



# COMMITTEE ON RULES SESSION BULLETIN

18<sup>th</sup> Congress, First Special Session

1<sup>st</sup> Special Session  
Monday, March 23, 2020

- ✚ **PRESIDING OFFICERS**  
✚ **PLENARY TEAM**
- ✚ **CALL TO ORDER**
- ✚ **INVOCATION**  
✚ **NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
✚ **ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**
- ✚ **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**
- ✚ **OPENING REMARKS OF SPEAKER ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO**
- ✚ **MOTION OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ TO USE VOICE CHAT, VIBER AND OTHER ELECTRONIC CHANNELS TO ALLOW MEMBERS TO VOTE IN ALL MATTERS**
- ✚ **CONSTITUTION OF THE HOUSE INTO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, PURSUANT TO RULE XVIII, SECTION 137 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE IN ORDER TO CONSIDER HB NO. 6616, ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO DECLARE THE EXISTENCE OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION AND A NATIONAL POLICY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR A LIMITED PERIOD AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, TO EXERCISE POWERS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE DECLARED NATIONAL POLICY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**
- Majority Leader Romualdez was designated as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole House
  - Rep. Palma was designated as Floor Leader of the Committee of the Whole House
  - Adoption of the Ground Rules of the Committee of the Whole House
  - Sponsorship Speech on HB No. 6616 delivered by Rep. Yap (E.)
  - Remarks of Executive Secretary Medialdea on HB No. 6616
  - The Committee of the Whole House approved without Amendment, HB No. 6616, the Report of which, to be submitted in Plenary

✚ **APPROVAL ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING (Certified Urgent Measure)**

HB	TITLE
6616	<p>AN ACT DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION AND A NATIONAL POLICY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR A LIMITED PERIOD AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, TO EXERCISE POWERS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE DECLARED NATIONAL POLICY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AS AMENDED <i>(Amended by substitution of the entire bill)</i></p> <p><i>Affirmative – 284; Negative – 9; Abstention – 0</i></p> <p><i>Sponsors: Reps. Romualdez (F.), Yap (E.) and Villafuerte</i></p> <p><i>Interpellated by : Abante, Sy-Alvarado, Castro (F.L.), Defensor (M.), Garin (J.), Garcia (P.J.), Hernandez, Zarate, Quimbo, Almario, Brosas, Suntay, Yu, Belmonte, Gonzales (A.), Gaithe, Dimaporo (M.K.), Elago, Cabatbat, Bordado, Robes, Cullamat, Datol, Fernandez, Go (M.), Rodriguez, Garbin, De Venecia, Biazon, Bondoc, Roman, Angara, Gasataya, Defensor (L.), Romulo</i></p> <p><i>Manifestations: Reps. Oaminal, Barzaga, Marcoleta, Robes, Dagooc, Bagatsing, Collantes, Vergara, Herrera-Dy, Zubiri, Abaya, Mendoza, Crisologo, Baronda, Canama, Sangcopan, Puno, Lopez, Gonzales (A.), Defensor (M.), Macapagal Arroyo, Villafuerte, Vargas, Co (A.N.), Chatto, Maceda, Mariano-Hernandez, Lagon, Savellano, Ty (D.), Gonzalez (S.), Taturan, Lusotan, Castro (F.L.) and Tambunting</i></p>

✚ **ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SB 1418 AS AMENDMENTS TO HB 6616**

## ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

	HR	TITLE												
1	799	RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS												
2	SCR 9	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CREATING A JOINT COMMITTEE OF BOTH HOUSES TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES THAT CONGRESS HAS CONVENED ITS FIRST SPECIAL SESSION AND THERE BEING A QUORUM, SAID CONGRESS HAS ALREADY ENTERED UPON THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS  <i>*Pursuant to the Adoption of SCR 9, the following Members were elected to the Joint Committee:</i> <table><tr><td>1. Rep. Romualdez (F.)</td><td>7. Rep. Abaya</td></tr><tr><td>2. Rep. Villafuerte</td><td>8. Rep. Lopez</td></tr><tr><td>3. Rep. Puno</td><td>9. Rep. Castelo</td></tr><tr><td>4. Rep. Palma</td><td>10. Rep. Yap (E.)</td></tr><tr><td>5. Rep. Abante</td><td>11. Rep. Tolentino</td></tr><tr><td>6. Rep. Garin (J.)</td><td></td></tr></table>	1. Rep. Romualdez (F.)	7. Rep. Abaya	2. Rep. Villafuerte	8. Rep. Lopez	3. Rep. Puno	9. Rep. Castelo	4. Rep. Palma	10. Rep. Yap (E.)	5. Rep. Abante	11. Rep. Tolentino	6. Rep. Garin (J.)	
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3	HCR 7	CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES NOT LATER THAN TWELVE O'CLOCK, MIDNIGHT TODAY, MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020  <i>*Pursuant to the Adoption of HCR 7, the following Members were elected to the Joint Committee:</i> <table><tr><td>1. Rep. Romualdez (F.)</td><td>7. Rep. Abaya</td></tr><tr><td>2. Rep. Villafuerte</td><td>8. Rep. Lopez</td></tr><tr><td>3. Rep. Puno</td><td>9. Rep. Castelo</td></tr><tr><td>4. Rep. Palma</td><td>10. Rep. Yap (E.)</td></tr><tr><td>5. Rep. Abante</td><td>11. Rep. Tolentino</td></tr><tr><td>6. Rep. Garin (J.)</td><td></td></tr></table>	1. Rep. Romualdez (F.)	7. Rep. Abaya	2. Rep. Villafuerte	8. Rep. Lopez	3. Rep. Puno	9. Rep. Castelo	4. Rep. Palma	10. Rep. Yap (E.)	5. Rep. Abante	11. Rep. Tolentino	6. Rep. Garin (J.)	
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4	800	RESOLUTION DECLARING THE JOURNAL OF THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS AS HAVING BEEN READ AND APPROVED												

## CREATION OF THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE (DCC)

**DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE (DCC)** – All matters directly and principally relating to the appropriate government response on the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and how to curb its effects on the economy and the general public especially the labor force.

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO AND MAJORITY LEADER FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ AS CHAIRPERSON AND CO-CHAIRPERSON, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE (DCC)

## CLOSING REMARKS OF SPEAKER ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO

## ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL SESSION

The Special Session was adjourned *sine die* at 11:59 p.m..

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