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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:00 p.m. of Monday, May 4, 2020, Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano called the session to order.

**INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes delivered the invocation. Thereafter, the Members sang the National Anthem.

Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez then remarked that Speaker Cayetano (A.P.) will address the Body.

**REMARKS OF SPEAKER CAYETANO (A.P.)**

*Mankind was created in God’s image. God created us to prosper us and not to harm us; to give us hope and a future. But our individual choices and the choices we make as a people determine our path. It is an uncertain and a very challenging time for humankind. Yet, it is the best time for us, individually and collectively here in the Philippines and the whole world to rethink our choices, to correct all those that need to be corrected by seeking the grace of God in his forgiveness, healing, and renewal.*

*In this extraordinary times, people look to Congress not just so that they can be represented but that we may provide answers and/or provide solutions. We are called upon to adopt, innovate, and manage. We have to take aim towards very specific targets. And that’s what we have been doing, kahit wala pong sesyon. I’d like to thank Majority Leader Martin Romualdez and the DCC Committee. Tinarget n’yo po talaga, peace and order, social amelioration, iyong economic stimulus and all the other aspects, including the health aspect of this crisis.*

*So, aim, adopt, innovate, and manage. That is why we call upon Members of Congress, it’s time for us, more than ever, to lead by example. We apologize for the others who want to be at least in this complex with us, but the pandemic cannot get worse because of us. So, we have to be the first to do the*

*social distancing, follow the WHO, DOH, and IATF guidelines. Yet, we will not fail our people. And with the help of technology, every single district and every single sector that has a party-list representation shall be represented and shall have a voice and vote during this May session that we will have.*

*In the next four weeks, we are called upon to provide answers and solutions. But we can provide the right answers and the correct solutions only if we correctly identify the problem and if we ask the right questions. So, let me repeat. One of the very difficult job of Congress in these next four weeks is discerning, ano bang tamang tanong? Kasi kung mali tanong, mali din iyong sagot. So, kung sasabihin lang natin paano natin tutulungan, bigyan ng subsidy ang negosyo, ‘pag ka-GCQ na or ni-lift na, pero kung kalahati na lang ang customers na puwedeng umupo sa restaurant na iyon or kung kalahati na lang ang puwedeng pumasok sa parlor na iyon, di ba? Or kung walang enough na trabahante na willing sa mga highly urbanized cities na siksikan na magtrabaho sa construction, it’s not asking the right questions. So we have to continue to ask the right questions, so that we, together with the Executive, the local government officials, our scientists, our medical professionals and the whole country can come together to provide answers.*

*Congress has been working from day one of this crisis, yet the invisible enemy is so formidable that for every answer, there are more questions. And for every solution that we offer, more problems come about. This will be a Congress that will be remembered for asking the right questions, properly identifying problems and finding lasting, real solutions. We call on the whole government to work together and not against each other. That we agree – we will work together, not against each other. But we have to agree that red tape, inefficiency and corruption has no place in serving our people, whether or not there is a crisis, but especially during this crisis, mabilis na aksyon, matapang na solusyon ang kailangan ng ating kababayan.*

*We gather here today to represent the Filipino people, to proclaim that with the grace of the*

*Almighty, we will succeed, we will defeat COVID-19, we will pass the test. We gather to say that we refuse to fail, we refuse to be defeated by this disease and the consequences of fighting its spread. But let's make it clear, we succeed only together. We pass the test only if we are one. In this crisis all around the world, there is no "you," there is no "I," there is no "them," there is no "us." It is either we succeed together or we fail. We fight as one. We pray as one. We heal as one. God bless the Philippines.*

*Next four weeks, trabaho po tayo and let us get the solutions. Thank you.*

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR (M.)**

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), the Chair recognized Rep. Michael T. Defensor who noted that President Rodrigo Roa Duterte immediately approved the release of funds for the implementation of the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act which Congress passed during its March 23 Special Session. He said that the Duterte administration has been exerting efforts to provide the necessary assistance to the people during the COVID-19 pandemic, but there were still reports that many people had not yet received help from the government. He proposed that at the proper time, Congress should conduct an investigation and formulate appropriate policies to ensure that the people will receive the necessary support during national emergencies.

#### **REMARKS OF SPEAKER CAYETANO (A.P.)**

Speaker Cayetano thanked and joined Representative Defensor (M.) in his manifestation. He said that at the proper time, the House would take all the proper actions on the latter's concern and provide the necessary solutions thereto.

#### **REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)**

As co-chairperson of the Defeat COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee or the DCC, Majority Leader Romualdez expressed his gratitude to the Speaker for his trust and confidence in him. He said that since its creation, the DCC, including its technical working groups, had been conducting meetings in coordination with the Executive agencies.

He said that the Members had also participated in the DCC's online meetings and hearings involving

government officials from different departments. With the Committee's mandate and guidance from the Speaker, he said that they will continue to provide help and assistance to the people.

Majority Leader Romualdez then joined Representative Defensor (M.) in his concern to ensure that benefits from the policies that have been laid out by the President would all trickle down expediently and efficiently to the Filipino people.

#### **REMARKS OF SPEAKER CAYETANO (A.P.)**

On behalf of the Members of Congress, Speaker Cayetano again thanked the Majority Leader for doing a good job; and assured the people that the Members will turn the handicap that COVID-19 had given them to their advantage by involving more government officials in their lawmaking task with the aid of teleconferencing.

He recommended that some frontliners from the local government units or LGUs be invited to congressional hearings to discuss with them the problems on the implementation of the Social Amelioration Program. He likewise suggested that representatives from the health sector like doctors, former Health secretaries, and other medical frontliners be invited as well to discuss measures that would address their needs during this national health emergency and prevent a second surge of the disease.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), the Chair suspended the session at 3:18 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:25 p.m., the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Dan S. Fernandez presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante	Abueg-Zaldivar
Abaya	Abunda
Abellanosa	Acop
Abu	Acosta

Acosta-Alba	Canama	Fernando	Maceda
Adiong	Caoagdan	Ferrer (J.M.)	Madrona
Advincula	Cari	Ferrer (L.)	Malapitan
Agabas	Castelo	Flores	Mangaoang
Agarao	Castro (F.L.)	Fortun	Mangudadatu
Aglipay	Castro (F.H.)	Fortuno	Marcoleta
Aguinaldo	Cayetano (A.P.)	Frasco	Mariano-Hernandez
Albano	Cayetano (M.L.)	Fuentebella	Mariño
Almario	Celeste	Gaite	Marquez
Alonte	Chatto	Garbin	Martinez
Alvarez (F.)	Chipeco	Garcia (J.E.)	Matba
Alvarez (G.)	Chungalao	Garcia (P.J.)	Matugas
Alvarez (P.)	Co (A.N.)	Garcia (V.)	Mendoza
Amante-Matba	Co (E.)	Garin (J.)	Mercado
Amatong	Cojuangco	Garin (S.)	Momo
Andaya	Collantes	Gasataya	Natividad-Nagaño
Angara	Crisologo	Gatchalian	Nava
Aragones	Cua	Gato	Nieto
Arbison	Cuaresma	Geron	Noel
Arenas	Cueva	Go (E.C.)	Nogralles (J.J.)
Arroyo	Cullamat	Go (M.)	Nogralles (J.F.F.)
Atienza	Dagooc	Gonzaga	Nolasco
Aumentado	Dalipe	Gonzales (A.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Babasa	Dalog	Gonzales (N.)	Oaminal
Bagatsing	Datol	Gonzalez	Olivarez
Balindong	Daza	Gorriceta	Ong (J.)
Bañas-Nogralles	De Jesus	Guico	Ong (R.)
Barba	de Venecia	Gullas	Ortega
Barbers	Defensor (L.)	Guya	Ouano-Dizon
Baronda	Defensor (M.)	Haresco	Pacquiao (A.)
Barzaga	Del Mar	Hataman	Pacquiao (R.)
Bascug	Delos Santos	Hernandez	Padiernos
Bautista	Deloso-Montalla	Herrera-Dy	Paduano
Bautista-Bandigan	Dimaporo (A.)	Hofer	Palma
Belmonte	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Jalosjos	Pancho
Benitez	Duavit	Javier	Panotes
Bernos	Dujali	Jimenez	Peña
Biazon	Duterte	Kho (E.)	Pichay
Billones	Dy (F.)	Kho (W.)	Pimentel
Biron	Dy (F.M.C.)	Khonghun	Pineda
Bolilia	Dy (I.P.)	Labadlabad	Plaza
Bondoc	Ebcas	Lacson	Puno
Bordado	Ecleo	Lacson-Noel	Quimbo
Bravo	Elago	Lagman	Radaza
Brosas	Enverga	Lagon	Ramirez-Sato
Bulut	Erice	Lara	Ramos
Bustos	Eriguel	Lazatin	Remulla
Cabatbat	Ermita-Buhain	Leachon	Revilla
Cabochan	Escudero	Legarda	Reyes
Cabredo	Espina	Lim	Rivera
Cagas	Espino	Limkaichong	Robes
Calderon	Estrella	Lopez	Rodriguez
Calixto	Fariñas (R.C.)	Loyola	Roman
Caminero	Fariñas I (R.C.)	Lusotan	Romero
Campos	Fernandez	Macapagal Arroyo	Romualdez (F.M.)

Romualdez (Y.M.)	Tiangco
Romualdo	Tolentino
Romulo	Torres-Gomez
Roque	Tulfo
Sacdalan	Tupas
Sagarbarria	Tutor
Sakaluran	Ty (A.)
Salceda	Ty (D.)
Salimbangon	Umali (A.)
Salo	Umali (M.V.)
Sanchez	Unabia
Sangcopan	Ungab
Santos-Recto	Uy (J.)
Sarmiento	Uy (R.)
Saulog	Valeriano
Savellano	Valmayor
Silverio	Vargas
Singson	Vargas Alfonso
Singson-Meehan	Velasco
Sinsuat	Veloso
Suansing (E.)	Vergara
Suansing (H.)	Villa
Suarez (A.)	Villafuerte
Suarez (D.)	Villanueva (E.)
Suntay	Villanueva (N.)
Sy-Alvarado	Villar
Taduran	Villaraza-Suarez
Tallado	Villarica
Tambunting	Violago
Tan (A.S.)	Yap (E.)
Tan (A.)	Yap (V.)
Tan (Samier)	Yu
Tan (S.A.)	Zamora (R.)
Tan (Shernee)	Zamora (W.K.)
Tejada	Zarate
Teves (A.)	Zubiri
Teves (J.)	

With 301 Members responding to the Call, including the 25 Members who were physically present and 276 who were attending to the needs of their constituents and participating via telecommunication and teleconferencing, online technologies like Zoom and Facebook, text messaging and email, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

#### **REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)**

In line with the Speaker's policy to limit participation and attendance on the floor to only 25 Members, Majority Leader Romualdez stated that Members may submit their notices of reservations or days of availability to physically attend sessions, to the Office of the Secretary General and the Committee on Rules Secretariat for proper processing. He also

said that the rest could attend the plenary sessions via the Zoom platform, and register their attendance via Viber or text and other electronic means.

#### **MOTION OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)**

Thereupon, in order for the Body to continue with its performance and constitutional mandate amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, and in consideration of the health and safety of its Members, employees, and guests, with leave of the House, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez, there being no objection, the Body allowed the Members to register their attendance; and to participate and vote on any matter presented to the Body through telecommunications, other online messaging, and email, using their respective contact information pre-registered by the Members and verified by the Secretary General.

#### **AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

In line with the previously adopted policy, on further motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body approved to authorize all committees to conduct meetings using online technologies subject to the internal rules of procedure that may be implemented by these committees for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 53**

On a subsequent motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 53 dated March 10, 2020.

#### **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Thereafter, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Communications, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 6557, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MT. PULAG  
PROTECTED LANDSCAPE IN SOME



PORTIONS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF KABAYAN, BOKOD AND BUGUIAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET; PORTIONS OF TINOC, IFUGAO; AND KAYAPA, NUEVA VIZCAYA AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6559, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO NORTHERN MINDANAO BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8157 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE NORTHERN MINDANAO BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Pimentel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6560, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A STANDARD OF CARE FOR THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS, ESTABLISHING TREATMENT CENTERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Gaite and Zarate  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6561, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MANDATORY GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR TRIPLETS, QUADRUPLTS AND OTHER HIGHER ORDER MULTIPLE BIRTHS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Gaite and Zarate  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6562, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING, DUTIES AND

RESPONSIBILITIES, COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Gaite, Zarate, Castro (France), Brosas, and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6564, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING LAND, AIR, AND SEA TRANSPORT PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE PRIORITY SEATING FOR THE ELDERLY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9257 AND 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 6565, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSION TO THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY, AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 77, 189, 193, 200, 201, 202, 204 TO 207, 219, 221, AND 441 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10607, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CODE, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 612, 1141, 1280, 1455, 1460, 1814, AND 1981, AND BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 874, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6566, entitled:

“AN ACT DEVELOPING THE TIKOG INDUSTRY, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BANIG SUBSIDY FUND AND THE TIKOG RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AND DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASEY IN THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR AS THE BANIG CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Tan (Sharee)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6571, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SOUNDSTREAM

BROADCASTING CORPORATION TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND IN OTHER PLACES IN THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8209 FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6572, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABIAO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-CABIAO CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Natividad-Nagaño  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6573, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE EDUCATION AND LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS AND THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2382, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Natividad-Nagaño  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6574, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING MANDATORY SWIMMING AND SURVIVAL LESSONS AND WATER SAFETY IN K-12 BASIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM”

By Representatives Lusotan and Uy (Rolando)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6575, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garin (Sharon)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6576, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE KAPURPURAWAN ROCK FORMATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BURGOS, PROVINCE

OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas (Rudys Caesar)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6577, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SINKING BELL TOWER IN THE CITY OF LAOAG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas (Rudys Caesar)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6578, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE LAMON BAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND DUTIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 6579, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL POLICY ON ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY INCLUDING ITS PREVENTION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 6580, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO MUSLIM MINDANAO RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORK CORPORATION TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE MINDANAO ARCHIPELAGO”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6581, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM SITIO BOLIGANAY, BARANGAY PANIQUE, MUNICIPALITY OF ODIONGAN TO SITIO KABALIWAN, BARANGAY BACHAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN AGUSTIN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON INTO A

NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Madrona  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6582, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SABLAYAN-  
AGPANABAT-BAGACAY ROAD,  
A SECTION OF THE ROMBLON  
CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Madrona  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6583, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAWANG-  
MACALAS ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF ROMBLON, PROVINCE OF  
ROMBLON, INTO A NATIONAL  
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Madrona  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6584, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD  
STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY  
TUGUIS, MUNICIPALITY OF  
ODIONGAN TO BARANGAY TUGDAN,  
MUNICIPALITY OF ALCANTARA, ALL IN  
THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Madrona  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6586, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS FOR  
THE PRACTICE OF REHABILITATION  
MEDICINE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lacson-Noel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6587, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF  
MALABON IN THE METROPOLITAN  
MANILA A CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE”

By Representative Lacson-Noel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 6588, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA  
OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS”

By Representatives Gaite, Zarate, Castro (France),  
Brosas and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS  
AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 6592, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FINAL  
FORESTLAND BOUNDARY OF THE  
PROVINCE OF SIKUJIOR”

By Representative Villa  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6600, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BASE  
CAMP, MUNICIPALITY OF MARAMAG,  
PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE  
KNOWN AS BASE CAMP NATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zubiri  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 6601, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION,  
MUNICIPALITY OF KADINGILAN,  
PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE  
KNOWN AS POBLACION NATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zubiri  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 6602, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION,  
MUNICIPALITY OF KIBAWA, PROVINCE  
OF BUKIDNON TO BE KNOWN AS  
POBLACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zubiri  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 6603, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF FINANCIAL CONSUMERS AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Legarda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL  
INTERMEDIARIES



House Bill No. 6604, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE MANUFACTURE, ASSEMBLY, IMPORTATION, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF HYBRID AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES BY GRANTING TAX EXEMPTIONS AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Legarda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6605, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE DISTRICT BRANCH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANDAN, PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Legarda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6606, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY BILLION (P370,000,000,000) FOR THE 2020 FISCAL STIMULUS PACKAGE TO ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6607, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE CONDITIONAL MATCHING GRANT TO PROVINCES (CMGP) FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR, REHABILITATION, AND IMPROVEMENT”

By Representative Yap (Victor)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6608, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PRIME BROADCASTING NETWORK INCORPORATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8154, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING PRIME BROADCASTING NETWORK, INCORPORATED, A FRANCHISE TO CONDUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN

STATIONS FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Salo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6609, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO RC YULO TELEPHONE SYSTEM INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8348 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE RC YULO TELEPHONE SYSTEM INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORKS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BINALBAGAN, HINIGARAN, PONTEVEDRA, ISABELA, MURCIA AND THE CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL' ”

By Representative Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6611, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES TO PRIVATE ENTITIES WHO EMPLOY SENIOR CITIZENS AS EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 6612, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TEN BILLION PESOS TO FUND AN EMERGENCY TOURISM STIMULUS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 IN THE TOURISM SECTOR”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6613, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF THREE BILLION PESOS TO FUND AN EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
AND EMPLOYMENT TO MITIGATE  
THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE  
EMPLOYMENT SECTOR”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6614, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT  
OF TEN BILLION PESOS TO FUND AN  
EMERGENCY BUSINESS STIMULUS  
PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO MITIGATE  
THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE  
BUSINESS SECTOR”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6615, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE  
PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO TWO (2)  
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

By Representative Yap (Eric)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6617, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A THIRTY-DAY  
NATIONAL PAYMENT HOLIDAY DUE  
TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019  
(COVID-19) GLOBAL PANDEMIC”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6618, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EPIDEMICS  
AND/OR PANDEMICS PREPAREDNESS  
PLAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES  
THEREOF”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6619, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A NATIONAL  
STIMULUS STRATEGY TO RESTORE  
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND  
EMPLOYMENT, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6620, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD  
SUBSIDY TO EVERY POOR FILIPINO

FAMILY AFFECTED BY THE ENHANCED  
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE DUE  
TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Legarda  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6621, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A MORATORIUM  
OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER  
STATE OF CALAMITY”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6622, entitled:

“THE PHILIPPINE BANKING INDUSTRY  
RESILIENCY ACT AGAINST COVID-19  
PANDEMIC”

By Representative Cua  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6623, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND  
REGULATIONS FOR THE NEW NORMAL  
FOR THE WORKPLACE AND PUBLIC  
SPACES AND INSTITUTING PENALTIES  
FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter),  
Villafuerte, Duterte, Legarda, Romualdez  
(Ferdinand), Yap (Eric), Cayetano (Maria  
Laarni), Defensor (Michael) and Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 785, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON  
ENERGY TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT  
AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION INTO THE STATUS OF  
THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY IN  
ILOILO CITY TO ENSURE THAT POWER  
DISTRIBUTION WILL NOT CEASE AND  
THAT THE PEOPLE OF ILOILO CITY  
WILL NOT BE AFFECTED”

By Representative Lagon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 786, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND  
FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,

IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
LIBERALIZATION OF FERTILIZER  
IMPORTATION AS PART OF THE EFFORTS  
IN CONTINUING TO CUT THE COST OF  
PRODUCING RICE IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Violago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 788, entitled:

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OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE SIGN  
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THEIR MEDIA BRIEFINGS ON COVID-19  
TO CATER TO THE DEAF COMMUNITY  
IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Crisologo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 790, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO  
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSED  
WATERAGE INCREASE OF ZAMBOANGA  
CITY WATER DISTRICT”

By Representative Jimenez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 791, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MINDANAO  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MinDA),  
THE PHILIPPINE COORDINATING  
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INDONESIA – MALAYSIA – PHILIPPINES  
EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (PCOBE),  
AND THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT  
FOR THE BIMP-EAGA SUBREGIONAL  
INITIATIVE TO VIGOROUSLY  
UNDERTAKE CONVERGENCE  
STRATEGIES WITH NATIONAL  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs) AND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs)  
CONCERNED AS OUTLINED IN THE  
BIMP-EAGA VISION (BEV) 2025”

By Representative Pacquiao (Rogelio)  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EAST ASEAN  
GROWTH AREA

House Resolution No. 792, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND  
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF  
ADORACION VILLANUEVA”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 793, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100  
YEARS OF PHILIPPINE CINEMA”

By Representative Legarda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 794, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
TO LOOK INTO THE INTEGRATION  
OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY  
CONCEPT INTO THE COUNTRY’S LOW-  
EMISSIONS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
AND THE MINIMIZATION OF WASTE  
GENERATION THROUGH PREVENTION,  
REDUCTION, RECYCLING AND REUSE  
TOWARDS ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY  
AND A CLEAN AND HEALTHY  
ENVIRONMENT”

By Representative Legarda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 795, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT  
ATTACKS AGAINST LUMAD SCHOOLS  
IN MINDANAO”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite, Castro  
(France) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 796, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION  
INTO THE PRESENT STATE OF THE  
COUNTRY’S QUALITY OF EDUCATION  
TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN  
LITERACY”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 797, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO EXCLUDE  
PRIVATELY USED TRICYCLES AND  
TRICABS FROM THE COVERAGE OF  
DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2020-  
036 WHICH, IN PART, BANS TRICYCLES

AND PEDICABS FROM NATIONAL  
HIGHWAYS”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Resolution No. 798, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT  
AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN  
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
ALLEGED ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF  
UNSCRUPULOUS TRADERS AND  
ALLEGED CONSIGNEES-FOR-HIRE TO  
EVADE THE RIGHTFUL PAYMENT OF  
IMPORT TAXES TO THE PHILIPPINE  
GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Ong (Ronnie)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 801, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE  
APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT  
FINANCIAL AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL  
INSTITUTIONS TO GRANT AND EXTEND  
AVAILABLE CREDITS TO SMALL  
BUSINESS OWNERS, SELF-EMPLOYED  
INDIVIDUALS AND FARMERS  
TO REDUCE THE EFFECT OF THE  
RESTRICTED MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE  
AND GOODS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE (COVID 19) OUTBREAK WITH  
THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION  
992, s. 2020, DECLARING A STATE OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ALL  
OVER THE PHILIPPINES AND THE  
PASSAGE OF R.A. 11469 KNOWN AS  
BAYANIHAN TO HEAL AS ONE ACT”

By Representative Sakaluran  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL  
INTERMEDIARIES

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of the Civil Service Reporter (Volume 60 No.  
4 – 4th Quarter 2019 Issue) published by the  
Civil Service Commission.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Letter dated December 31, 2019 of Cynthia M.  
Evasco, Supervising Auditor and Ameer S.  
Kamama, Audit Team Leader, Office of the  
Auditor, Commission on Audit, addressed to  
Dr. Editha V. Pillo, President, Eulogio “Amang”  
Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology

(EARIST), Manila, furnishing the House of  
Representatives a copy of the Statement of  
Audit Suspensions, Disallowances, and Charges  
(SASDC) of EARIST for the period ending  
December 31, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

AKG Annual Journal 2019 of the Philippine National  
Police–Anti-Kidnapping Group.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND  
SAFETY

Letter dated 29 January 2020 of Sheriff M. Abas,  
Chairman, Commission on Elections, submitting  
to the House of Representatives a copy of the  
Report to the President and Congress of the  
Republic of the Philippines on the May 13, 2019  
National and Local Elections.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation  
(Committee Report No. 294), re H.B. No. 6593,  
entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING POOR JOB APPLICANTS  
A 20% DISCOUNT IN THE PAYMENT OF  
FEES AND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN  
CERTIFICATES AND CLEARANCES  
ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 4829

Sponsors: Representatives Malapitan, Maceda,  
Martinez, Nieto and Valeriano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical  
Education (Committee Report No. 295), re H.B.  
No. 6595, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INCLUSION  
OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OTHER  
THAN ENGLISH, AS AN ELECTIVE  
COURSE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 2986

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark) and Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical  
Education (Committee Report No. 296), re H.B.  
No. 6596, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE COMPOSTELA  
VALLEY STATE COLLEGE IN THE



MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA,  
PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY  
TO THE DAVAO DE ORO STATE  
COLLEGE”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 5751

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark) and Zamora  
(Way Kurat)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical  
Education and the Committee on Appropriations  
(Committee Report No. 297), re H.B. No. 6597,  
entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION AND SKILLS  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA)  
TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA,  
SIARGAO ISLAND, PROVINCE OF  
SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN  
AS THE SIARGAO, SURIGAO DEL NORTE  
TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT  
CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 2228

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Yap (Eric)  
and Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical  
Education (Committee Report No. 298), re H.R.  
No. 789, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
AND COMMENDING ALDREAN PAUL  
ELVIRA ALOGON FOR BEING AWARDED  
THE PRESTIGIOUS FREEMAN ASIAN  
SCHOLARSHIP AT THE WESLEYAN  
UNIVERSITY IN CONNECTICUT, UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of  
House Resolution No. 297

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark) and Lagon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government  
(Committee Report No. 299), re H.B. No. 6598,  
entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF CALACA IN THE PROVINCE OF  
BATANGAS INTO A COMPONENT

CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF  
CALACA”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 5077

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and  
Ermita-Buhain

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on People’s Participation  
(Committee Report No. 300), re H.B. No. 6599,  
entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK  
FOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATION IN  
LEGISLATIVE POLICYMAKING  
THROUGH THE USE OF INFORMATION  
AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY  
PLATFORMS”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bills Numbered 1677 and 3238

Sponsors: Representatives Villafuerte, Robes and  
Vergara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Overseas Workers  
Affairs (Committee Report No. 301), re H.B.  
No. 6610, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE USE OF THE  
LEGAL ASSISTANCE FUND, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT WORKERS  
AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF  
1995,’ AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bills Numbered 1812 and 5097

Sponsor: Representative Mendoza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Juan  
Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection,  
the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter  
recognized Rep. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay for his  
privilege speech.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE AGLIPAY

Representative Aglipay spoke about how the  
COVID-19 pandemic had exposed the vulnerability  
of the public health system and could possibly cause  
its collapse; and hence raised the urgent need for



an improved public health service delivery, which deals with public health facilities and health human resource.

Considering key legislations on health, such as the Universal Health Care Act and the Reproductive Health Act that were enacted in recent years, he enjoined his colleagues to ensure that relevant and timely reforms are legislated to support existing laws and respond to the most urgent health needs of the people.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Fernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu.*

Thereafter, Representative Aglipay relayed reports and statistics showing weaknesses of the country’s health system such as the lack of hospital beds and uneven distribution of health facilities in regions; and stressed that there is a current need to expedite improvements in the capacity and capability of the public health facilities.

He then talked about his proposed measure which seeks to enhance health service delivery by upgrading Department of Health or DOH regional hospitals with the provision of doctors and medical specialists, and the creation of a Regional Hospital Modernization Commission. He then enjoined his colleagues to work together in solving health inequities and the fragmented health service delivery system.

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SY-ALVARADO**

Representative Sy-Alvarado discussed with Representative Aglipay certain immediate and medium-term measures to address inadequacies in the health service delivery system. The latter explained that the proposed Commission, which would also include representatives from private hospitals, and look into the establishment of 17 regional health centers and the needed medical specialists and equipment, could be a solution to said problem.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Fernandez.*

Representative Sy-Alvarado expressed his intent to study the proposed measure which he could possibly coauthor, or draft a measure of similar intent. At this point, on behalf of the Province of Bulacan, he thanked President Duterte and other government officials for their fast preparation of additional quarantine facilities in the province.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Fernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Abu.*

Finally, he said that the House of Representatives would be monitoring and tackling the problems encountered in the distribution of the social amelioration fund, especially if there had been irregularities in the disbursement of said fund.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE AGLIPAY**

There being no more interpellations, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Aglipay’s privilege speech and interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate to deliver his privilege speech through the Zoom video conferencing.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Representative Zarate condemned the recent killing of Mr. Jose Reynaldo “Jory” Porquia, who was one of the founders of Bayan Muna, and also its coordinator in Iloilo City. He said that prior to Mr. Porquia’s death, the latter’s photos were displayed all over Panay Island, depicting him as an armed revolutionary and a terrorist.

Upon relaying to the Body his colleague’s past contributions as an activist, Representative Zarate expressed his indignation and shock, and said that there seems to be no tolerance for people like Jory, who dedicate their lives in fighting for the marginalized, in an unjust and oppressive society.

He also shared that a week before the incident, Jory and Bayan Muna personnel were harassed; blocked by the Iloilo City Police while on their way to relief operations; vilified and accused that the relief goods they brought were allegedly contaminated. As he underscored the non-implementation of the Social Amelioration Program or SAP in other regions, he also expressed his grave concern over human rights violations committed against activists during this public health emergency, and cried for justice for Jory.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Zarate's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO**

Before yielding the floor to Deputy Speaker Henry S. Oaminal for his privilege speech, Representative Macapagal Arroyo reminded the Body that pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, the Privilege Hour for the day would not be extended. His manifestation was duly noted by the Chair.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Oaminal for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER OAMINAL**

Deputy Speaker Oaminal took the floor to express his gratitude to President Duterte for his resilient leadership and to the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases or the IATF for their timely and effective implementation of actions in addressing the pandemic and by enforcing the quarantine rules and protocols. He shared that the release of the SAP by the Department of Social Welfare and Development helped in alleviating the unfortunate conditions of the poorest of the poor.

He also thanked and commended the House leadership for making representations with the Department of Budget and Management and the Executive department to continue with the

implementation of infrastructure projects; Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" T. Go for initiating the release of the one-month Internal Revenue Allotment or IRA share of the LGUs; DSWD Secretary Rolando Joselito Delizo Bautista and his Region X director for the orderly and peaceful release of SAP to his constituents; and Labor Secretary Silvestre "Bebot" Bello III for the implementation of the TUPAD program or Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers which helped them respond to the crisis.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER OAMINAL**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body referred Deputy Speaker Oaminal's speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Citing the country's belief in God and adherence to the principles of morality, Minority Leader Abante reiterated his strong and longstanding opposition to companies conducting Philippine offshore gaming operations or POGOs in the country which have repeatedly and consistently disregarded national laws. He especially decried their continued operations during the ECQ as they do not perform essential functions, while religious gatherings are banned even if the participant thereof would observe safety measures.

He stressed that POGOs encourage vices and promote prostitution and corruption and have no positive impact on employment or the economy. He acknowledged the problem of inadequate government revenues to fund public programs, especially for social amelioration and economic stimulus in the midst of the pandemic, but instead of relying on POGOs, he proposed that the government improve the performance of its revenue-collecting agencies to address the same.

Subsequently, Minority Leader Abante asked for his colleagues' support for a bill that he would file to declare POGOs as illegal.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

On motion of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, there being no objection, the Body referred Minority Leader Abante’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair declared a recess at 5:06 p.m.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:33 p.m.

## **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA**

Upon resumption of session, Representative Palma apologized to the Members who had signified their intent to avail of the Privilege Hour. He said that due to protocols, they were constrained to suspend the Privilege Hour, and resume on the following day. He however assured his colleagues that they would be given the opportunity to speak upon its resumption.

## **SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

## **APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 54**

On further motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 54 dated March 11, 2020.

## **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on First Reading which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 6633, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
MODERNIZATION OF THE PUBLIC

HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,  
ESTABLISHING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE  
CENTER FOR DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND CONTROL, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6656, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY  
OF THE 2020 APPROPRIATIONS TO  
DECEMBER 31, 2021, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE SECTION 60 OF THE  
GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 11465, THE GENERAL  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR  
2020”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6662, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 10912, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE 'CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016'”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter),  
Romualdez (Ferdinand), Duterte, Villafuerte,  
Yap (Eric), Defensor (Michael), Sy-Alvarado,  
Gonzalez (Sandro) and Bautista  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

## **RESOLUTIONS**

House Resolution No. 802, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND  
HONORING THE COURAGE,  
COMPASSION, AND HEROISM OF  
DOCTORS, NURSES, AND OTHER ALLIED  
MEDICAL PERSONNEL, FOR THEIR  
SUPREME SACRIFICE AND DEVOTION  
TO THEIR PROFESSION SO THAT THOSE  
AFFLICTED WITH THE CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) MAY LIVE”

By Representative Violago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 803, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE  
PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. SALLY  
LIMBAG POYNTER-DELOSO, MOTHER  
OF REPRESENTATIVE CHERYL P.

DELOSO-MONTALLA OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF ZAMBALES”  
By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

BARANGAY THE POWER TO IDENTIFY THE BENEFICIARIES AND TO DISBURSE THE ALLOCATION”  
By Representative Fernando  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Resolution No. 804, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE ROMULO B. LUMAUIG, FORMER MEMBER OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS REPRESENTING THE LONE DISTRICT OF IFUGAO”  
By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 805, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISION UNDER SECTION 521 OF THE SAID ACT TO MAKE IT MORE RESPONSIVE AND RELEVANT TO THE CURRENT CHALLENGES IN LOCAL ADMINISTRATION”  
By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Resolution No. 806, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ, FORMER SENATOR OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA”  
By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 807, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO FAST TRACK THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE 2ND TRANCHE OF THE SPECIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM (SAP) BY GIVING THE

## ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been distributed to the Members; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Resolution No. 803, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. SALLY LIMBAG POYNTER-DELOSO, MOTHER OF REPRESENTATIVE CHERLY P. DELOSO-MONTALLA OF THE SECOND DISTRICT OF ZAMBALES”;
2. House Resolution No. 804, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE ROMULO B. LUMAUIG, FORMER MEMBER OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS REPRESENTING THE LONE DISTRICT OF IFUGAO”; and
3. House Resolution No. 806, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ, FORMER SENATOR OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA.”

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

It was 5:40 p.m. of Monday, May 4, 2020.



## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, May 5, 2020, with Deputy Speaker Roberto V. Puno presiding.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, and Committee Report, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6624, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES”

By Representative Barba

TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6625, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PARAISO TI CARIBQUIB IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANNA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Barba

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6626, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BADOZ IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF JUAN N. LUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS 'JUAN LUNA DAY' ”

By Representative Barba

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6627, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DISCOUNT PRIVILEGE ON THE SALE OF GOODS AND SERVICES

FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP)”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6628, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6629, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS IN EVERY BARANGAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, FURTHER EXPANDING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6630, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MATERIEL, SYSTEMS, FACILITIES, INTEGRATED MILITARY SYSTEMS AND SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND ITS BUREAUS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 6631, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF DRONES BY PRIVATE PERSONS”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6632, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE POSITIONS RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AMENDING FOR THE



PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

House Bill No. 6634, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE MEDIA AND INFORMATION EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE INTERNET IN THEIR CURRICULUM, FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Crisologo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6635, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICE APPLICANTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 30 OF RA 6975 AS AMENDED BY RA 8551”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 6636, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6637, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE FORMER PRISONERS' EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6638, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL AND MARINE PRODUCTION AND POST-HARVEST MECHANIZATION BY EXEMPTING FROM PAYMENT OF THE

EXPANDED VALUE-ADDED TAX THE IMPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED, AND SECTION 109 OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MODERNIZATION ACT OF 1997, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 6639, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION, SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE PRACTICE, LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF SANITARIANS”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6640, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURING, IMPORTATION AND USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, LEVIES AND AN INCENTIVES SYSTEM FOR INDUSTRIES, BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND CONSUMERS THEREOF”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6641, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6642, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING DISCOUNTS ON BASIC AND EDUCATION SERVICES TO UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS IN ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THOSE ENROLLED IN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL (TECH-VOC) INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6643, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING VOTER'S EDUCATION IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6644, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 252 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION LAW', AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1071 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'REVISING THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION' ”

By Representative Tan (Alyssa)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 6645, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HEALTH CONDITION AND MEDICAL HISTORY”

By Representative Tan (Alyssa)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6646, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BANGKO SENTRAL DIGITAL PESO (BSDP) AS A MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE OR AS MONEY FOR USE ON ALL DIGITAL MEANS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cua  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6647, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE BASIC SALARY OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL DOCTORS FROM SALARY GRADE 21 TO SALARY GRADE 23”

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6648, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTER

IN ALL THE REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6649, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A TAX HOLIDAY FOR ALL QUALIFIED HEALTH WORKERS SERVING AT THE FRONTLINES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) GLOBAL PANDEMIC”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6650, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS STRATEGY IN ADDRESSING PANDEMICS AND OUTBREAKS”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6651, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6652, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE ADOPTION OF ELECTRONIC MONEY AS A MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE FOR FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL MERCHANTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6653, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING SALES TAX IN LIEU OF VALUE-ADDED TAX, REPLACING FOR THE PURPOSE THE ENTIRE PROVISIONS OF TITLE IV, AND AMENDING SECTION 116, TITLE V, AND SECTION 236, TITLE IX, OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 6655, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF DISEASES AND MANAGEMENT OF OUTBREAKS EPIDEMICS, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11332 AND OTHER RELATED LAWS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6657, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO COVERED EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6658, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PRICE ACT' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6659, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A WAGE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR DISPLACED AND/OR VULNERABLE WORKERS, INSTITUTIONALIZING FOR THE PURPOSE THE TULONG PANGHANAPBUHAY SA ATING DISADVANTAGED/DISPLACED WORKERS (TUPAD) PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6660, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO WORKERS IN CRITICAL INDUSTRIES

DURING A STATE OF CALAMITY OR EMERGENCY OR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6661, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO POSTPONE THE START OF SCHOOL YEAR IN CASE OF A DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY, STATE OF CALAMITY OR SIMILAR OCCURRENCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7977, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) DAYS TO NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY (220) CLASS DAYS'”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6663, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBAJAY, SECOND DISTRICT OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN AS WESTERN AKLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Haresco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6664, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBAJAY, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'WESTERN AKLAN LTO CENTER', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Haresco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6665, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Haresco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6666, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIFTY BED CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF AKLAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'WESTERN AKLAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Haresco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6667, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 252 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION LAW', AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1071 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'REVISING THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION' ”

By Representative Haresco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 6668, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GENERAL MINIMUM WAGE RATE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR WORKERS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Guico and Lara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6669, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF MEDICAL PRACTICE THROUGH PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2382 OR THE MEDICAL ACT OF 1959, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tiangco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6670, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE FACILITIES IN ALL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barba  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6671, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COUNTRY’S NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES”

By Representative Mariano-Hernandez  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6672, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS AND CADAVERS IN HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CLINICS, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR FACILITIES ON THE GROUNDS OF NON-PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9439 ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES' ”

By Representative Mariano-Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6673, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7941 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PARTY-LIST SYSTEM ACT OF 2010 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE”

By Representative Datol  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 808, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT TO RELAX THE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EMERGENCY SUBSIDY PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN HIGHLY-URBANIZED CITIES IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Abellanosa  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Resolution No. 809, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING HIS EXCELLENCY RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) TO DEFER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF



PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 2020-0014 MANDATING THE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS AND COLLECTION OF PAYMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO MEMBERS PENDING THE REVIEW OF CONGRESS OF SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT INSTITUTING UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR ALL FILIPINOS, PRESCRIBING REFORMS IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 810, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND A SECTORAL APPROACH POLICY IN GRADUALLY LIFTING THE LOCKDOWN IN ORDER TO DAMPEN THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) TO THE ECONOMY WITHOUT INCREASING THE SPREAD OF INFECTION”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 811, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO INQUIRE AND REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE PREPAREDNESS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO SHIFT TO ONLINE MODES OF LEARNING IN LIGHT OF THE CONTINUING THREAT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) AND THE STATUS OF THE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 812, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO AUTHORIZE

AND ENCOURAGE ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO END THE CURRENT SEMESTER OR EQUIVALENT ACADEMIC PERIOD BY APRIL 30, 2020 AND TO ADOPT A 'PASS' OR 'DROP' GRADING SYSTEM”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 813, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDEMN AND CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLING OF PEASANT LEADER NORA APIQUE IN SAN MIGUEL, SURIGAO DEL SUR”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite, Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 814, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ARREST OF HUMAN RIGHTS WORKER TERESITA 'TESSIE' NAUL IN LANA O DEL SUR”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite, Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 815, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ARREST OF LUMAD LEADER AND NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION (NAPC) INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S SECTOR COUNCIL MEMBER GLORIA CAMPOS TUMALON”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite, Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 816, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE



COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE KILLING OF PEASANT ADVOCATE MARLON MALDOS IN DE LA PAZ, CORTES, BOHOL”

By Representatives Cullamat, Zarate, Gaite, Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 817, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT', PARTICULARLY, ON THE INCREASE AND MANDATORY PAYMENT OF PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS IMPOSED UPON OVERSEAS FILIPINO MEMBERS AND TO SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF R.A. 11223 AND ITS PERTINENT RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION”

By Representative Pacquiao (Alberto)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Economic Affairs (Committee Report No. 302), re H.B. No. 6654, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING AND CONVERTING THE INSURANCE COMMISSION INTO A COLLEGIAL BODY, AMENDING SECTIONS 437, 438 AND 439 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10607, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE INSURANCE CODE', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 6162 and 6292

Sponsors: Representatives Garin (Sharon) and Rodriguez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### RESUMPTION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ARAGONES

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Sol Aragones who, through Zoom video conferencing, talked about how the COVID-19 pandemic had changed the lives of people, businesses, and economies.

She also described how the pandemic had caused a negative impact on the country's tourism industry. She assured that the House Committee on Tourism will work with the Executive Department, the private sector, and other stakeholders in reviving the tourism industry; and thanked Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano and her fellow Members who worked on the economic stimulus package that would benefit the country's tourism industry.

As Representative Aragones also called on the public to stay at home during the COVID-19 crisis, she also encouraged everyone to support domestic tourism through local visits and purchase of local products.

#### REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ARAGONES

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Aragones to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite to deliver his privilege speech through Zoom video conferencing.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

Representative Gaite highlighted the need for protection of, and support to the medical health workers amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. He expressed alarm that within Southeast Asia, the Philippines had the most number of COVID-19 cases and deaths which is significantly comprised of health workers. He said that health authorities had cited the lack of personal protective equipment or PPE, community exposure, prolonged work hours, and discrimination, as reasons for high COVID-19 cases among health workers.

Discussing before the Body the challenges faced by health frontliners during the crisis, he stated that

the government has long neglected the concerns and needs of the health workers, even before the pandemic. He then stressed that it should act fast on the need for PPE, priority and automatic mass testing for all health workers, mass hiring of regular health personnel, proper guidelines on infection control, and budgetary support for hospitals for adequate equipment and supply of medicines, among others.

In conclusion, Representative Gaité emphasized that for the country to win the fight against COVID-19 and protect its people from the effects of the disease, the government must immediately implement actions and programs to protect and ensure the welfare of the frontline health care workers.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Gaité to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

The Chair then recognized Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento for his privilege speech, upon motion of Representative Bolilia.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO**

As chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, Representative Sarmiento spoke on the paramount need to have a comprehensive public transportation plan especially in areas that had been declared under the general community quarantine or GCQ by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases. He stated that the Department of Transportation should consider conducting a dry-run in order to make sure that the pertinent guidelines would be followed, and with consideration on possible financial losses within the transport sector due to the set limit in vehicle capacity.

He likewise said that as the government could not afford overextending its provision of subsidies and assistance to the public, it is high time to encourage participation of the private sector and look into how the transportation industry would move on from the crisis and provide services to the people.

In closing, he highlighted the need for careful evaluation, and for the DOTr to create a thorough

plan for the country's transportation system amidst the pandemic.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Sarmiento's speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro who spoke about the plight of teachers in the private sector during the COVID-19 crisis.

She articulated the sorry state of said teachers, who might have suffered from the "no work, no pay" scheme, and hence should be included in the social amelioration and other assistance programs of the government. She added that while private school teachers are relying on the Department of Labor and Employment's COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program, many had not yet received due assistance therefrom; and stressed that many teachers were worried about the threats of possible retrenchment due to a drop in enrolment and of unpaid salaries in the next few months because of the delayed opening of classes.

As a new wave of assistance would be distributed through the Small Business Wage Subsidy Program, Representative Castro called on the DOLE to ensure that these teachers would benefit from it; and to halt layoffs among teachers and guarantee their salaries in the coming months regardless of the current employment situation.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

On motion of Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Representative Castro (F.L.) to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

The Chair next recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., upon motion of Representative Singson-Meehan.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BORDADO**

Addressing the Body through Zoom video conferencing, Representative Bordado initially described the actions undertaken by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, especially imposing quarantine measures to combat COVID-19. However, he pointed out the need for widespread and efficient mass testing especially among frontliners and other vulnerable and exposed sectors, as well as the strengthening of the health sector.

Representative Bordado said that as the government puts much efforts in flattening the COVID-19 curve, it should also look into the potential impact of the pandemic on the social and economic structures. He stressed that since the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine or ECQ two months ago, several industries such as tourism, air transport, retail, and manufacturing of non-essential goods had been gravely affected.

Focusing on the potential losses of micro, small and medium enterprises or MSMEs, job layoffs, and the most vulnerable sector in society, he underscored the urgency of enacting additional measures to provide much needed aid to struggling businesses, wage subsidies to workers and employees displaced, and support to industries gravely affected such as tourism and the agri-fisheries sector.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BORDADO**

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Bordado's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES (A.)**

Recognized by the Chair in the Zoom video conference, on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr. underscored the need for real statistics on the COVID-19 cases to appropriately guide decision makers in addressing the impact of the pandemic. He mentioned about public officials who concealed the real situation in their areas of concern, and even violated quarantine protocols; and pointed out that in his district alone, only 20 persons a day were being tested instead of 200 persons per day.

Given the current situation, he demanded for the conduct of random mass testing in less-privileged and densely populated areas; and of at least 60 persons per day in his district, and volunteered to shoulder the cost of transporting swab samples to Cebu to expedite the process.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES (A.)**

On motion of Rep. Rowena Niña O. Taduran, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Teves' privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, upon Representative Taduran's motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her privilege speech.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Representative Brosas talked about women who had experienced domestic abuse during the COVID-19 lockdown which thereby narrowed down opportunities for them to seek for help. She called on all barangay offices to keep their women's desks active; and stressed that women and children had become more vulnerable because of the crisis, not only to domestic abuse, but also to prostitution, trafficking, and harassment. She added that measures to provide social and legal services to these victims should be in place.

She then enumerated several instances of harassment, arrest, ridicule, and killing of ordinary citizens, relief volunteers, activists, and urban leaders nationwide during the pandemic including the arrest of former Rep Ariel "Ka Ayik" Casilao of Anakpawis Party-List. She criticized the seemingly lax and compassionate treatment of violators of ECQ guidelines who were close to the incumbent administration. She also asserted that the latter was using the pandemic and ECQ to suppress dissent, violate civil liberties and basic human rights, and cover up its failure to deliver necessary services to those in need.

Subsequently, Representative Brosas stressed the need to implement an ECQ that is health-based and people-oriented and not iron-fisted and militarist, by bringing back the supremacy of civilian rule in every nook of the bureaucracy. She stated that the Gabriela Women's Party, the women's sector, and the masses

in general will continue to stand up against abuse and the violation of civil liberties provided for by the Constitution.

### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

On motion of Representative Tadiran, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Brosas' privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On motion of Representative Tadiran, the Chair next recognized in the Zoom video conference, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Representative Elago first thanked all the students and youth who helped support the community-led response to the COVID-19 crisis and said that Kabataan Party-List supports a comprehensive, effective, humane, and participatory approach to defeat the new coronavirus.

She then proposed the following: free mass testing especially for special priority groups; assiduous contact tracing; adequate quarantine facilities at city, municipal and district levels; full support for hospitals, frontliners, and essential workers; free treatment for all COVID-19 patients in public hospitals and subsidized treatment in private hospitals; more social protection and amelioration programs for marginalized sectors, middle class families, small and medium enterprises, and vulnerable groups; and the upholding of civilian supremacy and the respect and protection of civil liberties and human rights at all times.

She also asked the government to protect the right to quality and accessible education in the midst for calls for online education which could displace poor students; address the health and well-being of students, teachers, school officials, and campus personnel; and protect the youth and students who had been harassed and arrested while undertaking relief operations during the pandemic.

### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

On motion of Representative Tadiran, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative

Elago's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Tadiran, the Chair recognized Rep. Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat for her privilege speech, through Zoom video conferencing.

### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT**

Representative Cullamat spoke about the failure of the Executive Department to use the special powers granted to President Duterte by Congress under the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act in providing the necessary assistance to Filipinos in dire need, especially the urban poor, the farmers sector, daily wage earners, the overseas Filipino workers, and the indigenous peoples affected by the pandemic. She expressed apprehension that half of these sectors have yet to receive aid from the SAP while funds have already been decreasing and the ECQ period will soon end. She underscored worsened militarization, human rights violations, and red-tagging during this time of public health emergency; and appealed that instead of military measures, the government should enhance its efforts on medical solutions to the COVID-19 pandemic such as mass testing.

### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT**

On motion of Representative Tadiran, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Cullamat to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DATOL**

Upon recognition by the Chair in the Zoom video conference, Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr. made an appeal, on behalf of the senior citizens all over the country, for the government to extend assistance to all senior citizens in this time of crisis. He then relayed the challenges being faced by his constituents, such as nonreceipt of social pension and hurdling long lines just to claim cash assistance.

He recommended channeling the aid distribution through barangays; and said that he communicated with the President to also provide for social



amelioration among senior citizens, even those with pension.

He described how senior citizens go about sustaining their everyday needs as most of them have yet to receive their pension of 6 months which, he said, had already been appropriated in the previous year. He stated that senior citizens' pensions are barely enough to cover for their medicines and everyday sustenance.

Thus, Representative Datol appealed to the Departments of Health, Social Welfare and Development, and the Interior and Local Government, as well as the House of Representatives to heed his request to transfer the senior citizens' assistance to the barangays so the latter can implement a door-to-door system with regard to the distribution of his constituents' social amelioration and pension benefits. He pointed out that the present system of pension distribution is ineffective and risky.

In closing, Representative Datol assured the country's senior citizens that the government is working hard to protect them against the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DATOL**

On motion of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Datol's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA**

Recognized by the Chair also in the Zoom video conference, upon motion of Representative Taduran, Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta spoke of the need to adjust to the "new normal" as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that House Bill No. 6623, together with the Philippine Economic Recovery Bill, focus on survival measures until a cure for the new coronavirus is developed. He said that everyone must rely on medical protocols for safety and adjust to the new normal with regard to work, travel, and in ways of interacting with one another.

Deputy Speaker Marcoleta said that together with many of his colleagues, he and the SAGIP Party- List fully support the said measures.

#### **REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA**

On motion of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, the Body referred Deputy Speaker Marcoleta's manifestation to the Committee on Rules.

#### **TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Likewise, on motion of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair suspended the session at 5:11 p.m. upon motion of Representative Taduran.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:12 p.m.

#### **PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Upon resumption of session, Representative Brosas inquired on the status of ABS-CBN's franchise renewal because it had come to her knowledge that the National Telecommunications Commission had issued a cease and desist order against the network. As a result, she pointed out that thousands of its employees would lose their jobs.

In response, Senior Majority Leader Jesus Crispin C. Remulla said that the Committee on Legislative Franchises, which had already conducted two hearings on the matter, was still awaiting the submission of position papers on the propriety or impropriety of granting an extension of the franchise or a new franchise for ABS-CBN. That being the status, he said that under the House Rules, they would have to wait for said committee to act on the matter so it could be reported out as a committee report and tackle the same in plenary. Otherwise, he pointed out that under the Rules, they are not allowed to speak on the matter.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Considering that the House was already in session, Representative Brosas manifested that the Body should take up the matter of the ABS-CBN franchise. She further manifested that Gabriela



Women's Party and the Makabayan Bloc denounce the NTC's order and emphasized that press freedom should be upheld, most especially during critical times.

Representative Remulla and the Chair said that the manifestation of Representative Brosas was duly noted.

#### **REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

On subsequent motion of Representative Remulla, there being no objection, the Body referred the manifestation of Representative Brosas to the Committee on Rules.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Castro said that in light of the current pandemic, the NTC would create another crisis. She then asked the leadership on the time frame for taking up the matter to the plenary.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE REMULLA**

Representative Remulla again explained that the function of a committee is independent of the Body meeting in plenary during which the matter can be discussed once a committee report is submitted. He took note of the remarks of Representative Castro (F.L.), and recognized that the plight of the network's employees is an important matter. He however clarified that the Body cannot interfere with how the Executive Department treats the legal matter at hand.

#### **REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair stated that the manifestation of Representative Brosas and the remarks of Representative Castro (F.L.) would be referred to the appropriate committee.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

With the permission of the Chair, Representative Castro then stated that the Members should not allow the NTC or the Executive branch to undermine the mandate of the House with regard to the ABS-CBN franchise renewal.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Remulla, the Chair suspended the session at 5:18 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:18 p.m.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Remulla, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

It was 5:19 p.m. of Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:00 p. m. of Wednesday, May 6, 2020, with Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu presiding.

#### **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, and Message from the Senate, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 6674, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BALIK PROBINSYA PUBLIC HOUSING AND RELOCATION PROGRAM, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES"

By Representative Tutor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 6675, entitled:

"AN ACT IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE INCREASE OF PHILHEALTH PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH  
CARE ACT”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6676, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION  
AGAINST PERSONS WHO ARE  
CONFIRMED, SUSPECT, AND  
PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19  
VIRUS, REPATRIATED OFWs, HEALTH  
WORKERS, RESPONDERS, AND SERVICE  
WORKERS”

By Representative Belmonte  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6677, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OCCUPATIONAL  
SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS TO  
PREVENT THE SPREAD OF EMERGING  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES”

By Representative Belmonte  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6678, entitled:

“AN ACT PUTTING A CEILING ON  
INTEREST RATES UPON LOANS AND  
FORBEARANCES AND PRESCRIBING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL  
INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6679, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE  
GRANTED TO THE UNIVERSITY  
OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM TO  
CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN,  
AND OPERATE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND  
OTHER RELATED PURPOSES, RADIO  
AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING  
STATIONS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY  
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND IN SUCH  
OTHER AREAS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF  
ITS OPERATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 8160, TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE  
(25) YEARS”

By Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6680, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 2, 3  
AND 16 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7925

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY ACT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Pichay  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6681, entitled:

“AN ACT CODIFYING THE ALTERNATIVE  
CHILD CARE LAWS, REORGANIZING  
THE INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION  
BOARD INTO THE NATIONAL  
AUTHORITY FOR CHILD CARE, AND  
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 6682, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE RANK  
CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE OF  
THE UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF  
THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION  
(BFP) AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL  
MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP)  
ORGANIZATION, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, AS AMENDED  
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, AND  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND  
SAFETY

House Bill No. 6683, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING RELIEF TO MICRO,  
SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(MSMEs) IN RELATION TO THE COVID-19  
PANDEMIC AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6684, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE SALIENT  
PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT CODE ON THE SPECIAL  
EDUCATION FUND (SEF), AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE RA 7160 OR THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,  
AS AMENDED”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 6685, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPED TO LEVY FUNDS FROM THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (SEF) FOR PREEMPTIVE AND RESPONSIVE MEASURES IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCIES OR WHEN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEEMS IT NECESSARY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 7160 OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6686, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 386 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Barbers  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6687, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY BANKS AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AS A RESPONSIVE MEASURE IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6688, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PANDEMIC AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6689, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PURCHASE THE PRODUCE OF LOCAL FARMERS OR PRODUCERS FOR RELIEF AND SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6690, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING BASIC MEDICAL AND HEALTH TRAINING AND RISK

REDUCTION, NATIONAL EMERGENCY OR DISASTER AWARENESS, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN THE CURRICULUM OF SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6691, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING BLENDED LEARNING IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6692, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaite, Cullamat, Castro (France), Brosas and Elago  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6693, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF ONE TRILLION (P1,000,000,000) FOR THE CONTINUED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE”

By Representative Lagman  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 818, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES’ APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF) TO PROTECT THE WELFARE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND FURTHER URGING THE CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INSTRUMENTALITIES, GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS TO RELEASE MORE GUIDELINES ON

BENEFITS FAVORABLE TO THE SENIOR  
CITIZENS”

By Representatives Datol and Pineda  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Resolution No. 819, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEFEAT  
COVID-19 COMMITTEE TO DIRECT  
THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (DOF)  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS  
(LGUs) THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT (DILG) TO WAIVE FEES  
FOR THE DECLARATION OF CLOSURE/  
CESSATION OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED  
BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR ONE  
CALENDAR YEAR”

By Representative Erice  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Resolution No. 820, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH JOINTLY  
WITH THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER  
MANAGEMENT TO CONDUCT AN  
IMMEDIATE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NO. 51, REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
10028, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11148, AND  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10821 IN LIGHT OF  
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”

By Representative Belmonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 821, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE  
COMMITMENT OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO WORK WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO  
PASS THE PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL  
BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT  
TO SUPPORT ITS PROGRAMS TO  
ADDRESS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,  
PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF FOOD  
SECURITY AND PRICE STABILITY”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Resolution No. 822, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE  
OPPOSITION OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE DECISION  
OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND  
GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR),

AS APPROVED BY THE INTER-  
AGENCY TASK FORCE ON EMERGING  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IATF-EID), TO  
ALLOW PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING  
OPERATORS (POGOs) TO RESUME  
OPERATIONS AMIDST THE CURRENT  
COVID-19 STATE OF NATIONAL HEALTH  
EMERGENCY AND THEREBY URGES  
THE SAME TO RESCIND THE DECISION  
IMMEDIATELY”

By Representatives Villanueva (Eduardo) and Rivera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND  
AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 823, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
ALLEGED ANOMALIES/CORRUPTION IN  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL  
AMELIORATION PROGRAM”

By Representative Yap (Eric)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 4, 2020, informing the House  
of Representatives that the Senate on even date  
passed Senate Bill No. 1365, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE  
ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SYTEM  
IN BASIC EDUCATION FOR OUT-  
OF-SCHOOL YOUTH, ADULTS, AND  
CHILDREN IN SPECIAL EXTREME  
CASES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

in which it requests the concurrence of the House of  
Representatives.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING  
OF HOUSE BILLS**

On successive motions of Representatives  
Bolilia and Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay, there being  
no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on  
Third Reading of the following Bills, printed copies  
of which were distributed to the Members on the  
dates mentioned herein, pursuant to Section 58, Rule  
X of the Provisional Rules of the House.

Distributed on March 10, 2020:

1. House Bill No. 6323, entitled: “AN ACT  
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL



- BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVINCE OF ABRA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"
2. House Bill No. 6324, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF DAET AND LABO, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(F) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"
  3. House Bill No. 6325, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING EIGHT (8) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CALOOCAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"
  4. House Bill No. 6326, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MOALBOAL, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(H) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"
  5. House Bill No. 6327, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(J) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"
  6. House Bill No. 6328, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"
  7. House Bill No. 6329, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ROSARIO AND SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"
  8. House Bill No. 6330, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF KABANKALAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

SECTION 14(G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA  
BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION  
ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

**RESULT OF THE VOTING**

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abante	Bolilia
Abellanosa	Bondoc
Abueg-Zaldivar	Bordado
Abunda	Bravo
Acop	Brosas
Acosta-Alba	Bustos
Advincula	Cabatbat
Agabas	Cabochan
Agarao	Cabredo
Aglipay	Calderon
Aguinaldo	Caminero
Albano	Campos
Almario	Cari
Alonte	Castelo
Alvarez (F.)	Castro (F.L.)
Alvarez (G.)	Cayetano (A.P.)
Amante-Matba	Cayetano (M.L.)
Andaya	Chatto
Aragones	Chipeco
Arbison	Collantes
Arenas	Crisologo
Atienza	Cua
Babasa	Cuaresma
Bagatsing	Cueva
Balindong	Cullamat
Bañas-Nogralles	Dagooc
Barba	Dalog
Barbers	Datol
Baronda	Daza
Barzaga	Defensor (L.)
Bascug	Del Mar
Bautista	Delos Santos
Belmonte	Deloso-Montalla
Benitez	Dimaporo (A.)
Bernos	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Biazon	Dy (F.)

Dy (F.M.C.)	Mariano-Hernandez
Dy (I.P.)	Mariño
Ecleo	Martinez
Elago	Matugas
Eriguel	Momo
Escudero	Natividad-Nagaño
Espino	Nava
Estrella	Nieto
Fariñas (R.C.)	Noel
Fernando	Nogralles (J.J.)
Ferrer (J.M.)	Núñez-Malanyaon
Fortuno	Oaminal
Frasco	Ong (J.)
Fuentebella	Ong (R.)
Gaite	Ortega
Garcia (J.E.)	Ouano-Dizon
Garcia (P.J.)	Pacquiao (A.)
Garcia (V.)	Pacquiao (R.)
Garin (J.)	Padiernos
Gasataya	Paduano
Gatchalian	Palma
Gato	Pancho
Geron	Panotes
Go (E.C.)	Peña
Go (M.)	Pimentel
Gonzaga	Pineda
Gonzales (A.)	Plaza
Gonzales (N.)	Puno
Gorriceta	Radaza
Guico	Ramirez-Sato
Gullas	Remulla
Hernandez	Revilla
Herrera-Dy	Reyes
Hofer	Robes
Jalosjos	Rodriguez
Javier	Roman
Jimenez	Romualdez (F.M.)
Kho (E.)	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Kho (W.)	Romualdo
Labadlabad	Romulo
Lacson-Noel	Roque
Lagon	Sagarbarria
Lara	Sakaluran
Lazatin	Salimbangon
Lim	Salo
Limkaichong	Sanchez
Lopez	Sangcopan
Loyola	Santos-Recto
Lusotan	Savellano
Macapagal Arroyo	Singson-Meehan
Maceda	Suansing (E.)
Malapitan	Suansing (H.)
Mangudadatu	Suarez (D.)
Marcoleta	Sy-Alvarado

Taduran	Valeriano
Tallado	Valmayor
Tambunting	Vargas
Tan (A.)	Vargas Alfonso
Tan (Samier)	Velasco
Tan (S.A.)	Veloso
Tan (Shernee)	Villa
Tejada	Villanueva (E.)
Tiangco	Villanueva (N.)
Tulfo	Villar
Tupas	Violago
Tutor	Zamora (R.)
Ty (D.)	Zamora (W.K.)
Umali (M.V.)	Zarate
Unabia	Zubiri

HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll Call was made.

### RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

#### *Affirmative:*

Abante	Bolilia
Abellanos	Bondoc
Abueg-Zaldivar	Bordado
Abunda	Bravo
Acop	Brosas
Acosta-Alba	Bustos
Advincula	Cabatbat
Agabas	Cabochan
Agarao	Cabredo
Aglipay	Calderon
Aguinaldo	Caminero
Albano	Campos
Almario	Cari
Alonte	Castelo
Alvarez (F.)	Castro (F.L.)
Alvarez (G.)	Cayetano (A.P.)
Amante-Matba	Cayetano (M.L.)
Andaya	Chatto
Aragones	Chipeco
Arbison	Collantes
Arenas	Crisologo
Atienza	Cua
Babasa	Cuaresma
Bagatsing	Cueva
Balindong	Cullamat
Baños-Nogales	Dagooc
Barba	Dalipe
Barbers	Dalog
Baronda	Datol
Barzaga	Daza
Bascug	de Venecia
Bautista	Defensor (L.)
Belmonte	Del Mar
Benitez	Delos Santos
Bernos	Deloso-Montalla
Biazon	Dimaporo (A.)

#### *Negative:*

None

#### *Abstention:*

None

With 210 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.\*

### APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on March 11, 2020:

9. House Bill No. 6498, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE NAGUILIAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAGUILIAN, PROVINCE OF LA UNION FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO FIFTY (50) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
10. House Bill No. 6499, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE QUIRINO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER IN QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL

\* The following Members cast their affirmative votes through Viber messaging after the announcement of the voting result: Representatives Billones, Cagas, Celeste, Chungalao, Co (A.), Dalipe, De Venecia, Ebcas, Ermita-Buhain, Espina, Garbin, Haresco, Khonghun, Lacson, Lagman, Ramos, Rivera, Saulog, Silverio, Sinsuat, and Teves (J.).

Dimaporo (M.K.)	Macapagal Arroyo	Savellano	Tutor
Dy (F.)	Maceda	Silverio	Ty (D.)
Dy (F.M.C.)	Malapitan	Singson-Meehan	Umali (M.V.)
Dy (I.P.)	Mangudadatu	Suansing (E.)	Unabia
Ecleo	Marcoleta	Suansing (H.)	Valeriano
Elago	Mariano-Hernandez	Suarez (D.)	Valmayor
Eriguel	Mariño	Sy-Alvarado	Vargas
Ermita-Buhain	Martinez	Taduran	Vargas Alfonso
Escudero	Matugas	Tallado	Velasco
Espina	Momo	Tambunting	Veloso
Espino	Natividad-Nagaño	Tan (A.)	Villa
Estrella	Nava	Tan (Samier)	Villanueva (E.)
Fariñas (R.C.)	Nieto	Tan (S.A.)	Villanueva (N.)
Fernando	Noel	Tan (Shernee)	Villar
Ferrer (J.M.)	Nogales (J.J.)	Tejada	Violago
Fortuno	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Teves (J.)	Zamora (R.)
Frasco	Oaminal	Tiangco	Zamora (W.K.)
Fuentebella	Ong (J.)	Tulfo	Zarate
Gaite	Ong (R.)	Tupas	Zubiri
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega		
Garcia (P.J.)	Ouano-Dizon		
Garcia (V.)	Pacquiao (A.)	<i>Negative:</i>	
Garin (J.)	Pacquiao (R.)		
Gasataya	Padiernos	None	
Gatchalian	Paduano		
Gato	Palma	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Geron	Pancho		
Go (E.C.)	Panotes	None	
Go (M.)	Peña		
Gonzaga	Pimentel		
Gonzales (A.)	Pineda		
Gonzales (N.)	Plaza		
Gorriceta	Puno		
Guico	Radaza		
Gullas	Ramirez-Sato		
Haresco	Remulla		
Hernandez	Revilla		
Herrera-Dy	Reyes		
Hofer	Rivera		
Jalosjos	Robes		
Javier	Rodriguez		
Jimenez	Roman		
Kho (E.)	Romualdez (F.M.)		
Kho (W.)	Romualdez (Y.M.)		
Labadlabad	Romualdo		
Lacson-Noel	Romulo		
Lagon	Roque		
Lara	Sagarbarria		
Lazatin	Sakaluran		
Lim	Salimbangon		
Limkaichong	Salo		
Lopez	Sanchez		
Loyola	Sangcopan		
Lusotan	Santos-Recto		

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 216 affirmative votes\*, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill Nos. 6498 and 6499.\*\*

## PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Rep. Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour; and on her subsequent motion, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Dan S. Fernandez for his privilege speech.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FERNANDEZ

Deputy Speaker Fernandez spoke about the vast social and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and called the attention of the Body to the predicament of the workers in the informal sector. He stated that not much attention had been given to the informal workers despite their major economic contributions.

\* See page 38 for corrected result of nominal voting on House Bill Nos. 6498 and 6499.

\*\* The following Members cast their affirmative votes through Viber messaging after the announcement of the voting result: Representatives Billones, Cagas, Celeste, Chungalao, Co (A.), Ebcas, Garbin, Khonghun, Lacson, Lagman, Ramos, Saulog, and Sinsuat.



He then informed the Body that he had long been advocating for the cause of the informal workers through the proposed “Magna Carta of Workers in the Informal Economy” or MACWIE; and explained that outdated statistics on the informal sector had partly caused the problem in the distribution of financial aid under the government’s Social Amelioration Program.

Citing reports on inefficiencies in the implementation of the SAP and other complaints about the government’s failure to provide assistance to the poorest of the poor, including the informal sector workers, Deputy Speaker Fernandez underscored that had the MACWIE Bill been passed earlier on, current actions and post-COVID-19 plans could have been better aided considering that the measure would provide for updated figures on informal workers and relevant programs and systems with active participation of accredited informal economy organizations.

The deputy speaker also mentioned that as the number of informal workers would significantly grow because of the health crisis, this would increase further with the recent closure of ABS-CBN which employed thousands of informal workers.

Thus, he called on the House leadership and the chair of the Committee on Labor and Employment to expedite deliberations on the MACWIE Bill and see its potential in addressing the concerns of the informal labor sector.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

On motion of Rep. Rowena Niña O. Taduran, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas who initially thanked Deputy Speaker Fernandez for giving due recognition to the informal economy which largely comprises of women workers. She discussed how the informal workers in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic should also benefit from the government’s assistance programs such as the SAP. She also pushed for job regularization with just wages to help them with their basic needs; and stressed that it is not just public health that matters but the economy as well.

Deputy Speaker Fernandez stressed that it is about time that these workers would be given appropriate benefits.

#### **POINT OF ORDER OF REPRESENTATIVE BELMONTE**

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte pointed out that there were matters being discussed on the floor which were already pending at the committee level, and thus, should not be discussed during the plenary session.

The Chair said the point of order was well-taken.

#### **REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FERNANDEZ**

Deputy Speaker Fernandez agreed with Representative Belmonte and advised Rep. France L. Castro, who was next to interpellate, that a detailed discussion of the MACWIE Bill could be done at the committee level.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BOLILIA**

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Bolilia read before the Body the provision of Rule XVI of the Provisional Rules of the House, which states that a Member shall not avail of the Privilege Hour to speak on concerns that are principally and directly related to the subject matter or measures already pending in any committee or in plenary session. She pointed out that the privilege speech of Deputy Speaker Fernandez was allowed because it intended to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cognizant of said House rule, the Chair then terminated the privilege speech of Deputy Speaker Fernandez.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER FERNANDEZ**

On motion of Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body referred Deputy Speaker Fernandez’s privilege speech and interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

On further motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Neptali M. Gonzales II in the Zoom video conference to avail of the Privilege Hour.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER GONZALES (N.)**

Deputy Speaker Gonzales said that the celebration of National Health Workers Day on May 7, 2020, by virtue of Republic Act No. 10069, was more significant in view of the ceaseless and selfless work shown by all kinds of health care workers in the public and private sectors during the new coronavirus pandemic. He said that he had personally seen in his district the sincerity, courage, and sacrifice of health workers despite the lack or inadequacy of personal protective equipment, and even the death of some of them.

Thereupon, Deputy Speaker Gonzales asked that the nation acknowledge the heroism of health workers and thanked the latter for their priceless service to the citizenry.

## **MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER ABU**

Saying that he was speaking on behalf of the House, Deputy Speaker Abu joined Deputy Speaker Gonzales (N.) in honoring the health care workers.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GONZALES (N.)**

On motion of Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body referred Deputy Speaker Gonzales’ privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On motion of Representative Crisologo, the Chair next recognized Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. for his privilege speech.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Minority Leader Abante argued what he said was his longstanding case for the abolition of the National Telecommunications Commission based on its uselessness.

He explained the failure of the agency to perform its mandate to supervise, adjudicate over, and control the operations of all telecommunication companies despite the increase in its collections as well as its budget. In particular, he cited its incompetence in

addressing (1) inefficient services of the two major telecommunication companies in the country, (2) irregularities in the service area scheme or SAS and voice over internet protocol or VOIP operations, and (3) ~~termination of operations of ABS-CBN Corporation.\*~~

## **MOTION TO STRIKE OFF THE RECORDS**

Recognized by the Chair, Senior Deputy Majority Leader Jesus Crispin C. Remulla raised a point of order on the matter of ABS-CBN being discussed in the speech of the Honorable Abante.

He also moved to strike off the records all references to ABS-CBN considering that the House Rules prohibits the discussion of its franchise renewal in plenary because it was already pending at the committee level.

There being no objection, the Body approved the same.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Minority Leader Abante to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair suspended the session at 4:43 p.m.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:44 p.m.

## **TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

## **TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS**

On a subsequent motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate copies of House Bills that had just been approved on Third Reading.

\*See Senior Deputy Majority Leader Jesus Crispin C. Remulla’s motion to strike off the records.

**CORRECTION OF THE RESULT  
OF THE VOTING ON  
HOUSE BILL NOS. 6498 AND 6499**


At this point, the Chair, as informed by the Secretariat, corrected the result of the voting on Third Reading on House Bill Nos. 6498 and 6499, as follows: instead of 216 affirmative votes, the correct result was 218 affirmative votes.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, May 11, 2020.

It was 4:45 p.m. of Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
**JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES**  
Secretary General

Approved on May 12, 2020, as amended.

Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Philippines

**MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE**

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**Monday to Wednesday, May 4 to 6, 2020**

ABANTE	** BORDADO	** DUTERTE
ABAYA	** BRAVO	** DY (F.)
** ABELLANOSA	BROSAS	** DY (F.M.C.)
ABU	** BULUT	** DY (I.P.)
** ABUEG-ZALDIVAR	** BUSTOS	** EBCAS
** ABUNDA	** CABATBAT	** ECLEO
** ACOP	** CABOCHAN	** ELAGO
** ACOSTA	** CABREDO	** ENVERGA
** ACOSTA-ALBA	** CAGAS	** ERICE
** ADIONG	** CALDERON	** ERIGUEL
** ADVINCULA	** CALIXTO	** ERMITA-BUHAIN
** AGABAS	** CAMINERO	** ESCUDERO
** AGARAO	** CAMPOS	** ESPINA
AGLIPAY	** CANAMA	** ESPINO
** AGUINALDO	** CAOAGDAN	** ESTRELLA
** ALBANO	** CARI	** FARIÑAS (R.C.)
** ALMARIO	CASTELO	** FARIÑAS I (R.C.)
** ALONTE	CASTRO (F.L.)	FERNANDEZ
** ALVAREZ (F.)	** CASTRO (F.H.)	** FERNANDO
** ALVAREZ (G.)	CAYETANO (A.P.)	** FERRER (J.M.)
** ALVAREZ (P.)	** CAYETANO (M.L.)	** FERRER (L.)
** AMANTE-MATBA	** CELESTE	** FLORES
** AMATONG	** CHATTO	** FORTUN
** ANDAYA	** CHIPECO	** FORTUNO
** ANGARA	** CHUNGALAO	** FRASCO
** ARAGONES	** CO (A.N.)	** FUENTEBELLA
** ARBISON	** CO (E.)	** GAITE
** ARENAS	** COJUANGCO	** GARBIN
ARROYO	** COLLANTES	** GARCIA (J.E.)
** ATIENZA	** CRISOLOGO	** GARCIA (P.J.)
** AUMENTADO	** CUA	** GARCIA (V.)
** BABASA	** CUARESMA	GARIN (J.)
** BAGATSING	** CUEVA	** GARIN (S.)
** BALINDONG	** CULLAMAT	** GASATAYA
** BAÑAS-NOGRALES	** DAGOOC	** GATCHALIAN
** BARBA	** DALIPE	** GATO
** BARBERS	** DALOG	** GERON
** BARONDA	** DATOL	** GO (E.C.)
** BARZAGA	DAZA	** GO (M.)
** BASCUG	** DE JESUS	** GONZAGA
** BAUTISTA	** DE VENECIA	** GONZALES (A.)
** BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN	** DEFENSOR (L.)	** GONZALES (N.)
BELMONTE	DEFENSOR (M.)	** GONZALEZ
** BENITEZ	** DEL MAR	** GORRICETA
** BERNOS	** DELOS SANTOS	** GUICO
** BIAZON	** DELOSO-MONTALLA	** GULLAS
** BILLONES	** DIMAPORO (A.)	** GUYA
** BIRON	** DIMAPORO (M.K.)	** HARESCO
** BOLILIA	** DUAVIT	** HATAMAN
** BONDOC	** DUJALI	** HERNANDEZ



** HERRERA-DY	** OUANO-DIZON	** SUAREZ (D.)
** HOFER	** PACQUIAO (A.)	** SUNTAY
** JALOSJOS	** PACQUIAO (R.)	** SY-ALVARADO
** JAVIER	** PADIERNOS	** TADURAN
** JIMENEZ	** PADUANO	** TALLADO
** KHO (E.)	** PALMA	** TAMBUNTING
** KHO (W.)	** PANCHITO	** TAN (A.S.)
** KHONGHUN	** PANOTES	** TAN (A.)
** LABADLABAD	** PEÑA	** TAN (SAMIER)
** LACSON	** PICHAY	** TAN (S.A.)
** LACSON-NOEL	** PIMENTEL	** TAN (SHERNEE)
** LAGMAN	** PINEDA	** TEJADA
** LAGON	** PLAZA	** TEVES (A.)
** LARA	** PUNO	** TEVES (J.)
** LAZATIN	** QUIMBO	** TIANGCO
** LEACHON	** RADAZA	** TOLENTINO
** LEGARDA	** RAMIREZ-SATO	** TORRES-GOMEZ
** LIM	** RAMOS	** TULFO
** LIMKAICHONG	** REMULLA	** TUPAS
** LOPEZ	** REVILLA	** TUTOR
** LOYOLA	** REYES	** TY (A.)
** LUSOTAN	** RIVERA	** TY (D.)
** MACAPAGAL ARROYO	** ROBES	** UMALI (A.)
** MACEDA	** RODRIGUEZ	** UMALI (M.V.)
** MADRONA	** ROMAN	** UNABIA
** MALAPITAN	** ROMERO	** UNGAB
** MANGAOANG	** ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)	** UY (J.)
** MANGUDADATU	** ROMUALDEZ (Y.M.)	** UY (R.)
** MARCOLETA	** ROMUALDO	** VALERIANO
** MARIANO-HERNANDEZ	** ROMULO	** VALMAYOR
** MARIÑO	** ROQUE	** VARGAS
** MARQUEZ	** SACDALAN	** VARGAS ALFONSO
** MARTINEZ	** SAGARBARRIA	** VELASCO
** MATBA	** SAKALURAN	** VELOSO
** MATUGAS	** SALCEDA	** VERGARA
** MENDOZA	** SALIMBANGON	** VILLA
** MERCADO	** SALO	** VILLAFUERTE
** MOMO	** SANCHEZ	** VILLANUEVA (E.)
** NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO	** SANGCOPAN	** VILLANUEVA (N.)
** NAVA	** SANTOS-RECTO	** VILLAR
** NIETO	** SARMIENTO	** VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
** NOEL	** SAULOG	** VILLARICA
** NOGRALES (J.J.)	** SAVELLANO	** VIOLAGO
** NOGRALES (J.F.F.)	** SIAO	** YAP (E.)
** NOLASCO	** SILVERIO	** YAP (V.)
** NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	** SINGSON	** YU
** OAMINAL	** SINGSON-MEEHAN	** ZAMORA (R.)
** OLIVAREZ	** SINSUAT	** ZAMORA (W.K.)
** ONG (J.)	** SUANSING (E.)	** ZARATE
** ONG (R.)	** SUANSING (H.)	** ZUBIRI
** ORTEGA	** SUAREZ (A.)	

\* Appeared before/after the Roll Call

\*\* Section 71, Rule XI of the Rules of the House

(Attended committee meetings as authorized by the Committee on Rules/Attended meetings of the CA, HRET, or bicameral conference committees/

On official mission as approved by the Speaker)

\*\*\* Officially notified the House, through the Secretariat, of their absence

\*\*\*\* Absent without notice

(Subject to correction/s that may appear in the Annual Journal)