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House Bill No. 3152



Introduced by **HON. TOMAS R. OSMEÑA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

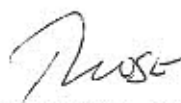
This bill seeks to institutionalize the observance of long holidays from December 25 – January 1 as special non-working days.

Section 26, Chapter 7, Book I of Executive Order No. 292, as amended, otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987", lists among its regular holidays, January 1 as New Year's Day, December 25 being Christmas Day, December 30 as Jose Rizal Day, and December 31 as Nationwide Special Holiday being the last day of the year.

It should be emphasized that excluding Saturday and Sunday, there are only two working days in the eight days affected by this bill. To make up for the two days, this bill seeks to also declare the two Saturdays preceding December 25 as regular working days. This should put to rest therefore, the economic factors like lost productivity businessmen are worried about.

The holiday season in December is the time for spending precious moments with loved ones. It is a season that families look forward to every year. It is the time to go back to the roots by the labor sector, a time also to spend and bond together as a family in any destination of choice. By extending the holidays to include these eight days, family solidarity will be strengthened. On the part of factory owners and other businessmen, they will have ample time to perform their year-end inventory of goods and other assets during the two Saturdays before December 25.

Foregoing considered, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 25 – 31 AND JANUARY 1
AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAYS**

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

SECTION 1. The eight (8) working days from December 25 – 31 and January 1 shall be observed as non-working holidays. For this purpose, the two Saturdays preceding December 25 shall be regular working days.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

[Signature]