

Republic of the Philippines  
CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS  
*First Regular Session*

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1658, entitled:

"AN ACT  
TO PROVIDE FOR QUALITY AFFORDABLE MEDICINES"


and House Bill No. 2844, entitled:

"AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR CHEAPER MEDICINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8293 OR THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6675 OR THE GENERICS ACT AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5921 OR THE PHARMACY LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

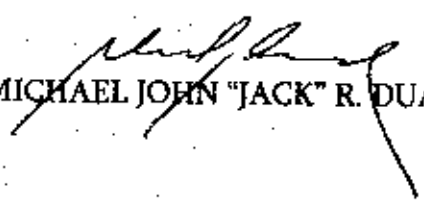
after having met and discussed the subject matter in full and free conference, has agreed and does hereby recommend to their respective Houses that Senate Bill No. 1658, in consolidation with House Bill No. 2844, be approved in accordance with the attached copy of the bill as reconciled and approved by the Conferees.

Approved,

CONFEREES ON THE PART OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

  
ANTONIO C. ALVAREZ  
*Chairman*


  
JUNIE E. CUA

  
MICHAEL JOHN "JACK" R. DUAVIT

CONFEREES ON THE PART OF  
THE SENATE:

  
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*Chairman*

  
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*Arthur Y. Pingoy Jr.*  
ARTHUR Y. PINGOY JR.

I vote yes on the firm resolve that: (1) in the due time the import of a generic-only provision to assure truly cheaper medicines will be revisited and enacted; and (2) in the procurement and purchase by govt. agencies of medicines and drugs, the FTAG law (Com. Act No. 138, as amended) will be faithfully observed.

I vote NO to the Report. The removal of the HR amendments on 1) the Price Regulatory Board and 2) the Generics Act provisions will ensure the failure of the bill's original objective, which is to provide cheaper medicines for our people. What is left in the Bill that will do that?

C. RESERVATION RE:  
AMENDMENT OF THE GENERICS LAW.