1314, introduced by Sen. Cayetano, entitled:

**“AN ACT
ABOLISHING THE CITIZEN’S ARMY TRAINING (CAT) AND THE
RESERVED OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) AS
COMPULSORY COURSES OF THE SCHOOL CURRICULA IN
HIGH SCHOOLS AND ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING, AMENDING
THEREBY COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 1 (NATIONAL DEFENSE
ACT), EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 207 AND REPUBLIC ACT 7077
(ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT)”**

Senate Bill No. 1358, introduced by Sen. Lacson, entitled:

**“AN ACT
TO AMEND SECTION 14, ARTICLES VI AND SECTION 38,
ARTICLE VII OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘CITIZEN’S ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT’, TO PROVIDE FOR**

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ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF TRAINING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Senate Bill No. 1508, introduced by Sen. Pangilinan, entitled:

**"AN ACT
MAKING AN OPTIONAL RESERVED OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) AND PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTIVE SOCIO-CIVIC PROGRAMS FOR ALL COLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION"**

Senate Bill No. 1520, introduced by Sen. Jaworski, entitled:

**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN OPTIONAL RESERVED OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) PROGRAM FOR ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

Senate Bill No. 1667, introduced by Sen. Biazon, entitled:

**"AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF OPTIONAL COURSES ON MILITARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN ALL SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH (CSPY), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

Senate Bill No. 1674, introduced by Sen. Ople, entitled:

**"AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077 ENTITLED, 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATION, ORGANIZATION, TRAINING, MAINTENANCE AND UTILIZATION OF THE CITIZEN ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES,' PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

and Proposed Senate Res. No. 45, introduced by Sen. Ople, entitled:

**"RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR A SENATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED ANOMALIES IN THE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) AND THE GROWING CLAMOR FOR ITS ABOLITION"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate

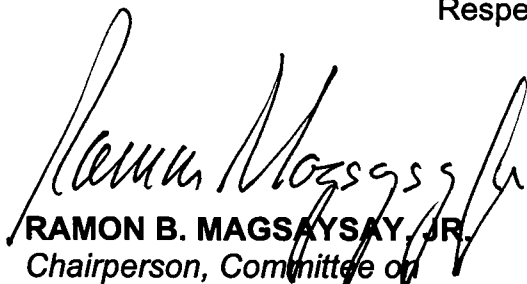
with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. 1824,

prepared by the Committees, entitled:

**"AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR AN OPTIONAL RESERVED OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC), ESTABLISHING ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS SUCH AS PEACEKEEPING AND CIVIC WELFARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN COLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

be approved in substitution of S. B. Nos. 41, 60, ~~61~~, 255, 392, 457, 716, 1139, ~~1140~~
 1314, 1358, 1508, 1520, 1667 and 1674, and P. S. Res. No. 45, with
 Senators Flavir, Osmeña III, de Castro, Drilon, Legarda Leviste,
 Magsaysay, Jr., Cayetano, Lacson, Pangilinan, Jaworski, Biazon, and Ople
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I favor abolition

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S. B. No. 1824

(In Substitution of S. B. Nos. 41, 60, 255, 392, 457, 716, 1139,
1314, 1358, 1508, 1520, 1667 and 1674, and P. S. Res. No. 45)

Introduced by Senators Flavier, Osmeña III, de Castro, Drilon, Legarda Leviste,
Magsaysay Jr., Cayetano, Lacson, Pangilinan, Jaworski, Biazon and Ople

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR AN OPTIONAL RESERVED OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
(ROTC), ESTABLISHING ALTERNATIVE NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS
SUCH AS PEACEKEEPING AND CIVIC WELFARE AND COMMUNITY
SERVICE IN COLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Declaration of Policy* – It is the duty of each citizen to
2 contribute to his country’s development. The modern youth, the most valuable
3 resource of our nation, should therefore be motivated, trained, organized,
4 mobilized and given the opportunity not only in national defense preparedness,
5 but also on matters such as peacekeeping and other civic welfare and
6 community service programs.

7 Towards this end, the lofty objective of Commonwealth Act No. 1 and
8 Republic Act No. 7077 to require mandatory training of all able-bodied college
9 students under the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program needs to
10 be updated and modernized. The Reserved Officers Training Corps should
11 therefore be conducted on a purely voluntary and/or optional basis. Alternative
12 National Service Programs that can inculcate in the youth the importance of
13 nation-building and hone other skills needed in the contemporary times should
14 instead be emphasized.

15 **SEC. 2.** *Optional Reserved Officers Training Corps Program.* – All
16 colleges and universities, public and private, and similar institutions of higher

1 learning, shall provide in their curriculum an optional Reserved Officers Training
2 Corps (ROTC) Program for all students, female and male alike.

3 **SEC. 3. *Alternative National Service Programs.*** – Students of colleges
4 and universities, public and private, and similar institutions of higher learning may
5 opt to enroll in Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC) or in any of the
6 alternative national service programs provided herein.

7 (a) Peacekeeping Program – Peacekeeping Program shall refer to the
8 training module designed to enhance the maintenance of the local
9 peace and order; promote public safety; traffic management; disaster
10 preparedness, assistance in relief and rescue operations during
11 calamities and disasters; prevention of drug abuse and other
12 undertaking relative to the maintenance of peace and order.

13 (b) Civic Welfare Service – The Civic Welfare and/or Community Service
14 Program refers to the instruction component designed to encourage
15 the youth to contribute in the improvement of the general welfare and
16 the quality of life for the local community such as guarding the
17 environment, participating in free education programs for out of school
18 youths; cleaning up of designated areas such as streets, rivers and
19 *esteros*; tree-planting activities; public service work in government
20 offices; and other programs in the areas of health, sanitation and
21 livelihood.

22 **SEC. 4. *Establishment of Optional Reserved Officers Training Corps***
23 *(ROTC) Program*– Pursuant to Section 2 hereof, the Secretary of National
24 Defense, together with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), shall
25 design, formulate and adopt a one-summer program of optional Reserved
26 Officers Training Corps, including clustering of affected students from different
27 educational institutions.

1 Students electing to enlist in the ROTC Program shall not be assessed or
2 charged any fee or similar charges and shall be entitled to necessary assistance
3 and allowance as may be defined in the rules and regulations of this Act.

4 **SEC. 5. *Establishment of Alternative National Service Programs.*** – The
5 scope and details of training and instruction of students under any of the
6 alternative national service programs, shall be determined by and held in
7 appropriate centers or areas as may be designated by the Department of Interior
8 and Local Government (DILG) and CHED, under Section 3, subsection (a)
9 hereof; and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD),
10 Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and CHED, under
11 subsection (b) hereof.

12 Alternative National Service Programs shall not exceed one (1) school
13 year.

14 **SEC. 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Department of
15 National Defense, in consultation with the CHED, shall formulate the rules and
16 regulations in case of optional ROTC and the Department of Interior and Local
17 Government, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of
18 Health, Department of Environment and Natural Resources and CHED, in case
19 of alternative national service programs, within thirty (30) days from the approval
20 of this Act.

21 In the formulation of the implementing rules and regulations, the
22 concerned agencies shall consult with the Philippine Association of State
23 Universities and Colleges (PASUC), Coordinating Council of Private Educational
24 Associations of the Philippines (COCOPEA), and the University of the
25 Philippines.

26 **SEC. 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If any section or provision of this Act shall
27 be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not
28 affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

1 **SEC. 8. *Repealing Clause.*** –Section 35 of Commonwealth Act No.1,
2 Executive Order. No. 207, Sections 38-39 of Republic Act. 7077, and Sections 2-
3 3 of Presidential Decree 1706, as well as all laws, decrees, orders, rules and
4 regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
5 deemed modified, revoked or repealed accordingly.

6 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
7 publication in two (2) newspapers of national circulation, but the implementation
8 of this Act shall commence in the school year of 2002 -2003.

Approved,