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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m. of Monday, May 18, 2020, Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu called the session to order.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo delivered the invocation. Thereafter, the Members sang the National Anthem.

ROLL CALL

On motion of Rep. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante	Atienza	Cagas	Elago
Abaya	Aumentado	Calderon	Enverga
Abellanos	Babasa	Calixto	Erice
Abu	Bagatsing	Caminero	Eriguel
Abueg-Zaldivar	Balindong	Campos	Ermita-Buhain
Abunda	Bañas-Nogales	Canama	Escudero
Acop	Barba	Caoagdan	Espina
Acosta	Barbers	Cari	Espino
Acosta-Alba	Baronda	Castelo	Estrella
Adiong	Barzaga	Castro (F.L.)	Fariñas (R.C.)
Advincula	Bascug	Castro (F.H.)	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Agabas	Bautista	Cayetano (A.P.)	Fernandez
Agarao	Bautista-Bandigan	Cayetano (M.L.)	Fernando
Aglipay	Belmonte	Celeste	Ferrer (J.M.)
Aguinaldo	Benitez	Chatto	Ferrer (L.)
Albano	Bernos	Chipeco	Flores
Almario	Biazon	Chungalao	Fortun
Alonte	Billones	Co (A.N.)	Fortuno
Alvarez (F.)	Biron	Co (E.)	Frasco
Alvarez (G.)	Bolilia	Cojuangco	Fuentebella
Alvarez (P.)	Bondoc	Collantes	Gaite
Amante-Matba	Bordado	Crisologo	Garbin
Amatong	Bravo	Cua	Garcia (J.E.)
Andaya	Brosas	Cuaresma	Garcia (P.J.)
Angara	Bulut	Cueva	Garcia (V.)
Aragones	Bustos	Cullamat	Garin (J.)
Arbison	Cabatbat	Dagooc	Garin (S.)
Arenas	Cabochan	Dalipe	Gasataya
Arroyo	Cabredo	Dalog	Gatchalian
		Datol	Gato
		Daza	Geron
		De Jesus	Go (E.C.)
		de Venecia	Go (M.)
		Defensor (L.)	Gonzaga
		Defensor (M.)	Gonzales (A.)
		Del Mar	Gonzales (N.)
		Delos Santos	Gonzalez
		Deloso-Montalla	Gorriceta
		Dimaporo (A.)	Guico
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Gullas
		Duavit	Guya
		Dujali	Haresco
		Duterte	Hataman
		Dy (F.)	Hernandez
		Dy (F.M.C.)	Herrera-Dy
		Dy (I.P.)	Hofer
		Ebcas	Jalosjos
		Ecleo	Javier

Jimenez	Pancho	Tan (Samier)	Valmayor
Kho (E.)	Panotes	Tan (S.A.)	Vargas
Kho (W.)	Peña	Tan (Shernee)	Vargas Alfonso
Khonghun	Pichay	Tejada	Velasco
Labadlabad	Pimentel	Teves (A.)	Veloso
Lacson	Pineda	Teves (J.)	Vergara
Lacson-Noel	Plaza	Tiangco	Villa
Lagman	Puno	Tolentino	Villafuerte
Lagon	Quimbo	Torres-Gomez	Villanueva (E.)
Lara	Radaza	Tulfo	Villanueva (N.)
Lazatin	Ramirez-Sato	Tupas	Villar
Leachon	Ramos	Tutor	Villaraza-Suarez
Legarda	Remulla	Ty (A.)	Villarica
Lim	Revilla	Ty (D.)	Violago
Limkaichong	Reyes	Umali (A.)	Yap (E.)
Lopez	Rivera	Umali (M.V.)	Yap (V.)
Loyola	Robes	Unabia	Yu
Lusotan	Rodriguez	Ungab	Zamora (R.)
Macapagal Arroyo	Roman	Uy (J.)	Zamora (W.K.)
Maceda	Romero	Uy (R.)	Zarate
Madrona	Romualdez (F.M.)	Valeriano	Zubiri
Malapitan	Romualdez (Y.M.)		
Mangaoang	Romualdo		
Mangudadatu	Romulo		
Marcoleta	Roque		
Mariano-Hernandez	Sacdalan		
Mariño	Sagarbarria		
Marquez	Sakaluran		
Martinez	Salceda		
Matba	Salimbangan		
Matugas	Salo		
Mendoza	Sanchez		
Mercado	Sangcopan		
Momo	Santos-Recto		
Natividad-Nagaño	Sarmiento		
Nava	Saulog		
Nieto	Savellano		
Noel	Siao		
Nogralas (J.J.)	Silverio		
Nogralas (J.F.F.)	Singson		
Nolasco	Singson-Meehan		
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Sinsuat		
Oaminal	Suansing (E.)		
Olivarez	Suansing (H.)		
Ong (J.)	Suarez (A.)		
Ong (R.)	Suarez (D.)		
Ortega	Suntay		
Ouano-Dizon	Sy-Alvarado		
Pacquiao (A.)	Taduran		
Pacquiao (R.)	Tallado		
Padiernos	Tambunting		
Paduano	Tan (A.S.)		
Palma	Tan (A.)		

With 302 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 56

Considering that copies of Journal No. 56 dated May 11 to 13, 2020 had been distributed to the Members, on successive motions of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading thereof and subsequently approved the same.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo, 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, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6733, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN
INSTALLMENT PAYMENT SCHEME

ON BASIC UTILITY BILLS DURING
CALAMITIES, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
'THREE-GIVES LAW' ”

By Representatives Yu, Labadlabad and Nava
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6734, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ADOPT
A POOR HOUSEHOLD PROGRAM”

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

House Bill No. 6735, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE
MARINE CORPS, DEFINING ITS POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas
(Rudys Caesar)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND
SECURITY

House Bill No. 6736, entitled:

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

By Representatives Fariñas (Ria) and Fariñas
(Rudys Caesar)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6737, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING SECURITY
GUARDS OF DULY ACCREDITED
AGENCIES AS AGENTS OF PERSONS IN
AUTHORITY WHILE ENGAGED IN THE
PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE
152 OF ACT NO. 3815 OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND
SAFETY

House Bill No. 6738, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE
SPORTS COMMISSION, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 6847, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION ACT”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 6739, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY
IMPOSED AGAINST POLLUTERS OF
NAVIGABLE WATERS BY AMENDING
SECTION 7 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE
NO. 979 PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION
OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 600
GOVERNING MARINE POLLUTION”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6740, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE
PRACTICE OF THE AGRICULTURE
PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES,
CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE
A PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY
BOARD FOR AGRICULTURISTS, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 6741, 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 Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6742, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REWARDS
FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
TERRORISM PROGRAM AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND
SAFETY

House Bill No. 6743, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUSTAINABLE COASTAL TOURISM, PROVIDING MECHANISMS FOR ITS INSTITUTIONALIZATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6744, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF RECYCLABLE OR BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS FOR THE PACKAGING OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS”

By Representative Cabochan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6745, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO REGULATE FARM GATE PRICES FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barba
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6746, entitled:

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

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and Suansing (Horacio)
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Bill No. 6747, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 386 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Salo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6748, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PALAWAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8060 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE PALAWAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS

THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES' FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 862, entitled:

“RESOLUTION APPEALING TO HIS EXCELLENCY RODRIGO RODRIGUEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHILHEALTH) TO SUSPEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHILHEALTH CIRCULAR NO. 2019-0009 WHICH TOOK EFFECT 7 DECEMBER 2019 INCREASING THE PHILHEALTH CONTRIBUTION PREMIUM OF MEMBERS, INCLUDING DOCTORS AND HEALTH WORKERS, IN VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 863, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES, TO ADMONISH THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ON ITS FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THEIR COMMITMENT UNDER OATH AND TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SAME AND ON POSSIBLE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN ON THE MATTER”

By Representative Sarmiento
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 864, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO PRIORITIZE, HASTEN AND FACILITATE THE ACCREDITATION OF THE CAGAYAN VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER (CVMC) AS LICENSED COVID-19 TESTING CENTER AND ALL GOVERNMENT TERTIARY HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY INCLUDING OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES THAT ARE CAPABLE

AND/OR QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER
COVID-19 TESTING”

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

House Resolution No. 865, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING
PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE OF
FILMMAKER PEQUE GALLAGA”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 866, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER
EQUALITY AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RISING CASES
OF STATE-SPONSORED VIOLENCE AND
ABUSE AGAINST WOMEN, CHILDREN
AND THE LGBTQ+ SINCE THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENHANCED
COMMUNITY QUARANTINE, AND TO
RECOMMEND MEASURES TO ENSURE
THEIR PROTECTION ESPECIALLY
DURING THE PERIOD OF THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC”

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

House Resolution No. 867, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT
TO ENSURE THE TRANSPARENT AND
EQUITABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
SECOND TRANCHE OF THE EMERGENCY
SUBSIDY PROGRAM”

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

House Resolution No. 868, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THAT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
PRIORITIZE THE FUNDING OF
ECONOMIC RECOVERY, HEALTH
MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE
FROM COVID-19, AND SOCIAL
SERVICES PROGRAMS INSTEAD OF
PUSHING THROUGH WITH THE DEAL

TO PURCHASE ATTACK HELICOPTERS
AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN
THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC”

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

House Resolution No. 869, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND
SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
THE DEATH OF VETERAN FILMMAKER
AND PHILIPPINE FILM INDUSTRY
ICON MAURICE RUIZ DE LUZURIAGA
GALLAGA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
PEQUE GALLAGA AND HONORING HIS
LEGACY”

By Representative Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 870, entitled:

“RESOLUTION SEEKING FOR
AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
ALLEGED MISHANDLING IN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL
AMELIORATION PROGRAM PROVIDED
FOR UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO.
11469, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
‘BAYANIHAN TO HEAL AS ONE ACT’ ”

By Representative Aumentado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 871, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE
COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND AGRARIAN REFORM TO
CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE ILLEGAL MASS
ARREST OF SIX FARMERS UNDER
THE SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGSASAKA
SA CORAL NI LOPEZ (SAMACOLO)
ON MAY 9, 2020 IN BRGY. CORAL NI
LOPEZ, CALACA, BATANGAS BY THE
COMBINED ELEMENTS OF PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE, PHILIPPINE AIR
FORCE AND PHILIPPINE ARMY”

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

House Resolution No. 872, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH
THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD-HOC*

COMMITTEE, TO EMPOWER BARANGAYS THROUGH IMPROVED GRASSROOTS MAPPING FOR MORE EFFICIENT SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY”

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

House Resolution No. 873, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOTr), SEC. ARTHUR P. TUGADE, TO ESTABLISH RULES STRICTLY REQUIRING ALL COMMON CARRIERS INVOLVED IN INTER-ISLAND TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS BY LAND, WATER, OR AIR, TO PREPARE AND RECORD DETAILED SEAT PLANS OF THEIR PASSENGERS DURING THE ENTIRE COURSE OF TRANSIT”

By Representative Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 874, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR PREPAREDNESS OF THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, TO DIRECT ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PREPARE THEIR EVACUATION CENTERS CONSISTENT WITH THE PERTINENT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COVID-19 GUIDELINES”

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 303), re H.B. No. 6727, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE SINAIT DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN SINAIT, ILOCOS SUR FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) BEDS TO ONE HUNDRED (100) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1804

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Yap (Eric) and Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 304), re H.B. No. 6728, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF EAST AVENUE MEDICAL CENTER IN BARANGAY DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY FROM SIX HUNDRED (600) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3633 and 5210

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Yap (Eric), Suntay, Crisologo and Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 305), re H.B. No. 6729, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE ROSARIO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION FROM TWENTY-FIVE (25) TO FIFTY (50) BEDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1776

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Yap (Eric) and Eriguel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 306), re H.B. No. 6730, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE MAYOR HILARION A. RAMIRO SR. MEDICAL CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4744

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Yap (Eric) and Oaminal
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 307), re H.B. No. 6731, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD,

PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL,
TO BE KNOWN AS THE BACOLOD
CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 570

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Yap
(Eric) and Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

RECONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6732

Upon recognition by the Chair, Rep. Wilter
“Sharky” Wee Palma II stated that House Bill No.
6732 was referred to the Committee on Rules on First
Reading and approved on Second Reading on the same
day, May 13, 2020, and cited a precedent in the 10th
Congress wherein a similar procedure was adopted.

Representative Palma stated for the record that the
House can approve the said measure on Third Reading
any time. However, considering the requests of the
Members to interpellate further the Sponsor as well as
to propose some amendments, on successive motions
of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the
Body reconsidered the approval on Second Reading
of House Bill No. 6732, the termination of its period
of amendments, and the termination of its period of
sponsorship and debate.

RECONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6732

On further motion of Representative Palma,
there being no objection, the Body proceeded to
the reconsideration on Second Reading of House
Bill No. 6732 contained in the Committee Report
submitted by the Committee of the Whole House.

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

“AN ACT GRANTING THE ABS-CBN
CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND
MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION
BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE
PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.”

On subsequent motions of Representative Palma,
the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Luis Raymund

“LRay” F. Villafuerte Jr. to sponsor the measure and
Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation via Zoom
video conferencing.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman first welcomed the
decision of the House leadership to reconsider the
approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6732,
which he believed would allow the House Members
to correct the measure’s constitutional infirmity of
having it passed on First and Second Readings on
the same day. He said that as the Body acts on the
renewal of the ABS-CBN franchise, it should ensure
that the grant of a provisional franchise under said
Bill would be constitutional.

He then raised the following arguments to justify
the Body’s reconsideration on Second Reading of
House Bill No. 6732: (1) the Bill’s previous approval
violated Section 26(2) of Article VI of the Constitution
and Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of
the House; (2) ensuring the Bill’s constitutionality
would foreclose any reason for a presidential veto,
especially in light of Presidential Spokesperson Harry
Roque’s pronouncement that President Rodrigo Roa
Duterte is inclined on approving a franchise bill that
is free of constitutional defects; and (3) reopening
the period of amendments would accommodate
proposals for a longer effectivity of a provisional
franchise as suggested by some Senators which could
thereby possibly prevent a lengthy and contentious
bicameral conference.

Deputy Speaker Villafuerte defended the
constitutionality of the Bill’s previous approval by
citing precedents, particularly the approval on Second
Reading of House joint resolutions in the 10th and
14th Congresses, and stressed that the Constitution
requires a bill to undergo three readings on separate
days, and not three separate days. Moreover, he
explained that the process taken the previous week
complied with the Constitution’s condition to notify
the Members that a measure is progressing through
a legislative process; and that the reconsideration of
the Bill’s approval was a prerogative of the Body
and a manifestation that Congress is transparent,
responsive, and consensual.

The Members then debated on the validity of
the precedents mentioned by the Sponsor, wherein
Representative Lagman cited Supreme Court cases,
such as the *Lagman vs Executive Secretary Ochoa*

case which pertains to upholding the supremacy of the Constitution.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

With the indulgence of Representative Lagman, Deputy Speaker Abu appealed to his colleague to propound questions that only pertain to House Bill No. 6732. He stressed that the debate regarding the Bill's previous approval on Second Reading was already moot and academic, and no longer germane since the measure had been reconsidered for deliberations on the floor.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN (Continuation)

Thereupon, Representative Lagman and Deputy Speaker Villafuerte continued to debate on the purported violation of the rule on three readings on separate days, as the latter stated that they could further discuss on the constitutionality of previous proceedings in another venue, and reiterated that the Body has moved forward by reconsidering the approval of the measure.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, Deputy Speaker Abu reminded Representative Lagman to focus his interpellation on the Bill at hand.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN (Continuation)

To Representative Lagman's query, the Sponsor also said that all proposed amendments will be heard at the proper time. After reiterating the legislative phases required for the enactment of a bill, Representative Lagman ended his interpellation as he noted that the presiding officer had already ruled that interpellations related to the Constitution would no longer be entertained.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TOLENTINO

On motion of Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo, the Chair recognized Rep. Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino who asked the Sponsor for the factors considered in determining October 31, 2020 as the deadline for the proposed provisional franchise to

be granted to ABS-CBN instead of considering the grant of a 25-year franchise to the network. Deputy Speaker Villafuerte explained that the proposed effectivity period of the provisional franchise was meant to set a deadline for the Members to hear all the concerns of their colleagues through impartial and extensive hearings, while attending to COVID-19 related concerns.

Representative Tolentino said he would reserve his other questions during the conduct of formal hearings on the network's franchise renewal.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan, the Chair recognized Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ

Through Zoom video conferencing, Representative Rodriguez initially thanked the leadership of Speaker Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano and Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez for reconsidering the approval on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6732 and go back to the period of sponsorship and debate.

He then referred to Section 4 of the measure regarding the grantee's allotment of 10 percent of the paid commercials to public service time; and said that the provision may be violative of the equal protection clause of the Constitution. While House Bill No. 6732 had a provision for said allocation, he explained that some franchises granted by past Congresses did not contain the same.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Deputy Speaker Villafuerte, seconded by Rep. Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo, the Chair declared a recess at 4:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:01 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ (Continuation)

On motion of Representative Crisologo, the Chair recognized Speaker Cayetano (A.P.) to sponsor House Bill No. 6732. The Speaker said that broadcasting stations needed to reserve public service

time because they were using the public airwaves for free; and the two major TV/radio broadcasting stations earned millions for just airing 30-second spots.

He then pointed out that the franchise of the Republic Broadcasting System or GMA-7 Network also contained the aforementioned provision. He stressed that public announcements were vital during the COVID-19 crisis when the public needed information on health and livelihood programs. He opined that the said provision was actually an equalizer, enabling the two major broadcasting corporations to draft implementing rules and guidelines on public announcements. He explained that air time was pegged at only 10 percent because corporations also needed huge financial resources to sustain their operations.

He also clarified that he was not saying that he was for or against the renewal of the ABS-CBN franchise but that pertinent hearings should be held to be able to listen to the various issues thereon. Further, he thanked all broadcasting stations that had updated the public during the crisis.

After Representative Rodriguez cited broadcasting franchises granted in the 16th and 17th Congresses which merely contained a pro-forma provision on public air time, Speaker Cayetano explained that a specific provision thereon would result in public announcements in several shows with different air times and markets rather than in news programs only. He also opined that the equal protection principle applies to those similarly situated; and that the major broadcasting stations in the country were precisely under a similar situation. He stated that he would rather amend existing franchises in order to incorporate the specific provision rather than remove the specific provision from the Bill, even as he invited a legal opinion thereon.

At this point, Speaker Cayetano yielded the sponsorship of the measure to Deputy Speaker Villafuerte.

Representative Rodriguez then discussed with Deputy Speaker Villafuerte the former's proposals to (1) enact a general law on the 10 percent public service time which will be applicable to all networks thereby upholding the principle of equal protection of the law, and (2) include an equality clause in the Bill. They also dealt with Representative Rodriguez' contention that there was undue delegation of legislative power

to the National Telecommunications Commission under the second paragraph of Section 4 of the Bill because it does not provide for the standards that will guide the Commission in issuing the rules and regulations for the purpose of increasing the public service time in case of an emergency or a calamity.

Deputy Speaker Villafuerte said that the comments of Representative Rodriguez were duly noted, adding that the Sponsors would consider the latter's proposals at the proper time after the measure shall have been thoroughly discussed.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE YAP (E.)

Recognized by the Chair, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, Rep. Eric Go Yap said that the Members should discuss, once and for all, the grant of a 25-year franchise to ABS-CBN and not only a provisional franchise until October 31, 2020 to enable them to hear the side of the network and those who were against it.

Deputy Speaker Villafuerte noted the manifestation of Representative Yap, saying that the Sponsors would consider other proposals at the proper time. He said that the reason why they had to reconsider the Bill's approval on Second Reading was to enable the Members to tackle the issue extensively and to give the network a comprehensive and fair hearing.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO

Representative Macapagal Arroyo concurred with the view of Representative Yap (E.) and stated that they had discussions with the Majority Leader and Senior Deputy Majority Leader and espoused caucuses to get the consensus of the Members of the Majority.

Thereafter, he directed his remarks to Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. for his statement on behalf of the Minority.

MANIFESTATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Abante who agreed to the approval of House Bill No. 6732 which in the first place was triggered by the NTC's

contemptuous action. He said that said agency should be questioned for perjury when it did not deliver its commitment to the Committee on Legislative Franchises to issue a provisional authority to ABS-CBN.

During this time of pandemic, Minority Leader Abante said that it is incumbent upon the Members to immediately act on the matter to save thousands of jobs and to ensure that correct information is disseminated to the public.

In case ABS-CBN would be granted a franchise to operate, regardless of the effectivity period, he requested, being a father, a Filipino, and a preacher, that their programs be more family-oriented and urged his colleagues to deliberate on its franchise to avoid being in the same situation in October.

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta for his interpellation via Zoom video conferencing.

INTERPELLATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA

In connection with the action made by the House of Representatives regarding the grant of a provisional franchise to ABS-CBN, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta inquired whether the Sponsor had received a formal letter of appreciation from the officials of ABS-CBN, the lack of which, he said, could be a sign of the network's disinterest in Congress' initiative.

Deputy Speaker Marcoleta then stated that he agreed with the Speaker's initiative to propose the Bill as he highlighted several fundamental issues surrounding the application for the network's franchise renewal, which include violations of tax and labor laws, the issue on the Philippine depository receipts from ABS-CBN Corporation, violation of the constitutional limit on foreign ownership of businesses, and the return of the network to the Lopez family after the sequestration of mass media outfits in 1986, among others. The Sponsor thanked his colleague for expounding the legal issues which he said could aid in the deliberations on the measure.

In closing, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta pointed out that Congress should be firm in exercising its oversight powers over grants of franchises to mass media companies subject to the proper constitutional provisions.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, the Chair recognized Rep. Lawrence "Law" H. Fortun for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FORTUN

Representative Fortun sought clarification on whether the measure at hand would grant a new or renewed franchise to ABS-CBN. While the grant of a franchise is pending for approval, he expressed concern that the network's frequency might be assigned to other networks considering that the NTC, which decides on the matter, could not be trusted anymore. Furthermore, he asked how the nature of franchise would be determined – whether provisional or regular – and if such provisional franchise could instead be considered a regular franchise with a shorter period.

To further queries of Representative Fortun, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte replied that the Sponsors are open to suggestions and further deliberations and that the former could propose, at the proper time, his amendment with regard to the effectivity of the franchise.

The Deputy Speaker also clarified that the original intent of the Bill was to allow ABS-CBN to operate and address the displacement of their workers due to its shutdown; and that the Members should hold a Majority caucus and decide how to move forward considering the effect of the various interpellations and manifestations expressed by the Members.

Representative Fortun then manifested that he would propose a 25-year franchise instead of the provisional franchise that will be effective until October 31, 2020. Thereafter, he relayed that he contemplated on a bill removing from Congress the authority to grant franchises, but after the NTC's actions, he said that said power of Congress serves as a mechanism for ensuring checks and balances in the bureaucracy.

Lastly, Representative Fortun disagreed with the allegation that the previous approval of the Bill on Second Reading was unconstitutional, explaining that the consideration of the measure under the Committee of the Whole House was done so that all the Members would be duly informed of what had transpired in the deliberations. He added that what

cannot be compromised is the approval on Third Reading of the measure which should be done on a separate day to facilitate distribution of the Bill's final copy to the Members.

In response, Deputy Speaker Villafuerte maintained that the power by Congress to grant legislative franchises is constitutional and not statutory.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TADURAN

Thereafter, Rep. Rowena Niña O. Tadiran moved for the recognition of Rep. Sol Aragonés for her interpellation.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair however remarked that Representative Aragonés was already recognized for her interpellation the previous week, and that unless otherwise approved by the Body, an interpellator can only be recognized once.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE TADURAN

Representative Tadiran then moved for the recognition of Representative Aragonés for a manifestation instead.

REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER VILLAFUERTE

Deputy Speaker Villafuerte stated however that Representative Aragonés only made a manifestation in lieu of an interpellation the previous week.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ARAGONES

Thereafter, with leave of the House, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Aragonés who raised the importance of ABS-CBN to millions of Filipinos especially during the time of pandemic. As she related that she once worked for the company, she expressed concern on the displaced workers affected by the shutdown and the different issues surrounding ABS-CBN.

She then discussed with Deputy Speaker Villafuerte the process to be followed if the Body were to grant a 25-year franchise to ABS-CBN,

instead of a six-month period as provided for in House Bill No. 6732. The Sponsor stated that he would be open to such an amendment at the proper time.

At this point, Deputy Speaker Abu relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Dan S. Fernandez.

In closing, Representative Aragonés thanked the Sponsor and Speaker Cayetano (A.P.), including the other authors of House Bill No. 6732, for filing the bill granting a provisional franchise to ABS-CBN. However, she still expressed hope that a 25-year franchise would be favorably extended to the network.

On motion of Representative Tadiran, the Chair recognized Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr. for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARBIN

Citing Section 11, Article XII of the Constitution, Representative Garbin expressed his agreement to Deputy Speaker Villafuerte's elucidations with Representative Fortun that the power of Congress to grant franchises emanates from the said constitutional provision. The Sponsor also clarified that there is no mention of the term "provisional" in the Bill.

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

The Members' subsequent discussion pointed out that while the Bill originates from the House of Representatives, the final form of the franchise law will be an outcome of the decision of both Houses of Congress.

They also delved into the legal issues previously mentioned during the interpellation of Deputy Speaker Marcoleta, with Representative Garbin suggesting that written interrogatories may be sent to ABS-CBN and the government agencies concerned so they, under oath, may all provide written answers to the House with regard to the legal issues hurled at the network.

The Sponsor however clarified that the Committee on Legislative Franchises had already started asking for position papers from various sectors at this point and stressed that the issues could not be simplified because they were divisive and complicated even from the start.

Representative Garbin underscored the importance of having an impartial and comprehensive hearing to arrive at truthful facts and a conclusive decision whether or not to approve the franchise of ABS-CBN. As he thanked the leadership of Speaker Cayetano (A.P.) for his timely action on the issue, he urged the Body not to disregard the treacherous and contemptuous conduct done by the NTC which adversely affected Congress, ABS-CBN, and millions of Filipino viewers.

He added that it is imperative that the primary bills on franchise renewal should be acted upon by the Committee on Legislative Franchises without further delay upon resumption of Congress from *sine die* adjournment so as not to cast any doubt on the Body's credibility. He also implored the Supreme Court to take judicial notice of the official act by the Body as basis for the issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order as the proper course of action for the network to resume its broadcast.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Crisologo, the Chair suspended the session at 6:05 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:11 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REREPESENTATIVE BROSAS

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas who initially sought clarification on the coverage of Section 4 of the Bill requiring giant networks, such as ABS-CBN, GMA-7, and TV5, to allocate to the government a 10 percent share from paid commercials and advertisements for public service time.

In this regard, Representative Brosas discussed with Deputy Speaker Villafuerte about the issue of upholding the equal protection clause by filing a separate legislation that would cover all franchise applicants instead of adopting a case-to-case treatment of individual franchise bills. She also suggested that the said 10 percent allocation be incorporated in a bill granting a 25-year franchise to ABS-CBN.

Representative Brosas then expressed support for the grant of a provisional franchise to ABS-CBN so as to ensure the continued employment of its workers and provision of information to far-flung areas during the pandemic; and proposed to discuss the pros and cons of the ABS-CBN franchise when Congress tackles the renewal thereof for another 25 years. She also agreed with Deputy Speaker Villafuerte that they should examine the allegations of job contracting by ABS-CBN Corporation even as she expressed concern about this and other labor issues hounding workers in other establishments.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE HARESCO

Next recognized by the Chair upon Representative Crisologo's motion, Rep. Teodorico T. Haresco Jr. manifested his wish for the Body to refer House Bill No. 6732 to the committee in order for ABS-CBN to explain its controversial bank loans and subsidiaries, the status of its employees, and accounting of donations for calamities; and for the Members to look into the legality of and procedures for granting provisional franchises.

He also stressed that the shaping of the national psyche cannot be dependent on a dominant player that was involved in other undertakings such as public utilities; he did not have enough knowledge on the issue to make a sound judgment and vote; and the House should concentrate on socioeconomic bills addressing the COVID-19 crisis.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SY-ALVARADO

On motion of Representative Castelo, the Chair next recognized Rep. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado who asked about the need for exhaustive committee hearings on issues surrounding ABS-CBN Corporation, such as the non-regular status of its employees and non-airing of political ads despite receipt of payment for the same, which Deputy Speaker Villafuerte concurred with. The two Members subsequently discussed the time frame for the hearings given the constraints of conducting them under a "new normal."

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:36 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 6:38 p.m.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SY-ALVARADO

Upon resumption of session, Representative Sy-Alvarado manifested that the instant measure was consuming much of the Body's time and attention to the prejudice of socioeconomic measures to address problems arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. In case House Bill No. 6732 would be amended to instead include a 25-year franchise, he said that he would move for the Bill to be referred back to the Committee on Legislative Franchises for the conduct of a comprehensive and fair process to grant an ABS-CBN franchise.

Deputy Speaker Villafuerte duly noted the said manifestation.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6732

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6732.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, 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 Resolutions on First Reading, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 875, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON

THE PLIGHT OF HEALTH WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE DEPLOYMENT BAN IN RELATION TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC”

By Representatives Gaite, Zarate and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 876, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES TO IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPED DEPARTMENT ORDER NUMBER 007, SERIES OF 2020, HALT THE PHYSICAL OPENING OF CLASSES ON AUGUST 24, 2020 FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021, AND PROHIBIT FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES AND OTHER PHYSICAL SCHOOL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAININGS IN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS, IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN BASIC EDUCATION AND STATE/LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES OFFERING BASIC EDUCATION DUE TO THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC TO THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Resolution No. 877, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS THE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR PREPAREDNESS OF THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, TO DIRECT ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PREPARE THEIR EVACUATION CENTERS IN VIEW OF COVID-19”

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

House Resolution No. 878, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND FRONTLINERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY AND UNSELFISHLY RENDERED THEIR SERVICES TO THE FILIPINO NATION IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19”

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

House Resolution No. 879, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE SUDDEN BIG SPIKE IN MERALCO ELECTRICITY RATES AND BILLS DESPITE THE OVERCAPACITY OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY”

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

House Resolution No. 880, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE MARIA TERESA AQUINO-ORETA, FORMER SENATOR AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF MALABON-NAVOTAS”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6703

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of House Bill No. 6703, from the Committee on Housing and Urban Development to the Committee on Agriculture and Food.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 880

On subsequent motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 880, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE MARIA TERESA AQUINO-ORETA, FORMER SENATOR AND FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE DISTRICT

OF MALABON-NAVOTAS”; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure 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.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Crisologo there being no objection, the session was suspended until three o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

It was 6:44 p.m. of Monday, May 18, 2020.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, May 19, 2020 with Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu presiding.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, 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 Resolution on First Reading, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6749, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING LIFELONG LEARNING, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6750, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING HAZARD DUTY PAY TO FRONTLINERS AND OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS DURING PANDEMICS,

EPIDEMICS, OUTBREAKS, AND OTHER
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES”

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

House Bill No. 6751, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FIXED SALARIES
OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND SUCH
OTHER BENEFITS BEING RECEIVED
BY REGULAR GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES”

By Representative Tallado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6752, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
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 Representative Tallado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6754, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FUYOT SPRINGS
NATIONAL PARK IN BARANGAY
STA. VICTORIA, CITY OF ILAGAN,
PROVINCE OF ISABELA AN ECO-
TOURISM SITE, PROVIDING FOR ITS
DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 6755, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO PRIVATE
AND PUBLIC HEALTHCARE WORKERS
DURING THE 2019 CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC”

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 881, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CREATE
AN OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE ON
TOTAL RURAL ELECTRIFICATION”

By Representatives Dagooc, De Jesus, Ebcas and
Guya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee
on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 308),
re H.B. No. 6753, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MEDINA
EXTENSION HOSPITAL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MEDINA,
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL
INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE FIRST MISAMIS
ORIENTAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 2605

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Ungab
and Unabia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical
Education and the Committee on Appropriations
(Committee Report No. 309), re H.B. No. 6756,
entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL
SCHOLARSHIP AND RETURN SERVICE
PROGRAM FOR DESERVING STUDENTS,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House
Bills Numbered 878, 1626, 2139, 2881, 3445,
3745, 3847, 3865, 4205, 4315, 4364, 4471,
4659, 4889, 4974, 5197, 5243, 5343 and 6347

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Yap (Eric)
and Tan (Angelina)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative
Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair suspended the session
at 3:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:06 p.m., the session resumed.

MANIFESTATION OF
MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

Recognized by the Chair, Majority Leader
Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez informed the
Body about the conclusion of the Majority caucus
which discussed all issues pertaining to ABS-CBN
Corporation and the Members’ position regarding

House Bill No. 6732. He then stated that the consideration of the Bill was previously suspended under the period of sponsorship and debate.

Thereafter, the Majority Leader explained that issues heard during the previous sessions were important and credible; and that these issues are best ventilated and threshed out at the Committee on Legislative Franchises considering its expertise and jurisdiction. He further expounded that the Committee is in a superior position to meticulously and comprehensively deliberate on these numerous concerns. He then stated that said Committee had started its preliminary hearings on several measures filed regarding the ABS-CBN franchise application. He added that subsequent hearings have been scheduled during the break, documentary requirements were already submitted by the applicant, and that positions papers were also submitted by most of the stakeholders.

After stressing that the Body needs to take up important legislations intended to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Majority Leader Romualdez said that during the caucus, Members representing various political parties had given their overwhelming support to the House leadership's prerogative on the issue at hand.

Thereafter, on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GATCHALIAN

After consulting the Members of the Nationalist People's Coalition, Representative Gatchalian articulated the sentiment of their membership that, considering the numerous issues surrounding the franchise application, the Committee on Legislative Franchises would be the proper venue to discuss the matter.

He expressed his support, on behalf of his party, to the House Speaker and the Majority's decision on this matter.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:12 p.m., the session resumed.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6732

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6732 contained in the Committee Report as reported out by the Committee of the Whole House.

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

“AN ACT GRANTING THE ABS-CBN CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Majority Leader Romualdez previously stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SY-ALVARADO

On behalf of the National Unity Party, Representative Sy-Alvarado expressed the NUP's support to the House leadership's decision on the ABS-CBN franchise renewal; and expressed hope that there will be fair discussions between the pro- and anti-ABS-CBN.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6732

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6732.

Thereupon, on motion of Majority Leader Romualdez, the Chair recognized Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano to address the Body.

ADDRESS OF SPEAKER CAYETANO (A.P.)

My dear colleagues, mga kababayan, it's discerning and praying about the decisions that we

had to make, and ito po ang pumasok sa isip ko, iyong sa John 3:30, and regardless po kung ano ang ating religion, "He must increase, and I must decrease." Ibig sabihin, ang Diyos ang dapat mag-increase at tayo naman ang mawala in leading people.

Jeremiah 17:9 tells us that, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" Uulitin ko po, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"

So, it is with the understanding that while we seek to do what is right, human nature gives us a deceitful heart. That I'd like to address the nation today.

We are in the midst of a great crisis fighting a terrible virus, working towards saving lives and livelihood, keeping our kababayans safe while endeavoring to bring our struggling economy back to life. Klaro po sa atin iyan. Napakahirap pong i-implement iyong ECQ; noong nag-modify naman po, napakarami ding violation. Noong una, maraming hindi nakakaintindi, or hindi naaabot ng impormasyon kung bakit importante to stay at home. Hindi lang po sa Pilipinas iyan, kahit anong channel sa Cable TV ang panoorin ninyo – sa Europe, sa Africa, sa America – iyong stay at home, talagang mahirap intindihin noong umpisa. Ngayon naman po na gusto nating bumalik, kung hindi sa "normal," sa "new normal," ang dami din pong pagsubok.

I asked several times that we focus on this. As early as February, this House of Representatives, through this Representation, warned that while we are dealing with many issues katulad po noong earthquake sa various parts of Mindanao, rehabilitation of Marawi, while we were taking care of many issues that will help our nation rise up again, maraming mga sakuna na parating, and we warned of COVID-19.

Arguing that the fate and future of one private corporation, no matter how influential, cannot be weighed against the welfare of the nation and the well-being of the people. But I guess the reality is that for many, the siren call of politics is just too much to resist. And politics, like the virus, brings out the best and worst in us.

Let me be candid with all of you and speak from the heart. Ito po ay galing sa puso ko. I am

disappointed, I am hurt, and, to a certain degree, I am frustrated. Not because I am for or against the renewal of the ABS-CBN franchise, nor am I frustrated, hurt, or disappointed because I'm being criticized, sala sa lamig, sala sa init. Sabi ko nga noong tinatanong ako noong asawa ko kung anong pakiramdam ko, sabi ko, "It's good to be loved." The pro-ABS loves me, the anti-or ABS or shutdown also loves me, both of them love to hate me.

That is the reality when you are in the midst of a highly-charged political issue. But dapat ba taguan iyon? Hindi. Pero siyempre tao din po tayo at nakakaramdam po ng disappointment, hurt, and frustration. But the reason why I say that there is hurt, disappointment, and frustration is because I really believe that we can temporarily set aside that which divides us and has divided us for a long time. Because we are talking about survival. We are talking about people's lives. We are talking about people's livelihood.

So, akala ko, kapag sinabing time-out lang, hindi ba, dahil para sa bayan naman ito, para sa atin lahat, we can find a consensus. From the start, all I've ever asked from anyone in this Chamber and outside this Chamber regarding this or any other issue is that we should do what is right, and that has been a struggle. Ever since both the pro-renewal and pro-shutdown forces do not want to give an inch to each other or other way. And so we find ourselves veering off the topic at a time when focus is what our people needs most. Sino po ang sasalungat o magdedebate? That to adapt, to innovate, and to manage is what we should be focusing on to help our people. Yet, this issue – yes, partly political, partly moral, some say will be at issue of press freedom, some say will not – but this has to stop. This has to be resolved. The more I say, "Huwag muna nating pag-usapan," the more na pinag-uusapan. Kapag sinabing on the air, maraming galit. Kapag sinabing off the air, maraming galit. Kapag sinabing ito prinsipyo, nabayaran ka. Kapag sinabing nabayaran ka, nabayaran ka noong dalawa kasi bumaligtad ka. Napaka-poisoned at toxic noong atmosphere.

But please, look at people who are dealing with uncertainties. You know, we have a former colleague who passed away and I have a very good friend who lost his mother and now has a sibling who is suffering — hindi COVID. You know, and when I speak to families who are in dire need especially sa health, parang lahat ito hindi importante, hindi ba? And I guess, many of you who are here and especially

those of you who are not here and Zoom, who are in your districts because walang commercial flights, kapag pumunta sa inyong bahay ang inyong mga constituents na humihingi ng pagkain, humihingi ng ayuda, umiiyak na iyong tatay nila o nanay hindi makauwi, you know, all of these seems to be so small. Of course, it's not always so small. Parts of Mindanao ngayon walang TV because they only have ABS-CBN. Sasabihin naman nila, "Kita mo pro siya." Hindi po. Ayaw ko lang na walang napapanood ang tao sa kanilang tahanan.

And in this — and in saying that this has to stop and this has to be resolved and in saying that there is pain, hurt, frustration, and disappointment, may I also tell you very honestly that I am hopeful because I am full of faith. That despite the terrible things that are happening around the world, and in our communities, God will touch our hearts, show us our mistakes, and build us back better. He will restore us. He will heal us. God wants us to do what is right. But perhaps, what is right may be subjective or maybe we make it subjective depending on what's in our hearts and let me remind you, our hearts are deceitful.

I can easily tell you all that my heart says this is what is correct but Bishop Abante who is staring at me, our Minority Leader, could come up to me and tell me, "Brother, you are wrong. Your heart is deceiving you." So, how do we define what is right? We all define what is right based on our own perspective, based on our own point of view, and based on our own feelings. And so, we can have all the passion in fighting for what we believe is right, yet, end up losing ourselves in the process. The end does not justify the means. Hindi po nating puwedeng murahin ang mga kasama natin. Hindi po nating puwedeng i-slander mga kasama natin. Hindi nating puwedeng biglang suntukin o sunugin ang bahay ng kasama and say, "Hindi, tama ako sa argument eh." Baka tama ka sa punto mo pero the way you went about it is wrong.

And I hope, people will agree with me today whether you are for the 25 years franchise or for the shutdown. Let us agree we are going about it the wrong way. I can agree that my way is also wrong. Hindi ko sinasabi na tama iyong paraan ko, but there has to be a way. In other words, we can fight for what is right, yet, we're fighting for it in the wrong way. Discerning what is right in policy making especially in a highly-charged political issue like this necessitates a fair and transparent

process. This is so that people will be able to make informed judgment that will not only be fair but also understandable and ultimately acceptable to those who will find themselves on the losing end.

Think of any controversial measure here today—LGBT rights, divorce, POGO, whether we should allow it or not; death penalty, amending the Constitution, foreign ownership of land, land reform—whether we stick to the present system or there is a new system, or we should go to commercial farming. Those are all controversial measures. Some of you will stand up here and say that you are right, some will stand up and say, "No, you are wrong, we are right." But we start calling each other names. Or, do we have a process, a legislative process where everyone is allowed to speak para po marinig ng lahat.

So, kung hindi po natin kayang desisyon na tayo lang, bakit hindi natin i-involve ang publiko? May social media naman, nandiyan naman ang media na nakabantay, bakit hindi po tayo mag-hearing, at habang lumalabas ang lahat ng kuro-kuro, lahat ng opinyon, lahat ng laman, pati hugot ilabas na rin natin, so that people will hear the argument and can form their judgment. And for those of you who already have a judgment, may mawawala ba na i-test mo iyong paniniwala mo by listening to the other side? And if despite listening to everyone we cannot agree, again, kahit anumang isyu iyan, wouldn't it enhance our acceptance of how the Majority voted if we know why they voted that way?

We don't have to be unanimous, it doesn't have to always be a consensus. But to not discuss at all, that is the dictatorship. So, parating nasa isyu diktador, hindi diktador, diktador, diktador. Eh, kung ayaw ninyo mag-hearing at ayaw ninyong pag-usapan ito sa tamang oras, eh lahat tayo diktador. Ang diktador, iyong nagsasabing ako lang ang tama, ako lang ang masusunod. Wala pong nagsasabi noon dito sa Kongreso. May nagsasabing pasa natin kaagad, but I know they still want a hearing.

So, sana po sa publiko, we can find a way that there will be fairness and we can agree on timing. Timing is essential in doing what is right. I said before, I have been taught that it is always the right time to do what is right. But, obviously, this becomes complicated or a complicated matter when we cannot even agree on what is right and what we should be doing. And now that ABS-CBN is off the air, of course they have a different view of timing and

fairness, compared to if the NTC did not come in and they were on the air. And, of course, for those who are anti, who are saying this is a new franchise, for them it is unfair to put ABS back on the air before there is a hearing. So, I will agree with everyone. Fairness at timing, pati doon may debate. I still believe that dedicating all of our efforts to defeating COVID-19 or the new coronavirus, and giving our countrymen something to hope for; shining the light at the end of the tunnel so to speak, is the right thing to do. And more importantly, this is the right thing to do now. Unfortunately, everyone agrees with me that dapat ito ang focus, pero hindi po mawala sa ating isipan, sa ating puso, sa ating dila, at sa ating daliri—‘pag nagtwi-Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, social media, ang issue ng ABS-CBN.

I still believe that we need to be united as one nation and set aside all non-urgent, highly contentious issues that will tear us apart despite what people on the extreme ends of the issue want to project. Politics should not be our main concern right now. When we first decided to hold the hearings after the break, it was under the well-founded belief that it was not urgent since there was no threat of ABS-CBN going off the air. Congress relied on the legal precedence, the DOJ opinion, the unanimous support of both Houses of Congress, and the National Telecommunications Commission’s commitment under oath that they will issue a provisional authority.

On that point, let me just add that Congress will never allow these agencies to lie and mislead us in their sworn testimonies. If they lie to us, they lie to the people. But this does not mean we are completely against what they stand for. We only ask that they respect this House as we respect them and their position. Scolding the Solicitor General doesn’t mean his legal assertions and accusations are right. It also doesn’t mean they are wrong. It simply means we should have presented — he should have presented or at least found a way to inform Congress, so that we could have calibrated and decided intelligently on our actions.

So when we say mali ang NTC na nagsinungaling sa atin, hindi naman natin hinuhusgahan iyong kanilang legal opinion. Ang sinasabi po natin, huwag kayong magsisinungaling sa Kongreso, kasi ang actions namin sa Kongreso ay based sa testimony na ibinibigay ninyo dito sa amin. ‘Pag sinabi ng DOH “one, two, three, four factors have been met, puwede na tayong mag-GCQ,” we have to rely on you. And then ‘pag kumalat at sabihin ninyo

“Ay we lied pala. Ganito pa rin palang karaming kaso.” Then you point your fingers at Congress?

We will take responsibility when we make the decision, and it is the wrong decision based on the testimony you’ve given us. But if our decision becomes wrong because you lied to us or you falsified data or you gave us the wrong information, then simply its garbage in, garbage out; and we cannot allow that to keep happening or to happen again in this Congress. And even as all these — and even as these all changed, my commitment as Speaker of this House to do and to prioritize what is right has never faltered. Together with the House leadership and together with the leadership of the political parties, the geographic and regional groups and the party-lists representing your different sectors, we tried to come up with a fair arrangement where ABS-CBN would be allowed to broadcast while Congress and Senate hold its hearing.

Some have asked, “Why the need to give a provisional franchise?” The provisional franchise does not mean we are pro-ABS-CBN as some may claim, nor does it mean that we are holding the network hostage as others alleged. It simply means fairness while we’re deciding on the case — again, sala sa lamig, sala sa init. ‘Pag binigyan mo ng provisional franchise sabi po noong iba na nasa side ng ABS-CBN, “Kita ninyo hino-hostage ng Congress, gustong diktahan iyong news.” Sasabihin naman po noong kabilang side, “Kita ninyo kakampi, nabayaran kaya bibigyan nila ng temporary franchise.” This was simply to allow more of our countrymen to see, hear, understand, and judge for themselves what their elected officials are doing in their name, but also that all Filipinos deserve to see how and whether or not the network will broadcast the hearings with fairness and what are the accusations, evidence against them and their responses?

I hear you, those who are saying “Mas maganda mag-hearing na off the air sila para patas.” But I am telling you my personal view, mas gusto ko nga e na naghi-hearing tayo on the air para makita natin kung fair sila o may bias. Kung ang pinapalabas lang nila iyong mga punto nila or pinapalabas din ba nila ang mga punto na laban sa kanila, ‘di ba? But again, that’s not for me to decide. That was my personal view that I tried to push, but again, many agreed, many disagreed, but many decided to start calling each other names. This was the middle ground that we hoped would bring together people, so that we may go back and more importantly, win

the war against COVID-19 and take care of people's needs. But even with all the efforts to be fair and balanced, the toxic partisanship this issue provokes has poisoned the well of public discourse. Ang public discourse po ay parang isang balon. And if we have a hundred people discussing, it only takes one from each side na maglagay ng lason at lahat na nang kumuha sa balon ay malalason.

So, I still believe most of our people and many, if not all of our congressmen, are arguing passionately based on what they believe and are not poisoning the well; but there are some who are in the extreme, who are poisoning the well. Both sides of the extreme have now gone beyond passionate debate and fair advocacy and are engaged in name calling, slander, and humiliating each other – all for the sake of this one partisan political issue. If we are going to survive and build back better, we have to stop acting like young children and we have to mature quickly. Social networks and innovation in technology bring out childlike idealism. Maganda po iyan. It democratizes discussion. Maganda din po iyan, it brings the discussions into, not only your household, but to every single person holding a cellphone. Even now, as I speak, people are commenting on the Facebook site of Congress. Even now as you look at your cellphones, you are getting feedback from your sectors, from your party, from your people. Unfortunately, it also brings out the bullies in us. It brings out iyong pagka-alaskador. It brings out the meanness in us. We have to mature by listening to each other's point of view, by allowing assertions to be proven by evidence, by having a fair and transparent process that would allow all of us to make informed judgment.

This process will make sure that walang saling-pusa, walang moro-moro sa usapang mahalaga sa bayan. Hindi po tayo puwedeng mag-moro-moro sa isyu na ito at lalung-lalo na pong hindi puwede, walang saling-pusa. Sa hearing na dadating, lahat ng gustong magsalita, gawan natin ng paraan, ke national artist po siya o budding artist, ke isang senior legislator po o isang gusto pa lang tumakbo sa 2022, kung siya po ay expert tax lawyer o siya po ay isang accountant na gusto pa lang mag-aral ng batas, gagawan natin ng paraan marinig ang kanilang opinion. And hopefully, walang maaagrabyado sa usapan tungkol sa hustisya. But we have to learn to see these things for what they are rather than immediately conclude with faulty judgment.

Let me address myself to the extremist outside Congress who are either for or against ABS-CBN

franchise renewal. Don't poison the debate. It will not help your cause nor enrich your position. Let love and reason carry our passions and argument - not hate and obsession. Lahat po ng nagsasalita po ngayon, hindi lang po hugot iyon, importante sa kanila, so pakinggan din natin. If we disagree, we say that we disagree, hindi ba? But, ba't natin ibu-bully? Ba't natin papahiyain? Gawin ninyo sa amin iyon because we are public servants, we're elected, okay lang iyon. Fair game po. Bawal ang onion-skinned. Bawal po ang balat-sibuyas. So, ako, even on my page, wala akong sine-censor. Gusto ninyo akong murahin doon, gusto ninyong sabihin kung anuman, tatanggapin ko, binabasa ko. Kayo community ko, kailangan makinig ako sa inyo. But to others even if they are celebrities, even if they are known in their fields, even if they are social media sensations, hindi ba, why bring the debate to that level? Kung may magkamali sa Ingles o magkamali sa example nila? Merong medyo mapusok ang kanilang emosyon kaya kung ano ang nasabi, hindi ba? Who of us in our lives never experienced that, never made a mistake sa diction, sa example, etcetera, ano?

Because of all this divisiveness and after consulting with the Members of the House, the political parties and the regional groups – I thank you for that, for the consultation and for your belief in the leadership. I, together with the House of Representatives leadership, have decided to forego with the provisional franchise and immediately proceed with the hearings for the full 25-year renewal application of the ABS-CBN franchise. Let me repeat that, doon po sa hindi nakakuha, the House leadership has decided to forego with the provisional franchise, but we will immediately proceed with the hearings for the 25-year franchise.

However, there are the non-negotiable ground rules for this to happen. I hope in my first speech to convince everyone, that was fair. But, nakumbinsi din ako ng iba na baka hindi fair. So, inisip ko sa sarili ko, what is a matter of principle to me and what is a matter of pride. I really believe hindi ito time na pag-usapan iyong ABS, pero baka pride ko lang iyon as Alan Cayetano, as Congressman Alan Cayetano, as Speaker Alan Cayetano. Kung tingin ng mas nakakarami, it is the time to talk about it, then I will not let the pride get in my way.

But what part is principle? The part that is principle is fairness. Eh kahit tapusin natin ang hearing ngayon, kung walang fairness, balewala iyon. So, these are the ground rules that I propose and hope that you will also support.

First, we must not forget our bigger concern. Huwag po natin kalimutan kung ano po ang dapat nating focus which is to defeat the new coronavirus, to defeat COVID-19, and to provide hope to our countrymen. We must continue to focus on urgent measures that will ensure the saving of lives and livelihoods of our kababayans. And later, our most able chairman of the Defeat COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee and our Majority Leader will outline some of these most urgent measures that will be there to help our people.

Second, as I have said time and time again, the hearings must be fair, impartial, comprehensive, and thorough. All voices must be heard, and all issues for and against will be discussed. As we have seen yesterday, this will require a lot of time, time that we do not have. And so, there will be sacrifice on our part if we hope to finish this without delay. So, we will multitask, in other words. But, pakiusap po sa mga Miyembro, lalo po sa may expertise sa agriculture, may expertise sa medical science, may expertise sa engineering, may expertise sa finance, di ba po, hatiin natin ang trabaho. Doon po sa for and against at kailangan sa hearings ng ABS-CBN, wala pong pipigil sa inyo and get all the expert witnesses that you can.

But those of you whom we need at the forefront... talking about the economic stimulus, talking about kalusugan, ano, talking about their regions, and if you have testing centers already... or Wes, as you were telling me kanina, that the big corporations, while they need help, they can practically take care of themselves. Pero paano po iyong micro, small, and medium enterprises especially the micro, di ba? Tama iyon, eh...we cannot abandon them. We have to continue to focus in helping them.

And third, that we all vote in accordance with our conscience and not our politics. In other words po, makinig tayo sa hearings. May alam tayo, let's testify. Eh kung tatanungin ninyo po, "Sino ba ang pinaka-apektado sa ABS-CBN?" Iyon po ang irony – doon po sa nagki-criticize sa akin, doon po sa nagsasabing ang SolGen ang tama. Bakit? Sino ba ang pinaka-naapektuhan ng ABS-CBN noong 2016 election? Hindi ba ako at saka si Presidente Duterte? Hindi ba kaming dalawa ang tinarget? Hindi ba ako ang nagdemanda sa kanila? Hindi ba ako ang nag-file ng TRO at hindi ang SolGen? Yet, I had to find it in my heart as Speaker of the House to be fair to them and to give them a hearing. Siguro po kung hindi ako Speaker, kung ako po ay isang

Miyembro ng House katulad ninyo, o Chairman ng isang committee, kasama po ako sa magfa-file ng resolution na imbestigahan ang ABS-CBN. Pero hindi po, eh.

You, allowing me and supporting me as Speaker of the House, gives me extra burden on my shoulders which is, that at the end of the day, pag binalikan ang Kongreso and we are judged, we have to be judged to have been giving justice to everyone.

Bakit po mataas ang ratings ng Kongreso? Bakit po sa sunud-sunod na survey, pataas nang pataas po ang Kongreso? Historic po? One is because we have been working hard and we have been delivering. But I think the other reason, the more important reason, pinipilit po natin gawin kung ano ang tama. Despite the weight of politics of, you know, iyong day-to-day things that we have to deal with sa politics, this 18th Congress has tried to do what is right, that is why mataas ang ano. So, ngayon ba magbabago tayo because maraming tumutuligsa? Mangangamba ba ako na bababa iyong ratings? Hindi. Sa inyo na yung ratings, basta't kami, pipilitin naming gawin kung ano ang tama.

For those of you who are calling for an outright approval or denial, I ask that you suspend your extreme views until the facts have been presented and all these testimonies have been heard. What do you have to lose? The hearings might prove your point at lalo kang maging pro o lalo kang maging anti.

If I may borrow the analogy of a Member of Congress who often disagrees with me but I still respect, kababayan ng aking agom, Congressman Edcel Lagman, who gave an analogy about a locomotive and a speeding bullet train. Manoy Edcel, the Gentleman from Albay, this is not a speeding bullet train nor a misdirected locomotive. Trains and locomotives follow fixed tracks – may riles po iyan, eh – and have predetermined destination – may terminal po iyan. Hindi katulad ng jeep na puwedeng pumara kahit saan o puwede mong sabihin, "Boss, special, kumaliwa ka dito sa EDSA, punta tayo dito." Hindi po. Ang tren po may riles. Ang tren po may istasyon.

Precisely, the problem in dealing with the franchise of the renewal of ABS-CBN is that we do not have tracks – wala pong riles dito – and we do not have terminals. Wala pong blueprint na magpapakita sa atin na mag-a-agree tayong lahat na heto ang paraan para sa ABS-CBN, denial or approval. What

we have are our individual compasses to help us find the true north. Sabi sa akin kanina ni Congressman Gatchalian...sa kaniya, the true "Wes." No, the true north, my friend, Wes, ano.

And this is what this leadership is all about, this is what the 18th Congress is all about. For those who cannot understand our position, thank you. For those who can understand our position, thank you din. But for those of you who understand our position, join us in trying to understand the position of others so that one day, baka they will at least attempt to understand our position.

So to my colleagues and my countrymen, sa ating mga kababayan, we can disagree on the fate and the future of ABS-CBN, but I ask all of us to form a consensus right now on how we will face this new life – yes, it's a new life, hindi na po tayo babalik sa kahapon – and build our new economy – yes, it will be a new economy. Iyong highway na gusto nating i-build, nandiyan pa rin pero iyong invisible highway, iyong IT highway, iyong digital highway, we will now have to build it. Maraming walang internet. Maraming hindi po makapanood kapag walang TV kasi wala pong signal. Marami pong estudyante nasa bahay, dapat nag-aaral pero mahina ang kanilang internet. So the new normal involves a new life and a new economy.

Let's rise up to this challenge, and let us give Chairman Chicoy Alvarez and our Committee on Legislative Franchises complete autonomy, wala pong mag-i-impluwensya sa kanila. Let us give them the task to carry out a fair, comprehensive, thorough hearing. Let it be continuous para walang magsabing pinapatigil, tinitigil, we are dragging our feet. Let us direct our committee to immediately and continuously hold hearings until everyone is heard, and after everyone is heard, then we can decide.

Again, my dear colleagues, let's multitask, like you've never multitasked before. Let us put our focus on the Filipino today and what our tomorrow will look like, and how we can make a better tomorrow for all. I thank the whole leadership of the House, Minority Leader, Bishop Benny Abante, Majority Leader Martin Romualdez, our Deputy Speakers, our Presiding Officer Deputy Speaker Abu, Deputy Speaker Pulong Duterte and all the Deputy Speakers, LRay, who's co-author of the bill we were discussing. I thank you for the confidence, not only in the leadership, but in the principles that we put together.

So, let us join President Duterte in his commitment to work and fight for a safe and comfortable life for all. And in that point, I'd like to thank the Opposition, the members of the different blocs who are in opposition to this Administration, yes, you too are helping this Chamber to make and give people a safe and comfortable life.

So, let me end by sharing with you a story about the wisdom ng aking Ama na si Senator Rene "Compañero" Cayetano, when I was learning to drive and when he finally allowed me to have a car and drive when I was already a student in the University of the Philippines.

One day, a friend of ours drove less than 10 minutes from Alabang to UP in 10 minutes. A few weeks later or a month later, he tried it again, nag-turn turtle iyong kotse. He was okay but he almost lost his life, you know, inches lang or ano. So, my Dad talked to me, "Gaano ka ba kabilis magpatakbo?" Seventy, 80, siguro that was 90 or 100, pero siyempre teenager ka, 'di ba? Tapos sabi niya, "What would you do when you get to the intersection of EDSA, whether it's Pasay Road or Buendia, red yung light, ala-una ng umaga, whether you're coming from UP going home to Alabang or you're coming from Alabang going to UP or you're going to Taguig to Bagumbayan?" Sabi ko, "I drive the same." Sabi niya, "Hindi mo babagalan?" Sabi ko, "Hindi, baka bilisan ko pa, nakita ko 'go' 'di ba, ako ang tama, bibilisan ko?" Sabi niya, "Mali ka doon." Sabi ko, "Bakit, eh green iyon?" Sabi niya, "Eh, paano kung may truck na hindi sumunod sa red at akala niya walang kotse, tumuloy iyong truck, binangga ka, patay ka, anong tawag sa'yo ngayon?" Hindi ako makasagot. So sabi niya sa akin, "Son, that's what you call you're right but you're dead right."

Puwede po tayong lumaban pero patay tayo, 'di ba? Puwede nating pagpilitan kung anong tama pero patay tayo. So, whoever is correct here sa ABS shutdown or ABS 25 years, people's lives are at stake. I want to be right but I don't want people to be dead because we are debating who is right or not. So, what will we do? We will look ahead, we will multitask. And, while looking ahead, we will do the ABS-CBN hearings but we will also take care of the urgent measures.

We will look at our left and we will see that there is a health crisis and try to address that health crisis and Doktora-Congresswomen Janette Garin and Helen Tan and their whole team, di ba, are

focused on that. But we will also look at the right and see that our livelihood is in danger; and that is where Junie Cua, Wes Gatchalian, Stella Quimbo, Sharon Garin, Joey Salceda, Deputy Speaker LRay, Eric Yap, and so many others of you who are part of that cluster, and that's where the Minority and the Makabayan Bloc will come in ... when we look at the left and the right, ano ba ang new economy? Ano ba ang new normal sa health?

But in the end, can we also look up? And when we look up, remember that there is a God who is perfect and there is His creation which is imperfect, yet made in His image. And when we debate with anyone else, so, iyong mga nagmumura sa akin, you are also made in God's image, hindi ba? And I try to see that in you, but it becomes difficult to see that in you when you are unreasonable. But, never mind, let us look ahead, let us look to the left, right, let us look up, and my dear colleagues, let us get things done.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), the Chair suspended the session at 4:55 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:57 p.m.

REMARKS OF MAJORITY LEADER ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)

Upon resumption of session, Majority Leader Romualdez thereupon pointed out that the Speaker clearly stated the Body's direction. He said it was thus incumbent for them to refocus on measures initiated by the Defeat COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committee, such as the COVID-19 Unemployment Reduction Economic Stimulus (CURES) Act, the Philippine Economic Stimulus Act (PESA), the New Normal for the Workplace and Public Spaces Act of 2020, and other proposals to improve the Social Amelioration Program.

He said that the Committee on Legislative Franchises will tackle with urgency and expediency the matter on the ABS-CBN franchise as well as other franchise applications pending before them.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), the Chair suspended the session at 5:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:18 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6312 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1086

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 6312 and Senate Bill No. 1086, creating and establishing the National Academy of Sports.

At this point, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Minority Leader Janette L. Garin who rose on a question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)

In line with her proposed Crushing COVID-19 Act, Representative Garin's speech centered on how some greedy people had hampered in the delivery of automated testing machines for COVID-19 for personal gains. She relayed to the Body that there is a couple who is allegedly barring the importation of much-needed COVID-19 automated machines or the so-called automated extractor machines by hoarding the equipment and negotiating with private-sector donors its exclusive distributorship for their company. She also mentioned that not only this company, but several others require purchase of their testing kits before allowing donors to buy their testing machines.

Representative Garin stated that there is a policy for companies not to sell testing equipment for profit gain; and that the aforementioned company had already received warnings against hoarding and overpricing. She then appealed to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and Senate Health Chair Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go to look into the anomalies on the importation of automated extractor machines.

Subsequently, she talked about the lack of testing kits and a clear-cut direction with regard to the use of polymerase chain reaction or the PCR test and the rapid test kits for COVID-19; and proceeded to question the high package rates for COVID-19 testing of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, upon presenting to the Body an estimate of the actual testing cost.

EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED TO REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)

At this point, on motion of Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo, there being no objection, the Chair extended the time of Representative Garin for ten minutes.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.) (Continuation)

The Senior Minority Leader pointed out that despite extra expenses because of the new coronavirus disease, such as expenses on personal protective equipment, that are added to regular treatment costs, PhilHealth funds are utilized for high-priced testing packages. She added that while it seemed that there is fear of expanding swab testing, this should not be the case when there are health workers who can be tapped and cheaper testing can be used.

She asked the leadership of the Department of Health to take immediate action regarding the overpriced test kits. She reiterated the persistent call of medical frontliners and state health workers for mass testing and emphasized that automation of testing centers should be prioritized by the government based on the directive of President Duterte. She said that as the health care system is in a sad state, severely unfunded, and taken advantage of by costly test kits and insufficient testing centers, the DOH officials should not keep a blind eye about the situation, and listen to people on the ground and encourage them to own up to their inadequacies and move forward.

EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED TO REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)

At this point, on motion of Rep. Rowena Niña O. Taduran, there being no objection, the Body extended the time of Representative Garin for another five minutes.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.) (Continuation)

Representative Garin pointed out that having an expanded swab testing is necessary in order to trace more infections, not put everyone’s efforts in vain, and avoid a second wave of infection. She added that PCR swab tests should be the gold standard in testing but rapid test kits can complement them.

Thereafter, she suggested the following initiatives that the government could take to pursue an expanded mass testing: a) maximize the help of the private sector by laying down the map towards strategically-located and complementary testing centers; b) purchase testing kits, reagents, and consumables directly from manufacturers and suppliers; c) let PhilHealth cover the processing fees for government and private hospitals; and d) grant additional ₱100.00 per PCR test conducted for frontliners in the laboratory testing centers, funds thereof may be shouldered by PAGCOR or any other government agency.

Furthermore, Representative Garin mentioned the 3Ts which stands for "test, trace, and treat" and proposed another T for "trust." She said that trust is as important for the health experts, scientists, and doctors for their experience and knowledge, the private sector for their help and support, the Filipino people for their willingness to listen and follow, and for people in power and authority to serve as examples in observing the law.

Representative Garin then called on President Duterte to intervene for an expanded PCR testing, and urged her colleagues to investigate any obstacles to the efforts of the private sector in putting up COVID-19 laboratory testing facilities.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)

On motion of Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Representative Garin to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On another motion of Representative Bagatsing, the Chair recognized Rep. Michael T. Defensor for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR (M.)

Representative Defensor initially pointed out the change in PhilHealth coverage for COVID-19, from full benefit to case rates. He then pushed for full PhilHealth coverage, especially for the poor COVID-19 patients.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR (M.)

In this regard, Representative Defensor then moved that the House direct the PhilHealth to immediately review its case rates program and extend full PhilHealth coverage to COVID-19 patients.

Upon Representative Macapagal Arroyo's manifestation of the support of the Majority and on his motion, there being no objection, the Body approved the same.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bagatsing, the Chair recognized Rep. Lawrence "Law" H. Fortun for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FORTUN

Adverting to the deliberations on House Bill No. 6732 the previous day, Representative Fortun expressed the belief that a measure could be taken up on First and Second Reading on the same day if it is referred to the Committee of the Whole House and added that what cannot be compromised is the approval on Third Reading of the measure as copies thereof should be distributed to the Members three days before its passage.

While he expressed his support to the House Speaker, Representative Fortun stated that based on the interpellations and manifestations of the Members on House Bill No. 6732, the correct and prudent direction was to approve the measure considering the urgency to address the plight of the displaced workers and the issues surrounding the network, and the important role of ABS-CBN in bringing information to the people especially during this time of pandemic, and at the same time, deliberating on the 25-year franchise bills pending in the Committee on Legislative Franchises while a provisional franchise would be in effect.

As some said that the ABS-CBN franchise is a divisive issue, he pointed out however that when the House approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6732 the previous week, no Member had objected and that they all agreed for its approval. He added that had the Body voted again on the measure today, the Members would not be divided and the issue on the constitutionality of the measure would have been addressed.

As he agreed on having a more extensive deliberation on the ABS-CBN franchise in the Committee on Legislative Franchises, Representative Fortun pointed out that House Bill No. 6732 could not be referred back to said Committee considering that the measure was referred to the Committee of the Whole House. He stated that they cannot object to the process as it was the will of the Sponsors and believed that the House should have approved the measure on Second Reading that day so that they could have approved the same on Third Reading by next week.

REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES DEFENSOR (M.) AND FORTUN

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body referred the manifestations of Representatives Defensor and Fortun to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, the Chair recognized Rep. Edgar R. Erice via Zoom video conferencing for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Representative Erice stated that the Members, whether from the Majority or Minority, expressed their support to the initiative of the leadership of the House in filing House Bill No. 6732. As he commiserates with the Speaker as to what has transpired on the measure, he requested the Committee on Legislative Franchises to adhere to the call of the Speaker to multitask on the issue in order to hear both sides and take the necessary action on the matter. He stated that it is important to address the issue as ABS-CBN is not just a media organization but an institution and a part of the everyday lives of the Filipino people.

REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Taturan, there being no objection, the Body referred the manifestation of Representative Erice to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action, and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

On behalf of Gabriela Women's Party, Representative Brosas expressed her support to the grant of a temporary franchise to ABS-CBN and expressed hope that the country's largest network would soon operate.

She emphasized the important role of the media in bringing news to the people especially during this time of pandemic. She likewise cited the need for the Body to internalize its duty and power to decide on franchises without delay and without the influence of the Executive branch. She then opined that the decision to drop the temporary franchise dashed the hopes of ABS-CBN Corporation's workforce to keep their jobs even until October of this year.

She appealed to the House leadership to pursue the temporary franchise bill as she believes that losing the network would be a disservice to the Filipinos who need access to vital news and information despite living in far-flung areas. This, as she cried for the value of press freedom.

REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Chair referred Representative Brosas' manifestation to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate who, through Zoom video conferencing, manifested his disappointment over the recent action on House Bill No. 6732. As a former journalist and a lawyer, he

emphasized the vital role of press freedom and access to information not only for the survival of the people but also as basis for the Members' decision-making as legislators.

He cited the network's wide reach to the remotest area in the country and expressed sympathy to its workforce who would be losing their jobs amid the COVID-19 crisis. He then informed the Body about the bill he filed, together with the Makabayan Bloc, on the grant of a new franchise to ABS-CBN Corporation.

He urged for fast action on pending ABS-CBN franchise bills because of urgent concerns and for the Body to show the House of Representatives' jurisdiction to resolve these matters. Lastly, he reminded the Body about the consequences of Congress' inaction and urged his colleagues to give equal attention to the franchise application of ABS-CBN as they attend to matters related to the COVID-19 crisis.

REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Chair referred Representative Zarate's manifestation to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

MANIFESTATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Crisologo, Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. rose to express his views about the decision over House Bill No. 6732. He expressed his positive reaction over the previous actions on said measure prior to the House leadership's decision to revert it back to the Committee on Legislative Franchises for which he expressed his regrets.

Be that as it may, he respected the Speaker and the Majority's assessment on the matter and agreed on the need to prioritize the more pressing COVID-19 related issues. He hoped that the Committee on Legislative Franchises would fast-track the conduct of public hearings to once and for all resolve this issue that had been causing division among the people in the past months.

REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

It was 6:37 p.m. of Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, May 20, 2020 with Deputy Speaker Roberto V. Puno presiding.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair suspended the session at 3:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, 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, Message from the Senate, and Committee Report which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6757, entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO ISSUE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY TO OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES FOR THEIR CONTINUED OPERATIONS PENDING RENEWAL OF

THEIR CONGRESSIONAL FRANCHISE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7925, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6758, entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO ISSUE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY TO OWNERS AND/OR OPERATORS OF RADIO, TELEVISION, AND/OR CABLE ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEM, NETWORK AND/OR STATIONS FOR THEIR CONTINUED OPERATIONS PENDING THE RENEWAL OF THEIR CONGRESSIONAL FRANCHISE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6759, entitled:

"AN ACT SUPPORTING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL CAREERS IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6760, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUARANTINE FACILITIES IN EVERY REGION IN THE COUNTRY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND OTHER PURPOSES"

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

House Bill No. 6761, entitled:

"AN ACT PROMOTING FARMER COOPETITION, MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FARMER COOPETITION HUBS, ADOPTING THE FIRST DISTRICT OF BATAAN AS PILOT SITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6762, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE 'BALIK PROBINSYA, BAGONG PAG-ASA' ACT

CREATING A COUNCIL THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6763, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING A PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7581, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION TO CONSUMERS BY STABILIZING THE PRICES OF BASIC NECESSITIES AND PRIME COMMODITIES AND BY PRESCRIBING MEASURES AGAINST UNDUE PRICE INCREASES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND LIKE OCCASIONS', THEREBY ALSO AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10623 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6764, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY UNDER WHICH EMPLOYEES SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO TELECOMMUTE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6765, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISCAL REGIME FOR THE DIGITAL ECONOMY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 57, 105, 108, AND 114 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 6766, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE OF HEALTH WORKERS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6767, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING OWNERS OF MEDIA COMPANIES TO GRANT HAZARD PAY TO MEDIA WORKERS, AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6769, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO DAVAO LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRIC, LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM IN DAVAO CITY, PANABO CITY, AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CARMEN, DUJALI, AND SANTO TOMAS IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Duterte, Ungab, Garcia (Vincent) and Gonzalez (Sandro)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 882, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, CALLING UPON THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ERC) AND MANILA ELECTRIC COMPANY (MERALCO), ON THE SUDDEN INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY RATES AND INTERRUPTIONS DURING THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE”

By Representative Lacson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 883, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS THE VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR PREPAREDNESS OF THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, TO DIRECT ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PREPARE THEIR EVACUATION CENTERS IN VIEW OF COVID-19”

By Representative Dy (Faustino Inno)
TO THE DEFEAT COVID-19 *AD HOC* COMMITTEE

House Resolution No. 884, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO URGE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SECRETARY SILVESTRE BELLO III TO RECALL

TAIWAN LABOR ATTACHÉ FIDEL MACAUYAG FOR ABUSING HIS AUTHORITY AND FAILING IN HIS MANDATE TO PROTECT MIGRANT WORKERS OVERSEAS”

By Representatives Gaite, Zarate and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS
AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 885, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS AND THE DEFEAT COVID-19 AD HOC COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SURGE OF COVID-19 INFECTION AMONG REPATRIATED DISPLACED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND REPORTED RISKY AND DISMAL SITUATION IN QUARANTINE FACILITIES, AND RECOMMEND URGENT MEASURES TO PROTECT AND SUPPORT OFWs”

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated May 18, 2020, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1354, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 183 AND 184 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries (Committee Report No. 310), re H.B. No. 6768, entitled:

“AN ACT AFFORDING MORE PROTECTION TO CONSUMERS OF FINANCIAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 5976, 6143, 6299, 6416 and 6603

Sponsor: Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

RESUMPTION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Subsequently, with leave of the House, on motion of Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro who spoke about the arrest of Mr. Ronnel Mas, a teacher who was arrested by the National Bureau of Investigation for posting on social media about a ₱50-million reward to anyone who could kill President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. She argued that the social media post was apparently satirical and that it only described the people’s sorry state during the ongoing pandemic.

As the Representative of ACT Teachers Party-List, she condemned the warrantless arrest of Teacher Ronnel who was forced to state in the presence of media his uncounseled confession, which was a clear violation of his constitutional right against unreasonable search and seizure, self-incrimination, as well as his custodial rights. She said that he is presently undergoing psychological therapy because of the grave emotional torture he suffered from his detention.

Representative Castro said the arrest and charges filed against Teacher Ronnel highlighted the double standards and noncompliance to due process of the government where ordinary citizens and government critics were subjected to warrantless arrests and several human rights violations, while political allies, police appointees, and propagandists of President Duterte get better treatment and undergo due process.

She stated further that her organization will continue to stand up against political repression against the people and called on the government to be open to criticisms of its deficiencies, and not to disregard the basic constitutional rights of its citizenry even in this time of a pandemic.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo, the Chair suspended the session at 3:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:12 p.m.

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

On successive motions of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Castro to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action; and the Chair recognized Rep. Adriano A. Ebcas for his privilege speech via Zoom video conference.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE EBCAS**

Representative Ebcas shared to the Body the difficulties experienced by the people with regard to the energy sector, including the dramatic drop in total electricity demand, due to the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine in Luzon and subsequent quarantine measures in various parts of the country. He relayed to the Body the appreciation of the Representatives from the power bloc to the Energy Regulatory Commission for extending the deadline for payment of electricity bills to May 15, 2020.

He added that their bloc had to come up with its own initiative to provide additional assistance to electric consumers by submitting the letter of the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association and the National Association of General Managers of Electric Cooperatives to President Duterte and Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexei Bendigo Nograles, requesting them to address consumer concerns on the increased electricity bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

He relayed that through said letter, the power bloc had recommended for power suppliers to consider the following: (1) adjustments in the minimum energy off-take; (2) allow for contract capacity charges (Php/kW/Month) that is based on the actual nomination of electric cooperatives; and (3) continuously apply the prompt payment discount on the deferred payment scheme, based on the ERC advisory. He said that these requests would protect every consumer from the rising electricity prices due to the crisis and that savings due to low electricity costs will be a big help to every family in supporting their other needs. He enjoined his colleagues to support them in this call for the benefit of the power consumers' welfare.

Subsequently, he assured the Body that the members of the power bloc and member-consumer-owners of electric cooperatives will continue working for continuous energy supply and lower electric bills during this public health emergency.

**REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE EBCAS**

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

Thereupon, Representative Macapagal Arroyo moved for the recognition of Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago to avail of the Privilege Hour.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair declared a recess at 3:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:22 p.m.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO**

Representative Macapagal Arroyo then stated that due to audio problems, Representative Elago will deliver her privilege speech on the following week.

On further motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized Rep. Godofredo N. Guya for his privilege speech through the Zoom teleconference.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE GUYA**

Representative Guya lauded the efforts during the pandemic of frontliners in the energy sector, namely, office personnel, meter readers, and line workers whom he called the "warriors of light." He particularly cited the latter who, despite being given little or no recognition, had been sacrificing their comfort and risking their health to ensure continuous electric service especially in hospitals, markets, and other essential industries.

Representative Guya then informed the Body that three line workers had in fact lost their lives during the pandemic. As he recalled speeches that he and other members of the power bloc had delivered early that year about other fallen "warriors of light", he thanked energy frontliners for their services and assured them of protection and care.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GUYA

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

SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

On successive motions of Representatives Macapagal Arroyo, Castelo, Cristal L. Bagatsing, and Taduran, 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 March 10, 2020:

1. House Bill No. 5083, entitled: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION OF UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES, AND SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR), DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), PEOPLE'S CREDIT AND FINANCE CORPORATION (PCFC), COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA), NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) AND THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (QUEDANCOR)

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Abu
Abellanosa	Abueg-Zaldivar

Abunda	Cueva
Acop	Dagooc
Acosta-Alba	Dalipe
Advincula	Dalog
Agabas	Datol
Aglipay	Daza
Aguinaldo	De Jesus
Albano	de Venecia
Almario	Defensor (L.)
Alonte	Defensor (M.)
Alvarez (F.)	Del Mar
Amante-Matba	Delos Santos
Andaya	Deloso-Montalla
Angara	Dimaporo (A.)
Aragones	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Arenas	Dy (F.)
Arroyo	Dy (F.M.C.)
Babasa	Ebcas
Bagatsing	Ecleo
Balindong	Enverga
Barba	Erice
Barbers	Eriguel
Baronda	Ermita-Buhain
Bascug	Escudero
Bautista	Espina
Bautista-Bandigan	Fariñas (R.C.)
Belmonte	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Benitez	Ferrer (J.M.)
Billones	Frasco
Bolilia	Gaite
Bondoc	Garcia (P.J.)
Bordado	Garcia (V.)
Bravo	Gasataya
Brosas	Gato
Bustos	Geron
Cabatbat	Go (E.C.)
Cabochan	Go (M.)
Cabredo	Gonzales (A.)
Cagas	Gonzales (N.)
Calderon	Gonzalez
Campos	Gorriceta
Cari	Guico
Castelo	Guya
Castro (F.L.)	Hataman
Cayetano (A.P.)	Hernandez
Cayetano (M.L.)	Herrera-Dy
Celeste	Hofer
Chatto	Jalosjos
Chipeco	Javier
Chungalao	Labadlabad
Co (A.N.)	Lacson
Collantes	Lacson-Noel
Crisologo	Lagman
Cuaresma	Lagon

Lara	Romualdez (F.M.)
Lazatin	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Legarda	Romualdo
Lim	Romulo
Limkaichong	Sagarbarria
Loyola	Salo
Macapagal Arroyo	Sanchez
Maceda	Sangcopan
Madrona	Sarmiento
Malapitan	Siao
Mangudadatu	Silverio
Mariano-Hernandez	Singson-Meehan
Mariño	Sinsuat
Marquez	Suansing (E.)
Martinez	Suansing (H.)
Matugas	Suarez (A.)
Mercado	Suarez (D.)
Momo	Suntay
Natividad-Nagaño	Taduran
Nieto	Tallado
Noel	Tambunting
Nograla (J.J.)	Tan (A.S.)
Nograla (J.F.F.)	Tan (A.)
Nolasco	Tan (S.A.)
Olivarez	Teves (J.)
Ong (J.)	Tiangco
Ong (R.)	Tolentino
Ouano-Dizon	Tulfo
Pacquiao (R.)	Tutor
Padiernos	Ty (D.)
Paduano	Umali (A.)
Palma	Umali (M.V.)
Pancho	Valeriano
Panotes	Valmayor
Peña	Vargas
Pichay	Vargas Alfonso
Pimentel	Velasco
Pineda	Vergara
Quimbo	Villa
Radaza	Villanueva (E.)
Ramirez-Sato	Villanueva (N.)
Ramos	Villar
Remulla	Violago
Revilla	Yap (E.)
Reyes	Yap (V.)
Rivera	Zamora (R.)
Robes	Zamora (W.K.)
Rodriguez	Zubiri
Roman	

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With [203] 209* affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5083.**

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on March 10, 2020:

- House Bill No. 6137, entitled: "AN ACT ENCOURAGING CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR"
- House Bill No. 6139, entitled: "AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND ENHANCING THE ROLE OF PARENT-TEACHER AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 603, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE' "

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Aguinaldo
Abellanosa	Albano
Abu	Almario
Abueg-Zaldivar	Alonte
Abunda	Alvarez (F.)
Acop	Amante-Matba
Acosta-Alba	Andaya
Advincula	Angara
Agabas	Aragones
Aglipay	Arenas

*See page 34 for correction on the result of the voting on House Bill No. 5083.

** Due to technical and internet glitches which thereby delayed the transmission of messages, the affirmative votes of the following Members were received after the announcement of the voting result on House Bill No. 5083: Representatives Adiong, Arbsion, Atienza, Aumentado, Bañas-Nograla, Bernos, Biazon, Caminero, Canama, Cua, Cullamat, Dujali, Duterte, Estrella, Fernandez, Fuentebella, Gonzaga, Haresco, Khonghun, Lusotan, Mangaoang, Nava, Oaminal, Ortega, Plaza, Roque, Salceda, Salimbangon, Santos-Recto, Saulog, Savellano, Tejada, Unabia, and Villaraza-Suarez.

Arroyo	Dy (F.M.C.)	Mercado	Sarmiento
Babasa	Ebcas	Momo	Siao
Bagatsing	Ecleo	Natividad-Nagaño	Silverio
Balindong	Enverga	Nieto	Singson-Meehan
Barba	Erice	Noel	Sinsuat
Barbers	Eriguel	Nogales (J.J.)	Suansing (E.)
Baronda	Ermita-Buhain	Nogales (J.F.F.)	Suansing (H.)
Bascug	Escudero	Nolasco	Suarez (A.)
Bautista	Espina	Olivarez	Suarez (D.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Fariñas (R.C.)	Ong (J.)	Suntay
Belmonte	Fariñas I (R.C.)	Ong (R.)	Taduran
Benitez	Ferrer (J.M.)	Ouano-Dizon	Tallado
Billones	Frasco	Pacquiao (R.)	Tambunting
Bolilia	Gaite	Padiernos	Tan (A.S.)
Bondoc	Garcia (P.J.)	Paduano	Tan (A.)
Bordado	Garcia (V.)	Palma	Tan (S.A.)
Bravo	Gasataya	Pancho	Teves (J.)
Brosas	Gato	Panotes	Tiangco
Bustos	Geron	Peña	Tolentino
Cabatbat	Go (E.C.)	Pichay	Tulfo
Cabochan	Go (M.)	Pimentel	Tutor
Cabredo	Gonzales (A.)	Pineda	Ty (D.)
Cagas	Gonzales (N.)	Quimbo	Umali (A.)
Calderon	Gonzalez	Radaza	Umali (M.V.)
Campos	Gorriceta	Ramirez-Sato	Valeriano
Cari	Guico	Ramos	Valmayor
Castelo	Guya	Remulla	Vargas
Castro (F.L.)	Hataman	Revilla	Vargas Alfonso
Cayetano (A.P.)	Hernandez	Reyes	Velasco
Cayetano (M.L.)	Herrera-Dy	Rivera	Vergara
Celeste	Hofer	Robes	Villa
Chatto	Jalosjos	Rodriguez	Villanueva (E.)
Chipeco	Javier	Roman	Villanueva (N.)
Chungalao	Labadlabad	Romualdez (F.M.)	Villar
Co (A.N.)	Lacson	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Violago
Collantes	Lacson-Noel	Romualdo	Yap (E.)
Crisologo	Lagman	Romulo	Yap (V.)
Cuaresma	Lagon	Sagarbarria	Zamora (R.)
Cueva	Lara	Salo	Zamora (W.K.)
Dagooc	Lazatin	Sanchez	Zubiri
Dalipe	Legarda	Sangcopan	
Dalog	Lim		
Datol	Limkaichong	<i>Negative:</i>	
Daza	Loyola		
De Jesus	Macapagal Arroyo		
de Venecia	Maceda	None	
Defensor (L.)	Madrona		
Defensor (M.)	Malapitan	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Del Mar	Mangudadatu		
Delos Santos	Mariano-Hernandez	None	
Deloso-Montalla	Mariño		
Dimaporo (A.)	Marquez		
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Martinez		
Dy (F.)	Matugas		

With 209 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.*

* Due to technical and internet glitches which thereby delayed the transmission of messages, the affirmative votes of the following Members were received after the announcement of the voting results on House Bill Nos. 6137 and 6139: Representatives Adiong, Arbsion, Atienza, Aumentado, Bañas-Nogales, Bernos, Biazon, Caminero, Canama, Cua, Cullamat, Dujali, Duterte, Estrella, Fernandez, Fuentebella, Gonzaga, Haresco, Khonghun, Lusotan, Mangaoang, Nava, Oaminal, Ortega, Plaza, Roque, Salceda, Salimbangon, Santos-Recto, Saulog, Savellano, Tejada, Unabia, and Villaraza-Suarez.

**CORRECTION OF THE RESULT OF
THE VOTING ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5083**

With leave of the House, the Chair, as informed by the Secretariat, corrected the result of the voting on Third Reading of House Bill No. 5083, as follows: instead of “203” affirmative votes, the correct result was 209 affirmative votes. He then directed the Secretariat to implement the correction accordingly.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING
OF HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

Distributed on March 10, 2020:

4. House Bill No. 5855, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO, 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 roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Arroyo
Abellanosa	Babasa
Abu	Bagatsing
Abueg-Zaldivar	Balindong
Abunda	Barba
Acop	Barbers
Acosta-Alba	Baronda
Advincula	Bascug
Agabas	Bautista
Aglipay	Bautista-Bandigan
Aguinaldo	Belmonte
Albano	Benitez
Almario	Billones
Alonte	Bolilia
Alvarez (F.)	Bondoc
Amante-Matba	Bordado
Andaya	Bravo
Angara	Brosas
Aragones	Bustos
Arenas	Cabatbat

Cabochan	Go (M.)
Cabredo	Gonzales (A.)
Cagas	Gonzales (N.)
Calderon	Gonzalez
Campos	Gorriceta
Cari	Guico
Castelo	Guya
Castro (F.L.)	Hataman
Cayetano (A.P.)	Hernandez
Cayetano (M.L.)	Herrera-Dy
Celeste	Hofer
Chatto	Jalosjos
Chungalao	Javier
Co (A.N.)	Labadlabad
Collantes	Lacson
Crisologo	Lacson-Noel
Cua	Lagman
Cuaresma	Lagon
Cueva	Lara
Dagooc	Lazatin
Dalipe	Legarda
Dalog	Lim
Datol	Limkaichong
Daza	Loyola
De Jesus	Macapagal Arroyo
de Venecia	Maceda
Defensor (L.)	Madrona
Defensor (M.)	Malapitan
Del Mar	Mangudadatu
Delos Santos	Mariano-Hernandez
Deloso-Montalla	Mariño
Dimaporo (A.)	Marquez
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Martinez
Dy (F.)	Matugas
Dy (F.M.C.)	Mercado
Ebcas	Momo
Ecleo	Natividad-Nagaño
Enverga	Nieto
Erice	Noel
Eriguel	Nogralas (J.J.)
Ermita-Buhain	Nogralas (J.F.F.)
Escudero	Nolasco
Espina	Olivarez
Fariñas (R.C.)	Ong (J.)
Fariñas I (R.C.)	Ong (R.)
Ferrer (J.M.)	Ouano-Dizon
Frasco	Pacquiao (R.)
Gaite	Padiernos
Garcia (P.J.)	Paduano
Garcia (V.)	Palma
Gasataya	Pancho
Gato	Panotes
Geron	Peña
Go (E.C.)	Pimentel

Pineda	Taduran
Quimbo	Tallado
Radaza	Tambunting
Ramirez-Sato	Tan (A.S.)
Ramos	Tan (A.)
Remulla	Tan (S.A.)
Revilla	Teves (J.)
Reyes	Tiangco
Rivera	Tolentino
Robes	Tulfo
Rodriguez	Tutor
Roman	Ty (D.)
Romualdez (F.M.)	Umali (A.)
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Umali (M.V.)
Romualdo	Valeriano
Romulo	Valmayor
Sagarbarria	Vargas
Salo	Vargas Alfonso
Sanchez	Velasco
Sangcopan	Vergara
Sarmiento	Villa
Siao	Villanueva (E.)
Silverio	Villanueva (N.)
Singson-Meehan	Villar
Sinsuat	Violago
Suansing (E.)	Yap (E.)
Suansing (H.)	Yap (V.)
Suarez (A.)	Zamora (R.)
Suarez (D.)	Zamora (W.K.)
Suntay	Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 208 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third reading House Bill No. 5855.*

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)

Distributed on March 11, 2020:

- House Bill No. 2397, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING MAY 19 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN, IN CELEBRATION OF THE BALANGAY FESTIVAL"

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Cari
Abellanos	Castelo
Abu	Castro (F.L.)
Abueg-Zaldivar	Cayetano (A.P.)
Abunda	Cayetano (M.L.)
Acop	Celeste
Acosta-Alba	Chatto
Advincula	Chungalao
Agabas	Co (A.N.)
Aglipay	Collantes
Aguinaldo	Crisologo
Albano	Cua
Almario	Cuaresma
Alonte	Cueva
Alvarez (F.)	Dagooc
Amante-Matba	Dalipe
Andaya	Dalog
Angara	Datol
Aragones	Daza
Arenas	De Jesus
Arroyo	de Venecia
Babasa	Defensor (L.)
Bagatsing	Defensor (M.)
Balindong	Del Mar
Barba	Delos Santos
Barbers	Deloso-Montalla
Baronda	Dimaporo (A.)
Bascug	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Bautista	Dy (F.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Dy (F.M.C.)
Belmonte	Ebcas
Benitez	Ecleo
Billones	Enverga
Bolilia	Erice
Bondoc	Eriguel
Bordado	Ermita-Buhain
Bravo	Escudero
Brosas	Espina
Bustos	Fariñas (R.C.)
Cabatbat	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Cabochan	Ferrer (J.M.)
Cabredo	Frasco
Cagas	Gaite
Calderon	Garcia (P.J.)
Campos	Garcia (V.)

* Due to technical and internet glitches which thereby delayed the transmission of messages, the affirmative votes of the following Members were received after the announcement of the voting result on House Bill No. 5855: Representatives Adiong, Arbsion, Atienza, Aumentado, Bañas-Nogralas, Bernos, Biazon, Caminero, Canama, Cullamat, Dujali, Duterte, Estrella, Fernandez, Fuentebella, Gonzaga, Haresco, Khonghun, Lusotan, Mangaoang, Nava, Oaminal, Ortega, Plaza, Roque, Salceda, Salimbangon, Santos-Recto, Saulog, Savellano, Tejada, Unabia, and Villaraza-Suarez.

Gasataya	Panotes
Gato	Peña
Geron	Pimentel
Go (E.C.)	Pineda
Go (M.)	Quimbo
Gonzales (A.)	Radaza
Gonzales (N.)	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzalez	Ramos
Gorriceta	Remulla
Guico	Revilla
Guya	Reyes
Hataman	Rivera
Hernandez	Robes
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez
Hofer	Roman
Jalosjos	Romualdez (F.M.)
Javier	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Labadlabad	Romualdo
Lacson	Romulo
Lacson-Noel	Sagarbarria
Lagman	Salo
Lagon	Sanchez
Lara	Sangcopan
Lazatin	Sarmiento
Legarda	Siao
Lim	Silverio
Limkaichong	Singson-Meehan
Loyola	Sinsuat
Macapagal Arroyo	Suansing (E.)
Maceda	Suansing (H.)
Madrona	Suarez (A.)
Malapitan	Suarez (D.)
Mangudadatu	Suntay
Mariano-Hernandez	Taduran
Mariño	Tallado
Marquez	Tambunting
Martinez	Tan (A.S.)
Matugas	Tan (A.)
Mercado	Tan (S.A.)
Momo	Teves (J.)
Natividad-Nagaño	Tiangco
Nieto	Tolentino
Noel	Tulfo
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tutor
Nogralas (J.F.F.)	Ty (D.)
Nolasco	Umali (A.)
Olivarez	Umali (M.V.)
Ong (J.)	Valeriano
Ong (R.)	Valmayor
Ouano-Dizon	Vargas
Pacquiao (R.)	Vargas Alfonso
Padiernos	Velasco
Paduano	Vergara
Palma	Villa
Pancho	Villanueva (E.)

Villanueva (N.)	Yap (V.)
Villar	Zamora (R.)
Violago	Zamora (W.K.)
Yap (E.)	Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 209 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third reading House Bill No. 2397.*

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on March 11, 2020:

6. House Bill No. 4939, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN BARANGAY MACUYON, MUNICIPALITY OF SIRAWAI, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

7. House Bill No. 5027, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISH PORT IN BARANGAY MALINTUBUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE 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 roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Abueg-Zaldivar
Abellanosa	Abunda
Abu	Acop

* Due to technical and internet glitches which thereby delayed the transmission of messages, the affirmative votes of the following Members were received after the announcement of the voting result on House Bill No. 2397: Representatives Adiong, Arbsion, Atienza, Aumentado, Bañas-Nogralas, Bernos, Biazon, Caminero, Canama, Cullamat, Dujali, Duterte, Estrella, Fernandez, Fuentebella, Gonzaga, Haresco, Khonghun, Lusotan, Mangaoang, Nava, Oaminal, Ortega, Plaza, Roque, Salceda, Salimbangan, Santos-Recto, Saulog, Savellano, Tejada, Unabia, and Villaraza-Suarez.

Acosta-Alba	Dalipe	Lim	Romualdo
Advincula	Dalog	Limkaichong	Romulo
Agabas	Datol	Loyola	Sagarbarria
Aglipay	Daza	Macapagal Arroyo	Salo
Aguinaldo	De Jesus	Maceda	Sanchez
Albano	de Venecia	Madrona	Sangcopan
Almario	Defensor (L.)	Malapitan	Sarmiento
Alonte	Defensor (M.)	Mangudadatu	Saulog
Alvarez (F.)	Del Mar	Mariano-Hernandez	Siao
Amante-Matba	Delos Santos	Mariño	Silverio
Andaya	Deloso-Montalla	Marquez	Singson-Meehan
Angara	Dimaporo (A.)	Martinez	Sinsuat
Aragones	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas	Suansing (E.)
Arenas	Dy (F.)	Mercado	Suansing (H.)
Arroyo	Dy (F.M.C.)	Momo	Suarez (A.)
Babasa	Ebcas	Natividad-Nagaño	Suarez (D.)
Bagatsing	Ecleo	Nieto	Suntay
Balindong	Enverga	Noel	Taduran
Barba	Erice	Nogralles (J.J.)	Tallado
Barbers	Eriguel	Nogralles (J.F.F.)	Tambunting
Baronda	Ermita-Buhain	Nolasco	Tan (A.S.)
Bascug	Escudero	Olivarez	Tan (A.)
Bautista	Espina	Ong (J.)	Tan (S.A.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Fariñas (R.C.)	Ong (R.)	Teves (J.)
Belmonte	Fariñas I (R.C.)	Ouano-Dizon	Tiangco
Benitez	Ferrer (J.M.)	Pacquiao (R.)	Tolentino
Bernos	Frasco	Padiernos	Tulfo
Billones	Gaite	Paduano	Tutor
Bolilia	Garcia (P.J.)	Palma	Ty (D.)
Bondoc	Garcia (V.)	Pancho	Umali (A.)
Bordado	Gasataya	Panotes	Umali (M.V.)
Bravo	Gato	Peña	Valeriano
Brosas	Geron	Pimentel	Valmayor
Bustos	Go (E.C.)	Pineda	Vargas
Cabatbat	Go (M.)	Quimbo	Vargas Alfonso
Cabochan	Gonzales (A.)	Radaza	Velasco
Cabredo	Gonzales (N.)	Ramirez-Sato	Vergara
Cagas	Gonzalez	Ramos	Villa
Calderon	Gorriceta	Remulla	Villanueva (E.)
Campos	Guico	Revilla	Villanueva (N.)
Cari	Guya	Reyes	Villar
Castelo	Hataman	Rivera	Violago
Castro (F.L.)	Hernandez	Robes	Yap (E.)
Cayetano (A.P.)	Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez	Yap (V.)
Cayetano (M.L.)	Hofer	Roman	Zamora (R.)
Celeste	Jalosjos	Romualdez (F.M.)	Zamora (W.K.)
Chatto	Javier	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Zubiri
Chungalao	Labadlabad		
Co (A.N.)	Lacson	<i>Negative:</i>	
Collantes	Lacson-Noel		
Crisologo	Lagman	None	
Cua	Lagon		
Cuaresma	Lara	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Cueva	Lazatin		
Dagooc	Legarda	None	

With 210 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third reading House Bill Nos. 4939 and 5027.*

APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

Distributed on March 11, 2020:

8. House Bill No. 6441, entitled: "AN ACT INCLUDING AREVALO PLAZA IN THE ILOILO CITY CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10555, ENTITLED: 'AN ACT DECLARING THE JARO CATHEDRAL, MOLO CHURCH, THE ILOILO CITY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, FORT SAN PEDRO, JARO PLAZA COMPLEX, MOLO PLAZA COMPLEX AND PLAZA LIBERTAD COMPLEX, ALL LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, AS CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM ZONE' "
9. House Bill No. 6442, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING MOUNT ARAYAT, BORDERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ARAYAT AND MAGALANG, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
10. House Bill No. 6445, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BARANGAY PALILI, MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
11. House Bill No. 6446, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING THE PALANI BEACH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALUD, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"
12. House Bill No. 6447, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING THE BAT-ONGAN PEAK, CAVE AND UNDERGROUND RIVER LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANDAON, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AN ECOTOURISM ZONE 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 roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Cagas
Abellanosa	Calderon
Abu	Campos
Abueg-Zaldivar	Cari
Abunda	Castelo
Acop	Castro (F.L.)
Acosta-Alba	Cayetano (A.P.)
Advincula	Cayetano (M.L.)
Agabas	Celeste
Aglipay	Chatto
Aguinaldo	Chungalao
Albano	Co (A.N.)
Almario	Collantes
Alonte	Crisologo
Alvarez (F.)	Cua
Amante-Matba	Cuaresma
Andaya	Cueva
Angara	Dagooc
Aragones	Dalipe
Arenas	Dalog
Arroyo	Datol
Aumentado	Daza
Babasa	De Jesus
Bagatsing	de Venecia
Balindong	Defensor (L.)
Barba	Defensor (M.)
Barbers	Del Mar
Baronda	Delos Santos
Bascug	Deloso-Montalla
Bautista	Dimaporo (A.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Belmonte	Dy (F.)
Benitez	Dy (F.M.C.)
Bernos	Ebcas
Billones	Ecleo
Bolilia	Enverga
Bondoc	Erice
Bordado	Eriguel
Bravo	Ermita-Buhain
Brosas	Escudero
Bustos	Espina
Cabatbat	Fariñas (R.C.)
Cabochan	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Cabredo	Ferrer (J.M.)

* Due to technical and internet glitches which thereby delayed the transmission of messages, the affirmative votes of the following Members were received after the announcement of the voting results on House Bills Nos. 4939 and 5027: Representatives Adiong, Arbsion, Atienza, Aumentado, Bañas-Nogralles, Biazon, Caminero, Canama, Cullamat, Dujali, Duterte, Estrella, Fernandez, Fuentesbella, Gonzaga, Haresco, Khonghun, Lusotan, Mangaoang, Nava, Oaminal, Ortega, Plaza, Roque, Salceda, Salimbangon, Santos-Recto, Savellano, Tejada, Unabia, and Villaraza-Suarez.

Frasco	Pacquiao (R.)	Valmayor	Villar
Fuentebella	Padiernos	Vargas	Violago
Gaite	Paduano	Vargas Alfonso	Yap (E.)
Garcia (P.J.)	Palma	Velasco	Yap (V.)
Garcia (V.)	Pancho	Vergara	Zamora (R.)
Gasataya	Panotes	Villa	Zamora (W.K.)
Gato	Peña	Villanueva (E.)	Zubiri
Geron	Pimentel	Villanueva (N.)	
Go (E.C.)	Pineda		
Go (M.)	Quimbo	<i>Negative:</i>	
Gonzales (A.)	Radaza		
Gonzales (N.)	Ramirez-Sato	None	
Gonzalez	Ramos		
Gorriceta	Remulla	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Guico	Revilla		
Guya	Reyes	None	
Hataman	Rivera		
Hernandez	Robes		
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez	With 213 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.*	
Hofer	Roman		
Jalosjos	Romualdez (F.M.)		
Javier	Romualdez (Y.M.)	APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS	
Labadlabad	Romualdo	(Continuation)	
Lacson	Romulo		
Lacson-Noel	Sagarbarria		
Lagman	Salo	<u>Distributed on March 11, 2020:</u>	
Lagon	Sanchez		
Lara	Sangcopan	13. House Bill No. 6443, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING GANGUB CAVE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”	
Lazatin	Santos-Recto		
Legarda	Sarmiento		
Lim	Saulog		
Limkaichong	Siao		
Loyola	Silverio		
Macapagal Arroyo	Singson-Meehan		
Maceda	Sinsuat		
Madrona	Suansing (E.)	14. House Bill No. 6448, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING KAPANGYAN FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AN ECOTOURISM SITE, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”	
Malapitan	Suansing (H.)		
Mangudadatu	Suarez (A.)		
Mariano-Hernandez	Suarez (D.)		
Mariño	Suntay		
Marquez	Taduran		
Martinez	Tallado		
Matugas	Tambunting		
Mercado	Tan (A.S.)	The Chair then directed the Secretary General to call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, a roll call vote was made.	
Momo	Tan (A.)		
Natividad-Nagaño	Tan (S.A.)		
Nieto	Teves (J.)		
Noel	Tiangco		
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tolentino	RESULT OF THE VOTING	
Nogralles (J.F.F.)	Tulfo	The result of the voting was as follows:	
Nolasco	Tutor		
Olivarez	Ty (D.)	<i>Affirmative:</i>	
Ong (J.)	Umali (A.)		
Ong (R.)	Umali (M.V.)	Abante	Abu
Ouano-Dizon	Valeriano	Abellanosa	Abueg-Zaldivar

* Due to technical and internet glitches which thereby delayed the transmission of messages, the affirmative votes of the following Members were received after the announcement of the voting results on House Bill Nos. 6441, 6442, 6445, 6446, and 6447: Representatives Adiong, Arbsion, Atienza, Bañas-Nogralles, Biazon, Caminero, Canama, Cullamat, Dujali, Duterte, Estrella, Fernandez, Gonzaga, Haresco, Khonghun, Lusotan, Mangaoang, Nava, Oaminal, Ortega, Plaza, Roque, Salceda, Salimbangon, Savellano, Tejada, Unabia, and Villaraza-Suarez.

Abunda	Crisologo	Lacson	Roman
Acop	Cua	Lacson-Noel	Romualdez (F.M.)
Acosta-Alba	Cuaresma	Lagman	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Advincula	Cueva	Lagon	Romualdo
Agabas	Dagooc	Lara	Romulo
Aglipay	Dalipe	Lazatin	Sagarbarria
Aguinaldo	Dalog	Legarda	Salo
Albano	Datol	Lim	Sanchez
Almario	Daza	Limkaichong	Sangcopan
Alonte	De Jesus	Loyola	Santos-Recto
Alvarez (F.)	de Venecia	Macapagal Arroyo	Sarmiento
Amante-Matba	Defensor (L.)	Maceda	Saulog
Andaya	Defensor (M.)	Madrona	Siao
Angara	Del Mar	Malapitan	Silverio
Aragones	Delos Santos	Mangudadatu	Singson-Meehan
Arenas	Deloso-Montalla	Mariano-Hernandez	Sinsuat
Arroyo	Dimaporo (A.)	Mariño	Suansing (E.)
Aumentado	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marquez	Suansing (H.)
Babasa	Dy (F.)	Martinez	Suarez (A.)
Bagatsing	Dy (F.M.C.)	Matugas	Suarez (D.)
Balindong	Ebcas	Mercado	Suntay
Barba	Ecleo	Momo	Taduran
Barbers	Enverga	Natividad-Nagaño	Tallado
Baronda	Erice	Nieto	Tambunting
Bascug	Eriguel	Noel	Tan (A.S.)
Bautista	Ermita-Buhain	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tan (A.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Escudero	Nogralas (J.F.F.)	Tan (S.A.)
Belmonte	Espina	Nolasco	Teves (J.)
Benitez	Fariñas (R.C.)	Olivarez	Tiangco
Bernos	Fariñas I (R.C.)	Ong (J.)	Tolentino
Billones	Ferrer (J.M.)	Ong (R.)	Tulfo
Bolilia	Frasco	Ouano-Dizon	Tutor
Bondoc	Fuentebella	Pacquiao (R.)	Ty (D.)
Bordado	Gaite	Padiernos	Umali (A.)
Bravo	Garcia (P.J.)	Paduano	Umali (M.V.)
Brosas	Garcia (V.)	Palma	Valeriano
Bustos	Gasataya	Pancho	Valmayor
Cabatbat	Gato	Panotes	Vargas
Cabochan	Geron	Peña	Vargas Alfonso
Cabredo	Go (E.C.)	Pimentel	Velasco
Cagas	Go (M.)	Pineda	Vergara
Calderon	Gonzales (A.)	Quimbo	Villa
Campos	Gonzales (N.)	Radaza	Villanueva (E.)
Cari	Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato	Villanueva (N.)
Castelo	Gorriceta	Ramos	Villar
Castro (F.L.)	Guico	Remulla	Violago
Cayetano (A.P.)	Guya	Revilla	Yap (E.)
Cayetano (M.L.)	Hataman	Reyes	Yap (V.)
Celeste	Hernandez	Rivera	Zamora (R.)
Chatto	Herrera-Dy	Robes	Zamora (W.K.)
Chipeco	Hofer	Rodriguez	Zubiri
Chungalao	Jalosjos		
Co (A.N.)	Javier	<i>Negative:</i>	
Collantes	Labadlabad	None	

Abstention:

None

With 214 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:

15. House Bill No. 6467, entitled: “AN ACT RENAMING THE PORTION OF THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BOUNDARY-CALANAN-ENRILE ROAD, STRETCHING FROM THE ANTONIO CANAO BRIDGE IN BARANGAY CALANAN, TRAVERSING THROUGH BARANGAYS BULANAO AND IPIL, UP TO THE ALLIOG BRIDGE IN BARANGAY NAMBARAN, ALL IN THE CITY OF TABUK IN THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA, AS MANUEL S. AGYAO BOULEVARD”

16. House Bill No. 6492, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAGADA – BESAO – QUIRINO, ILOCOS SUR ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD 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 roll call vote was made.

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Agabas
Abellanosa	Aglipay
Abu	Aguinaldo
Abueg-Zaldivar	Albano
Abunda	Almario
Acop	Alonte
Acosta-Alba	Alvarez (F.)
Advincula	Amante-Matba

Andaya	Del Mar
Angara	Delos Santos
Aragones	Deloso-Montalla
Arenas	Dimaporo (A.)
Arroyo	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Aumentado	Dy (F.)
Babasa	Dy (F.M.C.)
Bagatsing	Ebcas
Balindong	Ecleo
Barba	Enverga
Barbers	Erice
Baronda	Eriguel
Bascug	Ermita-Buhain
Bautista	Escudero
Bautista-Bandigan	Espina
Belmonte	Fariñas (R.C.)
Benitez	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Bernos	Ferrer (J.M.)
Billones	Frasco
Bolilia	Fuentebella
Bondoc	Gaite
Bordado	Garcia (P.J.)
Bravo	Garcia (V.)
Brosas	Gasataya
Bustos	Gato
Cabatbat	Geron
Cabochan	Go (E.C.)
Cabredo	Go (M.)
Cagas	Gonzales (A.)
Calderon	Gonzales (N.)
Campos	Gonzalez
Cari	Gorriceta
Castelo	Guico
Castro (F.L.)	Guya
Cayetano (A.P.)	Hataman
Cayetano (M.L.)	Hernandez
Celeste	Herrera-Dy
Chatto	Hofer
Chungalao	Jalosjos
Co (A.N.)	Javier
Collantes	Labadlabad
Crisologo	Lacson
Cua	Lacson-Noel
Cuaresma	Lagman
Cueva	Lagon
Dagooc	Lara
Dalipe	Lazatin
Dalog	Legarda
Datol	Lim
Daza	Limkaichong
De Jesus	Loyola
de Venecia	Lusotan
Defensor (L.)	Macapagal Arroyo
Defensor (M.)	Maceda

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Madrona	Salo
Malapitan	Sanchez
Mangudadatu	Sangcopan
Mariano-Hernandez	Santos-Recto
Mariño	Sarmiento
Marquez	Saulog
Martinez	Siao
Matugas	Silverio
Mercado	Singson-Meehan
Momo	Sinsuat
Natividad-Nagaño	Suansing (E.)
Nieto	Suansing (H.)
Noel	Suarez (A.)
Nograla (J.J.)	Suarez (D.)
Nograla (J.F.F.)	Suntay
Nolasco	Taduran
Olivarez	Tallado
Ong (J.)	Tambunting
Ong (R.)	Tan (A.S.)
Ouano-Dizon	Tan (A.)
Pacquiao (R.)	Tan (S.A.)
Padiernos	Teves (J.)
Paduano	Tiangco
Palma	Tolentino
Pancho	Tulfo
Panotes	Tutor
Peña	Ty (D.)
Pimentel	Umali (A.)
Pineda	Umali (M.V.)
Quimbo	Valeriano
Radaza	Valmayor
Ramirez-Sato	Vargas
Ramos	Vargas Alfonso
Remulla	Velasco
Revilla	Vergara
Reyes	Villa
Rivera	Villanueva (E.)
Robes	Villanueva (N.)
Rodriguez	Villar
Roman	Villaraza-Suarez
Romualdez (F.M.)	Violago
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Yap (E.)
Romualdo	Yap (V.)
Romulo	Zamora (R.)
Sagarbarria	Zamora (W.K.)
Salceda	Zubiri

Negative:

None

Abstention:

None

With 216 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:

17. House Bill No. 6491, entitled:
“AN ACT MANDATING THE
FULL REHABILITATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF KENNON ROAD
UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
WORKS AND HIGHWAYS”

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

RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative:

Abante	Barbers
Abellanosa	Baronda
Abu	Bascug
Abueg-Zaldivar	Bautista
Abunda	Bautista-Bandigan
Acop	Belmonte
Acosta-Alba	Benitez
Advincula	Bernos
Agabas	Billones
Aglipay	Bolilia
Aguinaldo	Bondoc
Albano	Bordado
Almario	Bravo
Alonte	Brosas
Alvarez (F.)	Bustos
Amante-Matba	Cabatbat
Andaya	Cabochan
Angara	Cabredo
Aragones	Cagas
Arenas	Calderon
Arroyo	Campos
Aumentado	Cari
Babasa	Castelo
Bagatsing	Castro (F.L.)
Balindong	Cayetano (A.P.)
Barba	Cayetano (M.L.)

* Due to technical and internet glitches which thereby delayed the transmission of messages, the affirmative votes of the following Members were received after the announcement of the voting results on House Bill Nos. 6467 and 6492: Representatives Adiong, Arbsion, Atienza, Bañas-Nograla, Biazon, Caminero, Canama, Cullamat, Dujali, Duterte, Estrella, Fernandez, Gonzaga, Haresco, Khonghun, Mangaoang, Nava, Oaminal, Ortega, Plaza, Roque, Salimbangan, Savellano, Tejada, and Unabia.

Celeste	Herrera-Dy	Robes	Tan (A.)
Chatto	Hofer	Rodriguez	Tan (S.A.)
Chipeco	Jalosjos	Roman	Teves (J.)
Chungalao	Javier	Romualdez (F.M.)	Tiangco
Co (A.N.)	Labadlabad	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Tolentino
Collantes	Lacson	Romualdo	Tulfo
Crisologo	Lacson-Noel	Romulo	Tutor
Cua	Lagman	Sagarbarria	Ty (D.)
Cuaresma	Lagon	Salceda	Umali (A.)
Cueva	Lara	Salo	Umali (M.V.)
Dagooc	Lazatin	Sanchez	Valeriano
Dalipe	Legarda	Sangcopan	Valmayor
Dalog	Lim	Santos-Recto	Vargas
Datol	Limkaichong	Sarmiento	Vargas Alfonso
Daza	Loyola	Saulog	Velasco
De Jesus	Lusotan	Siao	Vergara
de Venecia	Macapagal Arroyo	Silverio	Villa
Defensor (L.)	Maceda	Singson-Meehan	Villanueva (E.)
Defensor (M.)	Madrona	Sinsuat	Villanueva (N.)
Del Mar	Malapitan	Suansing (E.)	Villar
Delos Santos	Mangudadatu	Suansing (H.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Deloso-Montalla	Mariano-Hernandez	Suarez (A.)	Violago
Dimaporo (A.)	Mariño	Suarez (D.)	Yap (E.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marquez	Suntay	Yap (V.)
Dy (F.)	Martinez	Taduran	Zamora (R.)
Dy (F.M.C.)	Matugas	Tallado	Zamora (W.K.)
Ebcas	Mercado	Tambunting	Zubiri
Ecleo	Momo	Tan (A.S.)	
Enverga	Natividad-Nagaño		
Erice	Nieto	<i>Negative:</i>	
Eriguel	Noel		
Ermita-Buhain	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Escudero	Nogralas (J.F.F.)	None	
Espina	Nolasco		
Fariñas (R.C.)	Olivarez	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Fariñas I (R.C.)	Ong (J.)		
Ferrer (J.M.)	Ong (R.)	None	
Frasco	Ouano-Dizon		
Fuentebella	Pacquiao (R.)		
Gaite	Padiernos		
Garcia (P.J.)	Paduano		
Garcia (V.)	Palma		
Gasataya	Pancho		
Gato	Panotes		
Geron	Peña		
Go (E.C.)	Pimentel		
Go (M.)	Pineda		
Gonzales (A.)	Quimbo		
Gonzales (N.)	Radaza		
Gonzalez	Ramirez-Sato		
Gorriceta	Ramos		
Guico	Remulla		
Guya	Revilla		
Hataman	Reyes		
Hernandez	Rivera		

With 217 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No 6491.*

RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

At this point, on successive motions of Representative Bagatsing, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia for his privilege speech.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 4:36 p.m., the Chair declared a recess upon Representative de Venecia's motion.

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RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:38 p.m.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE DE VENECIA**

Recognized anew by the Chair, on an earlier motion of Representative Bagatsing, Representative de Venecia opened his speech by recounting some tragic events that occurred in certain parts of the world prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. After citing the health repercussions of the new coronavirus, Representative de Venecia cited facts and figures about the pandemic's effects on the national economy in general and in the "gig economy" in particular.

He initially relayed his personal experience in creative industries before entering politics. Thereafter, he spoke about various employment opportunities and incomes provided by the gig sector, which is composed primarily of freelance workers, within and outside of itself, and its role in molding and sculpting the nation's soul and consciousness as well as providing entertainment and respite amid the pandemic. He mentioned the dedication and professionalism of its members, and the problems they faced including discrimination and inadequate payment or non-payment for their services. He also explained how social distancing and "new normal" practices will exacerbate the plight of the gig sector.

While commending the initiatives of some public agencies, officials, and private groups to help the gig workers tide over this pandemic, he pointed out that these are not enough to sustain them while mass gatherings are still banned, social distancing remains a protocol, and consumer confidence remains low. He then called the attention of the House leadership and the economic managers to support the request of the Film Development Council of the Philippines for an additional budget of ₱400 million to aid this sector.

At this point, Representative de Venecia presented the following recommendations that would ensure the gig sector's survival under the "new normal": 1) mechanisms that would uphold the freelancers' dignity and welfare through financial assistance during and after the pandemic; 2) capacity-building programs and support mechanisms to assist stakeholders in the gig economy; 3) carefully crafted communication campaign to restore and inspire consumer confidence for the creative economy and

network of freelancers and all industries heavily impacted by the COVID-19; 4) regulatory forbearance such as terms in the collection of relevant taxes as stakeholders transition into the "new normal"; and 5) data collection and consolidation initiatives by relevant agencies relative to creative industries for targeted interventions and appropriate policies.

Citing the privileges and benefits that the public gets from the gig economy long before the pandemic and now under the "new normal," Representative de Venecia urged the Body to give due recognition to the gig sector, especially the creative industries, through sound policies, programs, and roadmaps, that would place it to be one of the top drivers of the Philippine economy.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ROMAN**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bagatsing, the Chair next recognized, in the Zoom video conference, Rep. Geraldine B. Roman who initially congratulated Representative de Venecia for raising his concern on the current plight of the most neglected sector of the economy, the creative industries and gig economy who were considered non-essentials during the time of the COVID-19 crisis.

She then asked if her colleague had statistics on the size of the LGBT community in said sector that had been displaced from work, uncompensated, and excluded from the government's Social Amelioration Program. This, as Representative Roman noted that most of them are breadwinners and had suffered financially because of the new coronavirus pandemic. She also enjoined her colleagues to support the measures Representative de Venecia had proposed and give due recognition to the creative sector.

Representative de Venecia said that the data has not been disaggregated from the figures he presented but they could call the attention of the NEDA and other government agencies to conduct studies that will identify LGBTQIA+ community from the data, and to put into place policies that will respond to this sector.

**REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE DE VENECIA**

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

speech of Representative de Venecia including the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Greg G. Gasataya to deliver his privilege speech through Zoom video conferencing.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GASATAYA

Representative Gasataya relayed the plight of employers and employees affected by the pandemic who were disqualified from benefitting from various government cash assistance programs due to their pending applications in another program, as well as the inadequate funds of the agencies concerned. He cited incidents thereof in Western Visayas regarding the Department of Labor and Employment's COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program and the Department of Finance's Small Business Wage Subsidy Program.

He thus suggested, as part of Congress' oversight functions over the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, the streamlining of emergency and subsidy programs of different government agencies and the implementation of an automatic referral system among them.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GASATAYA

Upon Representative Crisologo's motion, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Gasataya's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Upon Representative Crisologo's further motion, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 5:44 p.m., upon Representative Crisologo's motion.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:57 p.m.

CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 4581

With the consent of the Committee on Legislative Franchises and the author of the Bill, on motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body concurred with the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 4581, renewing the franchise of the Golden Broadcast Professional, Inc.

CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE MEASURES

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body then changed the referral of the following House measures to the committees specified hereunder:

1. House Bill No. 846 – from the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability to the Committees on Legislative Franchises, and Good Government and Public Accountability; and
2. House Bill No. 853 – from the Committee on Legislative Franchises to the Committees on Legislative Franchises, and Good Government and Public Accountability.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

With the Chair expressing the solidarity of the Members with their fellow Muslim brothers by not holding a plenary session on Monday, May 25, 2020, on motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

It was 5:59 p.m. of Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on May 26, 2020.

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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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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
 HOFER
 JALOSJOS
 JAVIER
 JIMENEZ
 KHO (E.)
 KHO (W.)
 KHONGHUN
 LABADLABAD
 LACSON
 LACSON-NOEL
 LAGMAN
 LAGON
 LARA
 LAZATIN
 LEACHON
 LEGARDA
 LIM
 LIMKAICHONG
 LOPEZ
 LOYOLA
 LUSOTAN
 MACAPAGAL ARROYO
 MACEDA
 MADRONA
 MALAPITAN
 MANGAOANG
 MANGUDADATU
 MARCOLETA
 MARIANO-HERNANDEZ
 MARIÑO
 MARQUEZ
 MARTINEZ
 MATBA
 MATUGAS
 MENDOZA
 MERCADO
 MOMO
 NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO
 NAVA
 NIETO
 NOEL
 NOGRALES (J.J.)
 NOGRALES (J.F.F.)
 NOLASCO
 NUÑEZ-MALANYAON
 OAMINAL
 OLIVAREZ
 ONG (J.)
 ONG (R.)
 ORTEGA

OUANO-DIZON
 PACQUIAO (A.)
 PACQUIAO (R.)
 PADIERNOS
 PADUANO
 PALMA
 PANCHO
 PANOTES
 PEÑA
 PICHAY
 PIMENTEL
 PINEDA
 PLAZA
 PUNO
 QUIMBO
 RADAZA
 RAMIREZ-SATO
 RAMOS
 REMULLA
 REVILLA
 REYES
 RIVERA
 ROBES
 RODRIGUEZ
 ROMAN
 ROMERO
 ROMUALDEZ (F.M.)
 ROMUALDEZ (Y.M.)
 ROMUALDO
 ROMULO
 ROQUE
 SACDALAN
 SAGARBARRIA
 SAKALURAN
 SALCEDA
 SALIMBANGON
 SALO
 SANCHEZ
 SANGCOPAN
 SANTOS-RECTO
 SARMIENTO
 SAULOG
 SAVELLANO
 SIAO
 SILVERIO
 SINGSON
 SINGSON-MEEHAN
 SINSUAT
 SUANSING (E.)
 SUANSING (H.)
 SUAREZ (A.)

SUAREZ (D.)
 SUNTAY
 SY-ALVARADO
 TADURAN
 TALLADO
 TAMBUNTING
 TAN (A.S.)
 TAN (A.)
 TAN (SAMIER)
 TAN (S.A.)
 TAN (SHERNEE)
 TEJADA
 TEVES (A.)
 TEVES (J.)
 TIANGCO
 TOLENTINO
 TORRES-GOMEZ
 TULFO
 TUPAS
 TUTOR
 TY (A.)
 TY (D.)
 UMALI (A.)
 UMALI (M.V.)
 UNABIA
 UNGAB
 UY (J.)
 UY (R.)
 VALERIANO
 VALMAYOR
 VARGAS
 VARGAS ALFONSO
 VELASCO
 VELOSO
 VERGARA
 VILLA
 VILLAFUERTE
 VILLANUEVA (E.)
 VILLANUEVA (N.)
 VILLAR
 VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
 VILLARICA
 VIOLAGO
 YAP (E.)
 YAP (V.)
 YU
 ZAMORA (R.)
 ZAMORA (W.K.)
 ZARATE
 ZUBIRI

* Appeared 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

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