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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano called the session to order.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Members observed a minute of silent prayer and thereafter sang the National Anthem.

DEFERMENT OF ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4697, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAM, TO PROMOTE PHYSICAL, MORAL, SPIRITUAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE NATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4698, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A RAINWATER HARVESTING FACILITY IN ALL NEW INSTITUTIONAL, COMMERCIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN METRO MANILA”

By Representative Nieto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4699, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN CIUDAD DE STRIKE IN BARANGAY MOLINO I, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS CIUDAD DE STRIKE INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4700, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY IN VIGAN CITY, ILOCOS SUR INTO AN EXTENSION OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4701, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ILOCOS SUR SPORTS TRAINING CENTER TO BE LOCATED IN VIGAN CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4702, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (“DTESD”), DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7796, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘TESDA ACT OF 1994’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4703, 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 Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND
SECURITY

House Bill No. 4704, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PRIMARY
CARE FACILITY IN SAWATA,
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO,
PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE,
INTO A TEN (10)-BED CAPACITY WARD
EXTENSION (INFIRMARY) OF THE
DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER,
TAGUM CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
DAVAO REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
INFIRMARY”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4705, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE EASIER COMMUTING
BY ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF
SUSTAINABLE ELEVATED WALKWAYS
ALONG ALL MAJOR PUBLIC
THOROUGHFARES IN HIGH DENSITY
URBAN AREAS, ESTABLISHING
APPROPRIATE INFRASTRUCTURE
AND FACILITIES, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Reyes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4706, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABLE
RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM
BY AMENDING PERTINENT LAWS
ON THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS
AND PENSION OF THE UNIFORMED
PERSONNEL OF THE UNIFORMED

SERVICES AND PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4707, entitled:

“AN ACT ORDAINING THE
MODERNIZATION OF THE BUREAU
OF FIRE PROTECTION (BFP)”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND
SAFETY

House Bill No. 4708, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE NATIONAL
DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND
SECURITY

House Bill No. 4709, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT
OF DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON
DISASTER MANAGEMENT

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 354, entitled:

“RESOLUSYONG NANANAWAGAN PARA
SA AGARANG PAG-IMBISTIGA SA
PAGPATAY KAY LEONIDES BACONG,
LOKAL NA LIDER NG KILUSANG
MAGBUBUKID NG PILIPINAS SA
BUKIDNON”

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

House Resolution No. 355, 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 FARMER ANGELITO MARIVAO
IN SITIO LAGDIK, BRGY. MABUHAY,
BUKIDNON”

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

House Resolution No. 356, entitled:

“RESOLUTION HONORING OUR FILIPINO
TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS’ MONTH”

By Representative Go (Mark)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 357, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING FILIPINO
TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS’ MONTH
(NTM)”

By Representative Siao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 358, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING FILIPINO
TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE
2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS’ MONTH
(NTM)”

By Representative Romulo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 359, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENT TO ENSURE THAT
THE BIDDING FOR THE PHILIPPINE
LOTTERY SYSTEM (PLS) OF THE
PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES
OFFICE (PCSO) SHALL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS AND BEST
PRACTICES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE
THE PRUDENT USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS
AND THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
FILIPINO POOR”

By Representative Ong (Ronnie)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 360, entitled:

“A HOUSE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR
AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF
LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE
COMMITTEE/S OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES ON NON-PAYMENT
OF REAL PROPERTY TAX (RPT) OF
POWER PLANTS UNDER BUILD-
OPERATE-TRANSFER (BOT) WITH THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT (LGU) OF
QUEZON PROVINCE”

By Representatives Suarez (David), Villaraza-
Suarez and Suarez (Aleta)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 18, entitled:

“A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF FIFTEEN
BILLION PESOS (P15,000,000,000) TO
BE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED TO THE
NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA)
AND DIRECTING THE LATTER TO
EXCLUSIVELY USE THE AMOUNT TO
URGENTLY PROCURE AT LEAST 750,000
METRIC TONS OF PALAY FROM LOCAL
FARMERS AT THE FARM GATE PRICE OF
TWENTY PESOS (P20) PER KILOGRAM,
AND SELL THE NFA RICE AT TWENTY-
SEVEN PESOS (P27) PER KILOGRAM IN
ORDER TO EASE THE DIRE IMPACTS
OF THE RICE LIBERALIZATION AND
TARIFFICATION LAW”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Gaite,
Cullamat, Castro (France), Elago, Enverga,
Ramirez-Sato, Deloso-Montalla, Cabatbat,
Singson, Belmonte, Umali (Ma. Victoria),
Paduano, Caminero, Sagarbarria, Chatto,
Ty, Sacdalan, Amatang, Legarda, Mariano-
Hernandez, Acop, Loyola, Tambunting,
Tallado, Nolasco, Suarez (David), Dagooc,
Guya, Saulog, Sangcopan, Balindong,
Matba, Ecleo, Arenas, Villanueva (Noel),
Co (Elizaldy), Cabochan, Chungalao, Barba,
Valmayor, Ferrer (Juliet), Cueva, Abante,
Bagatsing, Zubiri, De Venecia, Garin
(Janette), Nuñez-Malanyaon, Romualdo,
Cua and Dy (Faustino Michael)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated September 5, 2019 of Rey Leonardo
B. Guerrero, Commissioner, Department of
Finance, Bureau of Customs, submitting their
Report on the Accomplishments and Reforms in
the Bureau of Customs for the first half of 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Letter dated 6 September 2019 of Sec. Adelino
B. Sitoy, LLB, LLM, Presidential Adviser on

Legislative Affairs and Head, PLLO, submitting their Quarterly Physical Report of Operations (BAR No. 1) as of June 30, 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

CY 2018 Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation on the Prior Years' Audit Observations and Recommendations cited in the Consolidated Annual Audit Report (CAAR) on the Office of the Ombudsman as of June 30, 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FY 2016 Financial Reports, List of articles published and posted by the Philippine News Agency from October 2018 to July 2019, Social Media Accounts and Expenses and Number of Contract of Service, Contractual and Casual Employees of Presidential Communications Operations Office.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 12 September 2019 of Benjamin E. Diokno, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), submitting their Report on Economic and Financial Developments in the Philippines, Second Quarter 2019, pursuant to Section 21 (a) of Republic Act No. 11211.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 12 September 2019 of Benjamin E. Diokno, Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), submitting their Report on Philippine External Debt as of 30 June 2019, which were noted by the Monetary Board on 12 September 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated 13 September 2019 of Donaldo B. Robles, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:
Circular No. 1049 dated 9 September 2019; and
Circular Letter No. CL-2019-065 dated 9 September 2019.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 23), re H.B. No. 4750, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 456

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 24), re H.B. No. 4751, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LA MEDALLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIODURAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3145

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cabredo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 25), re H.B. No. 4752, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 358

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 26), re H.B. No. 4753, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 355

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 27), re H.B. No. 4754, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANYAG IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 350

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on successive motions of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

In his speech, Representative Zubiri emphasized the importance of safe and clean drinking water in the country especially in far-flung areas. Despite existing programs, he called on the government and the private sector to provide more funds for programs on water supply and sanitation such as building of water filtration systems and desalination plants, to prevent the spread of diseases like diarrhea and dysentery.

Representative Zubiri asked his colleagues for support as he emphasized that water is life and a human right.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Alberto “Bobby” D. Pacquiao.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Majority Leader Jesus Crispin C. Remulla for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF SENIOR DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER REMULLA

Representatives Zubiri and Remulla both recognized the pressing need for clean water and hence agreed on the creation of a Department of Water to take the lead in addressing the said concern and other issues related to water supply and sanitation in the Philippines.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Romualdo, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza initially commended his colleague for speaking about the growing problem of water shortage in the country, not only for irrigation but also of potable water which remains to be one of the highest priced in Asia. He then expressed his disappointment on the government’s inaction regarding his continuing call for it to address the failure of the two water concessionaires operating in Metro Manila to provide water treatment facilities. He said that at the proper time, he would urge his colleagues to cancel the contracts of the said concessionaires for not delivering their part of the agreement.

Representative Atienza stressed that the problem was not lack of funding but corruption. Moreover, he suggested looking into the statement of Sen. Emmanuel D. Pacquiao that drinking water should be made free for all. He also proposed that instead of a private corporation, the government should be the one to handle the country’s water system.

SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

Representative Romualdo then moved that the Body suspend the Privilege Hour which would resume after the Roll Call. There being no objection, the Body approved the same.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante	Almario
Abaya	Alonte
Abueg-Zaldivar	Alvarez (G.)
Abunda	Amatong
Acop	Angara
Acosta	Aragones
Acosta-Alba	Arenas
Adiong	Arroyo
Advincula	Atienza
Agabas	Babasa
Agarao	Balindong
Aglipay	Barba
Aguinaldo	Barbers
Albano (A.)	Baronda

Bascug	Ebcas	Marcoleta	Saulog
Bautista	Elago	Mariano-Hernandez	Savellano
Bautista-Bandigan	Enverga	Mariño	Siao
Belmonte	Erice	Marquez	Silverio
Benitez	Eriguel	Martinez	Singson
Bernos	Ermita-Buhain	Matugas	Singson-Meehan
Biazon	Escudero	Momo	Sinsuat
Billones	Espina	Natividad-Nagaño	Suansing (E.)
Bolilia	Espino	Nieto	Suansing (H.)
Bondoc	Estrella	Noel	Suarez (A.)
Bordado	Fernandez	Nogralas (J.J.)	Suarez (D.)
Bravo	Fernando	Nolasco	Suntay
Brosas	Ferrer (J.M.)	Núñez-Malanyaon	Sy-Alvarado
Cabatbat	Ferrer (L.)	Oaminal	Taduran
Cabochan	Flores	Ong (J.)	Tallado
Cabredo	Fongwan	Ong (R.)	Tambunting
Cagas	Fortuno	Ortega	Tan (A.S.)
Calderon	Frasco	Ouano-Dizon	Tan (S.)
Calixto	Fuentebella	Pacquiao (A.)	Tan-Tambut
Caminero	Gaite	Pacquiao (R.)	Teves (J.)
Campos	Garbin	Padiernos	Tiangco
Cari	Garcia (J.E.)	Palma	Tolentino
Castelo	Garcia (P.J.)	Pancho	Torres-Gomez
Castro (F.L.)	Garin (J.)	Panotes	Tulfo
Castro (F.H.)	Garin (S.)	Peña	Tutor
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gasataya	Pimentel	Ty
Cayetano (M.L.)	Gato	Pineda	Umali (A.)
Celeste	Geron	Plaza	Umali (M.V.)
Chatto	Go (M.)	Puno	Unabia
Chipeco	Gonzaga	Quimbo	Ungab
Chungalao	Gonzales (A.)	Radaza	Uy (R.)
Co (A.N.)	Gonzales (N.)	Ramirez-Sato	Valeriano
Co (E.)	Guico	Ramos	Valmayor
Collantes	Guya	Remulla	Vargas
Cua	Haresco	Revilla	Vargas Alfonso
Cuaresma	Hernandez	Reyes	Velasco
Cueva	Hofer	Rivera	Veloso
Cullamat	Jalosjos	Rodriguez	Vergara
Dagooc	Javier	Romero	Villafuerte
Dalipe	Jimenez	Romualdez (F.M.)	Villanueva (N.)
Dalog	Labadlabad	Romualdo	Villar
Daza	Lacson	Romulo	Villarica
De Jesus	Lacson-Noel	Roque	Yap (E.)
de Venecia	Lagman	Sacdalan	Yu
Defensor (L.)	Lagon	Sagarbarria	Zamora (R.)
Del Mar	Lara	Salceda	Zamora (W.K.)
Delos Santos	Legarda	Salo	Zarate
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lim	Sanchez	Zubiri
Duavit	Limkaichong	Sangcopan	
Dujali	Lopez	Sarmiento	
Duterte	Loyola		
Dy (F.)	Macapagal Arroyo		
Dy (F.M.C.)	Malapitan		
Dy (I.P.)	Mangaoang		

With 234 Members responding to the Call,
the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See
Appendix)

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour; and the Chair recognized Representative Zubiri to continue answering interpellations and Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for his questions.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARBIN

Representative Garbin asked whether Representative Zubiri subscribed to the UN's declaration of water as a human right and agreed about the insufficiency of national funds for water distribution and sanitation especially in far-flung areas and island-provinces. Stressing that his constituency's number one concern was access to clean and potable water, he said that development aid agencies and public-private partnerships can supplement said funds.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

On motion of Rep. Claudine Diana D. Bautista, the Chair next recognized Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaité who first observed the contradiction between the principle that water is life and the reality that water is only available to those who can afford it. He then expressed apprehension about the privatization of water resources.

Representative Zubiri said that the problem might be with the failure to upgrade water facilities to catch up with the current demand, and hence called on the national government to put more funds for water supply programs.

Subsequently, the Members discussed other issues, including the privatization of water districts; the ideal volume of water for drinking, hygiene, and other purposes; and the creation of a new Department of Water that would address the issue of availability and affordability of clean and potable water.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE NOGRALES (J. J.)

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Bautista, Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles stated that the Philippines is experiencing

a water crisis, considering that about 40 percent of the water districts are non-operational. This, as he also pointed out that the operational funds of the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) had been decreasing in recent years.

After discussing these issues with Representative Zubiri, Representative Nograles expressed support for an investigation of the water districts and their performance; and to augment the budgetary support for the LWUA.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Bautista acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba.

EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Bautista, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for an hour; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor to interpellate Representative Zubiri.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR (L.)

Initially, Representative Defensor asked for the number of agencies involved in water production and distribution.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Savellano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Henry S. Oaminal.

Representative Zubiri clarified that although several national agencies are involved in water resource management, he would opt to download additional funds to the local government units (LGUs) which he opined could provide faster response to the current water supply issues.

Representatives Defensor and Zubiri then exchanged views and agreed that the budgeting for said purpose should be based on the type of LGU and that there should be a detailed mapping of water resources. The former added that the lack of adequate water infrastructure should be considered of national interest and that the government should ensure the proper implementation of pertinent laws.

Lastly, the Members agreed that the creation of a Department of Water Resources could help solve the water crisis in the country.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

On motion of Representative Bautista, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Zubiri's privilege speech and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereafter, Rep. Niña Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. France L. Castro.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Taduran, Representative Castro rose to talk about the celebration of the International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL).

Representative Castro lauded the recent passage of Republic Act No. 11106 or the Filipino Sign Language (FSL) Act which echoes the UN resolution on IDSL; essentially highlights the importance of the sign language and access thereto; and provides the deaf access to social services and participation, among others.

She however expressed concern on the proposed budget cuts for agencies and programs related to the implementation of the FSL Act, especially those involved in the provision of education. She related how such issue could lead to the marginalization of the deaf.

She enjoined her colleagues to listen to the demands of the deaf and support additional funding for their educational and health needs. She appealed to them to include her proposed amendments on the final version of the 2020 General Appropriations Bill, which seek to restore the slashed budgets for the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino (KWF) and to add more funds for the initial preparation of the implementation of the FSL Act.

Lastly, she appealed for the immediate passage of measures that would promote the rights of the Filipino deaf.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

On motion of Representative Taduran, the Body referred Representative Castro's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Taduran, Rep. Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat recounted the dark experiences under the Marcos' dictatorship and related it with the recent incidents in Northern Mindanao which is presently under martial rule. She then cited several cases of brutal killings and illegal detention of local farmers and the Lumads, which she believed involved the military and paramilitary groups.

She then voiced her concern over the planned development of the mountain range in Misamis Oriental and Bukidnon, including the Pantaron Range which she noted is a source of food and livelihood of the Lumads.

Finally, she sought justice for the murdered farmers and Lumads in Mindanao and called for the lifting of martial law in the region.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Cullamat's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

On motion of Representative Taduran, the Chair thereafter recognized Representative Gaité who initially called for an end to attacks against the right of

government workers to organize. He then spoke about the illegal arrests of officers of the Confederation for the Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees (COURAGE), which he considered as reminiscent of the martial law period where people, especially critics of the administration, were either tortured, killed, or harassed.

As he relayed his own experience of harassment, Representative Gaite stressed that the right to self-organization is guaranteed under the 1987 Constitution and provided for under Executive Order No. 180, as well as the UN International Labour Organization Convention No. 151.

In closing, he asserted the people's right to decide and continue the fight for freedom, justice, and democracy.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereafter, Representative Zubiri acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Oaminal, and Reps. Diego "Nonoy" C. Ty and Sabiniano S. Canama.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

Subsequently, on successive motions of Representatives Romualdo and Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House 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 September 17, 2019:

1. House Bill No. 4611, entitled: "AN ACT DESIGNATING THE THIRD SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR

ROAD CRASH VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, ENSURING ITS MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE";

Distributed on September 19, 2019:

2. House Bill No. 4466, entitled: "AN ACT INTEGRATING LABOR EDUCATION INTO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM";

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	Bernos
Abaya	Biazon
Abueg-Zaldivar	Billones
Abunda	Bolilia
Acop	Bondoc
Acosta	Bordado
Acosta-Alba	Bravo
Adiong	Brosas
Advincula	Cabatbat
Agabas	Cabochan
Aglipay	Cabredo
Aguinaldo	Calderon
Albano (A.)	Calixto
Alonte	Caminero
Alvarez (F.)	Campos
Amatong	Canama
Angara	Cari
Aragones	Castelo
Arenas	Castro (F.L.)
Arroyo	Castro (F.H.)
Babasa	Cayetano (A.P.)
Balindong	Cayetano (M.L.)
Barba	Celeste
Barbers	Chatto
Baronda	Chungalao
Barzaga	Co (A.N.)
Bascug	Co (E.)
Bautista	Collantes
Bautista-Bandigan	Cua
Belmonte	Cuaresma
Benitez	Cueva

Cullamat	Hofer	Reyes	Tan (A.S.)
Dagooc	Jalosjos	Rivera	Tan (S.A.)
Dalipe	Javier	Robes	Teves (J.)
Dalog	Jimenez	Rodriguez	Tiangco
Daza	Kho (E.)	Romero	Tolentino
De Jesus	Kho (W.)	Romualdez (F.M.)	Torres-Gomez
de Venecia	Labadlabad	Romualdo	Tulfo
Defensor (L.)	Lacson	Romulo	Tupas
Del Mar	Lacson-Noel	Roque	Tutor
Delos Santos	Lagman	Sacdalan	Ty
Deloso-Montalla	Lagon	Sagarbarria	Umali (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lara	Salceda	Umali (M.V.)
Duavit	Leachon	Salo	Unabia
Dujali	Legarda	Sanchez	Ungab
Dy (F.)	Lim	Sangcopan	Uy (J.)
Dy (F.M.C.)	Limkaichong	Sarmiento	Uy (R.)
Dy (I.P.)	Lopez	Saulog	Valeriano
Ebcas	Loyola	Savellano	Valmayor
Elago	Macapagal Arroyo	Siao	Vargas
Enverga	Maceda	Silverio	Vargas Alfonso
Erice	Malapitan	Singson	Velasco
Eriguel	Mangaoang	Singson-Meehan	Velo
Ermita-Buhain	Marcoleta	Sinsuat	Vergara
Escudero	Mariano-Hernandez	Suansing (E.)	Villafuerte
Espina	Mariño	Suansing (H.)	Villanueva (N.)
Espino	Marquez	Suarez (A.)	Villar
Estrella	Martinez	Suarez (D.)	Villarica
Fariñas (R.C.)	Matugas	Suntay	Yap (E.)
Fernandez	Momo	Sy-Alvarado	Yu
Fernando	Natividad-Nagaño	Taduran	Zamora (W.K.)
Ferrer (J.M.)	Nieto	Tallado	Zarate
Flores	Noel	Tambunting	Zubiri
Fongwan	Nogales (J.J.)		
Fortuno	Nolasco		
Frasco	Nuñez-Malanyaon	<i>Negative:</i>	
Fuentebella	Ong (J.)		
Gaite	Ong (R.)	None	
Garbin	Ortega		
Garcia (J.E.)	Ouano-Dizon	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Garcia (P.J.)	Pacquiao (A.)		
Garin (J.)	Pacquiao (R.)	None	
Garin (S.)	Padiernos		
Gasataya	Palma		
Gatchalian	Panotes		
Gato	Peña		
Go (M.)	Pimentel		
Gonzaga	Pineda		
Gonzales (A.)	Plaza		
Gonzales (N.)	Puno		
Guico	Quimbo		
Guya	Radaza		
Haresco	Ramos		
Hernandez	Remulla		
Herrera-Dy	Revilla		

With 234 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 September 17, 2019:

- House Bill No. 4599, entitled: "AN ACT SEPARATING SITIO PANACAN-2 FROM BARANGAY PANACAN IN THE

MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PANACAN-2”;

4. House Bill No. 4600, entitled: “AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIOS OF ILEB, NEW COLAYO VILLAGE, KINAMA AND NAMBARAN DAYA FROM BARANGAY NAMBARAN, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND CONSTITUTING THEM INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NAMBARAN EAST”;
5. House Bill No. 4601, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NEW LOWER BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METROPOLITAN MANILA”;

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Arenas
Abaya	Arroyo
Abueg-Zaldivar	Babasa
Abunda	Balindong
Acop	Barba
Acosta	Barbers
Acosta-Alba	Baronda
Adiong	Barzaga
Advincula	Bascug
Agabas	Bautista
Aglipay	Bautista-Bandigan
Aguinaldo	Belmonte
Albano (A.)	Benitez
Alonte	Bernos
Alvarez (F.)	Biazon
Amatong	Billones
Angara	Bolilia
Aragones	Bondoc

Bordado	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bravo	Fernandez
Brosas	Fernando
Cabatbat	Ferrer (J.M.)
Cabochan	Flores
Cabredo	Fongwan
Calderon	Fortuno
Calixto	Frasco
Caminero	Fuentebella
Campos	Gaite
Canama	Garbin
Cari	Garcia (J.E.)
Castelo	Garcia (P.J.)
Castro (F.L.)	Garin (J.)
Castro (F.H.)	Garin (S.)
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gasataya
Cayetano (M.L.)	Gatchalian
Celeste	Gato
Chatto	Go (M.)
Chungalao	Gonzaga
Co (A.N.)	Gonzales (A.)
Co (E.)	Gonzales (N.)
Collantes	Guico
Crisologo	Guya
Cua	Haresco
Cuaresma	Hernandez
Cueva	Herrera-Dy
Cullamat	Hofer
Dagooc	Jalosjos
Dalipe	Javier
Dalog	Jimenez
Daza	Kho (E.)
De Jesus	Kho (W.)
de Venecia	Labadlabad
Defensor (L.)	Lacson
Del Mar	Lacson-Noel
Delos Santos	Lagman
Deloso-Montalla	Lagon
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lara
Duavit	Leachon
Dujali	Legarda
Dy (F.)	Lim
Dy (F.M.C.)	Limkaichong
Dy (I.P.)	Lopez
Ebcas	Loyola
Elago	Macapagal Arroyo
Enverga	Maceda
Erice	Malapitan
Eriguel	Mangaoang
Ermita-Buhain	Marcoleta
Escudero	Mariano-Hernandez
Espina	Mariño
Espino	Marquez
Estrella	Martinez

Matugas	Silverio
Momo	Singson
Natividad-Nagaño	Singson-Meehan
Nieto	Sinsuat
Noel	Suansing (E.)
Nogralles (J.J.)	Suansing (H.)
Nolasco	Suarez (A.)
Núñez-Malanyaon	Suarez (D.)
Ong (J.)	Suntay
Ong (R.)	Sy-Alvarado
Ortega	Taduran
Ouano-Dizon	Tallado
Pacquiao (A.)	Tambunting
Pacquiao (R.)	Tan (A.S.)
Padiernos	Tan (S.A.)
Palma	Teves (J.)
Panotes	Tiangco
Peña	Tolentino
Pimentel	Torres-Gomez
Pineda	Tulfo
Plaza	Tupas
Puno	Tutor
Quimbo	Ty
Radaza	Umali (A.)
Ramos	Umali (M.V.)
Remulla	Unabia
Revilla	Ungab
Reyes	Uy (J.)
Rivera	Uy (R.)
Robes	Valeriano
Rodriguez	Valmayor
Romero	Vargas
Romualdez (F.M.)	Vargas Alfonso
Romualdo	Velasco
Romulo	Veloso
Roque	Vergara
Sacdalan	Villafuerte
Sagarbarria	Villanueva (N.)
Salceda	Villar
Salo	Villarica
Sanchez	Yap (E.)
Sangcopan	Yu
Sarmiento	Zamora (W.K.)
Saulog	Zarate
Savellano	Zubiri
Siao	

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 235 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Oaminal relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Pablo John F. Garcia.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)

6. House Bill No. 4602, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METROPOLITAN MANILA”; and
7. House Bill No. 4603, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH DAANG HARI IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METROPOLITAN MANILA.”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Angara
Abaya	Aragones
Abueg-Zaldivar	Arenas
Abunda	Arroyo
Acop	Babasa
Acosta	Balindong
Acosta-Alba	Barba
Adiong	Barbers
Advincula	Baronda
Agabas	Barzaga
Aglipay	Bascug
Aguinaldo	Bautista
Albano (A.)	Bautista-Bandigan
Alonte	Belmonte
Alvarez (F.)	Benitez
Amatong	Bernos

Biazon	Escudero	Mariano-Hernandez	Saulog
Billones	Espina	Mariño	Savellano
Bolilia	Espino	Marquez	Siao
Bondoc	Estrella	Martinez	Silverio
Bordado	Fariñas (R.C.)	Matugas	Singson
Bravo	Fernandez	Momo	Singson-Meehan
Brosas	Fernando	Natividad-Nagaño	Sinsuat
Cabatbat	Ferrer (J.M.)	Nieto	Suansing (E.)
Cabochan	Ferrer (L.)	Noel	Suansing (H.)
Cabredo	Flores	Nogales (J.J.)	Suarez (A.)
Calderon	Fongwan	Nolasco	Suarez (D.)
Calixto	Fortuno	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Suntay
Caminero	Frasco	Oaminal	Sy-Alvarado
Campos	Fuentebella	Ong (J.)	Taduran
Canama	Gaite	Ong (R.)	Tallado
Cari	Garbin	Ortega	Tambunting
Castelo	Garcia (J.E.)	Ouano-Dizon	Tan (A.S.)
Castro (F.L.)	Garin (J.)	Pacquiao (A.)	Tan (S.A.)
Castro (F.H.)	Garin (S.)	Pacquiao (R.)	Teves (J.)
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gasataya	Padiernos	Tiangco
Cayetano (M.L.)	Gatchalian	Palma	Tolentino
Celeste	Gato	Pancho	Torres-Gomez
Chatto	Go (M.)	Panotes	Tulfo
Chungalao	Gonzaga	Peña	Tupas
Co (A.N.)	Gonzales (A.)	Pimentel	Tutor
Co (E.)	Gonzales (N.)	Pineda	Ty
Collantes	Guico	Plaza	Umali (A.)
Crisologo	Guya	Puno	Umali (M.V.)
Cua	Haresco	Quimbo	Unabia
Cuaresma	Hernandez	Radaza	Ungab
Cueva	Herrera-Dy	Ramos	Uy (J.)
Cullamat	Hofer	Remulla	Uy (R.)
Dagooc	Jalosjos	Revilla	Valeriano
Dalipe	Javier	Reyes	Valmayor
Dalog	Jimenez	Rivera	Vargas
Daza	Kho (E.)	Robes	Vargas Alfonso
De Jesus	Kho (W.)	Rodriguez	Velasco
de Venecia	Labadlabad	Romero	Veloso
Defensor (L.)	Lacson	Romualdez (F.M.)	Vergara
Del Mar	Lacson-Noel	Romualdo	Villafuerte
Delos Santos	Lagman	Romulo	Villanueva (N.)
Deloso-Montalla	Lagon	Roque	Villar
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Lara	Sacdalan	Villarica
Duavit	Leachon	Sagarbarria	Yap (E.)
Dujali	Legarda	Salceda	Yu
Dy (F.)	Lim	Salo	Zamora (W.K.)
Dy (F.M.C.)	Limkaichong	Sanchez	Zarate
Dy (I.P.)	Lopez	Sangcopan	Zubiri
Ebcas	Loyola	Sarmiento	
Elago	Macapagal Arroyo		
Enverga	Maceda		
Erice	Malapitan	<i>Negative:</i>	
Eriguel	Mangaoang		
Ermita-Buhain	Marcoleta	None	

Abstention:

None

With 237 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

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

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate committee indicated hereunder:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 28), re H.B. No. 4774, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KATUPARAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 457

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 29), re H.B. No. 4775, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 357

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Cayetano (Maria Laarni)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

RESUMPTION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour, and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

On behalf of KABATAAN Party-List, Representative Elago condemned hazing and stressed that it was a crime as she cited the recent death of another victim thereof in the Philippine Military Academy.

She also expressed solidarity with the student groups who recently joined the worldwide action dubbed “Global Climate Strike” in the Philippines and other countries. She stressed that poor communities face the worst impact of environmental destruction and climate change and that the country is deemed one of the deadliest in the world in environmental destruction.

She ended her speech by stressing the need to act on climate justice, end the attacks to the planet, and defend the nation’s sovereignty and environment.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Chair referred Representative Elago’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On further motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for another 30 minutes.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Then recognized by the Chair upon Representative Romualdo’s motion, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas rose to condemn the killing and socioeconomic abuse of children in the country and the environment of militarization and violence that they were exposed to. She said that such suffering did not stop under martial law during the term of President Ferdinand E. Marcos but continues in the current administration. She

stressed that as a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Philippine government's duty is to promote the rights and interest of Filipino children.

Thereupon, she appealed to her colleagues to support the investigation of cases of grave child abuse in Samar, Negros Island, and Bicol Region, as well as the call to stop the implementation of Memorandum Order No. 32 in the said areas and Oplan Kapanatagan.

Representative Brosas also voiced her concern on the resumption of peace negotiations between the National Democratic Front of the Philippines and the Philippine government to address the root causes of armed conflict.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Brosas to the Committee on Rules.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BARBERS

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Romualdo, Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers spoke about the serious effects of the Philippine offshore gaming operators (POGOs) and casino operations to the government's war against illegal drugs and the prevalence of drug money laundering in the country.

Representative Barbers pointed out that POGO's should be regulated with utmost circumspection as it could create social and national security problems and labor and immigration issues. Moreover, he pointed out that it could lead to gambling-related crimes, citing cases of drug trades that involved Chinese nationals.

He then urged the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, the National Bureau of Investigation, and the Philippine National Police to investigate further the people behind POGO's as well as the casinos operating in the country; and for the officials of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation to dutifully exercise its regulatory powers over POGO's and other casino operations.

Finally, he requested that his privilege speech be referred to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs

considering the possibility that the unlicensed POGO's are being used by illegal drug syndicates and the Chinese triads in their operations in the country.

REFERRAL OF THE PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BARBERS

On motion of Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Barbers to the Committee on Rules.

TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Rufus B. Rodriguez and Rolando "Klarex" A. Uy.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair suspended the session at 6:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:24 p.m., the session resumed.

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Minority Leader Janette L. Garin.

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

On successive motions of Representative Garin (J.), there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Minority to the committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as senior member)

Rep. Arnolfo "Arnie" A. Teves Jr.

(as members)

Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

Committee on Good Government
and Public Accountability

(as senior member)

Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

(as member)

Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite

Committee on Human Rights

(as senior member)

Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun

(as members)

Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat
Rep. Ma. Victoria V. Umali
Rep. Sarah Jane I. ElagoCommittee on Micro, Small and Medium
Enterprise Development

(as senior member)

Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.

(as member)

Rep. Godofredo N. Guya

Committee on National Defense and Security

(as senior member)

Rep. Alex “AA” L. Advincula

(as members)

Rep. Janette L. Garin
Rep. Irene Gay F. Saulog
Rep. Isagani S. Amatong
Rep. Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano
Rep. Angelica Natasha CoSpecial Committee on the
North Luzon Growth Quadrangle

(as senior member)

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

Special Committee on Reforestation

(as senior member)

Rep. Alex “AA” L. Advincula

Special Committee on Sustainable
Development Goals

(as senior member)

Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

(as member)

Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 5
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 78**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78 contained in Committee Report No. 5 as submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the Bill, to wit:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PUBLIC SERVICE ACT', AS AMENDED.”

Representative Romualdo stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate. On his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, the main author of the measure, for his sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA**

Representative Salceda said that the Philippines was one of the most restrictive economies to foreign direct investments (FDI) based on the 2018 FDI index of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He then said that FDIs positively affect the human development index of the country provided that there is good access to

education, internet and telecommunications, and a well-developed financial market. He mentioned that foreign investments create job opportunities and then cited a previous study which found the positive impact of FDI on the quality of life in ASEAN countries.

Representative Salceda then explained that the amendments to the Public Service Act which were approved in the 17th Congress would open, subject to constitutional restrictions, previously restricted sectors to foreign investments, particularly investments on utilities.

Thereupon, Representative Salceda implored the Body to act expeditiously on what could be one of the most important structural reforms in the country.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78.

ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Garin (J.), there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Minority to the committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Agriculture and Food

(as additional member)

Rep. Arlene D. Brosas

Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources

(as additional members)

Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

(as member)

Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite vice Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as additional member)

Rep. France L. Castro vice Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

Committee on Justice

(as senior member)

Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat vice Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

(as member)

Rep. Arlene D. Brosas vice Rep. Alex "AA" L. Advincula

Committee on Revision of Laws

(as senior member)

Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. vice Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.

Special Committee on Land Use

(as additional member)

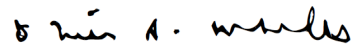
Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

It was 6:42 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on September 25, 2019.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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

* HERRERA-DY	PACQUIAO (A.)	SUAREZ (D.)
HOFER	PACQUIAO (R.)	SUNTAY
JALOSJOS	PADIERNOS	SY-ALVARADO
JAVIER	**** PADUANO	TADURAN
JIMENEZ	PALMA	TALLADO
* KHO (E.)	** PANCHE	TAMBUNTING
* KHO (W.)	PANOTES	TAN (A.S.)
**** KHONGHUN	PEÑA	**** TAN (A.)
LABADLABAD	*** PICHAY	** TAN (S.)
LACSON	PIMENTEL	* TAN (S.A.)
LACSON-NOEL	PINEDA	** TAN-TAMBU
LAGMAN	PLAZA	**** TEJADA
LAGON	PUNO	**** TEVES (A.)
LARA	QUIMBO	TEVES (J.)
**** LAZATIN	RADAZA	TIANGCO
* LEACHON	** RAMIREZ-SATO	TOLENTINO
LEGARDA	RAMOS	TORRES-GOMEZ
LIM	REMULLA	TULFO
LIMKAICHONG	REVILLA	* TUPAS
LOPEZ	REYES	TUTOR
LOYOLA	RIVERA	TY
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
MOMO	SALO	VILLAFUERTE
NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO	SANCHEZ	**** VILLANUEVA (E.)
*** NAVA	SANGCOPAN	VILLANUEVA (N.)
NIETO	**** SANTOS-RECTO	VILLAR
** NOEL	SARMIENTO	*** VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
NOGRALES (J.J.)	SAULOG	VILLARICA
* NOGRALES (J.F.F.)	SAVELLANO	* VIOLAGO
NOLASCO	SIAO	YAP (E.)
NUÑEZ-MALANYAON	SILVERIO	**** YAP (V.)
OAMINAL	SINGSON	YU
*** OLIVAREZ	SINGSON-MEEHAN	** ZAMORA (R.)
ONG (J.)	SINSUAT	ZAMORA (W.K.)
ONG (R.)	SUANSING (E.)	ZARATE
ORTEGA	SUANSING (H.)	ZUBIRI
OUANO-DIZON	SUAREZ (A.)	

* Appeared after the Roll Call

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