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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III 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

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

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6260, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE LOBOG BRIDGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AS ALFONSO BURLAT APDUJAN BRIDGE”

By Representative Ty (Diego)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6261, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT OF GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Gaité, Zarate and Cullamat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

House Bill No. 6262, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Crisologo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6263, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MAGNA CARTA FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, INCREASING THEIR BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6264, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO PUBLIC COUNSELORS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PUBLIC COUNSELORS”

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

House Bill No. 6265, entitled:

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

By Representative Roman
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 6266, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO PANAY TELEPHONE CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8704, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE PANAY TELEPHONE CORPORATION, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL,

ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE
PROVINCE OF AKLAN AND ANTIQUE' ”

By Representative Marquez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 6267, entitled:

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

By Representative Alonte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 6268, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BAGUIO
CITY, LA TRINIDAD, ITOGON,
SABLAN, TUBA AND TUBLAY SPECIAL
ECONOMIC ZONE (BLISTT ECOZONE)
IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Go (Mark)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND
THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6269, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AUTOMATIC
CIVIL SERVICE SUB-PROFESSIONAL
ELIGIBILITY TO GRADUATES OF
FOUR YEAR COURSES IN COLLEGES
OR UNIVERSITIES, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 6270, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY BATUCAN IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALACOGON,
PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6271, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE
KNOWN AS BARANGAY DOÑA MAXIMA
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LUIS,
PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, AND
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6272, entitled:

“AN ACT SUPERSEDING PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 851 AND ITS
IMPLEMENTING RULES AND
REGULATIONS INSTITUTING THE
NEW THIRTEENTH MONTH PAY LAW
AND REQUIRING A DOLE APPROVED
COMPLIANCE REPORT PRIOR TO THE
ISSUANCE OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT
BUSINESS PERMIT”

By Representatives Yap (Eric), Tulfo and Taduran
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 6273, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE REVISED
PENAL CODE'S ARTICLE 315 TO
INCLUDE WILFUL NON-PAYMENT
OF CORRECTLY IMPOSED PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION FEES AS A MODE
OF COMMITTING ESTAFA”

By Representatives Yap (Eric), Tulfo and Taduran
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 6274, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE
VETERINARY HOSPITAL, DEFINING
ITS PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES,
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lopez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6275, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 6, CHAPTER
II, TITLE II OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE #
198, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Del Mar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6276, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A
NATIONAL ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (Angelina)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 6277, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MAGNA
CARTA FOR BARANGAYS, PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6278, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF BATARAZA”

By Representatives Abueg-Zaldivar and Acosta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6279, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CREATION OF AN EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY SCHEME TO ADDRESS LEAKAGE OF PLASTIC WASTE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 6280, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REFORM THE KOMISYON SA WIKANG FILIPINO (COMMISSION ON THE FILIPINO LANGUAGE) INTO THE KOMISYON NG MGA WIKANG PILIPINAS (COMMISSION ON PHILIPPINE LANGUAGES), REVISING ITS STRUCTURE, POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6281, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS FOR COMMERCIAL AND/OR PERSONAL PURPOSES”

By Representative Guico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6282, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PALDIT, MUNICIPALITY OF SISON, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE PALDIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Guico
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 710, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO

CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE AGAINST WORKERS AND CRIMINALIZATION OF LABOR DISPUTES”

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

House Resolution No. 712, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BID OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE IN BULACAN TO BECOME A 'UNESCO CREATIVE CITY' AND BE INCLUDED IN THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK (UCCN) TO GIVE HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 713, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS AS MANDATORY PROCEDURE IN PREPARING THEIR PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGETS”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 714, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7305, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE MAGNA CARTA OF PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS'”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 715, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE OPERATIONS OF ALL PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATORS (POGOs) IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Suntay
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 717, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S)

TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1529 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PROPERTY REGISTRATION DECREE' WITH RESPECT TO CASE 10 OF THE BARAS CADASTRE”

By Representative Acop
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 718, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRESSIONAL COMMENDATION AND CONGRATULATIONS TO DALISAY BY RENUCCI RICE FOR WINNING THE THIRD BEST RICE IN THE WORLD DURING THE 11TH ANNUAL WORLD RICE CONFERENCE HELD LAST 12 NOVEMBER 2019”

By Representatives Romualdez (Yedda) and Romualdez (Ferdinand)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated January 24, 2020 of Caesar R. Dulay, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Finance, submitting their Consolidated Monthly Report of Disbursements (FAR 4) and Statement of Approved Budget, Utilizations, Disbursements and Balances for Trust Receipts (FAR 6) for the quarter ending December 31, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 28 January 2020 of Minerva M. Virtucio, Vice President, Development Bank of the Philippines, informing the House of Representatives of the Status of Implementation of the “Barangay Micro Business Enterprises (BMBEs) Act of 2002” as of 31 December 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Letter dated 31 January 2020 of Aurora C. Ignacio, President and Chief Executive Officer, Social Security System (SSS), providing the House of Representatives a copy of the 2019 Report of Operation and 2018 Annual Report of the SSS.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Letter dated January 31, 2020 of Ernesto M. Pernia, Secretary, National Economic and Development

Authority (NEDA), submitting the NEDA’s Physical Report of Operations (PRO) as of December 31, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Letter dated 4 February 2020 of Marilou P. Mendoza, Chairperson, Tariff Commission, informing the House of Representatives that the following reports are posted on the Commission’s website www.tariffcommission.gov.ph:

1. Update on the Status Report of the Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) on Audit Observation and Recommendation for CY 2018; and
2. Quarterly Financial and Physical Report of Operations for the Period October to December 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated February 5, 2020 of Ernesto M. Pernia, Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning and Head, Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC) Secretariat, submitting the Fourth Quarter Financial and Physical Accomplishments that includes the following:

1. Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances (FAR No. 1, FAR No. 1-A, FAR No. 1-B); and
2. Quarterly Physical Report of Operation (BAR No. 1).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 6 and 7 February 2020 of Janice G. Ayson-Zales, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Memorandum No. M-2020-001 dated 30 January 2020;
2. Memorandum No. M-2020-002 dated 30 January 2020; and
3. Circular No. 1072 dated 31 January 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

A Conspectus of the Optical Media Board 2019 Annual Report.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

2019 Volume III, Balitang DAR, The Official Newsletter of the Department of Agrarian Reform – Special Edition entitled “DARe2Give It All”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, the Committee on Youth and Sports Development, the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 232), re H.B. No. 6312, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 303, 545, 2545, 2867, 2875, 3277, 4013, 4128, 4249, 4344, 4492 and 5480

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Martinez, Salceda and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of her guests, the Rotarians from the Republic of Korea.

Subsequently, Representative Macapagal Arroyo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair suspended the session at 3:14 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:17 p.m.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

Upon resumption of session, Deputy Speaker Estrella greeted Representative Herrera-Dy a happy birthday.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO

On behalf of the Majority and the Committee on Rules, Representative Macapagal Arroyo likewise expressed his birthday greeting to Representative Herrera-Dy.

ROLL CALL

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the

Chair directed the Secretary General to call the Roll and the following Members were present:

Abaya	Cojuangco
Abu	Collantes
Abunda	Crisologo
Acop	Cua
Acosta	Cuaresma
Acosta-Alba	Cueva
Agabas	Cullamat
Agarao	Dagooc
Albano	Dalipe
Almario	Dalog
Alvarez (F.)	Datol
Alvarez (G.)	Daza
Amatong	De Jesus
Andaya	de Venecia
Aragones	Defensor (L.)
Arenas	Defensor (M.)
Arroyo	Del Mar
Atienza	Deloso-Montalla
Babasa	Dimaporo (A.)
Balindong	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Barba	Dujali
Bascug	Duterte
Belmonte	Dy (F.)
Benitez	Ebcas
Bernos	Elago
Biazon	Enverga
Billones	Eriguel
Bolilia	Escudero
Bondoc	Estrella
Bordado	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bravo	Ferrer (J.M.)
Brosas	Ferrer (L.)
Bulut	Flores
Bustos	Fortuno
Cabatbat	Frasco
Cabochan	Fuentebella
Cabredo	Gaite
Cagas	Garbin
Calderon	Garcia (J.E.)
Calixto	Garcia (P.J.)
Caminero	Garin (J.)
Caoagdan	Garin (S.)
Cari	Gasataya
Castelo	Gato
Castro (F.L.)	Geron
Castro (F.H.)	Go (M.)
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gonzales (A.)
Cayetano (M.L.)	Guico
Celeste	Gullas
Chatto	Guya
Chipeco	Haresco
Chungalao	Hataman

Hernandez	Rodriguez
Herrera-Dy	Roman
Hofer	Romero
Jalosjos	Romualdez (F.M.)
Jimenez	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Kho (W.)	Romualdo
Labadlabad	Romulo
Lacson	Sacdalan
Lagman	Sakaluran
Lagon	Salceda
Lara	Salimbangan
Lazatin	Salo
Leachon	Sanchez
Lim	Sangcopan
Limkaichong	Saulog
Loyola	Siao
Lusotan	Silverio
Macapagal Arroyo	Singson
Maceda	Singson-Meehan
Madrona	Suansing (E.)
Malapitan	Suansing (H.)
Marcoleta	Suarez (A.)
Mariano-Hernandez	Suntay
Mariño	Sy-Alvarado
Matugas	Taduran
Mercado	Tallado
Momo	Tambunting
Natividad-Nagaño	Tan (A.)
Nieto	Tan (S.A.)
Noel	Tejada
Nograla (J.J.)	Teves (J.)
Oaminal	Tiangco
Olivarez	Tolentino
Ong (J.)	Tulfo
Ortega	Tupas
Pacquiao (A.)	Tutor
Pacquiao (R.)	Ty (D.)
Paduano	Umali (A.)
Palma	Umali (M.V.)
Pancho	Unabia
Panotes	Ungab
Peña	Uy (R.)
Pichay	Valmayor
Pimentel	Velasco
Pineda	Veloso
Plaza	Vergara
Puno	Villafuerte
Quimbo	Villanueva (E.)
Radaza	Villanueva (N.)
Ramirez-Sato	Violago
Ramos	Yap (E.)
Remulla	Yap (V.)
Revilla	Zamora (R.)
Rivera	Zarate
Robes	

With 213 Members responding to the Call, including those deemed present in accordance with the Provisional House Rules, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

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

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, 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 following title of the Bill:

“AN ACT MODERNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACT, AS AMENDED.”

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 78, AS AMENDED**

As the period of amendments on the measure was previously terminated, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 78 through *viva voce* voting, as amended.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 142
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5832**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832 contained in Committee Report No. 142 as submitted by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Overseas Workers Affairs, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS AND FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Macapagal Arroyo stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his succeeding motions, the Chair recognized Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño to continue his sponsorship of the measure, and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman to interpellate thereon.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman initially asked about the national policy on the deployment of Filipinos overseas, and thereafter inquired about the declaration of policies under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8042 or the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995. Representative Lagman requested for a recess so his time will not be deducted while Representative Mariño is securing a copy of the said law.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Upon motion of Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, the Chair suspended the session at 3:39 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:42 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5832

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Reps. Precious Hipolito Castelo and Rowena Niña O. Taturan acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Florida “Rida” P. Robes, Francisco Jose “Bingo” F. Matugas II, CPA, CESO, LLB, and Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 191 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5925

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5925 contained in Committee Report No. 191

as reported out by the Committee on Cooperatives Development.

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

“AN ACT MAKING THE POSITION OF A COOPERATIVE OFFICER MANDATORY IN THE MUNICIPAL, CITY AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, 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.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing, one of the principal authors, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SUANSING (E.)

Representative Suansing stated that cooperatives play a significant role in people empowerment, economic and community development, and poverty reduction in the country. As the cooperatives sector continues to grow throughout the country, and considering that the Local Government Code of 1991 does not provide for a compulsory position of cooperatives officer in local government units, Representative Suansing stressed that House Bill No. 5925 will provide for the creation of such position so that plans and strategies in line with the sustainable development plans of the government will be developed, and more guidance and support will be provided to the cooperatives sector.

As such, she sought for the immediate passage of the proposed measure as it would greatly help the cooperatives in the country.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

There being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 3:54 p.m. upon motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:55 p.m.

**REMARKS OF
REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO**

Thereupon, Representative Macapagal Arroyo stated that the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 5925 had already been terminated. Upon his successive motions, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments, and the Chair recognized Representative Romualdo for his amendment.

**AMENDMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO**

As proposed by Representative Romualdo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendment on page 3 of the Bill.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 3:58 p.m. upon motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:59 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Prospero A. Pichay Jr. presiding.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair recognized anew Representative Romualdo to continue with his amendments.

**AMENDMENT OF
REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO**

As proposed by Representative Romualdo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved to amend the title of the Bill.

**TERMINATION OF
PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no other amendments, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being

no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

**APPROVAL ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5925, AS AMENDED**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body approved House Bill No. 5925 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting, as amended.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair suspended the session at 4:01 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:04 p.m., the session resumed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Paolo Z. Duterte and Reps. Sarah Jane I. Elago, Jose L. Atienza Jr, and Luisa Lloren Cuaresma.

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

On an omnibus motion of Representative Romualdo, 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 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, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

**Submitted by the Committees on Public Works
and Highways, and Appropriations:**

1. House Bill No. 1079 as contained in Committee Report No. 180, mandating the construction of a coastal road connecting

CAMANAVA to the Provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, and Bataan;

2. House Bill No. 5889 as contained in Committee Report No. 182, providing for the construction of a national highway from Lanao del Norte interior circumferential road in Tagoloan, Lanao del Norte to Talakag, Bukidnon, with a crossroad at Barangay Malimbato in Tagoloan, Lanao del Norte and connecting roads to the national highway in Iligan City through Barangay Pugaan, Iligan City and to the national highway in Marawi City through Kapai, Lanao del Sur, to be known as the Muslim-Christian Unity Highway;
3. House Bill No. 497 as contained in Committee Report No. 183, providing for the construction of a circumferential road from the First to the Second District of Cebu City;
4. House Bill No. 5890 as contained in Committee Report No. 184, creating the Iligan City District Engineering Office;
5. House Bill No. 5891 as contained in Committee Report No. 185, reconstituting the Lanao del Norte District Engineering Office in Lanao del Norte into two separate district engineering offices;
6. House Bill No. 5892 as contained in Committee Report No. 186, creating a new district engineering office in the Fourth Legislative District of Bukidnon;

Submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations:

7. House Bill No. 5919 as contained in Committee Report No. 188, establishing Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) training and assessment centers in the Municipalities of Aliaga, Cuyapo, Licab, Nampicuan, Quezon, and Sto. Domingo in the Province of Nueva Ecija;
8. House Bill No. 5920 as contained in Committee Report No. 189, establishing the Naval, Biliran TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Naval, Biliran;

9. House Bill No. 5921 as contained in Committee Report No. 190, establishing TESDA training and assessment centers in the Municipalities of Alabat, Guinayangan, Gumaca, and Tagkawayan in the Province of Quezon;
10. House Bill No. 6030 as contained in Committee Report No. 201, establishing the TESDA-LLDA Training and Assessment Center in the the Laguna Lake Development Authority, Calauan, Laguna;
11. House Bill No. 6087 as contained in Committee Report No. 205, establishing the USM-Kabacan, Cotabato TESDA Training and Assessment Center in the University of Southern Mindanao in Kabacan, Cotabato;
12. House Bill No. 6088 as contained in Committee Report No. 206, establishing the Calbayog City TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Calbayog City, Samar;

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government:

13. House Bill No. 1497 as contained in Committee Report No. 192, declaring June 20 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Guinayangan, Quezon in commemoration of its founding anniversary;
14. House Bill No. 656 as contained in Committee Report No. 193, declaring October 22 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Rosario, Cavite in commemoration of its founding anniversary;
15. House Bill No. 5944 as contained in Committee Report No. 194, declaring April 28 of every year a special working holiday in Aurora Province to commemorate the death anniversary of Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon;
16. House Bill No. 5945 as contained in Committee Report No. 195, declaring March 8 of every year a special nonworking holiday in Compostela Valley;

Submitted by the Committees on
Agrarian Reform, and Appropriations:

17. House Bill No. 5955 as contained in Committee Report No. 196, transferring the Lanao del Norte Provincial Agrarian Reform Office from Iligan City to Tubod, Lanao del Norte;

Submitted by the Committees on
Health, and Appropriations:

18. House Bill No. 6035 as contained in Committee Report No. 202, increasing the bed capacity of the Western Visayas Medical Center in Mandurriao, Iloilo from 425 to 700 beds, upgrading its professional health care services and facilities, and authorizing the increase of its medical personnel;
19. House Bill No. 6036 as contained in Committee Report No. 203, increasing the bed capacity of the Las Piñas General Hospital and Satellite Trauma Center in Las Piñas City, Metro Manila from 200 to 500 beds, and upgrading its professional health care services and facilities; and
20. House Bill No. 6144 as contained in Committee Report No. 215, increasing the bed capacity of the Cagayan Valley Medical Center in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan from 500 to 1,000 beds.

**RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON
SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5832**

On motion of Representative Romualdo, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832 contained in Committee Report No. 142 reported out by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Overseas Workers Affairs, and Appropriations, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS AND FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

Representative Romualdo stated that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate and on his motion, the Chair recognized Representative Mariño, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee,

and Representative Lagman to continue with their debate.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**
(Continuation)

Representatives Lagman and Mariño continued talking about the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995, which the former said was the basic statute determinative of the creation of the Department of Filipinos Overseas and Foreign Employment; Section 2(c) under the Declaration of Policies of said law, particularly the national policy on the deployment of Filipino workers overseas; and its relevance to the Bill’s policy declaration.

At this point, the Members debated on the need to include a provision creating the positions of undersecretary for the generation of domestic employment and undersecretary for OFW reintegration, consistent with the declaration of policy thereon in R.A. No. 8042 and the instant Bill itself.

The Sponsor said that the positions could be created after the enactment of the Bill; although the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration that will be attached to the proposed department, and the Department of Labor and Employment, could address the aforecited functions. However, his colleague pointed out that the OWWA had many other functions to perform while the proposed department will assume the DOLE’s functions with respect to migrant workers.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

At 4:33 p.m., the Chair declared a recess upon joint motion of Representatives Lagman and Mariño.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:37 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Michael L. Romero, PhD, and Reps. Presley C. De Jesus and Eric Go Yap.

Subsequently, the Chair recognized Representative Lagman to proceed with his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**
(Continuation)

Representative Lagman pointed out that the creation of the proposed Department of Filipinos Overseas and Foreign Employment was not even included in the Philippine Development Plan for 2017-2022. He then asked the Sponsor the origin of the export of Filipino workers, which he said was only a stopgap measure during the Marcos administration. Upon discussion of the past and present administrations' programs and thrusts on labor migration, Representative Lagman pointed out that presidents since the Marcos administration had not departed from the export of labor, despite the national policy enunciated in R.A. No. 8042.

Citing statistics on overseas Filipinos which includes workers, immigrants, and returnees, the Members subsequently debated on how the Bill would affect the jurisdiction of the Department of Foreign Affairs over Filipinos overseas vis-a-vis the jurisdiction of the proposed department. Representative Lagman stressed that previous bills were intended for the creation of a department of OFWs, and asked the Sponsor if the proposed jurisdiction of the proposed department intended to further justify its creation.

To another concern, Representative Lagman mentioned two of the major reasons why Filipinos work overseas and opined that the new department would not solve this economic problem because its thrust is not anchored on the formulation and implementation of economic policies. He further asked the latest data on unemployment and underemployment rate in the country.

REMARKS OF THE CHAIR

At this point, the Chair asked Representative Lagman to wind up his interpellation.

MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN

Representative Lagman moved that his interpellation be suspended so he can confer with the Sponsor, and that he be allowed an extension of 30 minutes to wind up his interpellation.

There being no objection, the motion was carried.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:17 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:20 p.m.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5832**

On motion of Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Crisologo again acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Romero from the Australian Embassy.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair suspended the session at 5:20 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:21 p.m.

**REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS
ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION**

In accordance with the Rules Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, on motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

1. House Resolution No. 641, on the death of Jeanelyn Padernal Villavende, overseas Filipino worker in Kuwait – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
2. House Resolution No. 642, on the contingency plan for the 1.2 million OFWs in the Middle East and implications on the Philippine economy of the escalating

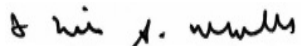
- Iran-USA conflict – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
3. House Resolution No. 643, on the recent Taal Volcano eruption – to the Committee on Disaster Management;
 4. House Resolution No. 644, on the reported extension of pilot testing for motorcycle taxi and provide guidelines affecting the same – to the Committee on Transportation;
 5. House Resolution No. 646, on the evident lack of security and safety measures being implemented in major commercial public establishments – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
 6. House Resolution No. 647, on the alleged lopsided concession agreement entered by the government with the Ayala-Pangilinan Consortium Light Rail Management Corporation – to the Committee on Transportation;
 7. House Resolution No. 649, on the decision of the inter-agency technical working group to extend the pilot implementation of motorcycle taxis – to the Committee on Transportation;
 8. House Resolution No. 652, on the abrupt cancellation of the PSA Helpline by the Philippine Statistics Authority which adversely affected the public PSA-data requests – to the Committee on Population and Family Relations;
 9. House Resolution No. 653, on the new coronavirus discovered in China and the possibility of entry of said virus in the Philippines – to the Committee on Health;
 10. House Resolution No. 656, on the alleged anomalous and illegal delay or lack of disbursement of the social pension fund to senior citizens – to the Special Committee on Senior Citizens;
 11. House Resolution No. 664, on the implementation of the statutorily mandated integration of climate change in the primary and secondary education curricula – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
 12. House Resolution No. 691, on the administrative capacity of the TESDA in the implementation of its statutorily mandated plans and programs – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
 13. House Resolution No. 693, on the implementation of R.A. No. 10687, otherwise known as the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education Act to ensure that the mandate of the law is effectively and efficiently carried out – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
 14. House Resolution No. 694, on establishing Caballo Island as a permanent quarantine area for novel coronavirus acute respiratory disease and other infectious diseases and for the appropriate House committee to make a detailed review of its viability and feasibility – to the Committee on Health;
 15. House Resolution No. 695, on the Philippine plan for energy sufficiency and sustainability in relation to the uncollected receivables of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Public Accounts;
 16. House Resolution No. 699, on the 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 – to the Committee on Disaster Management;
 17. House Resolution No. 704, on determining if there was malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance on the implementation of the Metro Manila Skyway Stage 3 – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways; and
 18. House Resolution No. 705, on the implementation of quarantine procedures by the Department of Agriculture and the inspection of cold storage warehouses and container vans which are possible sources of the outbreak of the African swine fever in the country – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

There being no other agenda for the day, on motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

It was 5:23 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on February 24, 2020.

Congress of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Philippines

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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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
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**** 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
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BERNOS	* DELOS SANTOS	GUICO
** BIAZON	DELOSO-MONTALLA	GULLAS
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BOLILIA	**** DUAVIT	HATAMAN
BONDOC	DUJALI	HERNANDEZ

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HOFER		PACQUIAO (A.)	**	SUNTAY
JALOSJOS		PACQUIAO (R.)		SY-ALVARADO
*** JAVIER	****	PADIERNOS		TADURAN
JIMENEZ	**	PADUANO		TALLADO
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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.)
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MERCADO		SALO	**	VILLAFUERTE
MOMO		SANCHEZ		VILLANUEVA (E.)
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*** NAVA	****	SANTOS-RECTO	****	VILLAR
NIETO	*	SARMIENTO	****	VILLARAZA-SUAREZ
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* 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

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

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

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