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**& Monday to Wednesday, September 30 to October 1 and 2, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, September 24, 2019, Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta called the session to order.

**PRAYER AND NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

**DEFERMENT OF ROLL CALL  
AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL**

On motion of Rep. Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

**REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

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

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 4710, entitled:

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

By Representative Dy (Faustino Inno)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 4711, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE DOWNSTREAM PETROLEUM INDUSTRY AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 4712, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING CENTRALIZED PROCUREMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE COUNTRY”

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

House Bill No. 4713, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER PROVINCIAL JAILS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bustos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4714, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES (MTCC), TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Torres-Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4715, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLES 29, 97, 98 AND 99 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Torres-Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4716, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING GOOD MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT (GMRC) IN THE K-12 CURRICULUM”

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

House Bill No. 4717, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS PRIORITY CRUISE SHIP DESTINATION IN MIMAROPA REGION”

By Representatives Acosta, Abueg-Zaldivar and Alvarez (Franz)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4718, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR POOR LITIGANTS”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 4719, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPUTER LABORATORY IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4720, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NATIONAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO' ”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4721, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO MUSLIMS AND TRIBAL FILIPINOS”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4722, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE TEACHING OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

PARTICULARLY COPYRIGHT LAW AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM OF ALL PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND TERTIARY SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4723, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CANDIJAY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN THE THIRD DISTRICT OF BOHOL INTO A DISTRICT HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM TEN (10) TO FIFTY (50), UPGRADING ITS FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tutor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4724, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE AND BRINGING IN OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS BY INDIVIDUALS AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS INSIDE TOURIST SITES/DESTINATIONS”

By Representative Tutor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4725, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, PRESCRIBING REQUIREMENTS, GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR THEIR OPERATION, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4726, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHTS OF MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE SUBSCRIBERS, ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS IN THE QUALITY OF SUCH SERVICES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4727, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING EVERY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENT TO PROVIDE FREE POTABLE WATER IN ALL THEIR EDIFICES AND OFFICES FOR THEIR PATRONS”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4728, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING MORE STRINGENT POLICY ON GRANTING INDIVIDUALS PERMIT TO CARRY FIREARMS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4729, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE HEALTH MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4730, entitled:

“AN ACT SUBSTANTIALLY INCENTIVIZING FILIPINO INVENTORS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FULLY DEVELOPING THEIR INVENTIONS THAT BENEFIT THE NATION”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4731, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATASAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4732, entitled:

“AN ACT UPHOLDING THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF AFP AND PNP MEMBERS’ CHILDREN AND/OR DEPENDENTS IN THE EVENT OF THEIR DEATH IN

THE LINE OF DUTY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4733, entitled:

“AN ACT CLASSIFYING TABLOIDS CONTAINING SEXUAL STORIES AND IMAGES AS PORNOGRAPHIC OR X-RATED, DENOMINATING THEM AS ONLY FOR ADULTS, REGULATING THEIR CIRCULATION AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4734, entitled:

“AN ACT DISALLOWING HOSPITAL BILLS COMPUTED BASED ON ROOM RATE FOR PATIENTS AVAILING OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE THEREBY PRESCRIBING A UNIFORM BILLING SPECTRUM ON NEEDY PATIENTS”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4735, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE PROVINCIAL AGRARIAN REFORM OFFICE OF LANA O DEL NORTE FROM ILIGAN CITY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD, LANA O DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 4736, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF SPORTS, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4737, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL

HIGHWAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALO-I, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BALO-I BYPASS ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4738, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 4739, entitled:

“COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES LAW”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4740, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY SATELLITE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4741, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY SATELLITE CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BORON, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4742, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7103, 'OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY ACT', PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4743, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES' AND AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE,' AND OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS”

By Representatives Yap (Eric), Tulfo and Tadiran  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4744, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF MAYOR HILARION A. RAMIRO SR. MEDICAL CENTER IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4745, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 361, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS



(DPWH) AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ENSURE THAT THE UTILITY POLES AFFECTED BY ROAD WIDENING PROJECTS ARE RELOCATED TO THEIR APPROPRIATE PLACES”

By Representative Crisologo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 362, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE RE-EMERGENCE OF POLIO IN OUR COUNTRY NINETEEN (19) YEARS AFTER THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) DECLARED THE PHILIPPINES POLIO-FREE”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 363, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE ALLEGED DOUBLE PAYMENT OF DOLEOUTS TO DSWD’S PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) BENEFICIARIES AND OTHER ANOMALIES AS CONTAINED IN THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT’S AUDIT REPORT”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 364, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT MASSIVE INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT THE FURTHER SPREAD OF THE POLIO VIRUS IN THE PHILIPPINES, ESPECIALLY IN LANA DEL SUR, WITH THE PURPOSE OF ERADICATING THE DISEASE”

By Representative Balindong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 365, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING SPEAKER ALAN PETER CAYETANO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO RESTORE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020

PROPOSED SUBSIDY FROM THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF PHP 6.146 BILLION FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION REDUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO PHP 1.531 BILLION PESOS”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Umali (Ma. Victoria), Paduano, Taduran, Tulfo, Yap (Eric), Castro (France), Ebcas, Delos Santos, Dagooc, Cullamat, Gaite, Zarate, Rivera, Momo, Padiernos, Salo, Cabatbat, Gonzalez (Sandro), Pacquiao (Alberto), Bustos, De Jesus, Singson, Lim, Guya, Teves (Jose), Saulog, Abante, Zubiri, Bascug, Ty, Flores, Sacdalan, Unabia, Tutor, Ecleo, Matugas, Salimbangon and Plaza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 366, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE VERY TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF KAGAYANON DARWIN DORMITORIO DUE TO MURDEROUS HAZING BY HIS UPPER CLASSMEN AND THE GROSS NEGLIGENCE, IF NOT COMPLICITY, OF THE OFFICIALS OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 367, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES AND COMMITMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXACT JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE PASSING OF HAZING VICTIM, PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY FOURTH CLASS CADET DARWIN DORMITORIO”

By Representatives Elago and Uy (Rolando)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

## PRIVILEGE HOUR

With the permission of the Speaker and the unanimous consent of the Members, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

Thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III to deliver his privilege speech.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH  
OF REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA (J.E.)**

Representative Garcia talked about the proposal of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to adopt a gross income taxation instead of the current net VAT collection system during his speech at the inauguration of the Bataan Government Center and Business Hub in Balanga City, Bataan. He then shared how his late father, former Gov. Enrique “Tet” T. Garcia Jr. advocated for the same in 1988 and opposed the implementation of the value-added tax (VAT) system which for him promoted corruption. He further stated that VAT remains as one of the most poorly collected taxes in the current tax regime.

After citing various facts and statistics, Representative Garcia concluded that (1) missed tax collection goals mainly accounted for the tax collection shortfall, and (2) the deduction system of taxation provided greater opportunities for tax leakage. He urged Congress to support the president’s fight against corruption and the House to consider adopting a gross system of taxation and craft legislation thereon.

On motion of Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION  
OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza posited that the declining rate of tax collection was not only due to corruption but also to the lack of interest of local government units (LGUs) to collect national taxes. He explained that LGUs have not only benefitted from the same but have also been deprived of their automatic and just share in the internal revenue allotment (IRA) as provided for by the Constitution, the 1991 Local Government Code, and jurisprudence. He stressed that local autonomy is the only way to national development but this will not happen if tax revenues do not trickle down to the local level.

Representative Garcia (J.E.) agreed with his colleague’s point of view.

**SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion of Representative Crisologo, the Chair suspended the Privilege Hour.

**ROLL CALL**

On motion of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante	Caoagdan
Abueg-Zaldivar	Castelo
Abunda	Castro (F.L.)
Acosta	Castro (F.H.)
Advincula	Cayetano (A.P.)
Agabas	Cayetano (M.L.)
Agarao	Celeste
Aglipay	Chatto
Aguinaldo	Chipeco
Albano (A.)	Chungalao
Almario	Co (A.N.)
Alvarez (F.)	Co (E.)
Alvarez (G.)	Collantes
Alvarez (P.)	Crisologo
Amatong	Cua
Angara	Cuaresma
Aragones	Cueva
Arenas	Cullamat
Arroyo	Dagooc
Atienza	Dalipe
Babasa	Dalog
Bagatsing	Daza
Balindong	De Jesus
Barba	de Venecia
Baronda	Defensor (L.)
Barzaga	Del Mar
Bascug	Delos Santos
Bautista	Deloso-Montalla
Bautista-Bandigan	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Belmonte	Dujali
Benitez	Duterte
Bernos	Dy (F.)
Biazon	Dy (F.M.C.)
Billones	Dy (I.P.)
Biron	Ebcas
Bolilia	Elago
Bondoc	Enverga
Bordado	Erice
Bulut	Eriguel
Cabatbat	Ermita-Buhain
Cabredo	Escudero
Cagas	Espina
Calderon	Espino
Calixto	Estrella
Caminero	Fariñas (R.C.)
Campos	Fernandez
Canama	Ferrer (J.M.)

Ferrer (L.)	Nolasco	Tutor	Velasco
Flores	Olivarez	Ty	Veloso
Fongwan	Ong (J.)	Umali (A.)	Vergara
Fortuno	Ortega	Umali (M.V.)	Villanueva (N.)
Frasco	Pacquiao (A.)	Unabia	Villar
Fuentebella	Pacquiao (R.)	Ungab	Violago
Gaite	Padiernos	Uy (J.)	Yap (E.)
Garbin	Palma	Uy (R.)	Yu
Garcia (J.E.)	Pancho	Valeriano	Zamora (R.)
Garcia (P.J.)	Panotes	Valmayor	Zamora (W.K.)
Garin (S.)	Pichay	Vargas	Zarate
Gasataya	Pimentel	Vargas Alfonso	Zubiri
Gatchalian	Pineda		
Geron	Puno	With 226 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)	
Go (M.)	Radaza	<b>ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS</b>	
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato	Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Julienne “Jam” L. Baronda.	
Gonzales (A.)	Ramos	<b>SUSPENSION OF SESSION</b>	
Gonzales (N.)	Remulla	On motion of Representative Crisologo, the Chair suspended the session at 3:46 p.m.	
Gonzalez	Revilla	<b>RESUMPTION OF SESSION</b>	
Guico	Reyes	The session resumed at 3:48 p.m.	
Gullas	Rivera	<b>ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS</b>	
Guya	Robes	Rep. Claudine Diana D. Bautista acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez.	
Haresco	Rodriguez	<b>APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS</b>	
Hernandez	Romualdez (F.M.)	On successive motions of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, 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 September 19, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House:	
Herrera-Dy	Romualdez (Y.M.)	1. House Bill No. 4581, entitled: “AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY- FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GOLDEN BROADCAST	
Hofer	Romualdo		
Javier	Romulo		
Jimenez	Roque		
Kho (W.)	Sacdalan		
Labadlabad	Sagarbarria		
Lacson	Salo		
Lacson-Noel	Sanchez		
Lagman	Sangcopan		
Lagon	Sarmiento		
Lara	Saulog		
Legarda	Savellano		
Lim	Siao		
Limkaichong	Singson		
Lopez	Singson-Meehan		
Macapagal Arroyo	Sinsuat		
Maceda	Suansing (E.)		
Malapitan	Suansing (H.)		
Mangaoang	Suntay		
Marcoleta	Taduran		
Mariano-Hernandez	Tallado		
Mariño	Tan (A.S.)		
Marquez	Tan (S.)		
Martinez	Tan-Tambut		
Matugas	Teves (A.)		
Momo	Teves (J.)		
Natividad-Nagaño	Tiangco		
Nieto	Tolentino		
Noel	Tulfo		
Nograles (J.J.)	Tupas		



PROFESSIONAL, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8025, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE GOLDEN BROADCAST PROFESSIONAL, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A STATION FOR FM RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING IN THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO', AND EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE TO THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES”;

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

## RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

### *Affirmative:*

Abante	Billones
Abueg-Zaldivar	Biron
Abunda	Bolilia
Acosta	Bondoc
Agabas	Bordado
Agarao	Bulut
Aglipay	Cabatbat
Aguinaldo	Cabredo
Albano (A.)	Calderon
Almario	Calixto
Alonte	Caminero
Alvarez (F.)	Campos
Alvarez (P.)	Canama
Amatong	Caoagdan
Angara	Cari
Aragones	Castelo
Arenas	Castro (F.L.)
Arroyo	Castro (F.H.)
Babasa	Celeste
Bagatsing	Chatto
Balindong	Chungalao
Barba	Co (A.N.)
Baronda	Co (E.)
Barzaga	Collantes
Bascug	Crisologo
Bautista	Cua
Bautista-Bandigan	Cuaresma
Belmonte	Cueva
Benitez	Cullamat
Bernos	Dagooc
Biazon	Dalipe

Dalog	Labadlabad
Daza	Lacson
De Jesus	Lacson-Noel
de Venecia	Lagman
Defensor (L.)	Lagon
Del Mar	Lara
Delos Santos	Legarda
Deloso-Montalla	Lim
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Limkaichong
Dujali	Lopez
Duterte	Macapagal Arroyo
Dy (F.)	Maceda
Dy (F.M.C.)	Malapitan
Dy (I.P.)	Mangaoang
Ebcas	Mariano-Hernandez
Elago	Mariño
Enverga	Marquez
Erice	Martinez
Eriguel	Matugas
Ermita-Buhain	Momo
Escudero	Natividad-Nagaño
Espina	Nieto
Espino	Noel
Estrella	Nogralas (J.J.)
Fariñas (R.C.)	Nolasco
Fernandez	Olivarez
Ferrer (J.M.)	Ong (J.)
Flores	Ortega
Fongwan	Pacquiao (A.)
Fortuno	Pacquiao (R.)
Frasco	Padiernos
Fuentebella	Paduano
Gaite	Palma
Garbin	Panotes
Garcia (J.E.)	Pichay
Garcia (P.J.)	Pimentel
Garin (S.)	Pineda
Gasataya	Puno
Gatchalian	Quimbo
Go (M.)	Radaza
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzales (A.)	Ramos
Gonzales (N.)	Remulla
Gonzalez	Revilla
Guico	Reyes
Gullas	Rivera
Guya	Robes
Haresco	Rodriguez
Hernandez	Romualdez (F.M.)
Herrera-Dy	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Hofer	Romualdo
Javier	Romulo
Jimenez	Roque
Kho (W.)	Sacdalán

Sagarbarria	Tutor
Salo	Ty
Sanchez	Umali (A.)
Sangcopan	Umali (M.V.)
Sarmiento	Unabia
Saulog	Ungab
Savellano	Uy (J.)
Siao	Uy (R.)
Singson	Valeriano
Singson-Meehan	Valmayor
Sinsuat	Vargas
Suansing (E.)	Vargas Alfonso
Suansing (H.)	Velasco
Suntay	Veloso
Taduran	Vergara
Tallado	Villanueva (N.)
Tan (A.S.)	Villar
Teves (A.)	Violago
Teves (J.)	Yap (E.)
Tiangco	Yu
Tolentino	Zamora (W.K.)
Tulfo	Zarate
Tupas	Zubiri

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

Atienza

With 216 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 4581.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Atienza explained that he was abstaining from the voting because of the lack of discussion and hastened approval of the bill. He appealed to the leadership of the House to be more prudent and diligent in following the Rules of the House and in performing its duties.

He also said that he did not participate in the voting on the approval of the 2020 General Appropriations Bill (GAB) because he deemed there was a violation of the Rules. He said that he would rather not vote if such practice persists.

The Chair noted the manifestation of Representative Atienza.

#### REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO

Representative Macapagal Arroyo noted the manifestation of Representative Atienza but pointed out that pursuant to the Rules, printed copies of the instant bills to be taken up on Third Reading were already distributed on September 19, 2019 or prior to the day of voting.

#### MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO

Thereupon, Representative Macapagal Arroyo moved for the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 4583.

#### OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza objected to the motion and contended that he wanted to put on record that the copies of the 2020 GAB were hurriedly printed and distributed and that there was insufficient time for its thorough review. He emphasized that the approval of the 2020 budget bill was not done in accordance with the Rules of the House.

The Chair took note of the remarks of Representative Atienza.

#### APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

- House Bill No. 4583, entitled: "AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BROADCAST ENTERPRISES AND AFFILIATED MEDIA, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8098 TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES";

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

## RESULT OF VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

### *Affirmative:*

Abante	Castelo
Abellanosa	Castro (F.L.)
Abueg-Zaldivar	Castro (F.H.)
Abunda	Celeste
Acosta	Chatto
Agabas	Chungalao
Agarao	Co (A.N.)
Aglipay	Co (E.)
Aguinaldo	Collantes
Albano (A.)	Crisologo
Almario	Cua
Alonte	Cuaresma
Alvarez (F.)	Cueva
Alvarez (P.)	Cullamat
Amatong	Dagooc
Angara	Dalipe
Aragones	Dalog
Arenas	Daza
Arroyo	De Jesus
Babasa	de Venecia
Bagatsing	Defensor (L.)
Balindong	Del Mar
Barba	Delos Santos
Barbers	Deloso-Montalla
Baronda	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Barzaga	Dujali
Bascug	Duterte
Bautista	Dy (F.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Dy (F.M.C.)
Belmonte	Dy (I.P.)
Benitez	Ebcas
Bernos	Elago
Biazon	Enverga
Billones	Erice
Biron	Eriguel
Bolilia	Ermita-Buhain
Bondoc	Escudero
Bordado	Espina
Bulut	Espino
Cabatbat	Estrella
Cabochan	Fariñas (R.C.)
Cabredo	Fernandez
Calderon	Ferrer (J.M.)
Calixto	Flores
Caminero	Fongwan
Campos	Fortuno
Canama	Frasco
Caoagdan	Fuentebella
Cari	Gaite

Garbin	Palma
Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes
Garcia (P.J.)	Pichay
Garin (J.)	Pimentel
Garin (S.)	Pineda
Gasataya	Puno
Gatchalian	Quimbo
Go (M.)	Radaza
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzales (A.)	Ramos
Gonzales (N.)	Remulla
Gonzalez	Revilla
Guico	Reyes
Gullas	Rivera
Guya	Robes
Haresco	Rodriguez
Hernandez	Romualdez (F.M.)
Herrera-Dy	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Hofer	Romualdo
Javier	Romulo
Jimenez	Roque
Kho (W.)	Sacdalan
Labadlabad	Sagarbarria
Lacson	Salo
Lacson-Noel	Sanchez
Lagman	Sangcopan
Lagon	Sarmiento
Lara	Saulog
Legarda	Savellano
Lim	Siao
Limkaichong	Singson
Lopez	Singson-Meehan
Macapagal Arroyo	Sinsuat
Maceda	Suansing (E.)
Malapitan	Suansing (H.)
Mangaoang	Suntay
Mariano-Hernandez	Taduran
Mariño	Tallado
Marquez	Tan (A.S.)
Martinez	Teves (A.)
Matugas	Teves (J.)
Momo	Tiangco
Natividad-Nagaño	Tolentino
Nieto	Tulfo
Noel	Tupas
Nogralles (J.J.)	Tutor
Nolasco	Ty
Olivarez	Umali (A.)
Ong (J.)	Umali (M.V.)
Ortega	Unabia
Pacquiao (A.)	Ungab
Pacquiao (R.)	Uy (J.)
Padiernos	Uy (R.)
Paduano	Valeriano

Valmayor	Villar
Vargas	Violago
Vargas Alfonso	Yap (E.)
Velasco	Yu
Veloso	Zamora (W.K.)
Vergara	Zarate
Villanueva (N.)	Zubiri

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

Atienza

With 220 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 4583.

### APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)

3. House Bill No. 4584, entitled: "AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CRUSADERS BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8091, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE CRUSADERS BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES'";
4. House Bill No. 4436, entitled: "AN ACT GRANTING THE LANA O DEL NORTE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF LANA O DEL NORTE";

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

### RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abante	Campos
Abaya	Canama
Abellanosa	Caoagdan
Abueg-Zaldivar	Cari
Abunda	Castelo
Acop	Castro (F.L.)
Acosta	Castro (F.H.)
Agabas	Celeste
Agarao	Chatto
Aglipay	Chungalao
Aguinaldo	Co (A.N.)
Albano (A.)	Co (E.)
Almario	Collantes
Alonte	Crisologo
Alvarez (F.)	Cua
Alvarez (P.)	Cuaresma
Amatong	Cueva
Angara	Cullamat
Aragones	Dagooc
Arenas	Dalipe
Arroyo	Dalog
Babasa	Daza
Bagatsing	De Jesus
Balindong	de Venecia
Barba	Defensor (L.)
Barbers	Del Mar
Baronda	Delos Santos
Barzaga	Deloso-Montalla
Bascug	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Bautista	Dujali
Bautista-Bandigan	Duterte
Belmonte	Dy (F.)
Benitez	Dy (F.M.C.)
Bernos	Dy (I.P.)
Biazon	Ebcas
Billones	Elago
Biron	Enverga
Bolilia	Erice
Bondoc	Eriguel
Bordado	Ermita-Buhain
Bravo	Escudero
Bulut	Espina
Bustos	Espino
Cabatbat	Estrella
Cabochan	Fariñas (R.C.)
Cabredo	Fernandez
Calderon	Ferrer (J.M.)
Calixto	Flores
Caminero	Fongwan

Fortun	Ong (J.)	Umali (M.V.)	Veloso
Fortuno	Ortega	Unabia	Vergara
Frasco	Pacquiao (A.)	Ungab	Villanueva (N.)
Fuentebella	Pacquiao (R.)	Uy (J.)	Villar
Gaite	Padiernos	Uy (R.)	Violago
Garbin	Paduano	Valeriano	Yap (E.)
Garcia (J.E.)	Palma	Valmayor	Yu
Garcia (P.J.)	Panotes	Vargas	Zamora (W.K.)
Garin (J.)	Pichay	Vargas Alfonso	Zarate
Garin (S.)	Pimentel	Velasco	Zubiri
Gasataya	Pineda		
Gatchalian	Puno	<i>Negative:</i>	
Go (M.)	Quimbo	None	
Gonzaga	Radaza	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Gonzales (A.)	Ramirez-Sato	[None]* Atienza	
Gonzales (N.)	Ramos		
Gonzalez	Remulla		
Guico	Revilla		
Gullas	Reyes		
Guya	Rivera		
Haresco	Robes		
Hernandez	Rodriguez		
Herrera-Dy	Romualdez (F.M.)		
Hofer	Romualdez (Y.M.)		
Javier	Romualdo		
Jimenez	Romulo		
Kho (W.)	Roque		
Labadlabad	Sacdalan		
Lacson	Sagarbarria		
Lacson-Noel	Salo		
Lagman	Sanchez		
Lagon	Sangcopan		
Lara	Sarmiento		
Legarda	Saulog		
Lim	Savellano		
Limkaichong	Siao		
Lopez	Singson		
Loyola	Singson-Meehan		
Macapagal Arroyo	Sinsuat		
Maceda	Suansing (E.)		
Malapitan	Suansing (H.)		
Mangaoang	Suntay		
Mariano-Hernandez	Taduran		
Mariño	Tallado		
Marquez	Tan (A.S.)		
Martinez	Teves (A.)		
Matugas	Teves (J.)		
Momo	Tiangco		
Natividad-Nagaño	Tolentino		
Nieto	Tulfo		
Noel	Tupas		
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tutor		
Nolasco	Ty		
Olivarez	Umali (A.)		

With 226 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and [zero]\* one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bills No. 4584 and 4436.

#### APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS (Continuation)

- House Bill No. 4437, entitled: "AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOL LIGHT AND POWER CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE, AND MAINTAIN A POWER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END USERS IN THE TOWNS OF BAAO, BALATAN, BATO, BUHI, BULA, NABUA, AND THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"; and

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

#### MANIFESTATIONS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS

During the voting, Reps. Sergio C. Dagooc and Godofredo N. Guya reserved their right to explain their negative votes.

\* See page 14 for correction of voting results.



## RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

### *Affirmative:*

Abante	Calixto
Abaya	Caminero
Abellanos	Campos
Abueg-Zaldivar	Canama
Abunda	Caoagdan
Acop	Cari
Acosta	Castelo
Adiong	Castro (F.H.)
Agabas	Celeste
Agarao	Chatto
Aglipay	Chungalao
Aguinaldo	Co (A.N.)
Albano (A.)	Co (E.)
Almario	Collantes
Alonte	Crisologo
Alvarez (F.)	Cua
Alvarez (P.)	Cuaresma
Amatong	Cueva
Angara	Dalipe
Aragones	Dalog
Arenas	Daza
Arroyo	de Venecia
Babasa	Defensor (L.)
Bagatsing	Del Mar
Balindong	Delos Santos
Barba	Deloso-Montalla
Barbers	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Baronda	Dujali
Barzaga	Duterte
Bascug	Dy (F.)
Bautista	Dy (F.M.C.)
Bautista-Bandigan	Dy (I.P.)
Belmonte	Ebcas
Benitez	Enverga
Bernos	Erice
Biazon	Eriguel
Billones	Ermita-Buhain
Biron	Escudero
Bolilia	Espina
Bondoc	Espino
Bordado	Estrella
Bravo	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bulut	Fernandez
Bustos	Ferrer (J.M.)
Cabatbat	Flores
Cabochan	Fongwan
Cabredo	Fortun
Calderon	Fortuno

Frasco	Padiernos
Fuentebella*	Paduano
Garbin	Palma
Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes
Garcia (P.J.)	Pichay
Garin (J.)	Pimentel
Garin (S.)	Pineda
Gasataya	Puno
Gatchalian	Quimbo
Go (M.)	Radaza
Gonzaga	Ramirez-Sato
Gonzales (A.)	Ramos
Gonzales (N.)	Remulla
Gonzalez	Revilla
Guico	Reyes
Gullas	Rivera
Haresco	Robes
Hernandez	Rodriguez
Herrera-Dy	Romualdez (F.M.)
Hofer	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Javier	Romualdo
Jimenez	Romulo
Kho (W.)	Roque
Labadlabad	Sacdalan
Lacson	Sagarbarria
Lacson-Noel	Salo
Lagman	Sanchez
Lagon	Sangcopan
Lara	Sarmiento
Legarda	Saulog
Lim	Savellano
Limkaichong	Siao
Lopez	Singson
Loyola	Singson-Meehan
Macapagal Arroyo	Sinsuat
Maceda	Suansing (E.)
Malapitan	Suansing (H.)
Mangaoang	Suntay
Mariano-Hernandez	Taduran
Mariño	Tallado
Marquez	Tambunting
Martinez	Tan (A.S.)
Matugas	Teves (A.)
Momo	Teves (J.)
Natividad-Nagaño	Tiangco
Nieto	Tolentino
Noel	Tulfo
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tupas
Nolasco	Tutor
Olivarez	Ty
Ong (J.)	Umali (A.)
Ortega	Umali (M.V.)
Pacquiao (A.)	Unabia
Pacquiao (R.)	Ungab

\*Per his November 19, 2019 letter to Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Rep. Arnie B. Fuentebella requested that his vote on House Bill No. 4437 be corrected to reflect his NEGATIVE VOTE thereon.

Uy (J.)	Vergara
Uy (R.)	Villanueva (N.)
Valeriano	Villar
Valmayor	Violago
Vargas	Yap (E.)
Vargas Alfonso	Yu
Velasco	Zamora (W.K.)
Veloso	Zubiri

*Negative:*

Brosas	Dagooc
Castro (F.L.)	Gaite
Cullamat	Guya
Elago	Zarate

*Abstention:*

Atienza

With [225] 220 affirmative votes, [two] eight negative votes, and one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 4437.\*

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Representative Macapagal Arroyo.

#### CORRECTION OF VOTING RESULTS ON HOUSE BILLS NO. 4584 AND 4436

Upon being informed by the Secretary General, the Chair corrected the results of the voting on Third Reading on House Bills No. 4584 and 4436, as follows: 226 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and ONE abstention.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTES

Subsequently, the following Members explained their votes on House Bill No. 4437:

1. Representative Dagooc manifested his strong opposition to House Bill No. 4437 which he noted violates Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001, specifically (a) Section 4 which pertains to the exclusivity to operate

in a franchise area; and (b) Section 27 which allows for the existing franchises of distribution utilities to operate until their full term. He also argued that the Bill contravenes a constitutional provision on temporary government takeover of the distribution system with due compensation. Lastly, he said that the granting of franchise to the Bicol Light and Power Corporation (BLPC) would result in electricity rate increase. He also expressed the support of the Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives (APEC) to the Camarines Sur III Electric Cooperative (CASURECO III).

2. Representative Guya likewise manifested his opposition to the instant measure as it contradicts the provisions in the EPIRA regarding the grant of exclusive franchise to an electricity distribution facility, which in this case was CASURECO III. He said that the Bill would also result in an increase in electricity rate and violate the protection of investments rule. He added that the BLPC does not have a track record and technical expertise to manage and operate the distribution utilities.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 4:38 p.m. upon motion of Representative de Venecia.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:40 p.m., the session resumed.

#### CORRECTION OF VOTING RESULT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4437

At this point, the Chair said that the correct result of the voting on House Bill No. 4437 was as follows: 220 affirmative votes, EIGHT negative votes, and one abstention.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this juncture, Representative de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.), and Representatives Romualdez (Y.M.), Sharee Ann Tee Tan, and Florencio G. Noel.

\* See subsequent correction of voting result.

**APPROVAL ON THIRD READING  
OF HOUSE BILLS**  
(Continuation)

6. House Bill No. 4582, entitled: "AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO GOLD LABEL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8087, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING TO THE GOLD LABEL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN DUMAGUETE CITY AND OTHER AREAS IN THE VISAYAS AND MINDANAO WHERE FREQUENCIES AND/OR CHANNELS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING'."

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

**RESULT OF THE VOTING**

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abante	Aragones
Abaya	Arenas
Abellanosa	Arroyo
Abueg-Zaldivar	Babasa
Abunda	Bagatsing
Acop	Balindong
Acosta	Barba
Adiong	Barbers
Agabas	Baronda
Agarao	Barzaga
Aglipay	Bascug
Aguinaldo	Bautista
Albano (A.)	Bautista-Bandigan
Almario	Belmonte
Alonte	Benitez
Alvarez (F.)	Bernos
Alvarez (P.)	Biazon
Amatong	Billones
Angara	Biron

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

Martinez	Savellano
Matugas	Siao
Momo	Singson
Natividad-Nagaño	Singson-Meehan
Nieto	Sinsuat
Noel	Suansing (E.)
Nogralles (J.J.)	Suansing (H.)
Nolasco	Suarez (A.)
Olivarez	Suntay
Ong (J.)	Taduran
Ortega	Tallado
Pacquiao (A.)	Tambunting
Pacquiao (R.)	Tan (A.S.)
Padiernos	Tan (S.A.)
Paduano	Teves (A.)
Palma	Teves (J.)
Panotes	Tiangco
Pichay	Tolentino
Pimentel	Tulfo
Pineda	Tupas
Plaza	Tutor
Puno	Ty
Quimbo	Umali (A.)
Radaza	Umali (M.V.)
Ramirez-Sato	Unabia
Ramos	Ungab
Remulla	Uy (J.)
Revilla	Uy (R.)
Reyes	Valeriano
Rivera	Valmayor
Robes	Vargas
Rodriguez	Vargas Alfonso
Romualdez (F.M.)	Velasco
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Veloso
Romualdo	Vergara
Romulo	Villanueva (N.)
Roque	Villar
Sacdalán	Violago
Sagarbarria	Yap (E.)
Salo	Yu
Sanchez	Zamora (W.K.)
Sangcopan	Zarate
Sarmiento	Zubiri
Saulog	

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

Atienza

With 233 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and one abstention, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 4582.

## TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

On subsequent motion of Representative de Venecia, 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.

## BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 9 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4463

On successive motions of Rep. Cristal L. Bagatsing, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 4463 contained in Committee Report No. 9 as submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises, extending for another 25 years the franchise granted to First United Broadcasting Corporation (FUBC), presently known as Global Satellite Technology Services Inc.; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Note as the sponsorship remarks on the measure upon motion of Rep. Franz “Chicoy” E. Alvarez, chairperson of the sponsoring committee; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 4463 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

## BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4664

Thereupon, on motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 4664 contained in Committee Report No. 21 as reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Roberto V. Puno.*

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, chairperson of the Committee on Government Reorganization and a principal author of the Bill, to sponsor the measure.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MARIÑO**

Representative Mariño said that there had been initiatives to institute reforms in the country’s real property valuation and assessment and that it was during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress when a version of House Bill No. 4664 was finally approved and transmitted to the Senate. He pointed out that the Bill seeks to institute the third package of the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program in order to promote the development of a just, equitable, and efficient real property valuation system.

Representative Mariño said that the Bill, in effect, would broaden the tax base for local and national property and property-related taxes; expedite valuation-based government activities; and harmonize real property valuation for taxation purposes, which releases the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) from promulgating its schedule of zonal values.

He added that the Bill creates the Real Property Valuation Service (RPVS) within the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF) and aims to develop a complete and updated electronic database of real property transactions.

Representative Mariño also said that the proposed reform will empower LGUs to fully exercise their devolved powers and sustain financial sustainability while allowing them to continue setting tax rates and assessment levels.

The Chair next recognized Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing, one of the measure’s authors, for her sponsorship speech upon Representative Crisologo’s motion.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.)**

Representative Suansing first cited the factors that hinder the potential of real property to contribute to the social and economic development of the country. She then pointed out that House Bill No. 4664 seeks to promote the development and maintenance of a just, equitable, impartial, and nationally consistent real property valuation by establishing appraisal standards, methods, and procedures of property valuation and assessment. She emphasized that the instant measure capacitates LGUs in maximizing revenue collections, thus promoting genuine local autonomy. Lastly, she said it will reorganize and strengthen the BLGF and improve real property valuation with the adoption of a market-based schedule of market values.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, for his sponsorship speech.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA**

Representative Salceda said that the proposed Real Property Valuation Reform Act is the third package of the Duterte administration’s comprehensive tax reform package. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, he explained why House Bill No. 4664 was necessary for policymaking in terms of providing accurate, realistic, and actual data. He then presented facts and statistics in explaining the benefits and economic impact of the Bill, to wit: more investments, more fiscal space for actual performance, and more funds for education; as well as long-term investment in the economic growth of local communities.

Thereupon, Representative Salceda urged the Body to support the approval of House Bill No. 4664.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4664**

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4664.

*Deputy Speaker Puno relinquished the Chair, at this point, to Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano.*



**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4696**

On successive motions of Representative Crisologo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 4696 contained in Committee Report No. 22 as submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, instituting the proposed National Building Code Integration Act; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure upon motion of Rep. Mark O. Go, chairperson of the sponsoring committee; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

**OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND  
READING OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE  
BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

On an omnibus motion of Representative Castelo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday contained in various Committee Reports as submitted by the Committee on Local Government; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof were already distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved the same on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 4750 contained in Committee Report No. 23, creating Barangay South Signal Village in Taguig City;
2. House Bill No. 4751 contained in Committee Report No. 24, creating Barangay La Medalla in Pioduran, Albay;
3. House Bill No. 4752 contained in Committee Report No. 25, creating Barangay Central Bicutan in Taguig City;

4. House Bill No. 4753 contained in Committee Report No. 26, creating Barangay North Signal Village in Taguig City;
5. House Bill No. 4754 contained in Committee Report No. 27, creating Barangay Tanyag in Taguig City;
6. House Bill No. 4774 contained in Committee Report No. 28, creating Barangay Katuparan in Taguig City; and
7. House Bill No. 4775 contained in Committee Report No. 29, creating Barangay Central Signal Village in Taguig City.

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

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

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

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

Thereupon, Rep. Niña Taduran stated the parliamentary status of the Bill which was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Representative Suansing (E.) for her sponsorship speech.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH  
OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.)**

Representative Suansing stated that the Bill would attract foreign direct investments (FDIs) by lifting equity restrictions on important public services

such as telecommunications and transportation, and thereby promoting competition that would make these services better and more affordable.

Representative Suansing pointed out that the main objective of the measure is to promote a just and dynamic social order that would address (1) poverty and improve the quality of life of Filipinos by ensuring the effective regulation of public utilities and services; (2) providing a reasonable rate of return for public utilities and services; (3) reducing equity restrictions; and (4) instituting processes which protect national security.

On successive motions of Representative Taduran, the Chair recognized Rep. Sharon S. Garin, chairperson of the Committee on Economic Affairs, to sponsor the measure and Rep. Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr. to interpellate thereon, respectively.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BARZAGA**

Representatives Barzaga and Garin (S.) discussed the Bill's provision on "Penalties for Violations" wherein the sponsor agreed to consider Representative Barzaga's proposal to set a minimum penalty. They also debated on the rationale for defining the term "public utility" under the Bill by only three classes, specifically distribution of electricity, transmission of electricity, and water pipeline distribution.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Savellano relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Mujiv S. Hataman.*

The sponsor explained that the Bill aims to clearly provide the definition of the term "public utility" which she said was not covered in the Constitution. However, Representative Barzaga argued that redefining the term could be unconstitutional because it is beyond the mandate of Congress to enact a legislation that would infringe on constitutional principles.

In closing, Representative Barzaga expressed his belief that the Public Service Act is obsolete and that the constitutional restriction discourages the entry of foreign investments in the country. However, he stressed that the proposed changes should be in the form of a constitutional amendment.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereafter, Representative Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Hataman; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Representatives Zarate and Garin (S.) talked about how redefining "public utility" and identifying "public service" could encourage investments and in turn improve competition in certain industries. The Sponsor also explained that the 60-40 percent ownership stipulated in the Constitution would still apply to public utilities.

However, Representative Zarate opined that the constitutional restriction on foreign ownership aims to protect Filipinos and thus there should be more effective regulation on the public utilities sector. He then said that allowing foreign investments would be tantamount to a violation of the Constitution.

Representative Zarate then sought clarification on the rationale for limiting the definition of "public utility" through simple enumeration of covered utilities instead of providing a general statement as its definition. Thereafter, he also asked about the exclusion from the definition of telecommunications and transportation, among others, which were considered as public utilities in the discussions of the 1986 Constitutional Commission. He stressed that the measure was designed to push for the privatization, deregulation, and neoliberalization of the Philippine economy.

Subsequently, the Members delved into the regulatory system and measures over utilities that would be excluded from the definition; which authority would determine "public interest" in relation to Section 3 of the Bill; and the standards for determining reasonable cost and rate of return, which could have implications on the determination of rates of public utilities.

To Representative Zarate's final questions, Representative Garin affirmed that the penalties

provided for in the Bill will apply to any and all public services and the disgorgement of profit was basically a remedy provided in the measure.

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

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

**CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF MEASURES**

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of the following House bills to the committees specified hereunder:

1. House Bill No. 453 – from the Committee on Public Order and Safety to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
2. House Bills No. 1294, 3006, 3616, 4223, and 4695 – from the Committee on Public Works and Highways to the Committee on Ways and Means;
3. House Bill No. 2253 – from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
4. House Bill No. 3225 – from the Committee on Basic Education and Culture to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
5. House Bill No. 1077 – from the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Public Works and Highways to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Public Works and Highways;
6. House Bills No. 1829 and 2895 – from the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Public Works and Highways to the Committees on Government

Reorganization, and Public Works and Highways; and

7. House Bill No. 2418 – from the Committee on Public Works and Highways to the Committee on Metro Manila Development.

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS**

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 4463, 4664, 4696, 4750, 4751, 4752, 4753, 4754, 4774, and 4775 the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read on First Reading the title of the following Bill which was referred to the appropriate committee specified hereunder:

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 4791, entitled:

“AN ACT MODERNIZING THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, EXPANDING, RATIONALIZING, AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON  
SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78**

On motion of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78 contained

in Committee Report No. 5 as reported out by the Committee on Economic Affairs, entitled:

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

Representative Taduran stated that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Representative Garin (S.) to sponsor the same and Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez to interpellate thereon.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ**

To the initial questions of Representative Rodriguez, Representative Garin (S.) clarified that the Bill did not intend to exclude any transportation or common carrier from the definition of “public service” as originally stated in Section 13 of Commonwealth Act No. 146. She also affirmed that the Constitution provides for the ownership of public utilities only to Filipino citizens or corporations at least 60 percent of which is owned by Filipino citizens.

Thereupon, the two Members debated on the definition of public utilities. Representative Rodriguez cited the constitutional construction rule as he read into the records a discussion of 1986 Constitutional Commissioners Vicente Foz and Hilario Davide Jr. on their intent to consider or refer to transportation as a public utility. Representative Garin maintained that the definition of “public utility” was not static; and adverting to Commissioner Christian Monsod’s statement that the nature of public utility was not a natural monopoly, pointed out that transportation was no longer a natural monopoly.

Representative Rodriguez however argued that reclassifying transportation, which the constitutional commissioners considered a public utility, would require a constitutional amendment. Moreover, he said that transportation deals with land, sea, and air which concerns public interest, and thus,

such exclusion would risk the country’s national patrimony and security.

Representative Garin said that existing regulations would still apply to affected industries; and that the sponsoring committee, at the proper time, would propose an additional phrase in Section 14 of Commonwealth Act No. 146 to ensure protection of the public interest and welfare.

The Members then debated on the provision of Commonwealth Act No. 147 regarding the power and the conditions required therein for the State to take over the operations of a privately-owned utility and the implication of this provision to companies with 100 percent foreign ownership.

They agreed to study Representative Rodriguez’ proposal to include restriction of foreign ownership on air and sea transportation in the interest of national security.

Thereafter, Representative Rodriguez cited Article 1733 of the Civil Code of the Philippines which requires “extraordinary diligence” from common carriers engaged in air, sea and land transportation.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE DE VENECIA**

At this point, Representative de Venecia reminded Representative Rodriguez that he had already exceeded the time allotted for interpellations prescribed under Section 91 of the Provisional Rules of the House.

#### **APPEAL OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ**

Representative Rodriguez appealed to the Body if he could be allowed to continue his interpellation the next day as he still had several points to raise.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 7:47 p.m. upon motion of Representative de Venecia.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 7:48 p.m.

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

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

**ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS  
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

On successive motions of Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr., there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Minority to the committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as senior member)

Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.

(as members)

Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc  
Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat

Committee on Good Government  
and Public Accountability

(as senior member)

Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

(as members)

Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo  
Rep. Bayani F. Fernando  
Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat  
Rep. Angelica Natasha Co  
Rep. Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano

Committee on Micro, Small and Medium  
Enterprise Development

(as senior member)

Rep. Angelica Natasha Co

(as members)

Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat  
Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo

Committee on National Defense and Security

(as senior member)

Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat

(as members)

Rep. Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano  
Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

Special Committee on North Luzon  
Growth Quadrangle

(as member)

Rep. Jose “Bonito” C. Singson Jr.

Special Committee on Reforestation

(as members)

Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo  
Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, the session was suspended until three o’clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

It was 7:50 p.m. of Tuesday, September 24, 2019.



## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, September 25, 2019 with Deputy Speaker Johnny Ty Pimentel presiding.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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 on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions, including the Communications, Subpoena *Duces Tecum*, and Committee Report, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4746, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATORILY CREATING THE POSITION OF THE MUNICIPAL GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BOOK III, TITLE TWO, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 443 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE”

By Representative Pimentel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4747, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE RECRUITMENT QUOTA REQUIREMENT OF FEMALE PNP OFFICERS, AMENDING SECTION 58 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8551, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pimentel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4748, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PATERNITY LEAVE FROM SEVEN (7) DAYS TO FIFTEEN (15) DAYS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PATERNITY LEAVE ACT OF 1996' ”

By Representative Pimentel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4749, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA NG PILIPINONG MARINO”

By Representative Espino  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4755, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE WARNING, ALERT, AND RESPONSE NETWORK 911 ACT OF 2016 OR THE ‘WARN 911’ AS THE NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY HOTLINE NUMBER AND PROVIDING PENALTY TO PRANK CALLS THEREOF”

By Representative Pimentel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4756, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4757, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)-FRIENDLY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN CITIES AND URBAN CENTERS OF THE COUNTRY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4758, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE HONORARIA OR ALLOWANCES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AT MINIMUM WAGE LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393, PARAGRAPH (a) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4759, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT,

PRODUCTION, AND FINANCING  
PROGRAM, REGULARIZING  
ITS APPROPRIATION FOR ITS  
IMPLEMENTATION”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4760, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM  
WAGE OF KASAMBAHAYS  
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SEC.  
24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10361, ALSO  
KNOWN AS THE 'DOMESTIC WORKERS  
ACT' OR 'BATAS KASAMBAHAY' ”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4761, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF  
VALIDITY OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE  
FROM FIVE (5) TO TEN (10) YEARS,  
THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS  
PAMBANSA BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE 'LAND TRANSPORTATION AND  
TRAFFIC CODE' ”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4762, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING PETS TO BE  
TRANSPORTED IN PUBLIC UTILITY  
VEHICLES OPERATING IN THE  
PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4763, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED  
CAPACITY OF THE TERESITA LOPEZ  
JALANDONI PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL  
IN THE CITY OF SILAY, PROVINCE OF  
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM ONE  
HUNDRED (100) TO THREE HUNDRED  
(300) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES  
AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING  
THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL  
PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4764, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE  
COMMUNITY-DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT  
APPROACH AS A NATIONAL STRATEGY  
FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND SOCIAL  
PROTECTION, MANDATING ALL  
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES  
AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING  
THEIR ATTACHED AGENCIES,  
OFFICES AND BUREAUS, LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND OTHER  
GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES  
TO IMPLEMENT THEIR COMMUNITY-  
BASED PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND  
PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4765, entitled:

“AN ACT SETTING MINIMUM STANDARDS  
FOR THE OPERATION OF INTERNET  
CAFES”

By Representative Delos Santos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4766, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN  
PARCELS OF LAND OF PUBLIC DOMAIN  
LOCATED IN SITIOS FROM THE  
DIFFERENT BARANGAYS OF ANUPUL,  
SAN NICOLAS, SAN ROQUE AND  
LOURDES, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF BAMBAN, PROVINCE OF TARLAC  
FROM UNCLASSIFIED FOREST LANDS  
INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE  
LANDS”

By Representative Villanueva (Noel)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4767, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CLARK MEDICAL  
HUB, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4768, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CLARK LUNG  
CENTER, PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4769, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CLARK CHILDREN CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4770, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CLARK KIDNEY CENTER, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4771, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CLARK HEART CENTER, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4772, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CLARK CANCER CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4773, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALINGASAG, MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4776, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE IMPOSITION OF PARKING FEES IN SHOPPING MALLS, HOTELS AND SIMILAR BUSINESSES OR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 4777, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION FOR LEASE ON REGISTERED LANDS”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4778, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN LAND ADMINISTRATION”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4779, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATORY SYSTEM IN THE COUNTRY TO COMBAT COUNTERFEIT PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, DECLARING THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, SALE OR OFFER FOR SALE, OR POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AS AN OFFENSE INVOLVING ECONOMIC SABOTAGE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8203, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SPECIAL LAW ON COUNTERFEIT DRUGS'”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4780, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PAYMENT OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS TO SSS OR GSIS MEMBERS WITHIN A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE RETIREMENT DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4781, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE ACACIA TREES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINALONAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AS LOCAL HERITAGE TREES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, AND CONSERVATION, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4782, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THIS

PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOLO  
PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000"

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4783, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE BATANES  
STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF  
BATANES, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY,  
TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATANES STATE  
UNIVERSITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Gato  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4784, entitled:

"AN ACT TO CONVERT BARANGAY  
ITBUD, MUNICIPALITY OF UYUGAN,  
PROVINCE OF BATANES, FROM  
ITS PRESENT CLASSIFICATION AS  
TIMBERLAND TO AN ALIENABLE AND  
DISPOSABLE RESIDENTIAL AREA/  
SITE, AND OTHER APPURTENANCE  
THERE TO"

By Representative Gato  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4785, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN  
DRYLANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN,  
LOCATED IN THE ISLANDS OF  
PONSON, PORO AND PACIJAN,  
KNOWN AS CAMOTES GROUP OF  
ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CEBU,  
AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE  
LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR  
AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL,  
RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND  
OTHER PURPOSES, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE PROCLAMATION NO.  
2152 DATED DECEMBER 29, 1981,  
ENTITLED "DECLARING THE ENTIRE  
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND  
CERTAIN PARCELS OF THE PUBLIC  
DOMAIN AND/OR PARTS OF THE  
COUNTRY AS MANGROVE SWAMP  
FOREST RESERVES"

By Representative Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4786, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT  
BRANCH OF THE LAND

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE  
(LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
LILOAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4787, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING MULTISPECIES  
MARINE HATCHERIES IN THE CITY OF  
ZAMBOANGA AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Dalipe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND  
FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4788, entitled:

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

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND  
SECURITY

House Bill No. 4789, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION  
– BANTAY – BURINGAL – ISABELA  
ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD TO BE  
KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN PROVINCE–  
ISABELA ROAD VIA BURINGAL AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Dalog  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4790, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 30<sup>TH</sup> OF  
NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS A  
SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN  
RECOGNITION OF JESUS REIGNS  
NATIONAL WORSHIP DAY"

By Representative Gatchalian  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4792, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE  
PONDO PARA SA PAGBABAGO AT  
PAG-ASENSO (P-3) PROGRAM OF THE  
GOVERNMENT AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR"



By Representative Bolilia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND  
MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4793, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL  
FINANCIAL LITERACY COUNCIL AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bolilia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 4794, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT UNITS TO EARMARK  
A PORTION OF THEIR INTERNAL  
REVENUE ALLOTMENT FOR FREE  
MEDICINES TO INDIGENT PATIENTS  
IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS”

By Representative Abueg-Zaldivar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4795, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 4(C) AND  
4(D), AND CHAPTER IV SECTIONS 89  
TO 95 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9593,  
ALSO KNOWN AS THE TOURISM  
ACT OF 2009, ABOLISHING FOR  
THE PURPOSE THE DUTY FREE  
PHILIPPINES CORPORATION”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4796, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A  
COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR  
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING  
OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND  
ACCREDITATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS  
AND SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Eriguel and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4797, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF  
CIVIL ENGINEERING AND REPEALING  
FOR THAT PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 544, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 1582”

By Representative Gonzales (Aurelio)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4798, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE  
PROVINCIAL ROAD STRETCHING  
FROM BARANGAY AMGANAD,  
MUNICIPALITY OF BANAUE–  
BARANGAY NORTHERN CABABUYAN,  
BARANGAY CABABUYAN, BARANGAY  
POBLACION AND BARANGAY  
PIWONG, MUNICIPALITY OF  
HINGYON, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF  
IFUGAO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4799, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE APOLONIO  
MOLINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN  
BARANGAY LABAKID, MUNICIPALITY  
OF SINDANGAN, PROVINCE OF  
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE INTO AN  
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN  
AS APOLONIO MOLINA INTEGRATED  
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Labadlabad  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4800, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
DISASTER RESILIENCE POLICY,  
CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
DISASTER RESILIENCE, DEFINING ITS  
POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

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

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 368, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN  
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEATH  
OF PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY  
CADET DARWIN DORMITORIO WITH  
THE END OF PROBING INTO THE  
PROTOCOLS OF THE PMA INVOLVING  
THE PMA CADET CORPS”



By Representative Garbin  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 369, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO RESTORE THE FY 2020 PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) AMOUNTING TO 333.2 BILLION PESOS THAT WAS REDUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT TO 71.8 BILLION PESOS”

By Representative Cabatbat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 370, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DEATH OF PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY (PMA) CADET DARWIN DORMITORIO DUE TO THE BARBARIC ACT OF HAZING ALLEGEDLY DONE BY HIS UPPERCLASSMEN”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 371, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE DREDGING ACTIVITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF APARRI, CAGAYAN”

By Representative Nolasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 372, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION (LWUA) TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION OF LOCAL WATER SUPPLY IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF BACOLOD AND FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WILL ENSURE QUALITY AND ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY WITHIN THE DISTRICT”

By Representative Gasataya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 373, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HOUSE INVESTIGATION ON THE DEATH OF PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY (PMA) CADET FOURTH CLASS DARWIN DORMITORIO AS A RESULT OF ALLEGED HAZING”

By Representative Yap (Eric)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated August 18, 2019 of Marieta Bañez Sumagaysay, Ph. D., Executive Director III, National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP), Department of Science and Technology, submitting to the House of Representatives the NCRP’s Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) on the Audit Observations and Recommendations for CY 2018 as of August 31, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Letter dated September 5, 2019 of Jennie Rosalie T. Uy, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Villanueva, Province of Misamis Oriental, submitting to the House of Representatives their Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Month ended July 31, 2019 on the Local Government Support Fund 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 13 September 2019 of Josue S. Gaverza, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Financial Management, Department of National Defense, endorsing the Philippine Air Force (PAF) Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) on the audit findings and recommendations for CY 2018 as of August 1, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Letter dated 16 September 2019 of Benjamin R. Madrigal Jr., General, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of the consolidated Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) on the Audit Observations and Recommendations for CY 2018 together with the Status of Implementation of Prior Years’ Audit Recommendations (SIPYAR) CY 2017 and earlier.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM**

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* dated 7 August 2019 issued by Atty. Dennis E. Pulma, Executive Clerk of Court III, on Case No. SB-14-CRM-0124-0192, directing Ms. Divina S. Medina, Executive Director, Legislative Information Resources and Advocacy Bureau, House of Representatives, to appear before the Sandiganbayan, Third Division, Sandiganbayan Centennial Building, Batasan Road corner Commonwealth Avenue, Batasan Hills, Quezon City on August 15 and 16, 2019 at 8:30 in the morning to be present at the trial, then and there to testify in the above-entitled case/s pending therein.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* dated September 5, 2019 issued by Ivy C. Ruiz-Regis, Assistant Special Prosecutor I, Office of the Ombudsman, on Case No. SB-17-CRM-0663 to 0664 and Case No. SB-17-CRM-0665 to 0666, directing Ms. Evelyn G. De Jesus, Director II, Human Resource Management Service, House of Representatives, to submit the Personal Data Sheet (PDS), Service Record and Oath of Office of Congressman Teodulo M. Coquilla on or before September 13, 2019 at the above specified address.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* dated 9 September 2019 issued by Maricel M. Marcial-Oquendo, Acting Director, PIAB-C, Office of the Ombudsman, on Case No. OMB-C-C-17-0100, directing Ms. Evelyn G. De Jesus, Director II, Human Resource Management Service, House of Representatives, to submit certified true and clear copies of the Personal Data Sheet and Service Record indicating the salary grade of the following respondents Fe M. Ligtas, Teofranco M. Mallari, Lolita D. Bolayog and Allan A. Plaza within five (5) days from receipt thereof to this Office through the Central Records Division (CRD), 2nd Floor, Ombudsman Bldg., Office of the Ombudsman, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Report of the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 30), re H.J.R. No. 19, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019”

recommending its adoption without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Ungab, Legarda, Zamora (Ronaldo) and Almario  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair then recognized Rep. Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro on a question of privilege.

**QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE  
OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.H.)**

After commending his colleagues and the House leadership for the approval of the 2020 General Appropriations Bill (GAB), Representative Castro decried Senator Panfilo Lacson’s recent statement that the GAB was contaminated with pork barrel. He pointed out that Senator Lacson had not learned to observe the principle of parliamentary courtesy; and that he could have just approached the House leadership, his former colleagues in the Senate, Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano and Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda, to protect the integrity of the institution.

To further discredit the Senator’s statement, Representative Castro explained that Senator Lacson had not yet seen the 2020 GAB and thus his pronouncement that the said pork barrel had been inserted and then scrapped could not be true.

Representative Castro said while he respects Senator Lacson, this does not exonerate him from his responsibility. He said that the Senator should therefore extend his sincere apology to the institution and to the Members of the House of Representatives.

## **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. discussed with Representative Castro (F.H.) the possible motive of Senator Lacson for issuing what they deemed as a reckless and irresponsible statement.

Representative Castro stressed that the Senator should have been responsible enough to verify the information he had gathered. In view thereof, Minority Leader Abante joined Representative Castro's demand for an apology from Senator Lacson.

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized Rep. Michael T. Defensor for his interpellation.

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

Representative Defensor initially commended Representative Castro (F.H.) for his message and joined Minority Leader Abante's call for Senator Lacson to issue an apology. Thereafter, the Members discussed what could be considered as pork barrel as opposed to a line item budget. He then stressed that unlike the Members of the House of Representatives, the Senators do not represent a particular constituency or sector group. He cited the possibility of even reducing the Senate's budget.

In closing, he reiterated the call for an apology, not only from Senator Lacson but also from the Senate for having such an irresponsible act from among their ranks.

## **REFERRAL OF SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.H.)**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Representative Castro and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Edcel C. Lagman, Joey Sarte Salceda, Fernando T. Cabredo, Eddiebong G. Plaza, Alfel M. Bascug, Angelo Marcos Barba, Way Kurat Zamora, and Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga.

## **QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Romualdo, Minority Leader Abante expressed concern over the alarming news reports on the recycling of seized illegal drugs involving corrupt police officers.

Subsequently, he cited news reports regarding confiscated illegal drugs which had remained in the government's inventory and police officers who were allegedly part of a drug syndicate.

In relation to this, he raised questions on the effectiveness of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's antidrug war and asked why small-time drug peddlers were allowed to die while big-time drug lords were able to escape prosecution, citing a drug queen from Manila who allegedly managed to leave the country.

He said that he would file a resolution for the House to conduct an investigation about this alarming problem on illegal drugs and asked for the support of his colleagues to help the President expose the rogue cops whom he believed were accomplices of the said drug queen.

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

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred Minority Leader Abante's speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action; and on his further motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate on a question of privilege.

## **QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Representative Zarate rose to speak about the 20<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Party-List Bayan Muna and proceeded by recounting the founding of their party-list group and citing its ideology and accomplishments. He relayed how Bayan Muna formally started as a party-list organization and expanded into the Makabayan bloc, together with other nationalist and progressive party-list groups.

He expressed Bayan Muna's relentless fight to uphold the interest of the poor and the marginalized. As he highlighted the efforts of Bayan Muna both through its participation in the legislative arena and its active involvement in the grassroots, Representative Zarate

stressed that their advocacy continues, especially because they had not seen improvements under the present administration.

In conclusion, he expressed gratitude to his colleagues from Bayan Muna who had served in Congress during the past two decades as well as their members and officials who had devoted their lives toward pushing changes in government. He stressed that Bayan Muna Party-List would continue its mission of helping the people and fighting for genuine change.

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

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

#### **APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 18, AS AMENDED**

Whereupon on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 18 dated September 10 to 13, 2019 & September 16 to 20, 2019, subject to the amendment by Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc on page 150 under the heading "INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DAGOOC." He stated that the correct statement should be that he was conveying to the Energy Regulatory Commission to investigate the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines which he alleged usually delivers low voltage in their transmission lines for which the electric cooperatives were being blamed.

#### **APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 19**

Likewise, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 19 dated September 23, 2019.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez.

#### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 30 ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second

Reading House Joint Resolution No. 19 contained in Committee Report No. 30 as reported out by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

"JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019."

As copies of the House Joint Resolution had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri, the Chair recognized Rep. Isidro T. Ungab, chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations, for his sponsorship remarks.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE UNGAB**

Representative Ungab stated that the extension of the validity of the 2019 appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) and capital outlays (CO) until December 31, 2020 is urgently needed for the implementation of the priority programs and projects as well as the construction, repair and maintenance of other essential facilities of the national and local government.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Zubiri, the Chair recognized Rep. Joel Mayo Z. Almario, vice chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations, for his sponsorship speech.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ALMARIO**

Representative Almario initially requested his colleagues to support the passage of House Joint Resolution No. 19. He then explained that since 2014, the annual budgets for MOOE and CO had practically been made available for two years.



Representative Almario subsequently stressed that the delayed passage and signing of the 2019 General Appropriations Act (GAA) and the conduct of the 2019 national and local elections as well as the typhoon season that occurred thereafter, had resulted in the delayed implementation of projects and basic social services. As he appealed to the Body to support the joint resolution, he pointed out that the MOOE and CO allotments will automatically revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund if they will not be obligated.

On motion of Representative Zubiri, the Chair next recognized Deputy Speaker Legarda for her sponsorship remarks.

#### **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER LEGARDA**

Deputy Speaker Legarda said that the delayed enactment and signing of the 2019 GAA and the election period in the first part of the year had compounded the slow execution of government programs and projects. She cited figures on obligated and disbursed appropriations of the total allotment of national agencies, and said that the unreleased and unobligated appropriations would revert to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund while there remains a need to fund priority projects; aid and relief activities; and maintenance, construction, and repair of schools, hospitals, roads and bridges.

The Deputy Speaker then opined that although the government agencies could try to implement their programs until the last quarter of the year, it was more prudent to extend the availability of funds. She asked her colleagues to support House Joint Resolution No. 19 as she pointed out that Congress had passed similar joint resolutions in 2002, 2013, and 2019.

#### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19**

On motion of Representative Zubiri, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations and speeches *en contra*; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved House Joint Resolution No. 19 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

With the Chair's permission, Representative de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Godofredo N. Guya.

#### **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78**

On motion of Rep. Niña Taduran, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78 contained in Committee Report No. 5 as reported out by the Committee on Economic Affairs, entitled:

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

On further motion of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, Chair recognized Rep. Sharon S. Garin, chairperson of the sponsoring committee, and Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE QUIMBO**

Representative Quimbo said that her questions were to clarify or reduce possible inconsistencies in the provisions of the Bill. Then citing the service of electricity distribution, she debated with Representative Garin (S.) about the definition of a public utility based on the criteria of (1) the direct transmission and distribution of a commodity through a network, and (2) the natural monopoly of the commodity or service, thus requiring its regulation.

Representatives Quimbo and Garin talked about the role and jurisdiction of the Philippine Competition Commission (PCC) in relation to the Bill's provision on the President's veto power to suspend or prohibit mergers, acquisitions or any investment in a public service in the interest of national security. With regard to the same provision, the former also suggested to set a statutory limit on the said suspension to reduce uncertainty in the business environment.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Pimentel relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr.*



Thereafter, Representative Quimbo focused on Section 7 of the substitute Bill to House Bill No. 78, and specifically suggested to remove the setting of “maximum” rate, and clearly define the phrase “operate viably” in order to avoid possible abuse of rates by public service providers. The sponsor agreed to consider the suggestions which Representative Quimbo would raise during the period of amendments.

The Members subsequently discussed the exemption of government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs) from the franchise requirement, with Representative Quimbo pointing out that such exemption might give the GOCCs undue competitive advantage over a private entity which is bound by the terms of a different franchise agreement.

Representative Quimbo then suggested to revisit and address the inconsistencies in Sections 4, 5, and 6 of the substitute Bill to clarify which public services would be covered by the exemption from the franchise requirement. She also proposed to reassess the computation of penalty as stipulated in Section 12 of the measure to make it at par with the prescribed penalties under other business laws.

In closing, she expressed her interest in actively participating in the fine-tuning of the Bill and said that she would raise her proposed amendments at the proper time.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez.*

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Representative Taduran recognized the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago.

On motion of Representative Taduran, the Chair recognized Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BARBERS**

As Representative Barbers spoke about the threat to national security that the instant Bill may create, Representative Garin (S.) explained that the main

purpose of the Bill was to define the term “public utility” and that the sponsoring committee included the provision on the president’s intervention when national security is at stake.

Representative Barbers stressed the dangers of limiting the definition of “public utility” to the electricity and water sectors, particularly given that (1) the country would be opening important industries such as telecommunications and transportation to 100 percent foreign ownership; and (2) such changes in the definition of “public utility” do not subscribe to the definition followed by the framers of the 1987 Constitution.

Further, he also questioned the constitutionality of the Bill regarding the restriction in foreign equity ownership as provided for in the Constitution. Representative Garin however said that existing laws would protect local and small enterprises.

Thereupon, Representative Barbers questioned the Bill’s intention to promote fair competition because it would open the local market to big foreign companies to the possible disadvantage of small local businesses.

He also opined that opening the economy and attracting foreign direct investments (FDIs) do not necessarily entail redefining the term “public utility” since there are other investment factors, such as wage and tax rates, that needed to be considered.

Representative Garin stated however that with the new definition of public utility, there would be more economic opportunities that could lead to increased competitiveness; and that Filipino capital need to be supplemented with FDIs for the government to be able to deliver better basic services to the people.

Representative Barbers, expressing apprehension about the difficulties faced by local businesses under liberalization, thereafter said that he will propose pertinent amendments at the proper time. The Sponsor said that she will consider the same.

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

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the

consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78.

(as members)

Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago  
Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun

**ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS  
OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19**

Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Joint Resolution No. 19 the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

(as senior member)

Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

(as members)

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite  
Rep. France L. Castro

The Chair declared a recess at 6:23 p.m. upon Representative Macapagal Arroyo’s motion.

Committee on Cooperatives Development

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

(as senior member)

At 6:23 p.m., the session resumed.

Rep. Godofredo N. Guya

On motion of Senior Deputy Majority Leader Jesus Crispin C. Remulla, there being no objection, the Chair thereafter recognized Senior Minority Leader Janette L. Garin for the election of Minority Members to various committees.

(as member)

Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc

Committee on Disaster Management

**ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS  
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

(as senior member)

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

Rep. Angelica Natasha Co

(as member)

Rep. Arlene D. Brosas

Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources

Committee on Ecology

(as members)

(as senior member)

Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat  
Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun

Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries

Committee on Economic Affairs

(as senior member)

(as senior member)

Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo

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(as members)

Rep. France L. Castro  
Rep. Angelica Natasha Co

Committee on Energy

(as members)

Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo  
Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

Committee on Foreign Affairs

(as members)

Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.  
Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc

Committee on Housing and Urban Development

(as member)

Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as member)

Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary  
Relations and Diplomacy

(as member)

Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun in lieu  
of Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo

**WITHDRAWAL OF ELECTION  
OF MINORITY MEMBERS  
TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

On motion of Representative Garin (J.), there being no objection, the Body approved the withdrawal of the election of Minority Members to the following Committees:

Committee on Human Rights

Rep. Ma. Victoria V. Umali  
Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo

Committee on National Defense and Security

Rep. Isagani S. Amatong  
Rep. Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano  
Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

Committee on Good Government  
and Public Accountability

Rep. Bayani F. Fernando  
Rep. Joseph Stephen “Caraps” S. Paduano

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

At 6:28 p.m., the Chair suspended the session upon Representative Romualdo’s motion.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 6:28 p.m., the session resumed.

**CHANGE OF REFERRAL  
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4749**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body changed the referral of House Bill No. 4749 from the Committee on Labor and Employment to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs.

**REMARKS OF  
REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO**

With the Chair’s permission, Representative Macapagal Arroyo informed the Body that copies of House Joint Resolution No. 19, which the House had just approved on Second Reading, had just been distributed to the Members on the floor.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair suspended the session until three o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, September 30, 2019.

It was 6:29 p.m. of Wednesday, September 25, 2019.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Monday, September 30, 2019, with Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero presiding.

## PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair suspended the session at 3:00 p.m.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m.

## SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the Privilege Hour.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4801, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF JANUARY EVERY YEAR AS VISAYAN HERITAGE MONTH”

By Representative Lagon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON VISAYAS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4802, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE PERIOD OF PROBATIONARY EMPLOYMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442,

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,' AS AMENDED”

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4803, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INITAO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (Juliette)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4804, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE CAPITAL TOWN OF A PROVINCE WITHOUT A CITY, FROM THE REQUISITES FOR ITS CONVERSION INTO A COMPONENT CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Panotes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4805, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED CHAIRPERSON, COMMISSIONER OR LABOR ARBITER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS COMMISSION”

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4806, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL BY RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING POSITIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Romero and Pineda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4807, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ECONOMIC REGULATION OF WATER UTILITIES,

CREATING THE WATER REGULATORY  
COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4808, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE FOOD AND  
DRUG ADMINISTRATION FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Suansing (Estrellita) and  
Suansing (Horacio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
HEALTH

House Bill No. 4809, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE  
OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE  
COUNSEL BY RATIONALIZING AND  
FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING  
ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING  
POSITIONS AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Velasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4810, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE PURPOSES  
AND APPLICATION OF THE SPECIAL  
EDUCATION FUND, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 272 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CODE OF 1991, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Alonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4811, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE  
OF THE MANDATORY BASIC  
IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM AND  
PROVIDING A SYSTEM IN THE  
DETERMINATION OF OTHER TYPES OF  
VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10152, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE 'MANDATORY  
INFANTS AND CHILDREN HEALTH  
IMMUNIZATION ACT OF 2011' ”

By Representative Alonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4812, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AND ESTABLISHING  
THE PHILIPPINE YOUTH AND SPORTS  
DEPARTMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS,  
FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4813, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GRADUATING  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE  
STUDENTS TO PLANT TWO (2)  
TREES EACH AS A CIVIC DUTY FOR  
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND  
PRESERVATION, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Go (Mark)  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 4814, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS,  
DEFINING ITS POWERS AND  
FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tutor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4815, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MANDATORY  
ENLISTMENT RESERVIST TRAINING  
READY UTILIZATION PROGRAM OF  
THE CITIZENS ARMED FORCES OF THE  
ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES  
AND PROVIDES BENEFITS AND  
PENALTIES THEREOF, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 7077  
KNOWN AS THE 'CITIZEN ARMED  
FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES ACT' ”

By Representative Jalosjos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND  
SECURITY

House Bill No. 4816, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE TRADE OF  
ELECTRONIC NICOTINE AND NON-  
NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS (ENDS/



ENNDS) AND HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS (HTPs), PARTICULARLY, THE MANUFACTURING, USE, SALE, PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTION, AND COMMUNICATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Singson-Meehan and Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4817, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MARCOS, MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR TO BE KNOWN AS SANTA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Singson-Meehan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4818, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NEW SUBDIVISIONS, CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITIES, MALLS, GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PARKS IN THE PHILIPPINES TO CONSTRUCT RAIN HARVESTING FACILITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Momo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4819, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM INCOME TAX, AMENDING FURTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 22 AND 24(A)(2) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9504”

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4820, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING ANY ACT OF VANDALISM AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF”

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4821, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE HOME FOR THE HOMELESS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4822, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 97 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE TO EXCLUDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF HEINOUS CRIMES FROM THE APPLICATION OF GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCE”

By Representative Flores  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4823, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FAIR AND REASONABLE PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEY (PUJ) MODERNIZATION PROGRAM TO FACILITATE TRANSITORY ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEY DRIVERS, OPERATORS AND CONCERNED STAKEHOLDERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4824, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING LONG-TERM CARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Macapagal Arroyo and Arroyo  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4825, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CIGARETTE SMOKE EXPOSURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2911, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003, SECTIONS 6 AND 29”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 4826, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL

DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA AND  
TRANSPHOBIA, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER  
EQUALITY

House Bill No. 4827, entitled:

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

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4828, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
SYSTEM, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE  
THE NATIONAL EMSS COUNCIL,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4829, entitled:

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

By Representatives Malapitan, Maceda,  
Martinez, Nieto and Valeriano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4830, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF WATER RESOURCES, DEFINING  
ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lim  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4831, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 27 OF  
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NATIONAL  
NONWORKING HOLIDAY, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 9645, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE 'COMMEMORATION OF THE  
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA  
NI CRISTO ACT' ”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4832, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE PENSION  
BENEFITS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT  
SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM,  
FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE  
NO. 1146, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN  
AS 'THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE  
INSURANCE ACT OF 1997' ”

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4833, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
ON THE PROPERTY RELATIONS  
BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE,  
AND ON SUPPORT, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Abante  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY  
RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4834, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TFS OF  
TAMBELANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
IN BARANGAY DATU DANWATA,  
MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE  
OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL INTO AN  
INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN  
AS TFS OF TAMBELANG INTEGRATED  
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4835, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOLMOL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY  
MOLMOL, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE  
ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO  
OCCIDENTAL INTO AN INTEGRATED  
SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MARIANO  
ANOY SANGAY INTEGRATED SCHOOL  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4836, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DATU DANWATA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – AGIK-IK EXTENSION IN BARANGAY DATU DANWATA, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL INTO AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS AGIK-IK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4837, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BUKID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUKID, MUNICIPALITY OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BUKID INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4838, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE KINANGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KINANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS KINANGAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

#### RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 374, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DOCUMENTED CASES OF GRAVE CHILD RIGHTS VIOLATIONS UNDER THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, AND RECOMMEND MEASURES TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES”

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

House Resolution No. 375, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE AND RELEASE A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN BILLION PESOS (PHP10,000,000,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING OUR LOCAL FARMERS THROUGH THE BUYING OF PALAY AND PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EASE THE EFFECTS OF THE DROP IN GATE PRICE OF PALAY AS A RESULT OF THE INFLUX OF IMPORTED RICE IN THE MARKET”

By Representative Lara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 376, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE NATIONWIDE VACCINATION AGAINST POLIO, TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT ITS FURTHER TRANSMISSION AND PROLIFERATION, AND TO PROMOTE POLIO PREVENTION EDUCATION AMONG CONSTITUENTS”

By Representative Sarmiento  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 377, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UTILIZATION OF ALL DISBURSED FUNDS AS WELL AS ON THE STATUS OF THE RECOVERY, RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF MARAWI CITY”

By Representative Torres-Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 378, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE SUNFULL FOUNDATION IN ITS ADVOCACY TO PROMOTE POSITIVITY, RESPECT AND COMPASSION IN THE USE OF SOCIAL

MEDIA AND FIGHT ALL FORMS OF  
CYBERBULLYING, ESPECIALLY OF,  
AND AMONG YOUNG CHILDREN”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF  
CHILDREN

House Resolution No. 379, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY TO CONDUCT AN  
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE ALLEGED CONTINUOUS  
SMUGGLING AND PROLIFERATION OF  
SUBSTANDARD STEEL PRODUCTS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES RESULTING FROM  
THE COLLUSION BETWEEN LARGE  
STEELMAKERS AND OFFICIALS OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY AND THE BUREAU OF  
CUSTOMS”

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 380, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPENDING  
DEMOLITION OF THOUSANDS OF  
HOUSES TO GIVE WAY FOR THE  
NLEX-SLEX CONNECTOR ROAD AND  
THE PNR NORTH-SOUTH RAILWAY  
PROJECT”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaité, Cullamat,  
Brosas and Bagatsing  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 381, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
PROPRIETY OF IMPLEMENTING  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH)  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2019-  
0007, ASCERTAIN ITS ECONOMIC  
EFFECT ON TRADE AND COMMERCE  
AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER A  
LONGER PERIOD OF TIME MUST BE  
ACCORDED TO CONDUCT FURTHER  
CONSULTATION ON THE APPROPRIATE  
REGULATION OF ENDS/ENNS”

By Representatives Garbin and Marcoleta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 382, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND  
COMMENDING FILIPINO TEACHERS  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2019  
NATIONAL TEACHERS MONTH”

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

House Resolution No. 383, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE  
ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SPREAD  
OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) IN  
THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS POSSIBLE  
DISASTROUS EFFECTS ON THE LOCAL  
HOG INDUSTRY”

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

House Resolution No. 384, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION,  
IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS  
OVERSIGHT FUNCTION AND IN  
AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
DISBURSEMENT OF THE BOUNTY  
INTENDED FOR WITNESSES FOR THE  
PROSECUTION, IN RELATION TO THE  
MURDER OF HON. RODEL BATOCABE”

By Representative Abante  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 385, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER  
COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, TO INVESTIGATE ON  
THE TRAGEDY MET BY THE DRAGON  
BOAT TEAM DURING THEIR TRAINING  
IN BORACAY, MALAY, AKLAN”

By Representative Marquez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 386, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE  
IMPORTANCE OF THE 2019  
ASEAN-REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
COMMEMORATIVE SUMMIT (ARCS)  
AND WELCOMING THE BILATERAL  
SUMMIT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT



OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES AND THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA”

By Representatives Hofer, Cayetano (Maria  
Laarni), Sagarbarria, Rivera, Vargas Alfonso  
and Abueg-Zaldivar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated August 27, 2019 of Rolando T.  
Bangalando, State Auditor III, Audit Team  
Leader, Commission on Audit, furnishing the  
House of Representatives copies of the Biennial  
Audit Report for CYs 2017 and 2018 of the  
following Water Districts:

1. Ayungon Water District, Ayungon, Negros  
Oriental;
2. Bais City Water District, Bais City, Negros  
Oriental; and
3. Bayawan Water District, Bayawan City,  
Negros Oriental.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical  
Education (Committee Report No. 31), re H.B.  
No. 4851, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 18 OF  
EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIGHER  
EDUCATION DAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 3744

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark) and  
Rodriguez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On successive motions of Representative Bolilia,  
there being no objection, the Body resumed the  
Privilege Hour; and thereafter, the Chair recognized  
Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy for her privilege  
speech.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH  
OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY**

Representative Herrera-Dy spoke on the  
reemergence of the polio virus in the Philippines  
which last hit the country in 1993. With the country  
being polio-free since 2000, the World Health  
Organization (WHO) expressed serious concern with  
the recently detected polio cases in Lanao del Sur  
and Laguna.

She cited the reasons for the recurrence of polio  
which included among others, lack of public trust  
in vaccines and funding shortages. She said that  
coverage of the third dose of polio vaccine in 2018  
only reached 66 percent of the target population.

She then expressed support to the “Sabayang  
Patak Kontra Polio” which is a house to house  
campaign of the Department of Health (DOH)  
scheduled on October 14 to 25 in selected regions.  
Further, she enjoined her colleagues to work with the  
health centers to ensure the participation of children  
below five years old in the said campaign.

She also pointed out that staying polio-free would  
entail sufficient funding for, and proper stocking of,  
vaccines; accessible health centers; and adequate  
manpower to support the vaccination efforts. She  
likewise emphasized the need to educate parents and  
caregivers on the importance of disease prevention  
through vaccination.

Thereafter, she asked the Body to support a  
proposed additional budget to fund the nationwide  
anti-polio vaccination drive and help in the education  
campaign to end polio in the country.

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the  
Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his  
interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

Representative Atienza inquired into the  
concerns related to the recurrence of the polio disease  
in the Philippines and the fund necessary to augment  
massive anti-polio campaign of the DOH. He then  
argued that the inclusion of additional funds for said  
purpose through a supplementary budget is better  
than amending the 2020 General Appropriations Bill  
(GAB), which might only be deemed illegal.

Representative Atienza then discussed with  
Representative Herrera-Dy about the public’s loss of  
confidence in the government’s vaccination programs  
and thereafter, the former urged Representative  
Herrera-Dy to consider his call for the DOH to remain  
faithful to its role in this public health concern. He  
expressed doubt on the motive of adding more funds  
for polio vaccination as he cited past controversies  
involving DOH’s vaccination programs and said that  
the department needs to strengthen its integrity to  
regain the public trust.



In reply, Representative Herrera-Dy emphasized the need to educate the parents in order to restore public confidence in the vaccination programs of the government.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE NOGRALES (J.J.)**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles who sought clarification on the purpose of the additional ₱250 million funds for polio vaccination.

Representative Herrera-Dy said she would again ask the DOH about the vaccines to be purchased. In reaction, Representative Nograles expressed support to the initiative of Representative Herrera-Dy.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Minority Leader Janette L. Garin for her interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

Representatives Garin and Herrera-Dy discussed the previously raised issues regarding sterilization and vaccination and the alleged corruption in the DOH, wherein the former stressed that spreading of wrong information especially by public officials contribute to the public's distrust in the government's vaccination programs. Representative Garin stressed that it is important to get the advice from experts to counter irresponsible statements from non-experts.

With regard to the vaccines to be purchased by the DOH, Representative Herrera-Dy said that the department would get the needed vaccines to address type 2 poliovirus.

Representative Garin then enlightened the Body about the three types of poliovirus, the required doses of anti-polio vaccines, as well as the shift from oral polio vaccine to inactive polio vaccine. She also cautioned against the use of medical and scientific terms like "vaccine-associated paralytic poliomyelitis" and "vaccine-derived paralytic poliomyelitis" to avoid misinformation and fear of vaccination among parents. This, as she reiterated her clarification on the anti-polio doses provided by the DOH.

Lastly, Representative Garin said that the proposed fund augmentation should be allocated instead for manpower since the DOH has sufficient funds, in addition to its Quick Response Fund, which can be used for the purchase of vaccines. She enjoined the department to tap its experts for technical advice.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

At this point, Representative Atienza sought recognition from the Chair.

#### **POINT OF ORDER OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

Thereupon, Representative Garin moved for the calling of the Roll.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Thereafter, the session was suspended at 4:12 p.m. upon motion of Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:20 p.m., the session resumed.

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representative Garin (J.).

#### **WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

Upon resumption of session, Representative Garin withdrew her previous motion to call the Roll.

#### **SUSPENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Representative Bondoc thereafter moved that the Body suspend the Privilege Hour and there being no objection, the Body approved the same.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Reps. Michael L. Romero, PhD, Ruth Mariano-Hernandez, Sarah Jane I. Elago, Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo, and Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Aglipay, the Chair suspended the session at 4:26 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:31 p.m. with Speaker Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano presiding.

#### **RESUMPTION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour; and the Chair subsequently

recognized Rep. Maria Laarni Cayetano for her privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CAYETANO (M.L.)**

In line with the celebration of the House of Representatives (HRep) month, Representative Cayetano recognized and lauded the valuable contributions of the employees of the HRep through effective services that aid the Members in fulfilling their mission as Representatives of the people. She said that the HRep Month focuses on the employees and aims to address the well-being of the entire HRep secretariat and congressional staff as they continue to serve the Members and the institution with passion and commitment.

She then highlighted the different work and life stories of HRep employees through an audio-visual presentation (AVP).

Representative Cayetano then asked her colleagues to rise, applaud, and commend the employees of the HRep.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CAYETANO (M.L.)**

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

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair declared a recess at 4:41 p.m. upon Representative Bondoc's motion.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:42 p.m., the session resumed and the Speaker subsequently delivered the following speech.

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

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builder builds in vain." If you look at the Philippine Constitution, nakalagay po doon, "the kind of society we want to build with the help of the Almighty." For the longest time, ang House of Representatives ay parating "whipping boy." Kung may ka-trapuhan, kung may corruption, kung mayroon pong mapipintas, yung negative ng pulitika, parati na lang ibinabaling sa House.*

*First of all, it is very unfair to our employees and officials who are working very hard. So thank you very much na tumayo kayo, bilang mga representanteng*

*elected, para palakpakan ang mga taong nasa likod ng camera pero sila talaga ang mga gumagawa ng trabaho.*

*And of course, let us continue to honor them not only in words, sa palakpak, but to make sure that their families are well provided for; to make sure that Congress has a complex where friends can gather, where they can have, mabilis man, but good meals and good talk, and break bread together. Let us make sure that we have sports facilities para pati naman sa katawan – soul, spirit, body, mind.*

*In saying all of these, I'd like to thank you because, with the help of the Almighty, we are building the House. Each Congress has done great things and siyempre po iyong intriga sa isa or iyong kontrobersiya po sa isa, minsan nagiging kontrobersiya ng lahat. But in the last few months napatunayan natin that we can try new things; that we can think out of the box; that wala sa Constitution na kailangan mabagal ang legislation; na wala sa Constitution na hindi tayo puwedeng mag-usap kung paano mapapabilis at maging mas effective ang governance. Wala rin po sa Constitution na nakalagay na ang mga Representante should not take care of their constituents and their employees.*

*So we are doing all of these sa vision ng ating Pangulo to have a safe and comfortable life for all. I know, apektado tayo minsan sa mga balita at news, pero I will give you the same advice that your parents, your lolo, your lola, my lolos and lolas told me: 1) kung wala ka rin mabuting masasabi, wag ka na lang magsalita; 2) wag papatol sa tsismis.*

*So to our friends in the media and the people of the Philippines, kapag mayroon kayong matutuligsa sa 18<sup>th</sup> Congress, by all means, sabihin ninyo, through social media, through tri-media, through emails, WhatsApp, Viber, come here, i-private message ninyo kami, Facebook, but show us your complaints. Pero kung general accusations lang, o tsismis – paano namin sasagutin ang tsismis? Kapag sinagot mo ng tsismis ang tsismis din, pare-pareho na tayong tsismoso.*

*But more than that, do the people deserve an argument on pork when there is really no pork in the budget? Or do the people deserve a discussion on how much money our farmers need? Anong klaseng mga programa sa [Department of Agriculture] DA ang kailangan to make family-owned farms work? Sa health, may universal health care tayo. How do we fund it? May problema sa ilang mga disease na bumabalik. How do we solve it? Sa education,*

*pinangakuan tayo na iyong K-12, kapag-nailagay ay hindi mo na kailangang mag-college, at puwede nang magtrabaho; pero kulang ang equipment, kulang ang expertise.*

*These are the kinds of debates that people want. Yes, bad news sells; but bad news does not build a nation. Bad news, intriga, and tsismis do not build the House. And we, the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress, are determined to build a House – a House of the People that will give our people a safer and more comfortable life.*

*So by the powers vested in me, through my colleagues, I now declare the House of Representatives Month open.*

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair suspended the session at 4:48 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:49 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Escudero presiding.

On motion of Rep. Alfred C. Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda for her privilege speech.

### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER LEGARDA**

Deputy Speaker Legarda stressed the need to address the climate emergency, saying it was a moral and intergenerational responsibility. She averred that global warming beyond 1.5 degrees Centigrade will disrupt basic social and economic activities in the entire world.

She then talked about the officials, aims, and mission of the Global Commission on Adaptation (GCA) of which she was a commissioner. She explained the facts and statistics in its flagship report, as regards the impact of climate change and the human, environment, and economic imperatives on climate change adaptation.

She also mentioned her experiences in championing environmental protection and climate change mitigation and adaptation through legislation and her committee memberships as lawmaker, and pointed out how climate change action can be a challenging task.

Deputy Speaker Legarda said that the Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) of local government units must be enhanced to become science-based and risk-informed and thus be more

responsive to the needs of local communities for climate change adaptation. She also called for continuing financial allocations for adaptation interventions; welcomed climate finance pledges and carbon neutrality, among others, that resulted from the UN Climate Action Summit; and echoed the call of the Climate Change Commission for developed countries to deliver their commitments under the Paris Agreement. She opined that the only fitting response to the climate emergency is to change the way people think, live, and pursue development.

She urged her colleagues to understand the state of climate crisis and to focus on the greening of technology and industries including jobs, heed the call of the youth to rise up to the climate challenge, and uphold the Climate Change Act and other ecological and environmental laws of the country. She also called on national and local government officials to implement related laws and policies to ensure prioritization of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her manifestation.

### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Representative Brosas expressed support to Deputy Speaker Legarda's call for the Members to voice out their concerns on climate change, adaptation, and climate mitigation. She cited reports that placed the Philippines as one of the most vulnerable to climate risks and disasters; and said that despite the country's participation in the Paris Agreement, the government seemed to have given little effort to address climate-related concerns, including the issues on mining industry and logging, among others.

She also highlighted the recent killings of environmental activists and relayed that the Philippines had been tagged as one of the deadliest countries for land and environmental defenders.

She then called on the public and the international community to be vigilant on the violence and attacks on human rights activists and indigenous peoples.

### **REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER LEGARDA**

In response, Deputy Speaker Legarda agreed with the points raised by Representative Brosas.



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

Next recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Delos Santos, Rep. Michael T. Defensor commended Deputy Speaker Legarda for being a champion of the environment and an advocate of climate action, and further manifested the undying support of the members of the party-list coalition to her advocacy.

## **REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER LEGARDA**

Deputy Speaker Legarda expressed her willingness to work with Representative Defensor on climate change issues and its effects to the indigenous peoples and the health sector.

On further motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her manifestation.

## **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Representative Elago shared with her colleagues information about youth participation in climate change initiatives, including the Global Climate Strike where the Filipino youth declared a climate emergency and called for priority programs to address this concern.

She also informed the Body about the unity statement of various youth groups which (1) called for climate justice from major contributors to environmental degradation and willful ignorance of the climate crisis; (2) recognized the urgency of climate action; (3) urged for system change with respect to the wasteful, profit-oriented global system; (4) called for the defense of environmental defenders; and (5) called for youth-led collective action on the matter.

## **REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER LEGARDA**

In response to Representative Elago's manifestation, Deputy Speaker Legarda said that she looks forward to working with the youth sector of the country.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CHATTO**

Recognized by the Chair on Representative Delos Santos' motion, Rep. Edgar M. Chatto at first lauded Deputy Speaker Legarda for being a

staunch advocate of environmental protection and preservation and thereby enjoined the latter to participate in and help the Special Committee on Climate Change. The Deputy Speaker said that she intended to join the scheduled committee meeting to share her knowledge and contribute to the discussions on climate and environment.

The Members then discussed certain issues related to budget allocations for climate change programs. Representative Chatto said he had filed an institutional amendment to the 2020 GAB to increase allocations for program implementation of various agencies, including the Climate Change Commission. He also solicited the support of the Body through Deputy Speaker Legarda's intervention to a resolution he had filed, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives for climate justice and strengthened implementation of environmental sustainability laws and climate change programs in the country.

Deputy Speaker Legarda said she would coauthor the said resolution and support Representative Chatto in his budget initiatives.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Escudero relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.*

## **EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, there being no objection, the Body approved to extend the Privilege Hour for another hour.

## **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE KHO (E.)**

On subsequent motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho who commended the efforts of Deputy Speaker Legarda for championing climate change awareness.

Representative Kho then narrated her experience in a climate change forum in Germany and stressed the urgency to address and mitigate the disastrous effects of climate change. She also told the Body that she had invited Deputy Speaker Legarda to be the vice chair of the Special Committee on Climate Change, and mentioned a bill that she refilled, mandating tree planting for every child birth in the country.

## **REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER LEGARDA**

In response, Deputy Speaker Legarda thanked Representative Kho (E.) for her appreciation and support for the former's advocacy.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BIAZON**

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Rep. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon who raised the call for the government to take on climate leadership. Deputy Speaker Legarda agreed therewith as she explained about the active participation of the Philippines in the creation of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) of 40 climate-vulnerable nations which later evolved into the Vulnerable Twenty or the V20 Group.

The Members' discussion then focused on the role of local government units in the implementation of waste management and environmental laws, and on related issues.

Representative Biazon and Deputy Speaker Legarda also tackled the leadership and active participation of Congress and the local governments in taking on their responsibility to address environmental and water system concerns such as waste management and protection of the ocean and water systems.

To Representative Biazon's query on the exploitation of marine resources, Deputy Speaker Legarda said that the government could not fully take care of the country's inland waters, much less supervise and care for the territorial waters and uphold the country's rights on the exclusive economic zone.

Thereupon, Representative Biazon expressed agreement that Congress should take leadership in addressing climate change issues not only through local initiatives but also by taking the matter to the international arena.

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

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Body referred Deputy Speaker Legarda's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaité for his privilege speech.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

Representative Gaité spoke on the recent disease outbreaks and pointed out that the "vaccine scare" was only an additional factor to the existing public health concern regarding low coverage of immunization programs and mismanagement of vaccines.

Thereafter, Representative Gaité urged the government to focus on funding for public health instead of putting higher budgets for intelligence and confidential funds, procurement of military arms, and in the demolition of roads to give way for "Build, Build, Build" projects.

He also recommended that the government look into the plight of Filipino nurses and their dwindling numbers due to low salary, contractualization, lack of benefits, increasing numbers of outsiders, and employment to non-patient care profession; and called for the support and recognition of health care workers in the country. Moreover, he suggested the provision of comprehensive health care through direct support to public health care facilities.

Lastly, he commended Speaker Cayetano (A.P.) for his recognition of the valuable contribution of HRep employees through the celebration of the HRep month. He congratulated the employees for their perseverance, service to the people, and expressed his support in upholding the employees' rights and welfare.

## **MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER LEGARDA**

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Legarda who initially expressed her appreciation to Representative Gaité for raising the public health crisis issue. She said that there was an additional ₱21 billion funds for health in the 2019 General Appropriations Act (GAA) of which ₱16 billion was allotted for the Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP), and ₱2-3 billion budget allocated for PhilHealth to aid the point-of-care service of public hospitals for indigent patients. She enjoined her colleagues to exercise their oversight powers so they can monitor and look into the utilization of the said funds.

Thereafter, she joined Representative Gaité in calling for greater public health engagement and asked her colleagues to be vigilant in monitoring and scrutinizing public health funds.

## **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

Representative Gaité expressed his agreement to Deputy Speaker Legarda's call for a close monitoring of the public health budget. This, as he declared his support to Filipino health workers.



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

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Gaite's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Delos Santos acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Representative Gaite.

## **ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

On successive motions of Reps. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay and Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Majority to the committees specified hereunder:

### Special Committee on West Philippine Sea

(as chairperson)

Rep. Manuel T. Sagarbarria

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar  
Rep. Gil "Kabarangay Jr." A. Acosta  
Rep. Franz "Chicoy" E. Alvarez

(as members)

Rep. Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III  
Rep. Jose "Jun" L. Ong Jr.  
Rep. Ann K. Hofer  
Rep. Ed Christopher S. Go

### Committee on Agrarian Reform

(as chairperson)

Rep. Solomon R. Chungalao

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Gerardo "Gerryboy" J. Espina Jr.  
Rep. Nestor B. Fongwan  
Rep. Datu Roonie Q. Sinsuat Sr.  
Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas  
Rep. Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, MD

(as members)

Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo  
Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga  
Rep. Noel L. Villanueva  
Rep. Gil "Kabarangay Jr." A. Acosta  
Rep. Anna Marie Villaraza-Suarez

Rep. Alfredo A. Garbin Jr.  
Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Rodolfo B. Albano  
Rep. Aleta C. Suarez

### Committee on Rules

(as assistant majority leader)

Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas

### Committee on Health

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Sandra Y. Eriguel, MD  
Rep. Resurreccion M. Acop

(as members)

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers  
Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD  
Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Alberto "Bobby" D. Pacquiao

### Committee on Foreign Affairs

(as members)

Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Alberto "Bobby" D. Pacquiao  
Rep. Juliette T. Uy  
Rep. Micaela S. Violago  
Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba  
Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad  
Rep. Emmarie "Lolypop" Ouano-Dizon  
Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD  
Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla

### Committee on Higher and Technical Education

(as member)

Rep. Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, MD

### Committee on Basic Education and Culture

(as members)

Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola  
Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson

### Special Committee on Land Use

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Presley C. De Jesus

### Committee on Agriculture and Food

(as members)

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD

Rep. Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, MD  
Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson

Committee on Mindanao Affairs

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Ansaruddin Abdul Malik A. Adiong  
Rep. Munir M. Arbison  
Rep. Alberto “Bobby” D. Pacquiao

Committee on Labor and Employment

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Rodolfo B. Albano

(as members)

Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson

Committee on Legislative Franchises

(as members)

Rep. Sharon S. Garin vice Rep. Christopher V.P.  
de Venecia

Rep. Ann K. Hofer vice Rep. Deogracias Victor  
“DV” B. Savellano

Committee on Information and  
Communications Technology

(as members)

Rep. Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, MD  
Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson

Committee on Public Accounts

(as chairperson)

Rep. Michael T. Defensor

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Luis Raymund “LRay” F. Villafuerte Jr.  
Rep. Luis “Jon-Jon” A. Ferrer IV  
Rep. Ron P. Salo

(as members)

Rep. Elenita Milagros “Eileen” Ermita-Buhain  
Rep. Teodorico T. Haresco Jr.  
Rep. Ansaruddin Abdul Malik A. Adiong  
Rep. Sol Aragones  
Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu  
Rep. Emmarie “Lolypop” Ouano-Dizon  
Rep. Ma. Angelica M. Amante-Matba  
Rep. Lorna C. Silverio  
Rep. Rashidin H. Matba  
Rep. Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho

Rep. Pablo C. Ortega  
Rep. Allan Benedict S. Reyes  
Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Sol Aragones  
(as member)

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD

Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson

(as member)

Rep. Elizaldy S. Co

Committee on Visayas Development

(as member)

Rep. Kristine Alexie B. Tutor

Committee on Welfare of Children

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes

Committee on Transportation

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Ramon “Mon-Mon” V. Guico III, DPM

(as members)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama  
Rep. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay

Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Rommel Rico T. Angara  
Rep. Gil “Kabarangay Jr.” A. Acosta

Committee on National Defense and Security

(as members)

Rep. Presley C. De Jesus  
Rep. Adriano A. Ebcas  
Rep. Alberto “Bobby” D. Pacquiao

Committee on Youth and Sports Development

(as members)

Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Dale “Along” R. Malapitan  
Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto  
Rep. Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano  
Rep. Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso  
Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA  
Rep. Edward Vera Perez Maceda  
Rep. Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III

Committee on Tourism

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Gil “Kabarangay Jr.” A. Acosta

(as members)

Rep. Elizaldy S. Co  
Rep. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay  
Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño

Committee on Indigenous Cultural  
Communities and Indigenous Peoples

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Maximo Y. Dalog Jr.

Committee on Natural Resources

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba

(as member)

Rep. Elizaldy S. Co

Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso

Committee on Poverty Alleviation

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Ansaruddin Abdul Malik A. Adiong  
Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas

(as member)

Rep. Elizaldy S. Co

Committee on Housing and Urban Development

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Florencio G. Noel

(as members)

Rep. Victor A. Yap  
Rep. Paul Ruiz Daza

Committee on Games and Amusements

(as members)

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers  
Rep. Enrico A. Pineda  
Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson  
Rep. Alberto “Bobby” D. Pacquiao

Committee on Good Government  
and Public Accountability

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Abraham “Bambol” N. Tolentino  
Rep. David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez  
Rep. Enrico A. Pineda

Special Committee on Sustainable  
Development Goals

(as member)

Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez

Committee on Social Services

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

Special Committee on Food Security

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Genaro M. Alvarez Jr.

Committee on Economic Affairs

(as member)

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers

Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Ansaruddin Abdul Malik A. Adiong  
Rep. Munir M. Arbison

Committee on Disaster Management

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Leonardo L. Babasa Jr.  
Rep. Presley C. De Jesus

(as member)

Rep. Elizaldy S. Co

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Lacson-Noel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. France L. Castro.

**RESUMPTION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour.

**EXTENSION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour by another hour.

**INSERTION INTO THE RECORDS  
OF REPRESENTATIVE BORDADO'S  
PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. requested that his privilege speech which tackles Greta Thunberg and climate change be inserted into the records of the House. There being no objection, the Body approved the same.

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, the Chair next recognized Representative Castro (F.L.) to avail of the Privilege Hour.

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

Representative Castro adverted to the October 5 celebration of World Teachers Day every year and explained the advocacies of the ILO/UNESCO 1966 Recommendation Concerning the Status of Teachers which was adopted on the same day.

She then asked for substantial and realistic salary increases for, and the return of the medical exam allowance of, public school teachers; and pertinent action on the delayed or unremitted PhilHealth contributions of private school teachers. She urged

the government to consult the education and teaching sectors, in policymaking. She likewise condemned the attacks, red-tagging, false accusations, and militarization suffered by all progressive groups, schools, and educators including Lumad teachers.

Lastly, she stressed the need to value, protect, and guarantee the rights of teachers in order to protect the education of the youth. She concluded that the genuine celebration of teachers means honoring their rights and addressing their economic, social, and political struggles.

**REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECHES**

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speeches of Representatives Castro (F.L.) and Bordado to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

**TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

**ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE  
ZARATE TO THE COMMITTEE  
ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY  
RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY**

On motion of Rep. Jose Cristopher Y. Belmonte whom the Chair recognized upon Representative Lacson-Noel's motion, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate to the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy, representing the Minority.

**REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECHES**

On subsequent motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speeches of Reps. Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III and Bernadette "BH" Herrera-Dy delivered on September 24, 2019 and September 30, 2019, respectively, to the Committee on Rules.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

It was 7:15 p.m. of Monday, September 30, 2019.



## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, October 1, 2019, with Deputy Speaker Johnny Ty Pimentel presiding.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4839, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF AND ENHANCED SERVICES TO TOURISTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4840, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PROVINCE OF WESTERN MAGUINDANAO”

By Representative Sinsuat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4841, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INCLUDE A SUBJECT IN LOCAL HISTORY IN THE CURRICULA OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4842, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PEKKANG FALLS IN SINAIT; BECQUES FALLS AND ARISUDUSOD FALLS IN CABUGAO; PIKKANG FALLS AND TURTURAYOK FALLS IN SAN JUAN; PIMMADER FALLS, PIMMILOV FALLS AND ALVIN FALLS IN STO. DOMINGO; AND BURAYOK FALLS, NAGBALDI FALLS,

MASUNGAD FALLS, PUNDO FALLS IN BANTAY; PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR AS ECOTOURISM SITES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 4843, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING INCOME TAX HOLIDAY TO ALL NEWLY ESTABLISHED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR”

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

House Bill No. 4844, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 4845, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF TENURE OF WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES' ”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4846, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX (R.A. NO. 9266), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2004' ”

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

House Bill No. 4847, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYERS IN POSTING NOTICES OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

OF FORMER EMPLOYEES IN  
NEWSPAPERS, SOCIAL MEDIA,  
AND OTHER PUBLIC INFORMATION  
VENUES”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4848, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 544, AS AMENDED, OR THE  
CIVIL ENGINEERING LAW”

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

House Bill No. 4849, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE NATIONAL  
ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL (NOH)  
SCHOOL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN  
TO PHILIPPINE ORTHOPEDIC CENTER  
(POC) SCHOOL FOR LEARNERS WITH  
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS”

By Representative Crisologo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4850, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE FEES AND  
CHARGES IMPOSED BY BANKS AND  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR  
AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE  
(ATM) TRANSACTIONS”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL  
INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4852, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NO-  
HOMEWORK ON WEEKENDS FOR ALL  
ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4853, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING THE COMELEC  
OFFICES”

By Representative Dy (Faustino Inno)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 4854, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF UBAY IN THE

PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A  
COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE SCIENCE CITY OF UBAY”

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4855, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER  
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS THE FRANCHISE  
GRANTED TO CRUZ TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC  
ACT 7961”

By Representative Duavit  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4856, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A BAN ON  
DUMPING OF SEWAGE SLUDGE AND  
INDUSTRIAL WASTE INTO THE SEA”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4857, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH  
MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION  
(HMO) FOR ALL PUBLIC-SCHOOL  
TEACHERS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4858, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DIAGNOSTIC  
LABORATORY TO IDENTIFY THE  
DISEASES AFFECTING LOCAL HOGS  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

## RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 387, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ORGANIZING  
THE PHILIPPINES-BAHRAIN  
PARLIAMENTARIANS' FRIENDSHIP  
GROUP”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-PARLIAMENTARY  
RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 11 July 2019 of Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña,  
PhD., CSEE, Director General, Technical  
Education and Skills Development Authority,

providing the House of Representatives the copy of the National Technical Education and Skills Development Plan (NTESDP) 2018-2022, which envisions a “Vibrant Quality TVET for Decent Work and Sustainable Development”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Letters dated August 28, 2019 of Salvador C. Medialdea, Executive Secretary, Office of the President, Malacañang, transmitting two (2) original copies each of the following Republic Acts which were signed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte:

1. R.A. No. 11441, entitled:  
“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF CORAZON LOCSIN MONTELIBANO MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM FOUR HUNDRED (400) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1,000) BEDS, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

2. R.A. No. 11442, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BIÑAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS 'BIÑAN LIBERATION DAY' ”;

3. R.A. No. 11443, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC”;

4. R.A. No. 11444, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO BE KNOWN AS 'FRANCISCO DAGOHOY DAY' IN HONOR OF FRANCISCO DAGOHOY, A NATIVE OF BOHOL AND LEADER OF THE LONGEST PHILIPPINE REVOLT ON RECORD THAT LASTED FOR EIGHTY-FIVE (85) YEARS DURING THE SPANISH ERA”;

5. R.A. No. 11445, entitled:  
“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9090 OR AN ACT DECLARING

FEBRUARY FIRST OF EVERY YEAR AS 'JOSE MARIA C. PANGANIBAN DAY' AND A SPECIAL WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE”;

6. R.A. No. 11446, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 'BINAYBAYON FESTIVAL' ”;

7. R.A. No. 11447, entitled:  
“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8124, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE AUDIOVISUAL COMMUNICATORS, INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES' ”;

8. R.A. No. 11448, entitled:  
“AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL SERVICES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

9. R.A. No. 11449, entitled:  
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS TO AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8484, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ACCESS DEVICES REGULATION ACT OF 1998' ”; and

10. R.A. No. 11450, entitled:  
“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY VICTORIA REYES”.

TO THE ARCHIVES

Letters dated 18 and 24 September 2019 of Donaldo B. Robles, Acting Deputy Director, Docketing Monitoring and Records Division, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with

duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-066 dated 12 September 2019;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-067 dated 17 September 2019; and
3. Circular No. 1050 dated 18 September 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms (Committee Report No. 32), re H.B. No. 4933, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 47, 396, 420, 625, 905, 1029, 1071, 1354, 1571, 2060, 2175, 2276, 2386, 2483, 2531, 2551, 2608, 2647, 2727, 2874, 2888, 2890, 2959, 3037, 3100, 3187, 3268, 3316, 3500, 3515, 3652, 3670, 3937, 3959, 4042, 4606, 4682 and 4738

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (Juliet), Dy (Faustino Inno), Erice and Rodriguez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF MEASURES

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

1. House Bill No. 214 – from the Committee on Youth and Sports Development to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Youth and Sports Development; and
2. House Joint Resolution No. 16 – from the Committee on Appropriations to the Committee on Agriculture and Food.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Pimentel relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Michael L. Romero, PhD.*

#### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc pursuant to Section 102 of the Provisional Rules of the House, Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. spoke to clarify the allegation hurled against him regarding the spread of fake news during his interpellation on the privilege speech of Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy the previous day.

He proceeded to explain and validated the cases he shared regarding the mass vaccination of tetanus toxoid among women and the anti-dengue vaccination that had led to the loss of public confidence in vaccines. He said that upon previous investigation, the immunization program in 2016 was rushed.

Representative Atienza then reiterated that the accusation against him was unfair and that his opinions should have been respected instead. Thereafter, he said that he is willing to prove the allegation wrong and would resign if proven otherwise.

#### POINT OF ORDER OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)

At this point, Senior Deputy Minority Leader Janette L. Garin questioned the opportunity given to Representative Atienza to deliver a speech considering that it was not a Monday when a privilege hour should have been scheduled. She also claimed that her colleague was once again misinforming the Body about the tetanus toxoid issue.

#### REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC

With the permission of the Chair, Representative Bondoc clarified that Representative Atienza availed of his right to speak on a matter of personal and collective privilege under Section 102 of the Provisional House Rules.

#### REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)

Representative Garin then pointed out that pursuant to the Provisional Rules of the House, no matter can be discussed without a quorum. She then moved for a roll call.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair suspended the session at 3:15 p.m.



## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:19 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya	Celeste	Garcia (P.J.)	Pimentel
Abueg-Zaldivar	Chatto	Garcia (V.)	Pineda
Abunda	Chipeco	Garin (J.)	Plaza
Acop	Chungalao	Garin (S.)	Quimbo
Acosta	Co (A.N.)	Gasataya	Radaza
Acosta-Alba	Cua	Gato	Ramirez-Sato
Advincula	Cuaresma	Geron	Ramos
Agarao	Cueva	Go (M.)	Remulla
Aglipay	Cullamat	Gonzaga	Reyes
Almario	Dagooc	Gonzales (A.)	Rivera
Alvarez (F.)	Dalipe	Gonzalez	Robes
Alvarez (G.)	Dalog	Guico	Rodriguez
Amatong	De Jesus	Guya	Roman
Aragones	de Venecia	Hernandez	Romero
Arroyo	Defensor (L.)	Herrera-Dy	Romualdez (F.M.)
Atienza	Defensor (M.)	Hofer	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Babasa	Del Mar	Jalosjos	Romulo
Balindong	Delos Santos	Javier	Roque
Barba	Deloso-Montalla	Jimenez	Sacdalan
Barbers	Dujali	Kho (E.)	Sagarbarria
Baronda	Duterte	Kho (W.)	Salo
Bascug	Dy (F.M.C.)	Khonghun	Sanchez
Belmonte	Dy (I.P.)	Labadlabad	Santos-Recto
Benitez	Ebcas	Lacson	Sarmiento
Bernos	Ecleo	Lacson-Noel	Saulog
Biazon	Elago	Lagman	Savellano
Bolilia	Enverga	Lagon	Siao
Bondoc	Erice	Lara	Silverio
Bordado	Eriguel	Lazatin	Singson
Brosas	Escudero	Limkaichong	Singson-Meehan
Bustos	Espina	Loyola	Sinsuat
Cabochan	Espino	Macapagal Arroyo	Suansing (E.)
Cabredo	Estrella	Maceda	Suansing (H.)
Cagas	Fariñas (R.C.)	Malapitan	Suarez (A.)
Calderon	Fariñas I (R.C.)	Marcoleta	Suarez (D.)
Calixto	Fernando	Mariño	Suntay
Caminero	Ferrer (J.M.)	Marquez	Taduran
Campos	Ferrer (L.)	Matugas	Tallado
Canama	Flores	Momo	Tambunting
Caoagdan	Fongwan	Natividad-Nagaño	Tan (A.S.)
Castelo	Fortuno	Nava	Tan (A.)
Cayetano (A.P.)	Frasco	Nieto	Tejada
Cayetano (M.L.)	Garbin	Noel	Teves (A.)
		Nolasco	Teves (J.)
		Oaminal	Tolentino
		Ong (J.)	Tulfo
		Ong (R.)	Tutor
		Ortega	Ty
		Ouano-Dizon	Umali (A.)
		Pacquiao (A.)	Umali (M.V.)
		Pacquiao (R.)	Unabia
		Paduano	Uy (R.)
		Palma	Valeriano
		Pancho	Vargas

Vargas Alfonso	Villaraza-Suarez
Velasco	Villarica
Veloso	Violago
Vergara	Yu
Villa	Zamora (R.)
Villafuerte	Zarate
Villanueva (N.)	Zubiri
Villar	

With 209 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 2)

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Reps. Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel and Alfred C. Delos Santos acknowledged the presence in the session hall of the guests of Reps. Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco, Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., Sabiniano S. Canama, Rico B. Geron, and Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon.

#### **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE YAP (E.) TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Eric Go Yap as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

#### **PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Garin (J.) said that she rose on a parliamentary inquiry to know the circumstances surrounding Representative Atienza’s question of privilege.

Representative Bondoc said that Representative Atienza rose to defend his reputation. Citing Section 102, Rule XIII of the Provisional Rules of the House, he said that the question of privilege was in order. Having said that she could not find a copy of the minutes of the session being referred to, Representative Garin then requested a copy from the Secretary General of such speech. Representative Bondoc requested the latter to comply with his colleague’s request at the proper time.

Representative Bondoc then reminded Representative Garin to respect the Chair’s ruling that Representative Atienza was in order and recommended that the latter be given the opportunity

to exercise his right to speak on a question of privilege.

Thereupon, Representative Garin remarked that she was questioning neither the ruling of the Chair nor the wisdom of Representative Bondoc. She pointed out that the Members should not abuse the opportunity to speak up given to them as Representatives of the people.

#### **MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC**

Thereafter, Representative Bondoc reiterated his previous motion for the recognition of Representative Atienza to continue with his question of privilege.

#### **OBJECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

Representative Garin objected to Representative Bondoc’s motion.

#### **MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE BONDOC**

Representative Bondoc again appealed to Representative Garin to follow the House Rules in order to give everyone the chance to speak. He emphasized that debates in the House shall never be curtailed and that freedom of healthy discussion is always allowed. However, he urged his colleague to give utmost respect to the House Rules so as to avoid declaring any Member out of order and be expelled from the plenary hall.

#### **RULING OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair adopted the position of Representative Bondoc and thereafter recognized Representative Atienza to continue with his question of privilege.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:42 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:58 p.m., the session resumed.

Representative Bondoc stated that the parliamentary status was that Representative Atienza has the floor on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

**QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE  
OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**  
(Continuation)

Representative Atienza stressed that he totally disclaims spreading any fake news in the chamber as he has utmost respect for Congress. He then challenged Representative Garin (J.) to a public debate saying whoever is proven guilty should resign from his/her position. Moreover, he said he would file the necessary charges if Representative Garin would be proven guilty of the accusations previously raised against her.

Representative Atienza concluded that the Dengvaxia campaign exposed children to dengue and possibly death; and the responsibility for the same rested on his colleague who, he said, was violently reacting to his statements.

On motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair subsequently recognized Representative Garin for her questions.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

Representative Garin first asked whether Representative Atienza felt alluded to in her interpellation the previous day.

Subsequently, the two Members discussed the alleged toxicity of the tetanus toxoid and dengue vaccines and the role of the Department of Health (DOH) in the controversies thereon. Citing the findings of health experts, Representative Garin explained the previous administration's rationale for a school-based tetanus immunization program and the treatment protocol for tetanus; and stressed her desire to correct the wrong statements about said vaccines.

Representative Atienza, on the other hand, cited reports of tetanus toxoid vaccines laced with anti-fertility drugs and pointed out that the public lost confidence in the DOH and its programs because of the Dengvaxia controversy. He challenged Representative Garin to a debate on television regarding the issue of whether Dengvaxia causes deaths and averred that whoever loses should resign out of *delicadeza*.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Romero relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Prospero A. Pichay Jr.*

Representative Garin accepted the challenge, reiterating her previous statement that dengvaxia vaccine does not cause death. Meanwhile, she also challenged Representative Atienza to ask incumbent ministers of health from other countries if the DOH was at fault regarding the issue on vaccination. Finally, she said that vaccination is a very complex matter and that she stands by her belief that vaccination saves lives as she is backed by scientific data.

Representative Atienza thanked the Body for giving them the chance to elucidate on the issue and stressed that the truth will always prevail.

**REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH  
OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Atienza, including the interpellation thereon, to the Committee on Rules.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan acknowledged the presence in the session hall of the guests of Reps. Irene Gay F. Saulog and Lucy Torres-Gomez.

**PRIVILEGE HOUR**

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour, and thereafter recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for his privilege speech.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH  
OF REPRESENTATIVE BORDADO**

Representative Bordado spoke about the anticipated verdict of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal regarding the electoral protest filed by vice presidential candidate Mr. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. more than three years ago against the victory of Vice President Maria Leonor "Leni" Gerona Robredo. He said that since Vice President Robredo had assumed office, she had been a subject of political propaganda.

He then narrated that Mr. Marcos was given an opportunity to prove his protest which however turned out to further favor Vice President Robredo. Representative Bordado urged everyone to stand by the truth especially during times when facts are easily twisted and lies are sensationalized.

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

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

Likewise, on motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. Jocelyn F. Fortuno for her privilege speech.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FORTUNO**

Representative Fortuno highlighted the current celebration of National Teachers Month and World Teachers' Day on October 5 in honor of the men and women who have dedicated their lives to take care of the children's education. She maintained that while parents are working hard to give the gift of education to their children, the teachers become their partners and allies in preparing the children to survive the complexities of life.

She emphasized that just like in the corporate world, an attractive package of compensation was necessary in order to motivate teachers. She emphasized that investing in teachers and giving them proper treatment are tantamount to caring for the welfare of the children and preparing for the future.

Thus, she urged her colleagues to craft laws that would give teachers the most favorable compensation to liberate them from financial hardships, and said that providing the teachers a comfortable life would be beneficial in the long run.

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her manifestation.

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

Representative Castro concurred with Representative Fortuno's call for the Members to give attention to the general welfare of teachers. She urged Congress to support and urgently push for legislation that would substantially increase the salaries of teachers which could be a timely gift for them in celebration of World Teachers' Day on October 5.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FORTUNO**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Fortuno's privilege speech and the manifestation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

## **MANIFESTATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER LEGARDA**

Recognized by the Chair on Representative Bondoc's motion, Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda manifested her appreciation of the timely speech of Representative Fortuno and relayed to the Body that an amount of ₱800 million was included in the 2019 General Appropriations Act that was intended to be equally distributed to public school teachers in the form of allowances.

She called on the Department of Education to ensure the timely utilization of the said funds, and requested that the House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance include the same as automatic appropriation in the annual National Expenditure Program.

## **REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair remarked that the Body could ask the House Committee on Education through its oversight power if said allowances were indeed released to teachers.

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her manifestation.

## **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Representative Elago at first saluted all Filipino teachers for molding the future of the nation and then expressed the youth's commitment in helping them fight for their rights and general welfare, including the provision of higher salaries which she considered as a matter of Congress' obligation to them.

## **REFERRAL OF MANIFESTATIONS**

On subsequent motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body referred the manifestations of Deputy Speaker Legarda and Representative Elago to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.



## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Bolilia acknowledged the presence in the session hall of the guests of Representative Delos Santos.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama to deliver his privilege speech.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CANAMA**

Initially, Representative Canama recognized the presence of the leaders of various cooperatives from all over the country who were in the session hall in connection with the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the cooperative movement in the Philippines and the National Cooperative Month. He thereafter talked about the vital contribution of cooperatives in the country's economic progress and development.

On behalf of the cooperatives, he thanked the people and institutions who had given support and had been instrumental in the growth and welfare of the cooperatives sector.

He then presented the cooperative sector's priority legislative agenda, to wit: 1) amendments to Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9520 or the Cooperative Code of the Philippines on the lifting of the tax exemption threshold for cooperatives; 2) House Bill No. 2433, mandating a local government unit to allot to cooperatives two percent of its appropriations for local development projects; 3) House Bill No. 2435, creating the Cooperative Banking Act; and 4) House Bill No. 2436, making the position of a cooperative officer mandatory in the municipal, city and provincial levels.

Representative Canama called upon the various government agencies to strengthen their partnership with the cooperatives sector through their programs and services, and Congress, to allocate more funds to supporting agencies, especially the Cooperative Development Authority.

He then concluded his speech by quoting a Filipino proverb about the importance of remembering the value of one's roots, and relatedly expressed his gratitude to those who supported his candidacy as Coop-NATCCO Party-List nominee. He also thanked Speaker Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano and his colleagues for their trust in connection with his election as chairperson of the Committee on Cooperatives Development.

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

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Representative Castro who initially manifested the Makabayan bloc's support to the celebration of the National Cooperative Month. She also expressed her agreement to Representative Canama's statement that the cooperative movement is a potent force for development and nation-building as well as for social transformation.

She then recounted the teachers' cooperative which she helped organize and discussed with Representative Canama how the cooperative movement could also help teachers' cooperatives grow further.

Finally, Representative Castro stated that ACT Teachers Party-List, together with the Makabayan bloc, support the Committee on Cooperatives Development with its initiatives.

## **INTERPELLATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta who asked Representative Canama whether he was alluding to someone when he cited the proverb, "Ang hindi lumigon sa pinanggalingan ay hindi makakarating sa paroroonan."

Representative Canama said that the proverb only meant that he was thankful to the people who helped him reach his present position as a Member of the House of Representatives.

Deputy Speaker Marcoleta retorted another proverb, "Ang paglakad ng matulin, kung matinik ay malalim," which means that hasty actions or decisions could lead to something unpleasant, and reminded his colleague to be reflective of his actions because cooperatives are counting on him.

In response, Representative Canama remarked that he would be rescued by Representative Marcoleta when needed, as what the name of the latter's party-list group "SAGIP" implies.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CANAMA**

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

## REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

The Chair thanked Representative Canama for his privilege speech for enlightening the Members and hoped that their colleagues would take notice of the proposed bills he filed and would act on them accordingly.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GERON

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Bolilia, Rep. Rico B. Geron's speech centered on the importance of cooperatives as a vehicle for positive change in the lives of cooperative members as he thanked the different cooperative movements present in the session hall for their valuable support. He thanked the lawmakers for the tax-exemption privilege given to cooperatives under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law and the recent amendments to the Cooperative Development Charter.

He spoke about the significance of cooperatives through their economic and social contributions, and recognized the efforts of the cooperative leaders whom he considered as heroes for their selfless contributions in alleviating poverty. He stressed that cooperatives should be continuously supported through relevant legislation and called upon all the branches of government to support the celebration of the National Cooperative Month.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Pichay relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Roberto V. Puno.*

## REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GERON

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

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, Rep. Edgar R. Erice presented to the Body his proposed temporary but immediate solutions to the perennial traffic problem in Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA), as his sincere efforts to alleviate the worsening conditions of Metro Manila commuters.

He stressed that it is time to give utmost priority to ordinary commuters and proposed the banning of

private vehicles from plying through EDSA from Monday to Friday, 6:00-9:00 a.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m., hence dedicating all its lanes to public transport – two inner lanes exclusively for point-to-point or P2P buses and three lanes for public utility buses and vehicles. He also suggested the use of provincial buses for mass transport along EDSA which could ease passenger load in the Metro Manila Rail Transit (MRT) System.

Representative Erice enjoined private vehicle users to reconsider their travel options such as travelling on a more practical or convenient time, using alternative routes, and also using public utility vehicles considering that his earlier suggestions would already ease traffic in EDSA.

As he warned that traffic will worsen during the forthcoming Southeast Asian Games and the Christmas season, Representative Erice asked his colleagues to help him convince the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to study his proposal. He remarked that such was the temporary solution being implemented in some megacities in the world.

## REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Erice's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

## EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On successive motions of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Chair extended the Privilege Hour by one hour and then recognized Rep. Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat to avail next of the same.

## PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT

Representative Cullamat decried the Kaliwa Dam project of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) in the Cordillera region and the deceitful participation of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in the implementation of the same. She stressed that the dam will destroy the environment; result in flooding; and adversely affect the culture and identity as well as livelihood, access to water, and ancestral domain of the Dumagats therein. She explained the IPs'

spiritual, cultural, and socioeconomic relationship with the environment; and pointed out that they have always valued and protected the latter.

Representative Cullamat said that the dam was being built to address the water needs of Metro Manila. She however stressed that before the government implements these projects at the expense of the welfare of IPs, it should revive or improve existing watersheds and dams and that water service agencies and providers should improve their water services and facilities.

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

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

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

With leave of the Chair, Representative Lacson-Noel acknowledged the presence in the session hall of the guests of the Gabriela Women's Party-List and the Makabayan bloc, including former Rep. Raymond "Mong" V. Palatino of KABATAAN Party-List..

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

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas conveyed an alarming situation in Metro Manila regarding intensifying activities against human rights and civil liberties.

She said a "whole-of-nation" approach and the military's counter-insurgency *Oplan Kapatagan* were launched in the National Capital Region with the issuance of Executive Order No. 70. She also talked about cases of red-tagging of members of Gabriela Women's Party, the increasing military presence in the region, and police raids in certain communities.

On behalf of her party, she raised her opposition to violence and violations of human rights in Metro Manila.

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

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege

speech of Representative Brosas to the Committee on Rules.

#### **MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE LACSON-NOEL**

Representative Lacson-Noel moved to recognize Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri to avail of the Privilege Hour.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, the Chair suspended the session at 6:08 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:09 p.m.

#### **WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE LACSON-NOEL**

At this point, Representative Lacson-Noel withdrew her previous motion.

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

On subsequent motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Representative Lacson-Noel acknowledged the presence in the session hall of the guests of Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba.

#### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 32 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4933**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 4933 contained in Committee Report No. 32 as reported out by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms.

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

"AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT

NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House.

On further motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer, chairperson of the sponsoring committee, to sponsor House Bill No. 4933.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FERRER (J.M.)**

Representative Ferrer said that the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms has studied several measures filed by the Members on the postponement of the May 2020 synchronized barangay and *sangguniang kabataan* (SK) elections and has agreed to reset the same to the second Monday of May 2023, to give barangay and SK officials sufficient time to complete their recently launched projects.

She said that the proposal would also set the subsequent elections a year after every national and local elections or in May 2026 and every three years thereafter. She then urged the Members to immediately pass the Bill and listen to the clamor of grassroots leaders who are at the forefront of public service delivery.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ**

Next recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Bolilia, Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez, one of the main authors of House Bill No. 4933, highlighted the main objective of the Bill; the specific reasons, especially by the Commission on Elections (Comelec), for resetting the next barangay and SK elections on the second Monday of May 2023; and the salient provisions of the measure on the holding of subsequent elections every three years thereafter, the holdover capacity of incumbent barangay and SK officials, and the election of the *Liga ng mga Barangay* officials in July 2023.

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Representative Erice, another principal author of the Bill, for his sponsorship speech.

#### **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ERICE**

Representative Erice opined that the three term of office for barangay and SK officials was too short and thus commended the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms for taking the initiative for making the necessary changes.

He stressed that it is more prudent and logical to postpone the synchronized barangay and SK elections to May 2023 to give the officials ample time to prepare, at least a year after the national elections, and finish the programs and projects that they had started and ensure the stability of barangay affairs.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4933**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4933.

#### **CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78**

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

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

Representative Bolilia said that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Sharon S. Garin, chairperson of the sponsoring committee, and Representative Brosas for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

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

After being clarified that Representative Garin (S.) was sponsoring Committee Report No. 5 instead of the substitute version of House Bill No. 78 and that her related concerns would be considered



accordingly, Representative Brosas then discussed with the sponsor the constitutionality of changing the definition of public utilities for the purpose of attracting foreign direct investments (FDI) vis-à-vis the “flipinization of the economy” which she based on the 1987 Constitution.

Citing various materials related to the constitutionality of the provisions of the Bill, Representatives Garin and Brosas debated on the latter’s concerns on protectionism and economic self-reliance; entry of FDI and its effects on the lives of ordinary people; how to improve the country’s public services; the Bill’s implication on the implementation of the 60-40 equity ownership rule to selected public utilities; and dominance of foreign control over local public service utilities that might result in onerous rate hikes as well as unreliable and poor services, and threats to national security.

Furthermore, the two Members debated about giving the President the power to intervene in the transactions of foreign investors; risking national security, national sovereignty, and protection of consumers and small local businesses by opening up telecommunications companies and public markets to foreign investors; and not clearly defining in the Bill a reasonable rate of return for an investor.

Representative Garin said she will consider any amendments of her colleague regarding the foregoing concerns.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SARMIENTO**

Next recognized by the Chair upon Representative Bolilia’s motion, Rep. Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento sought the comments of Representative Garin (S.) on the need for an inter-agency committee such as the Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States (CIFIUS), to review the transactions of foreign investors and their effect on national security.

On another matter, Representative Sarmiento, as chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, aired his concern that opening the country’s airport and seaport to foreign capitalists would cause a national security problem, and stressed that these should remain within the control of the government or subject to the existing restriction to foreign ownership. He then manifested his intent to propose amendments at the proper time as he would like to ensure that legislation would benefit the Filipinos.

The sponsor expressed her willingness to consider proposals that would improve the instant measure.

At this juncture, on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, the Chair recognized Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc for his manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DAGOOC**

Representative Dagooc manifested that he agreed with Representative Sarmiento’s concerns on the issue of national security especially in relation to the country’s entry points such as air and sea ports; called the attention of the sponsor to correct Section 2(e) on the enactment of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) which should be 2001 and not 1991; proposed to submit amendments regarding the existing laws governing electric cooperatives, particularly the provision on the embedded power generation.

Representative Garin (S.) said that the sponsoring committee would seriously consider her colleague’s proposed amendments which are in line with the thrust of the EPIRA.

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

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

#### **CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4664**

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4664 contained in Committee Report No. 21 as reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Ways and Means, and Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN  
REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND  
ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Singson-Meehan stated that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate and on her successive motions, the Chair recognized Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, chairperson of the Committee on Government Reorganization, to sponsor the measure and Representative Castro (F.L.) for her interpellation.

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

Representative Castro’s initial discussion with Representative Mariño centered on the status of the country’s current real property valuation system as well as the scope and valuation system proposed under House Bill No. 4664.

The Members then talked about (1) the Bill’s objective to promote the fiscal autonomy of local government units (LGUs) and hence improve revenue generation for social services, (2) the implication of this objective to the Special Education Fund allotted to LGUs, (3) how the Bill would affect the determination of right-of-way compensation concerning government projects, and (4) the staffing and budget requirements of the measure.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Savellano relinquished the Chair to Representative Bondoc.*

On further queries of Representative Castro, Representative Mariño clarified that the Bill was not about taxation but the updating of real property market values and that by using the term “international standards,” the proposed valuation system would gain acceptance from the international community.

*Representative Bondoc relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Savellano, at this point.*

Representative Mariño said that a Central Consultative Committee, composed of representatives from relevant agencies including the private sector, would be created to review the prevailing market price. He opined that filing of complaints on issues of just compensation would be lessened, and that implementation of government projects would be faster, because there would only be a standard market value as basis for the valuation.

In closing, Representative Castro expressed hope that the landowners would be justly compensated for expropriated properties and that the Bill would indeed be beneficial to all private property owners.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE YAP (V.)**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. Victor A. Yap who initially asked the sponsor about the accuracy of transaction rates for the sale of property, and explained that there is a tendency to lower the valuation of the property when capital gains and documentary stamp tax rates are high. Representative Mariño clarified that the TRAIN Law had already reduced the capital gains and documentary stamp taxes.

Lastly, Representatives Yap and Mariño tackled the capital gains tax rates for corporate and individual properties among ASEAN countries, and the assessment of the said tax rates.

#### **SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4664**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4664

#### **RECONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 18**

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the approval of Journal No. 18 dated September 10-13 and 16-20, 2019, to delete on page 122, the name “Rep. Ferdinand L. Hernandez” as member of the Committee on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development, and in lieu thereof, to insert the name REP. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ.

#### **APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 18, AS AMENDED**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 18, dated September 10-13 and 16-20, 2019, as amended.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On further motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session suspended until three o’clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

It was 8:56 p.m. of Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m of Wednesday, October 2, 2019 with Deputy Speaker Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr. presiding.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4859, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COLLEGE LIVING EXPENSES FINANCING (CLEF) PROGRAM TO SUPPORT HIGHER STUDIES FOR HUNDRED OF THOUSANDS MORE FILIPINO STUDENTS OF GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING, MANDATING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SET UP LOAN GUARANTEE FUNDS ON STUDENT LOANS TO BE PROVIDED BY BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER CREDIT PROVIDERS FOR THE CLEF PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 4860, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REVISED WILDLIFE RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4861, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AT LEAST ONE (1) HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS IN EVERY REGION NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4862, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING POLICY IN SPORTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION, INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST DOPING IN SPORTS, ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTI-DOPING ORGANIZATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND MANAGEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4863, entitled:

“AN ACT TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT PHILIPPINE PUBLIC FORESTS, MANGROVES AND WILDLIFE THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OF RENEWAL, REPLANTING AND REFORESTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4864, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED OUTSIDE OF THEIR TOWNS AND PROVINCES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4865, entitled:

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

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4866, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE WORKERS, A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT

PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' ”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4867, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 4868, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BENHAM RISE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4869, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM THAT IMPLEMENTS AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY STRATEGY FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PEOPLE’S PLAN AND MANDATING RELOCATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PROVIDE OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD COMPONENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992' ”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4870, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING VETERANS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTERS IN LUZON, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4871, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF THE OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4872, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4873, entitled:

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

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4874, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL REGIME FOR THE MINING INDUSTRY”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4875, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS ACT (OHSA) FOR THE FILM, TELEVISION AND THEATER INDUSTRY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4876, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE RANK STRUCTURE OF THE UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION AND THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY



House Bill No. 4877, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES IN THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS, PRESCRIBING THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEA LANES PASSAGE”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4878, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING DEVELOPMENT, ASSISTANCE AND MICROFINANCE PROGRAMS FOR LIVELIHOODS, ESTABLISHING AND PROMOTING ANTI-POVERTY AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH POLICIES WHICH ARE SUPPORTIVE OF MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs), ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4879, entitled:

“AN ACT PLACING THE PROVINCIAL, SUB-PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT JAILS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY (BJMP), AMENDING SECTIONS 61, 62 AND 63 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER SIXTY-NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4880, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS AS A TRUST FUND, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION, AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO DISPOSE THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4881, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN, MODERNIZE AND PROFESSIONALIZE THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4882, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4883, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTISPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4884, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS (DOFIL), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Flores  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 4885, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 6683, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR EARLY RETIREMENT AND VOLUNTARY SEPARATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AS WELL AS INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION OF CIVIL SERVICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4886, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4887, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND MODERNIZING THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (Alyssa)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4888, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING R.A. NO. 9262 OR 'AN ACT DEFINING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDING FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR VICTIMS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES', EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE AND COVERED ACTS PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 4889, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4890, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4891, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF

FORESTS AND FOREST LANDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4892, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING WORKERS RIGHT TO SECURITY OF TENURE AND CRIMINALIZING LABOR-ONLY CONTRACTING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 106 TO 109 OF BOOK III, ARTICLES 294 [279] TO 296 [281] OF BOOK VI, AND ARTICLES 303 [288] OF BOOK VII OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Mendoza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4893, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING LANE SPLITTING OF MOTORCYCLES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE”

By Representative Guico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4894, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING GOOD CONDUCT AND PROVIDING CONDITIONS IN THE GRANT OF GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 97 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'REVISED PENAL CODE,' AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10592”

By Representatives Yap (Eric), Tulfo and Taduran  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4895, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION TWO OF REPUBLIC ACT 10868 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT HONORING AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representatives Yap (Eric), Tulfo and Taduran  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4896, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AS EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATE ENTITIES BY GRANTING INCREASED INCENTIVES

TO PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT EMPLOY SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISION OF R.A. NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

By Representative Yap (Eric)  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4897, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Velasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4898, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING BREASTFEEDING PRACTICES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4899, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING PHILIPPINE eHEALTH SYSTEM AND SERVICES IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES WITH THE USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4900, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF BATAS PAMBANSA 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE', AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 4901, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE EDUCATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4902, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESETTLEMENT, AID AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE INFORMAL SETTLERS AFFECTED BY THE DEMOLITION OF HOUSES/ DWELLINGS ALONG DANGER AREAS AS WELL AS THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES AND THOSE AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4903, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DONATION OF ALL SURPLUS OR LEFT OVER BUT STILL EDIBLE FOODS TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND FOUNDATIONS BY ALL RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, SUPERMARKETS, FAST FOOD CHAINS AND OTHER SIMILAR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 4904, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO SECURE TITLE TO THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS UNDER LAND REGISTRATION ACT 496, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS ACT OF 1997' ”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 4905, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO DIED ON ACCOUNT OF WORK-RELATED SICKNESS AND INJURIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4906, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING LOCAL ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY BY PROVIDING THE LOCAL MOVIE AND FILM INDUSTRY CORPORATE TAX BREAKS AND EXEMPTING VENUE OPERATORS FROM THE PAYMENT OF AMUSEMENT TAX WHEN SHOWING LOCALLY PRODUCED FILMS AND MUSIC EVENTS FEATURING FILIPINO ARTISTS”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4907, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING A NATIONAL POLICY THE PROMOTION OF FINANCIAL LITERACY AS A TOOL FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 4908, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF COOPERATIVES FOR FRY GATHERERS, SMALL SCALE FISHERMEN AND FISH FARMERS”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4909, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4910, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE PHILIPPINE FILM INDUSTRY THROUGH AN ANNUAL FILM QUOTA AND OTHER SUPPORT MEASURES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4911, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE SPECIAL MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM SUPPORT FUND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Santos-Recto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4912, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING DIVIDENDS FROM INCOME TAX AND ABOLISHING THE IMPROPERLY ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TAX, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 24(B), 25(A), 32(B) AND 57(A), AND REPEALING SECTION 29 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Santos-Recto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4913, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FILIPINO RICE FARMERS, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PANTAWID MAGSASAKANG PILIPINO PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4914, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF MEMBERS, OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND GUESTS OF CONGRESS AND THE SAFETY OF CONGRESSIONAL PREMISES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE CONGRESSIONAL POLICE FORCE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4915, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO BACKYARD LIVESTOCK RAISERS AFFECTED BY MAJOR ANIMAL DISEASE EPIDEMIC OR TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1578, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4916, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS AMONG ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE



House Bill No. 4917, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING TREES IN URBAN AREAS AND PROHIBITING THEIR DESTRUCTION DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4918, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL MAJOR PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING CITY OR MUNICIPAL HALLS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, PUBLIC MARKETS, MALLS, RECREATIONAL CENTERS AND THE LIKE, TO HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL A FIRE TRUCK ON SITE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4919, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING VALUES FORMATION AMONG CHILDREN BY INCLUDING IT IN THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY CURRICULA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4920, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF A SPECIAL LANE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE OFFICES FOR EASY ACCESS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS) AND SENIOR CITIZENS WHEN TRANSACTING THEIR OFFICIAL BUSINESSES”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4921, entitled:

“AN ACT RELOCATING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ILDEFONSO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAY, ILOCOS

SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4922, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING HAZING AS A HEINOUS CRIME IF, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE HAZING, DEATH, RAPE, SODOMY, OR MUTILATION RESULTS THEREFROM”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4923, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR GOVERNMENT TEACHERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4924, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE NEGROS BROADCASTING AND PUBLISHING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN LUZON, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO”

By Representative Aumentado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4925, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4926, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING BAMBOO INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING THE BAMBOO INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (BIRDC), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4927, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7796, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TESDA ACT OF 1994, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4928, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS BY GRANTING OF INCENTIVES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4929, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING DEVELOPERS OF PROPOSED CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS TO DEVELOP AN AREA FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4726 ENTITLED 'THE CONDOMINIUM ACT' ”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4930, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AND DEFINING THE CRIME OF DISTRIBUTING 'BOTCHA,' 'DOUBLE-DEAD MEAT,' OR ANY MEAT TAKEN FROM ANY FOOD ANIMAL THAT HAS DIED OF DISEASE, AS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9296, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE MEAT INSPECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4931, entitled:

“AN ACT PUNISHING DOG MEAT TRADE”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4932, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LABOR EMPOWERMENT ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM, AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4934, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE SERVICE CENTER OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATAINGAN, PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Kho (Wilton)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 4935, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CATAINGAN, CAWAYAN, DIMASALANG, ESPERANZA, PALANAS, PIO V. CORPUS, PLACER AND USON, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF MASBATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Kho (Wilton)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4936, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NAIBUAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4937, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALIAGA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO BE KNOWN AS THE ALIAGA POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (Estrellita)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 388, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO STOP AND PROHIBIT ALL COLLEGIATE LEAGUES FROM RECRUITING, ACQUIRING AND USING NON-FILIPINO CITIZENS AND FOREIGN IMPORTS AS PLAYERS, IN EFFECT STOPPING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF 'HOMEGROWN FILIPINO PLAYERS' AND SHORTCHANGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS SPORTS PROGRAMS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 389, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE UNABATED INFLUX OF IMPORTED CERAMICS TILES IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Collantes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 390, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE SUDDEN INCREASE IN FUEL PRICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2019, WITH AN END VIEW OF PASSING LEGISLATION TO STABILIZE FUEL PRICES OR AMEND THE APPROPRIATE LAWS”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 391, entitled:

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

By Representative Revilla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 392, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS AND TO URGE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN

RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE SPATE OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES IN THE COUNTRY”

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

House Resolution No. 393, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN AND TO URGE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE SPATE OF ATTACKS AND KILLINGS OF THE YOUTH, ESPECIALLY MINORS, UNDER OPLAN TOKHANG, MARTIAL LAW IN MINDANAO, MEMORANDUM NO. 32, AND OTHERS”

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

House Resolution No. 394, entitled:

“RESOLUTION SCRAPPING A PORTION OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS RESTRICTING THE COVERAGE OF FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE UNIFAST BOARD'S DEFINITION OF '(WW.) OTHER SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES' ”

By Representative Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 395, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE UNIFIED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS IN TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIFAST) BOARD TO SCRAP ITS DEFINITION OF 'SIMILAR OR RELATED FEES,' WHICH ALLOWS THE ILLEGAL COLLECTION OF REDUNDANT, EXORBITANT, AND DUBIOUS SCHOOL FEES, IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 10931”

By Representative Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 396, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING OUR FILIPINO TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE

2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH  
(NTM)"

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 397, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER  
COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT  
AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
SURROUNDING THE EVENTS LAST  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 IN BORACAY  
AKLAN, WHERE 7 DRAGON BOAT  
PADDLERS LOST THEIR LIFE WHILE  
TRAINING"

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 398, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION URGING ALL  
LEGISLATORS FROM THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ADOPT  
AND ALIGN THE SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) IN THE  
BILLS CRAFTED IN THE EIGHTEENTH  
CONGRESS"

By Representatives Nograles (Juan), Elago and  
Atienza  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS

House Resolution No. 399, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT  
CLIMATE ADVOCATES' KEY POINTS  
IN THE STRUGGLE TO SAVE THE  
ENVIRONMENT, (1) CLIMATE JUSTICE,  
(2) URGENCY OF CLIMATE ACTION,  
(3) SYSTEM CHANGE, (4) DEFEND  
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS, AND  
(5) YOUTH-LED COLLECTIVE ACTION"

By Representative Elago  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE  
CHANGE

House Resolution No. 400, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE  
ON JUSTICE TO CONDUCT AN  
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT  
INCIDENT AT MANILA CITY JAIL WHERE  
TWO (2) INMATES WERE KILLED AND  
THIRTY-TWO (32) WERE HURT IN A  
RIOT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF TWO

(2) GROUPS, WITH THE END VIEW OF  
PROPOSING REMEDIAL LEGISLATION  
TO IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF OUR  
JAIL FACILITIES"

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 402, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND  
DEVELOPMENT TO SERIOUSLY  
CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
AND PROPOSALS OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE  
CRAFTING AND PROMULGATION OF  
THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND  
REGULATIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
11310, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'PANTAWID  
PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)  
ACT, DEEMED TO BE IN FURTHERANCE  
OF THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND  
SPIRIT OF THE SAID LAW' "

By Representative Malapitan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Resolution No. 403, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO  
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE UPDATE  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
BANGSAMORO ORGANIC LAW"

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 404, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION HONORING FILIPINO  
TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH  
(NTM)"

By Representative Ferrer (Juliet)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Resolution No. 405, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORS  
OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS  
THAT WERE THE PRECURSORS OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11223, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH  
CARE ACT, IN THE CRAFTING OF  
THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND  
REGULATIONS FOR THE SAME"

By Representative Sarmiento  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH



House Joint Resolution No. 20, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION CONVENING BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS INTO A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR THE ELECTION OF SENATORS BY REGION BASED ON PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Joint Resolution No. 21, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION CONVENING BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS INTO A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE CONSTITUTION TO REMOVE CERTAIN RESTRICTIVE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Representatives Bolilia and Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Way Kurat Zamora, Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay, Florida “Rida” P. Robes, and Lacson-Noel.

#### **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4933**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 4933 contained in Committee Report No. 32 as reported out by the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

Representative Bolilia stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her successive motions, the Chair recognized Rep. Juliet Marie de Leon Ferrer, chairperson of the sponsoring committee, to sponsor the measure and Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaité to interpellate thereon.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

Representative Gaité inquired into the basis and rationale for postponing the barangay and *Sangguniang Kabataan* (SK) elections considering that the said elections were already previously postponed twice. Subsequently, he and Representative Ferrer (J.M.) presented their respective views on the former’s concern on the need to set a regular schedule for the holding of said elections.

Representative Gaité stressed that the conduct of elections should be regular and periodic; longer term of office and lack of funds for SK projects would not necessarily affect the performance of the incumbent local officials; and postponement of elections should have a valid rationale.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Aglipay acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Datu Roonie Q. Sinsuat Sr., Amihilda J. Sangcopan, Alfred C. Delos Santos, and Domingo C. Rivera; and on his motion, the Chair next recognized Rep. Rolando M. Valeriano for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE VALERIANO**

To Representative Valeriano’s query, Representative Ferrer (J.M.) said that the postponement of the barangay and SK elections would, in effect, extend the term of office of the presidents of the *Liga ng mga Barangay* all over the country.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair suspended the session at 4:10 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:12 p.m., the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Johnny Ty Pimentel presiding.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Representative Brosas questioned the justifications for the postponement of the elections and argued that the elected officials were aware of the schedule of the next elections and should have planned programs and projects within their term of office. She also said that postponing the elections for the third time would be too much. Nonetheless, she said that the estimated ₱5 billion savings from the election postponement should be used to fund for programs needed by the barangay and the SK.

Representative Brosas opined that postponing again the barangay and SK elections essentially violates the right of the people to vote for their chosen official, and that the regularity of elections prevents political patronage. She also said that savings from postponed elections should be spent for its intended purpose.

Thereafter, Representatives Brosas and Ferrer (J.M.) also tackled whether stakeholders were consulted on the proposed postponement.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Bolilia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor for his interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEFENSOR (L.)**

To the queries of Representative Defensor, Representative Ferrer (J.M.) affirmed that barangay officials should be given sufficient time to serve the people considering that two years would not be enough to implement their programs and projects, and that the wisdom of Congress to postpone the barangay and SK elections comes from the people whom they represent.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Representative Elago, who was part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress, said that the two-time postponement of

the barangay and SK elections were due to election fatigue and the war on illegal drugs.

Thereafter, Representative Elago's succeeding queries highlighted the delay in the release of the implementing rules and guidelines on the utilization of the SK funds that caused problems in the implementation of the SK programs.

She then asked for the commitment of the sponsor to push the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to conduct special elections to address the vacancy in SK positions; and raised exclusion of the SK federation in the bill's provision on the holdover of all elected officials which Representative Ferrer promised to include in the amendments.

She also noted the need to look into the privileges of SK officials, specifically, their PhilHealth coverage, the memorandum regarding their exemption from the Civic Welfare Training Service (CWTS) under the National Service Training Program (NSTP), as well as their classes whenever there is a need for them to participate in meetings or conferences.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of his guests and of Representatives Elago and Princess Rihan M. Sakaluran.

Thereafter, on another motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Representative Zarate discussed with the sponsor the democratic rationale of suffrage and public office as well as the political and capricious reasons behind Congress' multiple postponement of barangay and SK elections. He expressed fear that barangay and youth officials will become beholden to the congressmen; and that future Congresses will again postpone the barangay and SK elections despite a proviso in the bill on regularizing the same one year after the conduct of a national and local elections.

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair next recognized Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Representative Lagman said that he supported the postponement of barangay and SK elections because the two-year term of office was too short and because Congress had the plenary power to do the same as it was not covered by the Constitution. He and Representative Ferrer (J.M.) then discussed the differences between the Senate and House versions of the instant measure.

The Members then talked about Section 38 of the Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines which prescribes non-partisanship of barangay elections and barangay officials. Representative Lagman asked whether the Sponsor would be amenable to coauthor a measure that would repeal Section 38 because barangay elections are basically partisan in nature.

## **TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no further interpellations, on motion of Representative Delos Santos, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate and thereafter proceeded with the period of amendments.

## **PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no committee amendments, on successive motions of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of committee amendments and proceeded with the period of individual amendments; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez.

## **AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ**

As proposed by Representative Rodriguez and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments on pages 2 and 3, to insert a new Section 4 and to renumber sections 4, 5, and 6, respectively.

## **TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no other individual amendments, on motion of Representative Delos Santos, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

## **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 4933, AS AMENDED**

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting House Bill No. 4933, as amended.

## **ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS OF HOUSE BILLS NO. 4851 AND 4933**

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 4851 and 4933 the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

## **CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS DURING THE RECESS**

In accordance with the Provisional Rules of the House, on motion of Representative Delos Santos, there being no objection, the Body approved to authorize all committees to conduct meetings or public hearings, if deemed necessary, during the House recess from October 5, 2019 to November 3, 2019.

## **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78**

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

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

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Representative Bolilia thereupon acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Representative Rodriguez.

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

At this point, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78.

## THE PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour, and thereafter recognized Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu to deliver a privilege speech.

### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER ABU

Deputy Speaker Abu talked about the power and the role of the House of Representatives in the national budget process, and lauded the Body under the leadership of Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano, for the successful and speedy passage of the 2020 General Appropriations Bill (GAB). He assured that the 2020 GAB that was transmitted to the Senate guarantees improved conditions for the Filipinos and a strong, sustainable, and equitable economy.

The Deputy Speaker then emphasized that the House Members, who have access and knowledge about the grassroots, are in a better position to contribute and participate in the drafting of the national budget. However, in spite of the power of the purse vested in the Congress, he said that national planning and budget systems and practices have weakened the institution’s power to shape the government spending priorities.

In closing, Deputy Speaker Abu enjoined the House of Representatives to legitimately use its power of appropriations, lawmaking, and legislative oversight for the well-being of the Filipinos; and stressed that it is the Members’ moral and legal duty to actively protect the interests of the people through the GAB.

### SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

### RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78 contained in Committee Report No. 5 and submitted by the Committee on Economic Affairs, entitled:

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

Representative Bolilia said that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on her motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Sharon S. Garin, chairperson of the sponsoring committee, and Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for sponsorship and interpellation, respectively.

### INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI

Representative Zubiri sought clarification about public utility companies providing public services; and subsequently inquired into the implications of the new definition of public utility to telecommunication and transportation companies.

Through his subsequent queries, Representative Zubiri voiced out his concern regarding a 100 percent foreign employment that could result from the lifting of the equity restriction on certain services, such as air transportation, and said that he would be amenable to House Bill No. 78 for as long as the incoming foreign companies would employ mostly Filipinos. Representative Garin (S.) stressed that all the industries are still governed by the existing laws and that the measure would only be touching on the rule on equity ownership.

Representative Zubiri then proposed to include an amendment that would protect local employment, which the sponsor said she would discuss further with him.

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

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

### THE PRIVILEGE HOUR (Continuation)

On further motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Chair resumed the Privilege Hour.



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

On another motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body referred Deputy Speaker Abu's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA**

On motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta who spoke about the growing media attention on the African swine fever (ASF), when the focus could be directed to the insufficient capacity of public hospitals that badly affects health service delivery for the poor.

He pointed out that despite the declaration by experts that the ASF does not pose harm to the people, the scare created by this disease remained, and suggested that the Members take action to assure that pork from the market, for as long as properly handled and well-cooked, is safe to consume.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Minority Leader Janette L. Garin for her interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

Representative Garin initially asked Deputy Speaker Marcoleta on what prompted him to speak about ASF, and discussed with him the overwhelming attention on the disease.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Pimentel relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Gonzales (A.).*

Representative Garin raised concern that the media's attention is focused on the ASF-infected hogs rather than the reduction in the budget of the Department of Health, affecting for instance, the funds for anti-rabies vaccines. She then pointed out the media's role on responsibly educating the public.

Thereupon, both Members agreed to call for a stop on the exaggerated news regarding the effects of the ASF on human health, and to raise awareness and accurate information for the protection of the hog industry.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Pablo John F. Garcia for his interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER GARCIA (P.J.)**

Deputy Speaker Garcia initially expressed agreement that the ASF has no effect at all on human health, and it is the human health that needs to be prioritized. He pointed out, however, that the ban on the entry of hogs from Luzon, as issued by the provincial government of Cebu and acknowledged by the Secretary of Agriculture, was a necessary precaution to prevent the negative impact of ASF to livestock farming and hog raising in the province.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair recognized Rep. Edgar M. Chatto for his manifestation.

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Thereafter, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:40 p.m.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:42 p.m.

## **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CHATTO**

Representative Chatto informed the Body that the Bohol government decided to ban the entry of hogs coming from Luzon in consideration of human health, and out of concern for the hog industry. He stressed that their decision was made out of their concern to protect their people most especially the marginalized sectors of their communities and their livelihood, which would be greatly affected if the local hog industry gets affected by the spread of ASF.

He asked for the people's understanding, especially of those in the affected area, and added that they do not intend to implement this policy for a long period of time. However, he mentioned that the policy is just a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of everyone in their locality.

## **REMARKS OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA**

In response, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta thanked his colleague for his timely intervention in his province.

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

On motion of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Body referred Deputy Speaker Marcoleta's privilege speech and the interpellations thereon to the Committee on Rules.

Thereafter, on further motion of Representative Aglipay, the Chair recognized Representative Garin (J.) for her privilege speech.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

Aided with a PowerPoint presentation, Representative Garin spoke about the polio disease in the Philippines and abroad, and how the country had fought the disease over the years through vaccination.

She then specifically discussed the progress and setbacks of polio eradication; pointed out that polio re-emerged despite having been fully eradicated in some countries like the Philippines when immunization programs weakened or stopped; and stressed that immunization coverage, patient surveillance, public awareness, and activism of health experts should be ensured in order to contain the polio virus. She added that vaccination conspiracies and misconceptions, including the alleged contamination of vaccinations by anti-fertility hormones, should be addressed.

In ending her speech, she reminded the Body that vaccines are used for illnesses that have no cure and medical experts develop them because they believe that they work. She also appealed for the understanding of the opponents of vaccination.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)**

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

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CABOCHAN**

Next recognized by the Chair upon Representative Singson-Meehan's motion, Rep. Manuel DG. Cabochan III deplored the hazing of Philippine Military Academy Cadet Darwin Dormitorio which resulted in his death. He extended his condolences to the cadet's family; and appealed to the authorities to file pertinent criminal charges and administrative

sanctions against those responsible for the same. Speaking as a graduate of the PMA, he refuted the idea that hazing was part of the culture and tradition of the institution and underscored that it was never a rite of passage that a cadet was required to go through. Although the military academy may be unique relative to most educational institutions, he said that this should not justify hazing which he deemed an illegal practice.

Thereafter, Representative Cabochan suggested that the PMA should strengthen its efforts in combating cases of hazing or maltreatment of cadets, particularly by instilling to the cadets that hazing is a criminal offense and that it should not be a way to teach discipline; conducting regular physical and neuro-psychological examinations for cadets; and conducting training and simulations in a controlled and supervised environment.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CABOCHAN**

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

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Bolilia, Representative Elago conveyed to the Body the activities and accomplishments of KABATAAN Party-List inside and outside of Congress as far as the education sector is concerned. She also mentioned the involvement of her group in promoting the causes of various marginalized sectors.

She also relayed to the Body their past actions and commitments with regard to several issues including armed conflict in the Philippines, threats to human rights and other forms of harassment, extrajudicial killings, transport problems, and threats to national security. She urged her colleagues to heed the call of SK officials for the release of their funds and the conduct of special elections in areas with unfilled SK positions. Finally, she underscored the importance and strength of the youth and youth activism, and thanked the families and teachers who have helped mold the country's young people.

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

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

## **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On further 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 on First Reading the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions, including the Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 4939, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN BARANGAY MACUYON, MUNICIPALITY OF SIRAWAI, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4941, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LIFE CENTER THAT WILL SERVE AS A DISASTER AND EMERGENCY CENTER IN EACH OF THE CITY OF ORMOC AND MUNICIPALITIES OF PALOMPON, ALBUERA, MERIDA, KANANGA AND MATAG-OB IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Torres-Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 4942, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LIFE CENTER THAT WILL SERVE AS A DISASTER AND EMERGENCY CENTER IN THE CITY OF ORMOC IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Torres-Gomez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 4943, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATE COUNSEL BY RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING POSITIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4944, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4945, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING CONFIRMATION OF IMPERFECT TITLES UNDER SECTION 14 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1529, IMPROVING THE PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL FREE PATIENT UNDER SECTION 44 OF COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141, AND REMOVING THE PERIOD TO FILE APPLICATIONS THEREAT UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9176”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4946, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CONFERMENT OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE AS EQUIVALENT TO ENTRY LEVEL CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE OFFICER (CESO VI) IN THE CIVIL SERVICE”

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

House Bill No. 4947, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING OVERLOADING OF PASSENGERS IN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES (PUVs), IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4948, entitled:

“AN ACT REDEFINING THE TERM 'INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZEN' UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7492, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010' ”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4962, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE VEHICLES BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 4963, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CANDIJAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AS PART OF THE CENTRAL VISAYAS CAMPUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tutor  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4964, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10592 ENTITLED 'AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 29, 94, 97, 98 AND 99 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE' ”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4965, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION, INCREASING THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4966, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ARTISTS WELFARE PROTECTION”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4967, entitled:

“AN ACT ENCOURAGING VOLUNTEERISM DURING EMERGENCIES BY PROTECTING VOLUNTEERS FROM LIABILITY”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 4968, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY OF HEAD TEACHER IN PROPORTION TO THEIR FUNCTION AND IN RELATION TO THE PAY SCALE OF TEACHERS PROVIDED BY LAW”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4969, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING PLANTILLA POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR VOLUNTEER TEACHERS WITH AT LEAST FIVE (5) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4970, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO GRANT HAZARD PAY OF TWO THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 2,000.00) PER MONTH TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHOSE WORK ENTAILS RISK OR DANGER TO THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4971, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000' ”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4972, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PRIORITY TO HONOR GRADUATES OF STATE COLLEGES AND STATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE



APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE  
EMPLOYEES”

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

House Bill No. 4973, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT OLDER OR  
DISABLED PERSONS ARE PROTECTED  
FROM INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY  
AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND  
SEXUAL ASSAULT AND TO IMPROVE  
OUTREACH EFFORTS AND OTHER  
SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OLDER OR  
DISABLED PERSONS VICTIMIZED BY  
SUCH VIOLENCE”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 4974, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MEDICAL  
SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE PROGRAM  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4975, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE CREATION OF  
GREEN-COLLAR JOBS, PROVIDING  
A STRATEGIC INITIATIVE FOR ITS  
IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4976, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL OPERATORS,  
FRANCHISE HOLDERS, AND SERVICE  
PROVIDERS OF MASS TRANSPORT  
PASSENGER TRAINS AND LIGHT  
RAIL SERVICES TO ACQUIRE  
COMPREHENSIVE THIRD-PARTY  
LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE  
FOR THE WELFARE OF THE RIDING  
PUBLIC”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4977, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION  
OF INFANT-FRIENDLY FACILITIES IN

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND MAJOR  
ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 4978, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BASIC  
EDUCATION SCHOOL IN EVERY  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES COMMUNITY IN  
THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4979, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE SECOND  
DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO  
TWO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

By Representative Dalipe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4980, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING CRIMES AGAINST  
ELDERLY PERSONS, PROVIDING  
PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4981, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING  
THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF OFFICIAL  
SEALS AND OTHER HERALDIC  
SYMBOLS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,  
OFFICES OR ENTITIES”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4984, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT  
AND USE OF FREE/OPEN SOURCE  
SOFTWARE (FOSS) IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
AMENDING RA 8293 OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE 'INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES',  
PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaite and Cullamat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4985, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING THE OFFICES OF  
THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 4986, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC  
ACT 10868 OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS 'AN ACT HONORING AND  
GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS  
AND PRIVILEGES TO FILIPINO  
CENTENARIANS, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES'”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 4991, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUMMARY  
TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED  
AS SITES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NATIONWIDE, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 4987, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM  
MONTHLY SALARY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL  
TEACHERS AND NON-TEACHING  
PERSONNEL FROM SALARY GRADE  
11 TO SALARY GRADE 20, AND FROM  
SALARY GRADE 1 TO SALARY GRADE  
8, RESPECTIVELY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4992, entitled:

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By Representative Bernos  
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OF APAYAO INTO A NATIONAL  
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
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By Representative Baronda  
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CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Baronda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5012, entitled:

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By Representative Baronda  
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“AN ACT CONVERTING YBIERNAS STREET IN CITY PROPER DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Baronda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5014, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING NISA ROAD IN CITY PROPER DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Baronda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5015, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING JALANDONI STREET IN CITY PROPER DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Baronda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5016, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING FAJARDO STREET IN JARO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Baronda  
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By Representative Suansing (Estrellita)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5018, entitled:

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By Representative Rodriguez  
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By Representative Rodriguez  
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'OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HOSPITAL  
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By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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REGIME FOR MINING INDUSTRY,  
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By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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By Representative Matugas  
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By Representative Tan (Sharee)  
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AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE  
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THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (Sharee)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5026, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA  
FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND  
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House Bill No. 5030, entitled:

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By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

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Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 33), re H.B. No. 4938, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIGMA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE RELOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALAG, CAPIZ, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1381

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and Castro (Fredenil)  
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Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 34), re H.B. No. 1611, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) EXTENSION OFFICE LOCATED IN MANDALUYONG CITY INTO A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab, Gonzales (Neptali), Tiangco, Castro (Fredenil), Lim, Gatchalian, Dy (Ian), Kho (Elisa), Lazatin, Ecleo, Bascug, Sanchez, Cabredo, Siao, Dagooc, Dy (Faustino Michael), Padiernos, Revilla, Violago, Gato, Biazon, Cuaresma, Baronda, Bordado and Momo  
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Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 35), re H.B. No. 2106, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE SECOND DISTRICT

OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO A  
REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and  
Aumentado

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Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
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Report No. 36), re H.B. No. 2659, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR  
DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND  
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recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and  
Dy (Ian)

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Report No. 37), re H.B. No. 3133, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE LAND  
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DISTRICT OFFICE IN MANOLOFORTICH,  
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FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab  
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Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
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Report No. 38), re H.B. No. 3286, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT  
BRANCH OF THE LAND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN  
THE CITY OF LA CARLOTA IN THE  
4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF  
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and  
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Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 39), re H.B. No. 4956, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR  
DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALCOY, IN  
THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CEBU,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 4340

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 40), re H.B. No. 4597, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE REGION  
VI OF ILOILO CITY INTO A REGULAR  
LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN  
AS THE ILOILO CITY LICENSING  
CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

recommending its approval with amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and  
Baronda

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Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 41), re H.B. No. 4610, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)  
REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE  
1ST DISTRICT OF ILOCOS SUR IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ILDEFONSO AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and  
Savellano

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Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 42), re H.B. No. 2590, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXTENSION  
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL LAND  
TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING  
AND REGULATORY BOARD IN PUERTO  
PRINCESA CITY, PROVINCE OF  
PALAWAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and  
Acosta

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Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 43), re H.B. No. 4560, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD (LTFRB) IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 44), re H.B. No. 4949, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AS AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR TOWNSITE PURPOSES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 531

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga and Paduano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 45), re H.B. No. 4950, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE STRIP OF LAND FIVE (5) KILOMETERS FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE ASPIRAS HIGHWAY, FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET COVERED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 1754 AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LANDS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1780

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga and Eriguel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 46), re H.B. No. 4951, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BANTAYAN, MADRIDEJOS, AND STA. FE, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AS

AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND TOURISM PURPOSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 2151, 'DECLARING CERTAIN ISLANDS AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS WILDERNESS AREAS'”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3861

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga and Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 47), re H.B. No. 1531, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF PAG-ASA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY RAWIS, CITY OF LEGAZPI, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, TO LEGAZPI CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 48), re H.B. No. 1533, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF ILAWOD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ILAWOD, MUNICIPALITY OF CAMALIG, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, TO CAMALIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 49), re H.R. No. 401, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE POSTHUMOUS CONFERMENT OF THE NATIONAL ARTIST AWARD TO MR. EDUARDO VERCHEZ GARCIA FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHILIPPINE CINEMA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 17, 22 and 34

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Olivarez, Vargas and Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES



Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 50), re H.B. No. 4954, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAGANHAN, BAYBAY CITY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS MAGANHAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3609

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 51), re H.B. No. 4955, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PUNTA, BAYBAY CITY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS PUNTA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3608

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 52), re H.B. No. 4940, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE J.H. CERILLES STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AS THE ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR STATE COLLEGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9159, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE J. H. CERILLES POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO A STATE COLLEGE TO BE KNOWN AS THE J. H. CERILLES STATE COLLEGE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1458 and 3054

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

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 53), re H.B. No. 4957, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1590

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Hofer and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 54), re H.B. No. 4958, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 571

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Gasataya and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 55), re H.B. No. 4959, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DULAG SATELLITE CAMPUS OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (EVSU) LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DULAG, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, INTO A REGULAR CAMPUS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9311, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1585 and 3224

Sponsors: Representatives Romualdez (Yedda), Romualdez (Ferdinand), Javier, Noel, Go (Mark) and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 56), re H.B. No. 4960, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 8 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE EASTERN

VISAYAS REGION TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE 'YOLANDA COMMEMORATION  
DAY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 3300

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel),  
Romualdez (Yedda) and Romualdez  
(Ferdinand)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government  
(Committee Report No. 57), re H.B. No. 4961,  
entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE  
KNOWN AS BARANGAY H-2 IN THE  
CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF  
CAVITE”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 4303

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and  
Barzaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation  
(Committee Report No. 58), re H.R. No. 409,  
entitled:

“A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE  
CREATION OF A TRAFFIC CRISIS INTER-  
AGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING AND  
HARMONIZING ALL TRANSPORT AND  
TRAFFIC POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE  
TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN METROPOLITAN  
MANILA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of  
House Resolution No. 353

Sponsor: Representative Sarmiento

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources  
(Committee Report No. 59), re H.B. No. 345,  
entitled:

“AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE PROCEDURE  
IN THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC  
AGRICULTURAL LANDS, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24 OF  
COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 141,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE PUBLIC  
LAND ACT' ”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga and Romualdo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and  
Culture (Committee Report No. 60), re H.B. No.  
4953, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BALANGAY  
AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF THE  
PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 1943

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Fortun

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and  
Culture (Committee Report No. 61), re H.B. No.  
4952, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE WALINGWALING  
ORCHID AS THE NATIONAL ORCHID OF  
THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 3506

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Garcia  
(Vincent)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and  
Culture (Committee Report No. 62), re H.R. No.  
408, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE  
GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE THE  
SIMPLE ACT OF GRACEFULLY LAYING  
THE PALM OF THE RIGHT HAND OVER  
THE CENTER OF THE CHEST WITH A  
SIMULTANEOUS SLIGHT HEAD NOD AS  
A CUSTOMARY FILIPINO GESTURE OF  
GOODWILL, PRAISE, AND RESPECT”

recommending its adoption in substitution of  
House Bill No. 921

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Fernando

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and  
Culture (Committee Report No. 63), re H.R. No.  
410, entitled:

“RESOLUTION HONORING FILIPINO  
TEACHERS ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE 2019 NATIONAL TEACHERS’  
MONTH FOR THEIR HARD WORK  
AND COMMITMENT IN SHAPING THE  
LEARNERS OF ALL GENERATIONS”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House  
Resolutions Numbered 356, 357 and 358

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark) and Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 64), re H.B. No. 4982, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH DAANG HARI IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG” recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 354

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

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 65), re H.B. No. 2998, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE CAPITAL AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FROM THE CITY OF PASIG, METRO MANILA TO THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL”

recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Puno  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 66), re H.B. No. 4983, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF LOWER DADO FROM BARANGAY DADO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALAMADA, PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LOWER DADO” recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1389

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

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 67), re H.B. No. 861, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A REGULAR LTO DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF POLOMOLOK, SOUTH COTABATO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'LTO LICENSING CENTER OF POLOMOLOK', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval with amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 68), re H.B. No. 5028, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 24 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS 'ARAW NG SIBUGAY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 3416 and 4004

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel), Palma and Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

### **OMNIBUS APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

Thereafter, on an omnibus motion of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday contained in various Committee Reports submitted by the committees indicated hereunder; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in the absence of interpellations; approved the amendments as contained in the committee reports or as manifested on the floor, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

#### Submitted by the Committees on Transportation, and Appropriations:

1. House Bill No. 4938 as contained in Committee Report No. 33, converting the Land Transportation Office (LTO) extension office at Sigma, Capiz into a regular LTO district office to be relocated in Dumalag, Capiz;
2. House Bill No. 1611 as contained in Committee Report No. 34, converting the LTO extension office in Mandaluyong City into a regular LTO district office;

3. House Bill No. 2106 as contained in Committee Report No. 35, converting the satellite office of the LTO in the second district of Bohol into a regular LTO district office;
4. House Bill No. 2659 as contained in Committee Report No. 36, establishing a regular district office of the LTO in Alicia, Isabela;
5. House Bill No. 3133 as contained in Committee Report No. 37, establishing an LTO district office in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon;
6. House Bill No. 3286 as contained in Committee Report No. 38, establishing a district branch of the LTO in La Carlota in the Fourth District of Negros Occidental;
7. House Bill No. 4956 as contained in Committee Report No. 39, establishing a regular district office of the LTO in Alcoy, in the Second District of Cebu;
8. House Bill No. 4597 as contained in Committee Report No. 40, converting the LTO Region VI of Iloilo City into a regular licensing center to be known as the Iloilo City Licensing Center;
9. House Bill No. 4610 as contained in Committee Report No. 41, establishing an LTO regular district office in the First District of Ilocos Sur in San Ildefonso;
10. House Bill No. 2590 as contained in Committee Report No. 42, establishing an extension office of the Regional Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan;
11. House Bill No. 4560 as contained in Committee Report No. 43, establishing a regular district office of the LTFRB in Bacoor City, Cavite;

Submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources:

12. House Bill No. 4949 as contained in Committee Report No. 44, declaring a parcel

of land of the public domain as agricultural land for townsite purposes in Salvador Benedicto, Negros Occidental;

13. House Bill No. 4950 as contained in Committee Report No. 45, reclassifying certain public lands within the strip of land five (5) kilometers from either side of the Aspiras Highway, from Agoo, La Union to Tuba, Benguet covered by Proclamation No. 1754 as alienable and disposable lands;
14. House Bill No. 4951 as contained in Committee Report No. 46, declaring certain lands of the public domain located in Bantayan, Madridejos, and Sta. Fe, all in the Province of Cebu, as agricultural land open to disposition for agricultural, commercial, residential and tourism purposes, amending for the purpose Presidential Proclamation No. 2151;

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture:

15. House Bill No. 1531 as contained in Committee Report No. 47, changing the name of Pag-asa National High School in Rawis, Legazpi City, Albay, to Legazpi City National High School;
16. House Bill No. 1533 as contained in Committee Report No. 48, changing the name of Ilawod National High School in Ilawod, Camalig, Albay, to Camalig National High School;

Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations:

17. House Bill No. 4954 as contained in Committee Report No. 50, establishing the Maganhan Junior High School in Maganhan, Baybay City, Leyte;
18. House Bill No. 4955 as contained in Committee Report No. 51, establishing the Punta Junior High School in Punta, Baybay City, Leyte;

Submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education:

19. House Bill No. 4940 as contained in Committee Report No. 52, renaming the



J.H. Cerilles State College in San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur, as the Zamboanga del Sur State College, amending for the purpose Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9159;

distinct and independent barangay to be known as Barangay Lower Dado.

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations:

20. House Bill No. 4957 as contained in Committee Report No. 53, establishing a provincial office of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in Zamboanga Sibugay;
21. House Bill No. 4958 as contained in Committee Report No. 54, establishing a provincial office of the CHED in Negros Occidental;
22. House Bill No. 4959 as contained in Committee Report No. 55, converting the Dulag Satellite Campus of the Eastern Visayas State University located in Dulag, Leyte, into a regular campus, amending for the purpose R.A. No. 9311;

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government:

23. House Bill No. 4960 as contained in Committee Report No. 56, declaring November 8 of every year a special non-working public holiday in the Eastern Visayas Region to be known as the “Yolanda Commemoration Day”;
24. House Bill No. 4961 as contained in Committee Report No. 57, creating Barangay H-2 in Dasmariñas City, Cavite;
25. House Bill No. 4982 as contained in Committee Report No. 64, creating Barangay South Daang Hari in Taguig City;
26. House Bill No. 2998 as contained in Committee Report No. 65, transferring the capital and seat of government of Rizal from Pasig City, Metro Manila to Antipolo City, Rizal; and
27. House Bill No. 4983 as contained in Committee Report No. 66, separating the Lower Dado Sitio from Dado, Alamada, North Cotabato and constituting it into a

**TERMINATION OF THE PRIVILEGE HOUR**

At this juncture, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

**ELECTION OF MINORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES**

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

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

(as member)

Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

Committee on Transportation

(as members)

Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite

Rep. Arlene D. Brosas

Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.

Rep. Irene Gay F. Saulog

Committee on Veteran Affairs and Welfare

(as member)

Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc

Committee on Visayas Development

(as member)

Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat

Committee on Ways and Means

(as members)

Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago

Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun

Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc

Committee on Youth and Sports Development

(as member)

Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat

Special Committee on Bicol Recovery  
and Economic Development

(as member)

Rep. Angelica Natasha Co in lieu of Rep.  
Elizaldy S. Co

Special Committee on East ASEAN Growth Area

(as senior member)

Rep. Ma. Victoria V. Umali

Special Committee on Globalization and WTO

(as member)

Rep. Godofredo N. Guya

Special Committee on Peace,  
Reconciliation and Unity

(as senior member)

Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat

(as member)

Rep. Ma. Victoria V. Umali

Special Committee on Senior Citizens

(as senior member)

Rep. Isagani S. Amatong

(as member)

Rep. Ma. Victoria V. Umali

Special Committee on West Philippine Sea

(as senior member)

Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun

(as member)

Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate

Committee on Public Accounts

(as senior member)

Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.

(as members)

Rep. Arlene D. Brosas  
Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite  
Rep. Ma. Victoria V. Umali  
Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun

Committee on Agrarian Reform

(as senior member)

Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat

(as members)

Rep. Lawrence “Law” H. Fortun  
Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat  
Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.

**REMARKS OF  
DEPUTY SPEAKER GONZALES (A.)**

Whereupon, the Chair reminded the Body of the fruits of their hard work especially in fast-tracking important measures, including the 2020 General Appropriations Bill.

Deputy Speaker Gonzales encouraged the Members to take the Congress session break as an opportunity to spend time with their families and in so doing, their bonds with their respective localities and the country would be further strengthened.


On behalf of Speaker Cayetano (A.P.), the Chair wished the Members a renewed sense of purpose and hope in upholding the Speaker’s promise of a safe and comfortable life for all Filipinos.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, November 4, 2019.

It was 8:09 p.m. of Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
**JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES**  
Secretary General

Approved on November 4, 2019.

## DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED

Printed copies of the following measures were distributed to the Members during the session on September 25, 2019:

1. House Joint Resolution No. 19, entitled: "JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019"
2. House Bill No. 4463, entitled: "AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GLOBAL SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8079, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE FIRST UNITED BROADCASTING CORPORATION (FUBC) A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS ANYWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' "
3. House Bill No. 4696, entitled: "AN ACT MANDATING THE INTEGRATION OF THE NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6541, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO ORDAIN AND INSTITUTE A NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES', AS A MAJOR SUBJECT IN THE CURRICULUM OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, SANITARY ENGINEERING, ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING, AND ARCHITECTURE, AND ITS INCLUSION AS A TOPIC IN THE LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS FOR THESE PROFESSIONS"
4. House Bill No. 4750, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG"
5. House Bill No. 4751, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LA MEDALLA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIODURAN, PROVINCE OF ALBAY"
6. House Bill No. 4752, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG"
7. House Bill No. 4753, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG"
8. House Bill No. 4754, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANYAG IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG"
9. House Bill No. 4774, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KATUPARAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG"
10. House Bill No. 4775, entitled: "AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG"

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



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

\* Appeared before/after the Roll Call

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

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

On official mission as approved by the Speaker)

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

\*\*\*\* Absent without notice

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

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

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