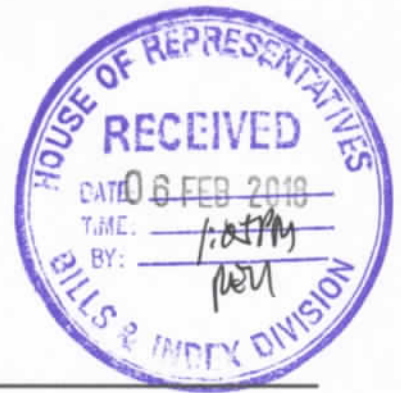


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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Submitted by the Committee on Justice on \_\_\_\_\_

Re: House Bill No. 7120

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5658

Sponsors: Representatives Reynaldo V. Umali, Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Arnulfo P. Fuentebella, Tobias M. Tiangco, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer and Fredenil H. Castro

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 5658, introduced by Representative Pantaleon D. Alvarez, entitled:

**"AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO MR. PHILLIP LEACH"**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7120 entitled:

**"AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. PHILLIP LEACH"**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5658, with Representatives Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Reynaldo V. Umali, Arnulfo P. Fuentebella, Tobias M. Tiangco, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer and Fredenil H. Castro as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reynaldo V. Umali', written over a horizontal line.

**REYNALDO V. UMALI**  
Chairman  
Committee on Justice

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 7120**

(in substitution of House Bill No. 5658)

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Introduced by Representatives Pantaleon D. Alvarez, Reynaldo V. Umali, Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella, Tobias "Toby" M. Tiangco, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer and Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro

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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. PHILLIP LEACH**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** Mr. Phillip Leach is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all  
2 the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations  
3 appurtenant thereto.  
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5       **SEC. 2.** Mr. Phillip Leach shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of  
6 the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The  
7 Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.  
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9       **SEC. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of  
10 Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Mr. Leach who shall  
11 thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.  
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13       **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
14 Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.  
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16       Approved,

**House of Representatives**  
**Committee Affairs Department**

**FACT SHEET**

**House Bill No. 5658**

(Approved by the Committee on August 16, 2017)

**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. PHILLIP  
LEACH**

*Introduced by: REP. PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ*

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE (Primary)*

*Committee Chairperson: REP. REYNALDO V. UMALI*

**OBJECTIVE:**

To grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. Phillip Leach, an American national, in recognition of his notable service to the Philippines and to the Filipino people considering that:

- he has been in the Philippines seven years ago as a pilot;
- he founded Pacific Rim Natural Foods, a company that sells higher value coconut products, uplifting countless farmers and encouraging a healthy way of life;
- his company employs considerable number of regular and part-time employees;
- his company launched their Radical Organics brand of organic toasted coconut chips which is being exported to Europe, Middle East, and Asia;
- in 2014, he invested approximately sixty (60) million pesos in the local economy by establishing a tourism company in Boracay;
- he has considered the Philippines as his home and embraced the people, culture and tradition.

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

- Grants Philippine citizenship to Mr. Phillip Leach with all the rights, privileges, duties and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.
- Provides that upon the taking 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, Mr. Phillip Leach shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.