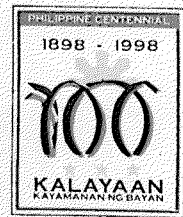




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES



MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **THE UNDERSECRETARIES**
Policy and Planning
ENR Operations

THE DIRECTORS
Lands Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau

THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
DENR Regions CAR, 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ON HOUSE BILL NOS.
07, 318, 371, 489, 528, 582, 1125, 1234, 1457, 1754, 1774, 1794,
1892, 2389, 2559 AND 2893**

DATE : **OCT 23 2001**

The House Committee on Economic Affairs is soliciting your comments and/or inputs on the following House Bills, namely:

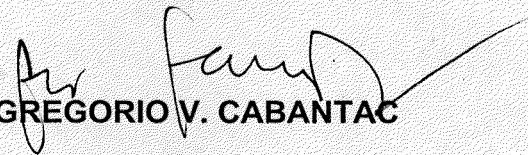
1. House Bill No. 7 introduced by Rep. Raul del Mar entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CEBU FREE PORT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
2. House Bill No. 318 introduced by Rep. Abraham Mitra entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY IN THE BALABAC, PALAWAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
3. House Bill No. 371 introduced by Rep. Harlin Abayon et al entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN SAN JOSE, BOBON AND CATARMAN, NORTHERN SAMAR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
4. House Bill No. 489 introduced by Rep. Raul Gonzalez entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ILOILO FREE PORT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

5. House Bill No. 528 introduced by Rep. Marcelino Libanan entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUIUAN, MERCEDES AND SALCEDO, INCLUDING THE ISLANDS OF HOMONHON, MANICANI, SULUAN AND CALICOAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
6. House Bill No. 582 introduced by Rep. Darlene Antonio-Custodio, et al., entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ECOZONE AND FREE PORT IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
7. House Bill No. 1125 introduced by Rep. Roseller L. Barinaga entitled "AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTEEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
8. House Bill No. 1234 introduced by Rep. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF AURORA, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
9. House Bill No. 1457 introduced by Rep. Elias C. Bulut, Jr. entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING PACO VALLEY, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PUDTOL AND FLORA IN THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO, AS AN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
10. House Bill No. 1754 introduced by Rep. Monico O. Puentevella entitled "AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BACOLOD CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
11. House Bill No. 1774 introduced by Rep. Rolex T. Suplico entitled "AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE ISLAND OF PANAY, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PANAY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
12. House Bill No. 1794 introduced by Rep. Salacnib F. Baterina entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE ENTIRE SALOMAGUE COVE AND THE BARANGAYS EMBRACED THEREOF IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CABUGAO AND SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
13. House Bill No. 1892 introduced by Rep. Roque R. Ablan, Jr. entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASUQUIN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BURGOS AND BANGUI, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

14. House Bill No. 2389 introduced by Rep. J. Mayo Z. Almario entitled "AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE DAVAO ORIENTAL SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"
15. House Bill No. 2559 introduced by Rep. Celso L. Lobregat entitled "AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF R.A. 7903, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ZAMBOANGA CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995"
16. House Bill No. 2893 introduced by Rep. Faustino G. Dy III, et al. entitled "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, CREATING THE ISABELA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE."

Relative thereto, we highly appreciate the submission of your comments/position papers on the subject bill to the Legislative Affairs Office on or before 26 October 2001 for adequate time for consolidation and transmittal.

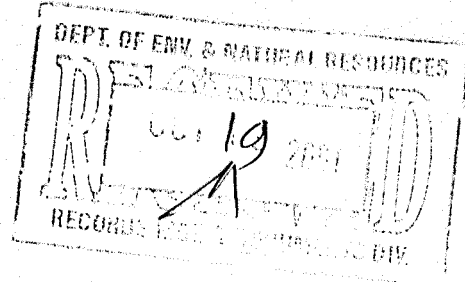
Thank you.


GREGORIO V. CABANTAC



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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



16 October 2001

Secretary HEHERSON ALVAREZ
Department of Environment & Natural Resources
DENR Bldg., Visayas Ave., Diliman
Quezon City

Dear Secretary Alvarez:

The Committee on Economic Affairs of the House of Representatives has been referred the following House bills entitled:

1. House Bill No. 7
AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CEBU FREE PORT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES [Hon. Raul V. del Mar, et al.];
2. House Bill No. 318
AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN ECONOMIC ZONE & FREEPORT AUTHORITY [SPEZFA] IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALABAC IN PALAWAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES [Hon. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra];
3. House Bill No. 371
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BOBON AND CATARMAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES [Hon. Harlin Cast. Abayon, et al.];
4. House Bill No. 489
AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ILOILO FREE PORT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES [Hon. Raul M. Gonzalez];
5. House Bill No. 528
AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUIUAN, MERCEDES AND SALCEDO, INCLUDING THE ISLANDS OF HOMONHON, MANICANI, SULUAN AND CALICOAN, PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES [Hon. Marcelino C. Libanan];
6. House Bill No. 582
AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ECOZONE AND FREE PORT IN GENERAL SANTOS CITY, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT

AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
[Hon. Darlene Antonio-Custodio, et al.];

7. House Bill No. 1125

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTEEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
[Hon. Roseller L. Barinaga];

8. House Bill No. 1234

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF AURORA, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
[Hon. Bellaflor J. Angara-Castillo];

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING PACO VALLEY, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PUDTOL AND FLORA IN THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO, AS AN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
[Hon. Elias C. Bulut Jr.];

10. House Bill No. 1754

AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BACOLOD CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
[Hon. Monico O. Puentevella];

11. House Bill No. 1774

AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE ISLAND OF PANAY, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PANAY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
[Hon. Rolex T. Suplico];

12. House Bill No. 1794

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE ENTIRE SALOMAGUE COVE AND THE BARANGAYS EMBRACED THEREOF IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CABUGAO AND SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
[Hon. Salacnib F. Baterina];

13. House Bill No. 1892

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PASUQUIN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BURGOS AND BANGUI, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
[Hon. Roque R. Ablan Jr.];

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AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE DAVAO ORIENTAL SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
[Hon. J. Mayo Z. Almario];

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AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF R.A. 7903,
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ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995"
[Hon. Celso L. Lobregat]; and

16. House Bill No.2893

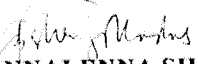
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THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PRUPOSES
[Hons. Faustino G. Dy III, et al.].

In this regard, may we solicit your comments or inputs on the above-mentioned measures. We have attached herewith copies of the said measures for your easy reference. We will appreciate receiving your comments on or before 26 October 2001. Kindly send them to the: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT, 3rd Floor, Annex Bldg., House of Representatives, Quezon City or at (-fax 931-5361. For any inquiry regarding the said measures, please feel free to communicate with Ms. Daisy Salem or Ms. Neri Aguila at 931-5361 or 951-3006.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE CHAIRMAN:


JANNAENNA SHENG-OLLADAS
Committee Secretary
Committee on Economic Affairs

Encl: as stated