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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

THIRD REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2663

Submitted by the Committee on Justice on 30 JAN 2013

Re: House Bill No. 6882

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6553

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr. and Mark A. Villar

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice to which was referred House Bill No. 6553, introduced by Representative Mark A. Villar, entitled:

**"AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO PETER LESLIE WALLACE"**

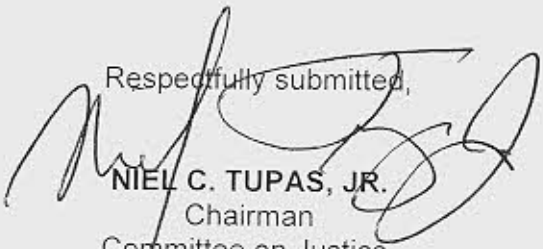
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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. _____, entitled:

**"AN ACT
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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 6553, with Representatives Mark A. Villar, Niel C. Tupas, Jr. and Luis R. Villafuerte as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Chairman
Committee on Justice

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6882

Introduced by Honorables Mark A. Villar, Niel C. Tupas, Jr. and
Luis R. Villafuerte

**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
PETER LESLIE WALLACE**

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

SECTION 1. Peter Leslie Wallace is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto and with the same effects and subject to the same conditions as provided under the Constitution.

SEC. 2. Upon the taking and registration of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before the Bureau of Immigration and the issuance to him of the Certificate of Naturalization, Peter Leslie Wallace shall enter upon the full enjoyment of the Philippine citizenship.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 6553

Introduced by the HON. MARK A. VILLAR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

What does it mean to be Filipino? Why is it that despite the modest resources of our country and the challenges faced by our people, a man would rise and ask that he be given the privilege of calling himself a citizen of this State?

Perhaps, it is a blessing that the framers of our constitution have given a premium to citizenship by blood and made it difficult for one, who is not a citizen to obtain it easily. An alien who wishes to be a Filipino must undergo a process which will require from him proof on why he is to be granted Filipino citizenship. However, there are individuals who have lived fully the spirit of being a citizen of this country, persons who have transcended the limitations of the dictates of fate by being born in another country who by their deeds has made this country their home and has made the citizens of this State as their brethren.

One such person is Peter Leslie Wallace. He was born on June 3, 1939 in Australia. At the age of 18, he became a cadet engineer with the Amalgamated Wireless of Australia. Subsequently, he became a regional manager for an American company where he encouraged the company to invest in a Philippine company. In 1975, Mr. Wallace moved to Manila to establish a factory where he became a CEO before he established the AYC Consultants in 1982.

Mr. Wallace spent half of his lifetime in the Philippines. He has practiced Philippine culture and tradition and has adapted Filipino values. He founded through the Management Association of the Philippines, a foundation called A LIFE FOR OTHERS, to provide a house or similar benefit to the families of soldiers who have lost their lives rescuing others. He, likewise, founded the Caliraya Lake Conservation Society in 1999 with his Filipina wife, to protect the watershed of Lake Caliraya and to conserve the surrounding forest of the area. Also, for many years, he was Chairman of Adaptive Technology for Rehabilitation, Integration, and Empowerment of the Visually Impaired (ATRIEV), a school for the blind that provides computer skills to blind youth.

~~Mr. Wallace is not yet a citizen of this country, but his heart and soul reflect a true and~~
proud Filipino. Let Congress give to him this privilege because through his deeds he has
already shown every Filipino what it means to be one.

For the above stated reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



MARK A. VILLAR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6553

Introduced by the HON. MARK A. VILLAR

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO PETER LESLIE WALLACE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of the Representatives in Congress Assembled

SECTION 1. Peter Leslie Wallace is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.

After the taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, Peter Leslie Wallace shall enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine Citizenship.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect immediately following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
15th Congress
3rd Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

FOR : THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
THRU : THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR COMMITTEE AFFAIRS *[Signature]*
RE : SPOT REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2013, TUESDAY, 9:30 A.M. AT CONFERENCE ROOMS 9 & 10, MITRA BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DATE : 29 January 2013

I. Deliberation on House Bill No. 6553 authored by Rep. Mark A. Villar, granting Philippine Citizenship to Peter Leslie Wallace

a. Major issues/positions and views aired:

- Members of the Committee present interposed no objection to HB No. 6553, noting the contributions of Mr. Wallace, an Australian citizen, to the environment, education, and the development of our country.
- The Bureau of Immigration noted that in more than 30 years Mr. Wallace has been in the country, he has no derogatory record with the Bureau.

b. Agreement reached/Decision made:

- Rep. Aglipay moved to approve HB No. 6553, duly seconded by Rep. Bataoi. There being no objection, the Committee approved the same, subject to style.

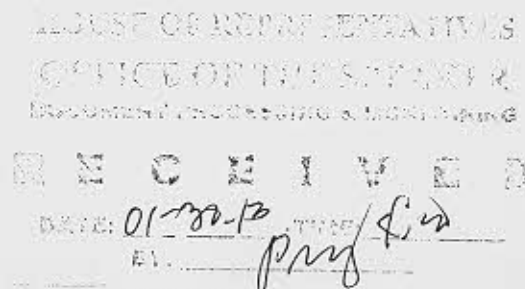
II. Deliberation on House Bill No. 6743 authored by Rep. Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., creating two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches in Polomoloc, South Cotabato.

a. Major issues/positions and views aired:

- The Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) of the Supreme Court welcomed the creation of additional salas in South Cotabato. The representative of the OCA also noted that HB No. 6743 already has a counterpart bill in the Senate.

b. Agreement reached/Decision made:

- Rep. Aglipay moved to approve HB No. 6553, duly seconded by Rep. Bataoi. There being no objection, the Committee approved the same.



III. Deliberation on the Bureau of Corrections Modernization Act of 2011 (consolidated measure of House Bill Nos. 197, 712, 2880, 4619, 4766, 5546, 5741, 5926 and House Resolution No. 1327)

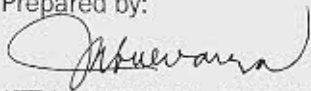
a. Major issues/positions and views aired:

- Members of the Committee asked for an update on the various issues and concerns raised during the ocular inspections conducted by the Committee in the National Bilibid Prison (NBP) in Muntinlupa, Women's Correctional Facility in Mandaluyong, and Iwahig Penal Colony in Palawan. Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) Officer-in-charge (OIC) Rafael Ragos and NBP Chief Guillermo Ayala reported that there is no more "brigada" system and no more sleeping-out privileges. The "kubol" system was also abolished, and the existing "kubols" and structures are now being utilized by at least six (6) inmates, instead of just a favored few. There is also a stricter frisking procedure, such that drugs can no longer go in or out of the NBP. Chairman Tupas promised to go back to the NBP after the passage of the bill in order to check the veracity of the statements made by OIC Ragos and NBP Chief Ayala.
- Members of the Committee also asked about the steps the BuCor has taken to improve the quality of BuCor personnel in its prisons and colonies. OIC Ragos explained that the new recruits take classes in the Pamantasan ng Lunsod ng Mandaluyong as part of their training, and that this is one of the steps the BuCor is undertaking pending the creation of the Philippine Correctional Academy.
- Rep. Arnaiz noted that HB 5926 is more comprehensive, and is substantially the same as Senate Bill No. 3335. He also noted the letters of the President addressed to the Speaker of the House and the Senate President certifying the necessity of the immediate enactment of SB No. 3335.

b. Agreement reached / Decision made:

- After yielding the chair to Rep. Arnaiz, Rep. Tupas moved to approve the substitute bill with the Committee Report on the BuCor Modernization Act. The motion was duly seconded by Reps. Bataoil and Kho. Vice-Chair Arnaiz instructed the Secretariat to include all the members present as principal authors of the bill.

Prepared by:


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Committee Secretary

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cc: The Deputy Speaker
The Honorable Chairman, Committee on Rules
The Secretary General
The Executive Director, Committee Affairs Department
The Deputy Executive Director, Committee Affairs Department
The Service Director, Committee Affairs Support Service