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POSITION PAPER

RE : House Bill Nos. 1850 and 1972 (Bills seeking to grant local legislative bodies the power to declare local holidays)

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Summary of Position

The League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP) formally registers its approval to the passage of House Bill Nos. 1850 and 1972, bills seeking to grant local legislative bodies the power to declare local holidays, as introduced by Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez and Hon. Carmen L. Cari, respectively.


Main Proposition of the Bill

The bill primarily seeks to empower the Local Government Units thru their Sanggunian Panlalawigan, Panlungsod or Bayan, to declare local holidays.

Reasons for Support

1. The proposed legislative measures effectively promote the policy of the State to ensure that local government units (LGUs) shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy.
2. The power being granted to the local Sanggunians encourages the LGUs to charter their own paths to autonomy by giving them the opportunity to draw their own history thru the declaration of holidays.
3. As front-liners in governance and administration of their respective localities, LGUs are in a better position to determine the historic events relevant to them. These bills acknowledge the wisdom of LGUs in declaring holidays in commemoration of seminal events significant to their history.

The number of the working or non-working special public holidays in a given year must likewise be left to the wisdom and discretion of the LGU concerned since they are in a better position to determine which days are worth of declaring as such. LGUs must not be constrained in their determination of their historical life.


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