

JGL Eye Column

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CHICAGO (*jGLi*) – A [story](#) in the *Manila Bulletin* last Tuesday (Jan. 31) of a woman serving 18 years in jail for a minor (misdemeanor) violation of (Manila) City Ordinance 1638 commonly known as vagrancy is something that should shake the conscience of the members of Philippine Congress.

A mere lip service, saying that Manila Judge Amalia Gumapos-Ricablanca had ordered Susan Zulueta released from prison because Zulueta overstayed in prison for 18 years for a violation that called for maximum penalty of 30 days imprisonment is not enough.

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If only Philippine President Aquino will blink his eyes from the impeachment proceedings against Philippine Chief Justice Renato Corona and focus his attention on a pending House Bill 1138 filed by Albay Rep. Al Francis Bichara that “provides an indemnification of a measly P60,000 (U.S.\$1,428.00) a year for an inmate, who was found innocent or acquitted of crimes but have already served his sentence, Judge Gumapos-Ricablanca could have appended in her order for the City of Manila to pay Zulueta P1,080,000 (US\$25,714) upon release.