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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Dan S. Fernandez called the session to order.

INVOCATION AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Rep. Rowena Niña O. Taduran delivered the invocation and thereafter, the Members sang the National Anthem.

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

On successive motions of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, 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

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Ria Christina G. Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Reference of Business.

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6178, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO RAILWAYS CORPORATION PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION”

By Representative Dalipe

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6179, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY”

By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6180, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND MANUFACTURING COMPANIES TO MAINTAIN A SYSTEM OF RECOVERY, COLLECTION, RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF PLASTIC AND OTHER NON-BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Go (Mark)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6182, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO THE BOUNDARY OF MUNICIPALITY OF BUUG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BAYOG-BUUG NATIONAL HIGHWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6183, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING ALL THE PROVINCIAL AND SUB-PROVINCIAL JAILS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 AND REPUBLIC ACT 9263”

By Representative Babasa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 6184, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BUDGET”

By Representatives Gaite, Zarate, Cullamat, Brosas, Castro (France) and Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 6185, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES,

PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6186, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE GOVERNMENT UNEMPLOYMENT ASSURANCE MUTUAL FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF SEPARATED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 6187, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 236 AND 237 (A), (B), OF CHAPTER IV, TITLE I, BOOK II, OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6188, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE TREATMENT AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6189, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ALLOWANCES TO SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) COUNCILORS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10742 ALSO KNOWN AS THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN REFORM ACT OF 2015”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6190, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING (BPO) INDUSTRY”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6191, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4 (f) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994 'AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SENIOR CITIZENS FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Jalosjos

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 6193, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE ROMBLON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, OWN, MANAGE AND MAINTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BANTON, CORCUERA AND CONCEPCION, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Madrona

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6195, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NUEVA ECIJA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NEUST) ACADEMIC EXTENSION CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAMPICUAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (Estrellita)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6196, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 14 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL FAMILY DAY”

By Representative Abellanos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 6197, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SUBMARINE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE TO

HIGATANGAN ISLAND, NAVAL, BILIRAN
FROM BRGY. JUBAY, CALUBIAN, LEYTE
AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Espina
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 6198, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE 14TH MONTH
PAY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE
GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE
SECTOR REGARDLESS OF STATUS OF
EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Yap (Eric)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6199, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY MANAWE
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO,
AGUSAN DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6200, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY KAPDA IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO, AGUSAN
DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6201, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY ACES IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO, AGUSAN
DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6202, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY FERDINAND
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO,
AGUSAN DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6203, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY MABUHAY
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO,
AGUSAN DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6204, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY BUGDANGAN
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO,
AGUSAN DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6205, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO
BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MAITOM
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO,
AGUSAN DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6206, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY ILANG-ILANG
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LORETO,
AGUSAN DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6207, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE OPERATION OF
PRIVATELY-OWNED PARKING SPACES
AND FACILITIES”

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6208, entitled:

“AN ACT REMOVING CARDBOARD
WASTAGE IN THE PRODUCTION
PROCESS OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS”

By Representative Delos Santos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6209, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE FARE RATES
OF TRANSPORT NETWORK COMPANIES
AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
VEHICLES SERVICE”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6210, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM
ALLOWABLE AGE FOR SMOKING TO
TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS, HEREBY
AMENDING R.A. 9211 OR THE TOBACCO
REGULATION ACT OF 2003”

By Representative Singson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6211, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF NRJ BAYUGAN CITY – MARCELINA – SAN LUIS – MALAYBALAY ROAD, LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6212, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF NRJ SIBAGAT – VILLANGIT – NEW TUBIGON – SAN JUAN – DIVER ROAD, LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6213, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF HAND SANITIZER DISPENSERS IN ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINALS, AIRPORTS, SEAPORTS, COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6214, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BORACAY ISLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY”

By Representatives Duterte, Yap (Eric) and Gonzalez (Sandro)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 6215, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING STRONGER PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE”

By Representatives Acosta-Alba and Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 691, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER

AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS STATUTORILY MANDATED PLANS AND PROGRAMS”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 692, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE TO ALLOW FOR THE REVIEW OF THE VISITING FORCES AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE ITS TERMINATION”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 693, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO ASSESS AND EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10687, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIFAST) ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE MANDATE OF THE LAW IS EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY CARRIED OUT”

By Representative Hernandez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 694, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ESTABLISH CABALLO ISLAND AS A PERMANENT QUARANTINE AREA FOR NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE (nCoV ARD) AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND FOR THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO MAKE A DETAILED REVIEW OF ITS VIABILITY AND FEASIBILITY”

By Representative Lopez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 695, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID

OF LEGISLATION, TO LOOK INTO THE PHILIPPINE PLAN FOR ENERGY SUFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN RELATION TO THE UNCOLLECTED RECEIVABLES OF THE POWER SECTOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT CORPORATION”

By Representative Defensor (Michael)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 696, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS THROUGH ITS SECRETARY, THE HONORABLE MARK A. VILLAR, TO DECLARE AS NATIONAL SECONDARY ROADS THE LANCA – LUBAN – CABUAYA ROAD AND THE DAWAN–MAMALI–MACAMBOL ROAD, BOTH IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 698, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT) UNDER SECRETARY GREGORIO BALLESTEROS HONASAN II DIVERTED THE AGENCY’S UNSPENT FUNDS AS CASH ADVANCES FOR HIS OFFICE’S CONFIDENTIAL AND INTELLIGENCE FUND”

By Representative Singson
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 699, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENT OF THE TOTAL DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION, AND TO COME UP WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONTAINING THE TOTAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RELIEF, REHABILITATION, AND RESETTLEMENT OF THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES”

By Representative Aguinaldo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 700, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO URGENTLY CONSTITUTE THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO MONITOR AND OVERSEE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VISITING FORCES AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 701, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ALEXANDRA M. EALA FOR WINNING IN THE 2020 AUSTRALIAN OPEN – JUNIOR GIRL DOUBLES”

By Representative Tiangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 702, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED USE OF CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY FOR SURVEILLANCE”

By Representatives Abante, Zarate, Gaite, Cullamat, Castro (France), Brosas, Elago, Belmonte, Fernando, Singson, Bordado, Quimbo, Dagooc, Fortun, Umali (Ma. Victoria), Saulog, Guya and Advincula
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated January 21, 2020 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, providing the House of Representatives with a copy of the Performance Audit Report (PAO-2019-02) entitled “Reported Increase in the Dairy Herd Not Enough to Warrant Attainment of the Desired Local Milk Sufficiency Level”.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated January 21, 2020 of Atty. Glen A. Pangapalan, General Manager, Philippine Fisheries Development Authority, Department of Agriculture, informing the House of Representatives that the following reports as

of December 31, 2019 have been posted in the PFDA's website:

1. BAR No. 1 - Performance Indicator – December 31, 2019;
2. FAR No. 1 - Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances (SAAODB);
3. FAR No. 4 - Monthly Report of Disbursements, December 2019; and
4. Statement of Allotments, Obligations, Utilizations and Balances.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 221), re H.B. No. 6216, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 209

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Puno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 222), re H.B. No. 6218, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MALITA DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF MALITA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO MALITA WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S WELLNESS CENTER”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4404

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Bautista-Bandigan and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 223), re H.B. No. 6222, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE

PROVINCE OF RIZAL INTO THREE (3) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 336

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Nograles (Juan)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 224), re H.B. No. 6227, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NEW DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4439

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and Amatong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 225), re H.B. No. 6228, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL BARANGAYS TO CREATE A REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3147

Sponsors: Representatives Pineda and Romulo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 226), re H.B. No. 1338, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE SERVICE INCENTIVE LEAVE OF EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 95 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval without amendment, in consolidation with House Bill No. 3463

Sponsors: Representatives Pineda, Go (Mark) and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), the Chair suspended the session at 3:16 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:21 p.m., the session resumed.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

On further motion of Representative Fariñas, the Chair recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BORDADO

Representative Bordado pointed out the socioeconomic and political implications to the Philippines of the conflict between the United States and Iran, termination of the Visiting Forces Agreement, exploitation of the country's natural resources, climate change, natural calamities such as the Taal Volcano eruption, and the spread of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Thereafter, he cited statistical projections on the country's gross domestic product (GDP) growth, lower inflation, and poverty decline; mentioned about big-ticket infrastructure projects to be implemented in 2020; and said that there is still hope for the Philippine economy in the coming years. He concluded that the country can overcome its challenges because of Congress' effective legislation and the Executive Department's efficient performance.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BORDADO

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Bordado's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

ROLL CALL

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Deputy Speaker Fernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta.

Abante	Cayetano (A.P.)
Abaya	Cayetano (M.L.)
Abellanos	Celeste
Abu	Chatto
Abunda	Chipeco
Acop	Chungalao
Acosta	Collantes
Advincula	Crisologo
Agabas	Cua
Agarao	Cuaresma
Aglipay	Cueva
Albano	Cullamat
Almario	Dagooc
Alonte	Dalipe
Alvarez (G.)	Dalog
Amante-Matba	Datol
Amatong	Daza
Andaya	De Jesus
Angara	de Venecia
Aragones	Defensor (L.)
Arenas	Del Mar
Arroyo	Delos Santos
Atienza	Deloso-Montalla
Aumentado	Dujali
Babasa	Duterte
Balindong	Dy (F.)
Baños-Nogralles	Dy (F.M.C.)
Barba	Ebcas
Baronda	Elago
Bascug	Enverga
Bautista	Erice
Belmonte	Escudero
Benitez	Espina
Bernos	Espino
Biazon	Estrella
Billones	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bolilia	Fernandez
Bondoc	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bordado	Ferrer (L.)
Bravo	Flores
Brosas	Fortun
Bustos	Fortuno
Cabatbat	Garbin
Cabochan	Garcia (J.E.)
Cabredo	Garcia (P.J.)
Cagas	Garcia (V.)
Calderon	Garin (S.)
Calixto	Gasataya
Caminero	Gato
Campos	Geron
Caoagdan	Go (M.)
Cari	Gonzaga
Castelo	Gonzales (N.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez

Gorriceta	Plaza
Guico	Puno
Gullas	Quimbo
Guya	Radaza
Haresco	Ramirez-Sato
Hataman	Remulla
Herrera-Dy	Revilla
Hofer	Reyes
Javier	Rivera
Jimenez	Rodriguez
Kho (E.)	Romero
Khonghun	Romualdez (F.M.)
Lagman	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Lagon	Romualdo
Lara	Romulo
Lazatin	Roque
Leachon	Sacdalan
Legarda	Sagarbarria
Lim	Salceda
Loyola	Salimbangon
Lusotan	Salo
Madrona	Sanchez
Malapitan	Santos-Recto
Mangaoang	Sarmiento
Mangudadatu	Saulog
Marcoleta	Savellano
Mariano-Hernandez	Silverio
Mariño	Singson
Marquez	Singson-Meehan
Martinez	Sinsuat
Matba	Suansing (E.)
Matugas	Suansing (H.)
Mendoza	Suarez (A.)
Mercado	Suntay
Momo	Sy-Alvarado
Natividad-Nagaño	Taduran
Nieto	Tallado
Noel	Tambunting
Nogralas (J.J.)	Tan (Samier)
Nolasco	Tejada
Oaminal	Teves (J.)
Ong (J.)	Tiangco
Ortega	Tolentino
Ouano-Dizon	Tulfo
Pacquiao (A.)	Tutor
Pacquiao (R.)	Ty (D.)
Padiernos	Umali (M.V.)
Paduano	Unabia
Palma	Ungab
Pancho	Uy (R.)
Panotes	Valeriano
Peña	Valmayor
Pimentel	Velasco
Pineda	Vergara

Villafuerte	Violago
Villanueva (N.)	Zamora (R.)
Villar	Zarate
Villaraza-Suarez	Zubiri
Villarica	

With 225 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 40

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 40 dated February 5, 2020.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Fariñas (R.C.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano and Rep. Luis N. Campos Jr.

Upon recognition by the Chair, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate who rose on a question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Representative Zarate expressed his indignation over the arrest of Engr. Jenefer Aguhob, a paralegal worker of the National Union of People’s Lawyers, who he said was arrested for another trumped-up charge fabricated by the government against its critics. He also condemned the issuance of warrants of arrest for alleged robbery with kidnapping and serious illegal detention against members and officers of people’s organizations in Northern Mindanao and CARAGA.

Representative Zarate then called on the Body to support the resolution that he would file to investigate on the continuing political repression in Mindanao; and look into other pending measures calling for investigation on human rights violations.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Zarate’s speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

RESUMPTION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no

objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour, and the Chair thereafter recognized Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT

Representative Cullamat spoke to condemn the treacherous raid conducted by police officers in the headquarters of progressive organizations in Tacloban City, and the arrest of five activists or the so-called Tacloban 5 who are detained in Leyte.

Citing existing counter-insurgency policies of the government, Representative Cullamat stressed that activism is not a form of terrorism, and demanded for the release of the Tacloban 5 and a stop to human rights violations.

She reiterated the appeal of the people to free the Tacloban 5 including Engr. Jenefer Aguhob and all political prisoners; stop human rights violations, fabricating cases against them, and criminalizing the act of activism; and abolish Executive Order (E.O.) No. 70 and Memorandum Order No. 32.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT

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

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Villar, Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago rose in response to the call for urgent intervention of the Observatory for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders against the arbitrary arrest of Engr. Aguhob, and the Tacloban 5.

She relayed the Observatory’s appeal to Philippine authorities for the immediate and unconditional release of said prisoners, protection of their welfare, guarantee of their access to lawyers, as well as respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms based on international human rights standards and instruments ratified by the Philippines.

She relayed the support of youth organizations and communities for said appeal, called for a stop to the harassment and violation of human rights, and asked the Duterte administration to free all political prisoners and abolish E.O. No. 70.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO

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

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

On motion of Representative Villar, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas who spoke on the plight of farmers and farmworkers, and other Filipinos suffering from the disastrous impact of Republic Act No. 11203 or the Rice Tariffication Law which aims to remove the quantitative restriction or limit on rice importation in lieu of the imposition of tariffs by ASEAN countries.

Thereafter, she discussed the negative results brought about by the passage of R.A. No. 11203; a petition signed by citizens to junk said measure; and the call for additional funds for the National Food Authority.

She then appealed to her colleagues to listen to the call of farmers to reconsider the content of the law and its effects.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

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

On further motion of Representative Villar, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza talked about the inaction of the House of Representatives on the renewal of the franchise of ABS-CBN Corporation, which would expire in March 2020, and related that many resolutions were filed regarding the franchise renewal. He emphasized Congress’ constitutional mandate to grant franchises, and hence the need to act on the matter instead of the Supreme Court deciding on the case filed by the Office of the Solicitor General regarding the same.

He asked his colleagues to demand the Committee on Legislative Franchises headed by Rep. Franz “Chicoy” E. Alvarez to meet and take up the issue, and urged the latter to resign from his position if he does not want to act on the issue. He also appealed to Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano to act accordingly on the proposed renewal of ABS-CBN’s franchise, noting that at stake is the integrity of the House, the rule of law, and the national interest.

REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Villar acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Villar, the Chair suspended the session at 4:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

It was 4:40 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on February 12, 2020.

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

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

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