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**SPEECH OF
PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
DURING THE PRESENTATION OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11057
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Kindly sit down. Thank you for your courtesy ladies and gentlemen.

Two pages, three pages, okay na 'to. Worth the while coming in with a traffic and all.

Former President and House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and the other members of the House of Representatives [*applause*]; Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea and the other members of the Cabinet [*applause*]; distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Ma'am, medyo nahuli ako nang konti. Hindi maka-landing 'yung barge ko kasi ang water lily ayaw gumalaw. I'm sure you have experienced it. Namunga 'yung water lily diyan. Ayaw tumabi 'yung ano. It took us about --- few maneuvers to...

Let me take this opportunity to thank you our congressional leadership for the expeditious passage of these three laws as we turnover to them today.

These three legislative measures do not only represent the vibrant and constructive relationship between the executive and legislative branches of government, but also signify our common desire to set aside partisan and political interests so may --- may we work together in securing the well-being of our people.

Cut ako dito. Iyong ano ba --- nung bago kami dito sa --- 'yung the first early days of meeting the Cabinet. Sinabi ko talaga sa lahat that everything, ang pera ng gobyerno must be divided equally across all regions.

Iyong sino 'yung nandiyan na tapusin na lang. Walang pabor-pabor ho dito. Iyong ano lang nakalagay doon sa program of work to come up with a better Philippines, 'yun ho ang sinunod. Wala kaming ano dito. Nobody approached me for the life of me, even one council, even one congressman or a councilor for that matter. Naghingi dito na isingit-isingit because I don't entertain a request like that. I would just point out to --- go to your congressman or maybe you can talk with Secretary Diokno.

Republic Act 11057 or the Personal Property Security Act establishes a unified and modern legal framework that will allow the use of personal property in securing obligations.

This will promote economic activity by providing our entrepreneurs, particularly the micro, small and medium enterprises or MSMEs, easy access to credit that can be secured by movables.

Republic Act 11058, on the other hand, Strengthens Compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Standards by making it mandatory for establishments to ensure a safe and healthful workplace for workers.

This law will protect workers from the hazards of their own work environment by ensuring that existing labor laws and social legislation, as well as international standards in occupational safety, are strictly enforced. This is in recognition of the indispensable role of a healthy labor force in nation-building.

Lastly, Republic Act No. 11079, which provides for the Integration of the Maasin City College into the Southern Leyte State University, does not only address the educational demands of the people of Maasin, Leyte, but also forms part of our agenda of improving the quality of tertiary education across the nation.

By the way, I was born in Maasin. *[applause]* During the --- ano ako 'yung... Sundalo kasi 'yung tatay ko tapos dinala niya kami doon because bilib sila -- - kay MacArthur eh.

So when MacArthur was rooted out to be coming, lahat took sanctuary in the islands of Leyte for they thought that it will be the first to be liberated.

Doon ako pinanganak pero... Well, I am --- I claim to be a Leyteño lalo na 'pag eleksyon. *[laughter]* Wala man akong ano doon... Cebu, where my father is --- my mother is a Mindanaoan. But just the same, I'm happy for the Maasin guys to have their own state university. *[applause]* It's a long dream... *[applause]*

Nandito kayo lahat? How many are you? Ilan ho kayo dito? Makatapos na talaga kayo pag-aral.

It is my sincere hope that by affording the youth of Maasin City access to quality university education, they will be further inspired to take part in nation-building through highly specialized research programs in various fields of endeavor.

The passage of these laws speaks well of a new brand of leadership steering both Houses of Congress. It is only by working together can we – as elected representatives of our people – truly promote their welfare and serve public interest.

I therefore thank the House of Representatives and the Senate for their continuing support for this administration's legislative agenda, even as they maintain their independence as the executive's co-equal partner in ensuring the stability of our democratic institutions.

Daghang salamat ug maayong hapon kaninyong tanan.

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