

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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04 February 2013

MEMORANDUM

FOR : ATTY. ARTEMIO A. ADASA JR.
Deputy Secretary General for Operations

ATTENTION : ATTY. CESAR S. PAREJA
Executive Director, Plenary Affairs Bureau

MR. VICTORIANO C. CAOILE
Service Director, Bills and Index Service

FROM : ATTY. ARLENE DADA-ARNALDO
Deputy Secretary General for Committee Affairs

RE : Committee Report no. 2679

We are transmitting six (6) copies of the Committee Report submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws on House Bill No. 6894 in substitution of House Bill No. 376, entitled:

"AN ACT
DECLARING JANUARY 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE
KNOWN AS "NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY"

For your appropriate action.


ATTY. ARLENE DADA-ARNALDO
Deputy Secretary General for Committee Affairs

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **2679**

05 FEB 2013

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws on

Re House Bill No. **6894**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 376

Sponsors : Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas and Rafael V. Mariano

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Revision of Laws to which was referred House Bill No. 376, introduced by Reps. Rafael V. Mariano, Teddy A. Casiño, Neri J. Colmenares, Luzviminda C. Ilagan, Emmi A. De Jesus, Raymond V. Palatino and Antonio L. Tinio entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY TWENTY-TWO OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No.

6894 entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 376 with Reps. Rafael V. Mariano, Teddy A. Casiño, Neri J. Colmenares, Luzviminda C. Ilagan, Emmi A. De Jesus, Raymond V. Palatino, Antonio L. Tinio and Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS
Chairperson

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Fifteenth Congress
Second Regular Session

House Bill No. **6894**
In Substitution to House Bill No. 376

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES RAFAEL V. MARIANO, TEODORO A. CASINO, NERI J. COLMENARES, LUZVIMINDA C. ILAGAN, EMERENCIANA A. DE JESUS, RYMOND A. PALATINO, ANTONIO L. TINIO AND MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

AN ACT
DECLARING JANUARY 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS
"NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY"

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

1 Section 1. January 22 of every year is hereby declared as a working holiday to be known as the
2 "National Farmer's Day"

3 Section 2. To ensure the meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared, all heads of
4 government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations
5 especially those that are dealing directly with the farmers as well as local government units and
6 employers in the private sector shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their
7 employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their respective
8 offices or establishments in support of and sympathy for farmers across the country.

9 Section 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2)
10 newspapers of general circulation.

11 Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 376

Introduced by Anakpawis Partylist Representative RAFAEL "Ka Paeng" V. MARIANO, Bayan Muna Representatives TEODORO A. CASIÑO and NERI J. COLMENARES, Gabriela Women's Party Representatives LUZVIMINDA C. ILAGAN and EMERENCIANA A. DE JESUS, Kabataan Partylist Representative RAYMOND V. PALATINO, and ACT Teacher's Partylist Representative ANTONIO L. TINIO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On January 15, 1987, the *Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP)*, a national peasant organization, held a camp-out in front of the office of the then Ministry of Agrarian Reform to assert their demand for genuine agrarian reform.

On January 20, 1987, a dialogue took place between the peasant leaders and then Minister of Agrarian Reform Heherson Alvarez. But the government has no clear and substantial response to the demand of the farmers.

On the morning of January 22, 1987, farmers led by *KMP* decided to march to Malacañang to air their demand for genuine agrarian reform. They were later joined by members of other sectoral organizations such as the *Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU)*, *Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (BAYAN)*, League of Filipino Students (LFS) and *Kongreso ng Pagkakaisa ng Maralitang Lungsod (KPML)*. They arrived at Liwasang Bonifacio at about 1:00 p.m. where they held a brief program.

The demonstrators numbering from 15,000 to 20,000 then reached C.M. Recto at around 4:30 p.m. It was during this mobilization that the OPLAN YELLOW was put into effect by the Capital Regional Command (CAPCOM). Task Force Nazareno was deployed within the vicinity of Malacañang. The civil disturbance control units of the Western Police District (WPD) were also activated.

While the leaders of *KMP* were negotiating with the police to allow the body to proceed and continue up to the gates of Malacañang, policemen then suddenly fired their guns indiscriminately, shooting directly at the throng. It was at this moment that a tumult occurred.

As a result of the pandemonium, thirteen (13) marchers died namely: Danilo Arjona; Leopoldo Alonzo; Adelfa Aribé; Dionisio Bautista; Roberto Caylao; Vicente Campomanes; Ronilo Dumunico; Dante Evangelio; Angelito Gutierrez; Rodrigo Grampan; Bernabe Laquindanum; Sonny Boy Perez; and Roberto Yumul. Thirty-nine (39) were wounded by gunshots and twelve (12) sustained minor injuries, all belonging to the group of the marchers.

In the aftermath of the said fateful day, now known as "Mendiola Massacre", then President Corazon C. Aquino issued Administrative Order (AO) No. 11 dated January 22, 1987, which created the Citizens' Mendiola Commission (Commission for short) to investigate the incident.

Among the findings of the Commission were:

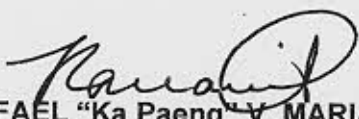
- (a) the crowd dispersal units of the police and the military were armed with .38 and .45 caliber handguns, and M-16 armalites, which is a prohibited act under paragraph 4(g), Section 13, and punishable under paragraph (b), Section 14 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 880.
- (b) the security men assigned to protect the WPD, INP Field Force, the Marines and supporting military units, as well as the security officers of the police and military commanders were in civilian attire in violation of paragraph (a), Section 10, Batas Pambansa Blg. 880.
- (c) there was unnecessary firing by the police and military crowd dispersal control units in dispersing the marchers, a prohibited act under paragraph (e) Section 13, and punishable under paragraph (b), Section 14, Batas Pambansa Blg. 880.
- (d) Tear gas was not used at the start of the disturbance to disperse the rioters. After the crowd had dispersed and the wounded and dead were being carried away, the MDTs of the police and the military with their tear gas equipment and components conducted dispersal operations in the Mendiola area and proceeded to Liwasang Bonifacio to disperse the remnants of the marchers.

This event, subsequently, served as a wake up call to the Aquino administration to push for a legislated land reform program in the country.

After twenty (20) years, people may have forgotten what transpired on that fateful day. Some journalists called it "Black Thursday" but to many, as stated above, was tagged as "Mendiola Massacre".

This bill was formulated not only to remind the nation of the incident which undeniably became a chapter in our country's history and to honor the heroism of the peasants whose lives were deliberately taken for the mere reason that they are struggling for a "genuine agrarian reform" but, more importantly, to recognize the vital role of farmers in achieving a just, prosperous and democratic society.

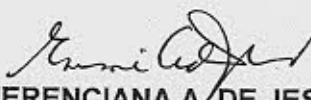
Support for this bill is earnestly requested.

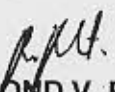

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HOUSE BILL NO. 376

Introduced by Anakpawis Partylist Representative RAFAEL "Ka Paeng" V. MARIANO, Bayan Muna Representatives TEODORO A. CASIÑO and NERI J. COLMENARES, Gabriela Women's Party Representatives LUZVIMINDA C. ILAGAN and EMERENCIANA A. DE JESUS, Kabataan Partylist Representative RAYMOND V. PALATINO, and ACT Teacher's Partylist Representative ANTONIO L. TINIO

AN ACT
DECLARING JANUARY TWENTY-TWO OF EVERY YEAR
AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS
NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY

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

SECTION 1. The twenty-second day of January of every year is hereby declared as a special working holiday to be known as "*National Farmer's Day*".

SECTION 2. To ensure meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared, all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations especially those that are dealing directly with the farmers as well as local government units, and employers in the private sector shall encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their respective offices or establishments in support and sympathy to farmers across the country to celebrate "*National Farmer's Day*".

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect two (2) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

Congress of the
Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

30 January 2013

MEMORANDUM

FOR : HON. FELICIANO BELMONTE, JR.
Speaker, House of Representatives

THRU : ATTY. ARLENE C. DADA-ARNALDO
Deputy Secretary General for Committee Affairs

SUBJECT : SPOT REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS
HELD 30 JANUARY 2013 1:30 P.M. AT CONFERENCE ROOM 5, MITRA BLDG.,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

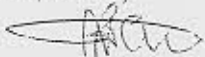
A. Approved the substitute bills on the following:

- I. HB Nos. 131, 241, 656, 3031 and 4213 Establishing The National Identification System;
- II. HB Nos. 1400, 3996, 4003, 4033, 4043, 4057, 4064, 4090, 4142, 4294, 5263, 5664 AND 5931 on Increasing The Penalties For Carnapping;
- III. HB Nos. 3369, 5849, 6089, 6094 AND 6605 Amending Ra No. 8485 Otherwise Known As The Animal Welfare Act; and
- IV. House Bill No. 376, Entitled: An Act Declaring January Twenty-Two Of Every Year As A Special Working Holiday to be Known as National Farmer's Day.

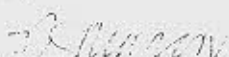
B. The following bills declaring working holidays were deferred consideration in the absence of its authors or sponsors:

- I. House Joint Resolution No. 38, Entitled: Joint Resolution Declaring February 11, 2013 To February 10, 2014 As The Centennial Year Of National Artist For Music, Maestro Lucio D. San Pedro;
- II. House Joint Resolution No. 39, Entitled: Joint Resolution Declaring September 12, 2013 To September 11, 2014 As The Centennial Year Of National Artist For Film, Gerardo De Leon;
- III. House Bill No. 1631, Entitled: An Act Declaring July 7 Of Every Year A Special Working Holiday To Commemorate The Founding Of The Katipunan;
- IV. House Bill No. 3669, Entitled: An Act Declaring December 17 Of Every Year As "Araw Ng Mga Bayaning Pilipinong Atletas", A Special Working Holiday;
- V. House Bill No. 5259, Entitled: An Act Declaring August 1 Of Each Year As A Special Working Holiday In Commemoration Of Pres. Corazon C. Aquino's Great Leadership In Restoring Democracy In The Country

Prepared by:


ROMUALDO T. STA. CLARA
SLSO II

Noted by:


ATTY. PETRA S. MARCOS
Service Director
Legal/Political II, CAD

cc The Deputy Speaker, The Chairperson, Committee on Rules, The Secretary General
The Executive Director, CAD, The Deputy Executive Director, CAD, The Service Director, CASS

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6894
In Substitution of House Bill No. 376

**AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A WORKING
HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY"**

Introduced by : **REPS. RAFAEL V. MARIANO, TEODORO A. CASINO, NERI
J. COLMENARES, LUZVIMINDA C. ILAGAN, EMMI A. DE
JEUS, RAYMOND V. PALATINO, ANTONIO L. TINIO AND
AND MARLYN PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

Committee Referral : **REVISION OF LAWS**
Committee Chairperson : **REP. MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

OBJECTIVE:

- To recognize the vital role of farmers in achieving a just, prosperous and democratic society.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Provides that January 22 of every year is declared as a working holiday to be known as "National Farmer's Day."
- Directs that all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations especially those that are dealing directly with the farmers as well as local government units and employees in the private sector to encourage and afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any activity conducted within the premises of their respective offices or establishments in support and sympathy to farmers across the county to celebrate "National Farmer's Day."

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2680
05 FEB 2013

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws on _____

Re : House Bill No. 6895

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Nos. 131, 241, 656, 3031 and 4213

Sponsors : Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Al Francis C. Bichara and Pedro P. Romualdo

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Revision of Laws to which were referred House Bill No. 131, introduced by Reps. Al Francis C. Bichara, Christopher S. Co, Rodel M. Batocabe, and Alfredo Garbin Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT OTHERWISE KNOWN AS VOLUNTARY INFORMATION PERSONAL CARD SYSTEM 'VIP' TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE (NSO), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 241, introduced by Reps. Pedro P. Romualdo, Amelita Calimbas-Villarosa and Eduardo R. Gullas, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 656, introduced by Rep. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES, CONSTITUTING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION COORDINATING COUNCIL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

House Bill No. 3031, introduced by Rep. Rodolfo G. Biazon, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS AND RIGHTS AND CORRESPONDING OBLIGATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

and House Bill No. 4213, introduced by Reps. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr. and Romeo M. Acop, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

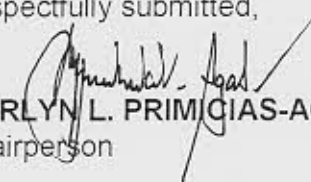
has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No.

6895 entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM"

be approved in substitution of House Bill Nos. 131, 241, 656, 3031 and 4213 with Reps. Al Francis C. Bichara, Christopher S. Co, Pedro P. Romualdo, Amelita Galimbas-Villarosa, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Rodolfo G. Biazon, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr., Rodel M. Batocabe, Alfredo Garbin Jr., Eduardo R. Gullas, Romeo M. Acop, Angelo B. Palmones and Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS
Chairperson