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### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, November 27, 2019, Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez 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. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes, 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**

On motion of Representative Collantes, 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 Messages from the Senate, Communications, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 5583, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE RICE SUBSIDY AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2019 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PALAY FROM FARMERS, MANDATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD), IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) AND THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA), TO BUY PALAY FROM LOCAL FARMERS, AND DISTRIBUTE RICE SUBSIDY IN THE FORM OF ACTUAL

RICE, INSTEAD OF CASH ASSISTANCE, TO QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5584, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER EXPANDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, AND MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,' AS AMENDED”

By Representative Leachon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5585, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A CACAO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Noel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5586, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FIVE (5)-DAY SPECIAL EMERGENCY LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES OR DISASTERS”

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

House Bill No. 5587, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GOVERNMENT INSURANCE ACT OF 1977' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Noel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5588, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOCIAL SECURITY LAW' AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

OF PREPAID CALL AND TEXT CARDS AND THE FORFEITURE OF LOAD CREDITS THEREOF”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5589, entitled:

“AN ACT ADVANCING THE RIGHTS OF STREET CHILDREN BY STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC) AND ESTABLISHING AN INCENTIVES SYSTEM FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGED IN THE PROMOTION OF THE WELFARE OF STREET CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5594, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY TO THOSE WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, OR AT LEAST FIVE NON-CONSECUTIVE YEARS, WHOSE APPOINTMENT STATUS IS EITHER CONTRACTUAL, CASUAL, OR JOB ORDER”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 5590, entitled:

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

By Representative Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5595, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIPURPOSE GYM IN ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES TO SERVE AS EVACUATION CENTER DURING TIMES OF CALAMITY OR DISASTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 5591, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A 'NO PERMIT, NO EXAM' POLICY OR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS OF POST-SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION FROM TAKING THEIR MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATION OR OTHER SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS DUE TO UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES”

By Representative Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5596, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE WORK SCHEDULE AND OTHER TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT GOVERNING CINEMA, RADIO, TELEVISION, THEATER, AND OTHER MEDIA PERSONNEL WHO ARE COVERED BY A SERVICE OR TALENT CONTRACT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan, Martinez and Valeriano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5592, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES”

By Representative Noel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5597, 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.

House Bill No. 5593, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES FROM IMPOSING AN EXPIRATION PERIOD ON THE VALIDITY

9266), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
'ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2004' ”

By Representatives Nieto, Maceda, Malapitan,  
Martinez and Valeriano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 5598, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MASAGANA,  
GANAP AT MAY DANGAL NA BUHAY  
NA HAYAHAY (MAGANDANG BUHAY)  
PROGRAM, GRANTING INCENTIVES  
TO LEGITIMATE SPOUSES HAVING  
ONE (1) TO TWO (2) CHILDREN AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Plaza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY  
RELATIONS

House Bill No. 5599, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE  
KNOWN AS BARANGAY DENGAO IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF TINOC, PROVINCE  
OF IFUGAO AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5600, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 29 OF EVERY  
YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING  
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
POLANGUI, PROVINCE OF ALBAY, IN  
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING  
ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Cabredo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5601, entitled:

“AN ACT EARMARKING TWENTY PERCENT  
(20%) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES (DENR) BUDGET FOR THE  
ENHANCED NATIONAL GREENING  
PROGRAM (ENGP) TO BE USED TO FUND  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL  
BAMBOO PLANTATIONS”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5602, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE MANDATORY  
COMPLIANCE BY ALL MOTORCYCLE  
RIDERS AND OPERATORS TO  
AUTOMATICALLY TURN ON THEIR

HEADLIGHTS ON AT ALL HOURS OF  
THE DAY AND NIGHT ON ALL ROADS”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5603, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF  
NATURE IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Belmonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5604, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 11  
AND 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3019,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE ANTI-  
GRAFT AND CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT',  
AS AMENDED”

By Representative Abu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5605, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PLANNING,  
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OCCUPANCY,  
AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS,  
PROMOTING BUILDING RESILIENCE  
VERSUS EARTHQUAKE, FIRE, FLOOD,  
STORM, AND MULTIPLE HAZARDS,  
ENACTING A NEW PHILIPPINE  
BUILDING ACT, THEREBY REPEALING  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1096, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Momo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5606, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF  
ALL USERS OF PRE-PAID SUBSCRIBER  
IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS OF  
MOBILE PHONES AND PROVIDING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Lazatin  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5607, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING GOVERNMENT  
INTERVENTIONS IN LABOR DISPUTES  
BY ADOPTING THE ESSENTIAL  
SERVICES CRITERIA IN THE  
EXERCISE OF THE ASSUMPTION  
OR CERTIFICATION POWER OF  
THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT, AND DECRIMINALIZING

VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 263, 264, AND 272 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5608, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABS-CBN CORPORATION (FORMERLY ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7966, OR 'AN ACT GRANTING ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representatives Gonzales (Aurelio), Pimentel and Leachon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5609, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9208, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10364, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES TO ELIMINATE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ESTABLISHING THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF TRAFFICKED PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Alonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5610, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING MICROFINANCE PROGRAMS AND ACCESS TO CAPITAL TO SUPPORT AND GROW MICRO, SMALL, AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSMEs), ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5611, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE FROM REPUTABLE PRIVATE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS (HMOs) FOR UNIFORMED PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Reyes and Lopez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5612, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2012' ”

By Representative Yap (Victor)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 547, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING ARCHERY GOLD MEDALIST ANDREA ROBLES”

By Representative Barzaga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 548, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP THE WAWA DAM IN RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL”

By Representative Fernando  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 549, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO UTILIZE IDLE LANDS IN MILITARY RESERVATIONS AND IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), ON ANCESTRAL LANDS, AND ON WATERSHEDS AND LAND AREAS WITHIN THE LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY’S (LLDA’S) JURISDICTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL BAMBOO PLANTATIONS USING COMMERCIAL BAMBOO SPECIES”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD



House Resolution No. 550, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MISS CRISTETA PASIA COMERFORD FOR RECEIVING A HONORARY DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN RECOGNITION FOR HER EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENTS”

By Representative Silverio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Resolution No. 553, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PROHIBIT OR REGULATE THE USE OF PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES’ SOUTH LOUNGE IN ORDER TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVE WATER”

By Representative Matugas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 554, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOVEN R. CUANANG AS A NEUROLOGIST, ART PATRON AND A HUMANITARIAN, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH (80<sup>TH</sup>) BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND HIS SIXTIETH YEAR AS A DOCTOR, AND FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THAT ENRICHED PHILIPPINE MEDICINE, ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE SOCIETY IN GENERAL, WHICH BROUGHT HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE”

By Representative Singson-Meehan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated November 25, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on November 11, 2019 passed Senate Bill No. 1076 and the House of Representatives likewise passed on November 18, 2019, House Bill No. 5477, both entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MALASAKIT CENTERS IN ALL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY AND IN THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL (PGH), PROVIDING

FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”.

Pursuant to the Majority Leader’s manifestation finding the House version exactly the same as the Senate Bill, the Senate Secretariat was directed to enroll the bill.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Message dated November 26, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed with amendment House Bill No. 5437, entitled:

“AN ACT 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”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated October 23, 2019 of Mary Marilyn DG. Lambino, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Mangaldan, Province of Pangasinan, transmitting the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation Annex I for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 on the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) FY 2018.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated October 30, 2019 of Minerva I. Morales, Ed. D., SUC President III, Catanduanes State University, submitting their Quarterly Financial Reports for the quarter endings June 30, 2019 and September 30, 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 5, 2019 of Thaddeus A. Ramos, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Ragay, Province of Camarines Sur, submitting the Completion Reports FY 2018 of Construction, Rehabilitation, Repair, or Improvement of Public Market under the Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units (LGSF-FA to LGUs) FY 2017.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 8, 2019 of Caesar R. Dulay, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue,

Department of Finance, forwarding the following Budget and Financial Accountability Reports (BFARs) as of September 30, 2019:

1. Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances (SAAODB) – FAR No. 1;
2. Summary of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances by Object of Expenditures – FAR No. 1-A;
3. List of Allotments and Sub-Allotments – FAR No. 1-B; and
4. Statement of Obligations, Disbursements, Liquidations and Balances for Inter-Agency Fund Transfers – FAR No. 1-C.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 8 November 2019 of Sec. Adelino B Sitoy, Presidential Adviser on Legislative Affairs and Head, PLLO, submitting the details on Appropriations, Obligations and Disbursements of the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO) for the month ending October 31, 2019, pursuant to Section 101 of Republic Act No. 11260.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) for the observations and recommendations in the Annual Audit Report for Calendar Year 2018 and the latest update on the AAPSI submitted for the FY 2017 Annual Audit Report of Presidential Communications Operations Office.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated 12 November 2019 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. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-081 dated 7 November 2019; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-082 dated 7 November 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated 20 November 2019 of Donaldo B. Robles, Acting Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified and authenticated BSP issuances, to wit:

1. Circular No. 1058 dated 15 November 2019;
2. Circular No. 1059 dated 15 November 2019;

3. Circular No. 1060 dated 15 November 2019; and
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-083 dated 15 November 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 92), re H.B. No. 5614, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4265

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Uy (Juliette)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 93), re H.B. No. 5615, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3628

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Tolentino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 94), re H.B. No. 5616, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL

COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4308

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Tan (Angelina)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 95), re H.B. No. 5617, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3263

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Flores

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 96), re H.B. No. 5618, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2122

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Chipeco

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 97), re H.B. No. 5643, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CAGAYAN DE ORO RIVER AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS LOCATED IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL A CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 434

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 98), re H.B. No. 5644, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF CARCAR IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU A CULTURAL HERITAGE ZONE”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1790

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Gullas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Collantes, the Chair suspended the session at 3:16 p.m.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:38 p.m., the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero presiding.

## QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO

Recognized by the Chair, on motion of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, Rep. Ron P. Salo stood to call for unity and solidarity in support of the Filipino athletes competing in the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games being hosted by the Philippines and the organizers, to enable them to deliver the highest quality of hospitality and sportsmanship.

Representative Salo then cited the benefits and purpose of sports; the beginning of the SEA Games as well as the Philippines’ historical participation therein; and the country’s gargantuan task as a host of the games and the slash in its budget therefor. He then provided data to discredit media allegations of inadequate food, sports facilities, and accommodations provided to the participating athletes, which have tainted the Philippines as being a complete failure as the host country.

Subsequently, Representative Salo asked for caution, restraint, and discernment as regards the



aforecited criticisms. He said that it is not the time to address the same but the bigger picture of bringing glory and honor to the country and the people. He urged the Filipinos to unite under one cause and one goal and give the athletes and organizers the help that they need.

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

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

Representative Defensor asked for information on the composition and functions of the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee (Phisgoc), as well as the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) which are both part of the Phisgoc. He then discussed with Representative Salo how SEA Games funds are managed and emphasized that Phisgoc is largely composed of government agencies. He also clarified that Sen. Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri was supposed to be the chairman of Phisgoc, instead of Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano who became Phisgoc head because he made the bid for the SEA Games while he was still the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The Members proceeded to discuss the logistical issues earlier raised by Representative Salo and surmised that there seemed to be an attempt to misinform the public. They also tackled the possible investigation to be held on said misinformation in order to file necessary charges against the purveyors of fake news.

Representative Defensor subsequently discussed with his colleague the approved SEA Games budget which was smaller relative to those spent by past host-countries, and the issue of the 2019 SEA Games cauldron which cost ₱50 million. He added that the cauldron would not only symbolize the opening of the event but the nation as well and would become an iconic and historical figure in the country. The Members then talked about Representative Defensor’s proposal that the PSC can bid out the cauldron and generate income therefrom after the SEA Games.

Representative Defensor then said that he will join the appeal of several sports personalities to unite for the athletes; and that necessary investigation could be done after the SEA Games. He stated that even the Opposition would rally behind the flag and

give its all-out support to the nation, especially in crucial times like during a war or an international event. He congratulated and joined Representative Salo on his call for unity and support for the athletes.

At this juncture, on motion of Rep. David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez, the Chair recognized Rep. “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado for his interpellation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR**

At this point, Rep. Raul V. Del Mar requested to be included in the list of interpellators.

The Chair duly noted the said manifestation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SY-ALVARADO**

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Sy-Alvarado discussed with Representative Salo the ₱2.5 billion budget cut for SEA Games which Sen. Franklin Drilon proposed in the 2019 national budget and the budget insertions amounting to ₱2.3 billion for Iloilo province which is the home province of the Senator.

He then underscored that the SEA Games is not hosted by a specific individual or institution but by the entire country and its people; and appealed that they all unite, help, and support the athletes by avoiding malicious criticisms and supporting the games which were being held in the country.

On motion of Representative Suarez (D.), the Chair recognized Rep. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles for his manifestation.

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

Representative Nograles stated that the SEA Games is about sports and not about politics. He joined Representative Salo’s call for unity for the athletes and sports which is about fair competition, respect, friendship, team spirit, and equality. He added that these are the building blocks of a fair play which politics could learn from sports.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE PINEDA**

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Suarez (D.), Rep. Enrico A. Pineda manifested his support for the country and the

athletes. He expressed sadness on criticisms hurled by fellow Filipinos on the country's hosting of the 2019 SEA Games and reminded them that the most important concern, other than insufficient budget, delays in schedules, and other anomalies, is to work together to support the athletes and to show to all nations the hospitality and sportsmanship of the Filipinos.

He added that other issues could be dealt with when the sports event is over. He said that the athletes would be there to play and give their best, and encouraged everyone to do the same for them.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO**

Representative Salo agreed and thanked Representative Pineda for his support.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Suarez (D.), the Chair recognized Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA**

Deputy Speaker Marcoleta discussed with Representative Salo the honor of hosting the 2019 SEA Games, as the former stressed the need to work together, despite criticisms against the organizing committee, to ensure the success of the activity which would give honor to the country.

Thereafter, the Members talked about the slash in the budget for the SEA Games as confirmed by their colleague Representative Sy-Alvarado who was a member of the bicameral committee on the 2019 General Appropriations Bill. In addition, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta referred to another document on the budget insertions in the 2019 General Appropriations Act, and stated that projects for Iloilo totaled to the same amount of ₱2.3 billion as previously mentioned. Such case, he said, could no longer be a coincidence. He and Representative Salo thus agreed that there seemed to be a concerted effort to shame the organizers, malign their efforts, distort the public's perception through misinformation, and wished for their failure.

In closing, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta encouraged unity in showing to the athletes and other countries, the Philippines' full capacity in hosting SEA Games.

On Representative Palma's motion, there being no objection, the Chair then recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Representative Elago manifested her support, along with the KABATAAN Party-List's national councils, network partners, student councils, campus publications, schools and community-based organizations to the call for utmost support for Filipino athletes as well as the pursuit of the long-term success of the country's hosting of the 2019 SEA Games.

She also expressed her support for an investigation at a proper time on the alleged anomalies and irregularities on the disbursement of its budget to correct where the organizers have fallen short of expectations of the delegates as host country. She opined that by doing so, the country would be better prepared the next time it hosts similar activities.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Escudero relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Marcoleta.*

Being a former athlete herself, Representative Elago related how important it is for athletes to be provided with healthy food, adequate space for practices and resting, and the focus that they need to be able to perform their best in competitions. She averred that these are the things that the country needs to further develop for future competitions in order to improve the status and welfare of Filipino athletes, and recognize and uphold their rights as representatives of the country.

In closing, Representative Elago called on her colleagues to support the Filipino athletes by inviting more supporters to watch the games, and to coordinate with her office or the Committee on Youth and Sports Development regarding the schedule of games and activities. She stressed that Filipino athletes need to hear the cheers and applause of their countrymen more than ever despite the controversies surrounding the country's hosting of the SEA Games, and hoped for the success of the Filipino athletes.

Upon Representative Palma's motion, the Chair next recognized Representative Del Mar for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR**

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Escudero.*

Even as he stressed support for the country's successful hosting of the SEA Games and opposition

to disinformation, Representative Del Mar cited newspaper reports on (1) President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's call for an investigation on alleged inefficiencies in the conduct of the games and for the sanctioning of those found liable for the same; (2) the complaints of other countries' delegation heads about food and sports facilities; and (3) the Phisgoc's apology for said shortcomings. He also volunteered to coauthor a resolution that Representative Salo said he would file on the matter.

Representative Salo clarified his point to exercise restraint and to address the allegations at the proper time and forum; meanwhile, Representative Del Mar also asked how it was possible in the national budget that some of the SEA Games funds were transferred to another item.

After Representatives Del Mar and Salo exchanged views on the nature and composition of Phisgoc, the former sought clarification on a report which mentioned about the allotment of a portion of the SEA Games funds as financial assistance to Phisgoc amounting to more than a billion pesos and whose expenses were allegedly exempted from the required bidding process. Representative Salo said that he was unaware of the information but emphasized that members of Phisgoc were mainly POC and PSC officials, and the amount given to it was transferred to the Department of Budget and Management to handle the procurement process.

In closing, Representative Del Mar thanked his colleague and congratulated him for bringing the matter to the attention of the Body.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 5:24 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 5:24 p.m., the session resumed.

On motion of Senior Deputy Majority Leader Jesus Crispin C. Remulla, the Chair recognized Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for his manifestation.

### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZUBIRI**

Representative Zubiri rose to clarify that his brother, Senator Zubiri, decided not to assume

the chairmanship of the Phisgoc because of his Senate duties, and focused instead on managing the Philippine Arnis contingent.

He stated that the exchange of arguments and criticisms on the SEA Games hosting is counterproductive and discourages the Philippine athletes; and that the issues could be dealt with after the event. He encouraged everyone to concentrate instead on helping the Philippine delegates win medals, continue building camaraderie, and enjoy the games.

On motion of Representative Remulla, the Chair recognized Rep. Florencio G. Noel for his manifestation.

### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE NOEL**

As he was previously mentioned by Deputy Speaker Marcoleta, Representative Noel recounted his experience as a member of the organizing committee of the 1991 SEA Games. He narrated how they had also received strong criticisms, although he said that it got worse at present due to social media. He then said that he supported the move to build infrastructures for this year's hosting because they could be utilized in future SEA Games events.

Representative Noel then relayed that the victory of the Filipino athletes in the 1991 SEA Games united everyone at the time and hoped for the same this year even in the event of a loss. He expressed hope that the Philippines this time would be number one in Southeast Asia as he encouraged everyone to work together so the athletes could draw inspiration from them.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

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

On motion of Representative Remulla, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. for his interpellation.

### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Minority Leader Abante said he had no intention to speak on the matter but decided to do so in relation

to the statement of his Senate counterpart, Senator Drilon, who claimed that he only had to respond to the statements of Members of the House against him. He and Representative Salo subsequently talked about who among the legislators had spoken first regarding the issues on the SEA Games hosting.

Minority Leader Abante then proposed that the House of Representatives conduct an investigation regarding the allegations against the organizing committee after the SEA Games, as he stressed that criticisms were not being helpful to the athletes. He advised the athletes to move forward and continue with what they are doing for the good of the country; requested the people to stop all criticisms and rally behind the athletes; and reminded his friends in the government and media and even the non-supporters of the SEA Games to be united and to show the world that Filipinos are resilient and can overcome whatever problem they are facing.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO**

At this point, Representative Salo expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to speak on the matter.

#### **REFERRAL OF SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Representative Salo, including the interpellations and manifestations thereon, to the Committees on Public Accounts, Good Government and Public Accountability, and Public Information.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Palma acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Paz C. Radaza, Lolita T. Javier, and Florencio G. Noel.

#### **DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4228**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members as conferees to reconcile the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 4228 or the 2020 General Appropriations Bill: Rep. Isidro T. Ungab, Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Deputy Speaker Luis Raymund “LRay” F. Villafuerte Jr., Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, Senior Deputy Majority Leader Jesus Crispin C. Remulla, Deputy Speakers Neptali M. Gonzales II and Aurelio “Dong” D.

Gonzales Jr., Reps. Elenita Milagros “Eileen” Ermita-Buhain, Michael John R. Duavit, Junie E. Cua, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Alfred Vargas, “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado, Teodorico T. Haresco Jr., Cristal L. Bagatsing, Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy, Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho, Lucy Torres-Gomez, and Romeo S. Momo Sr. for the Majority; Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. and Senior Deputy Minority Leader Janette L. Garin for the Minority; and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman for the Independents.

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

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members from the Majority to the committees specified hereunder:

##### Committee on Higher and Technical Education

(as member)

Rep. Yasser Alonto Balindong

##### Committee on Mindanao Affairs

(as member)

Rep. Yasser Alonto Balindong

##### Committee on Basic Education and Culture

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Yasser Alonto Balindong

##### Committee on Public Works and Highways

(as member)

Rep. Yasser Alonto Balindong

##### Committee on Public Accounts

(as members)

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers  
Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo  
Rep. Adriano A. Ebcas  
Rep. Allan U. Ty

##### Committee on Government Reorganization

(vice chairperson)

Rep. Allan U. Ty



Committee on Ways and Means

(as member)

Rep. Allan U. Ty

Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries

(as member)

Rep. Allan U. Ty

Committee on Natural Resources

(as member)

Rep. Adriano A. Ebcas

Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as member)

Rep. Leonardo L. Babasa Jr.

Committee on Energy

(as member)

Rep. Allan U. Ty

Committee on Good Government  
and Public Accountability

(as members)

Rep. Allan U. Ty  
Rep. Presley C. De Jesus  
Rep. Adriano A. EbcasCommittee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms

(as member)

Rep. Allan U. Ty

Committee on Ways and Means

(as members)

Rep. Allan U. Ty  
Rep. Teodorico T. Haresco Jr.*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Escudero  
relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Ferdinand  
L. Hernandez.***SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair  
suspended the session at 5:50 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:52 p.m.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:****COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 78  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5491**

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5491 contained in Committee Report No. 78 as submitted by the Committee on Legislative Franchises, renewing for another 25 years the franchise granted to Cruz Telephone Company, Inc. under Republic Act No. 7961; 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, on 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 the Bill on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

**ADOPTION OF  
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 197**

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of House Resolution No. 197, entitled: “A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS PHILIPPINE BAMBOO MONTH”; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

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

On an omnibus motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for Thursday and Friday as contained in the 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, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 5506 contained in Committee Report No. 80 as submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources, declaring parcels of land of the public domain located in Naga City, Cebu as agricultural land open to disposition for agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, or other productive purposes;
2. House Bill No. 1477 contained in Committee Report No. 83 as submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, upgrading the Caraga Regional Hospital in Washington, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte into a tertiary level hospital, and increasing its bed capacity to 500 beds; and
3. House Bill No. 5568 contained in Committee Report No. 85 as submitted by the Committee on Local Government, creating Barangay Guinhalinan in Barobo, Surigao del Sur.

#### **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 Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

1. House Resolution No. 4, on the current status of the country's groundwater and the implementation of its existing regulatory mechanisms – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
2. House Resolution No. 5, on the virtual ban of private publishers in the procurement of supplementary reading, reference, and other instructional materials (IMs) for public schools – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;

3. House Resolution No. 6, on the plummeting farmgate price of palay and to propose remedial measures to ease the burden of palay farmers in all provinces throughout the country – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
4. House Resolution No. 7, on the delays and poor implementation of the school infrastructure project of the Department of Education (DepEd) through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) program – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
5. House Resolution No. 8, on the ramming and sinking of a Filipino fishing boat by a Chinese vessel and the consequent abandonment of the hapless twenty-two (22) Filipino fishermen inside the Philippines' exclusive economic zone in Recto Bank – to the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
6. House Resolution No. 9, on the alleged predatory pricing and/or overpricing of oil products hidden by their unbundled oil prices – to the Committee on Energy;
7. House Resolution No. 10, on the privatization of water utilities in the different parts of the country, particularly the privatization of Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and the local water districts – to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
8. House Resolution No. 11, on the election-related harassments and the involvement of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP) in partisan political activities in the course of 2019 midterm elections – to the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms;
9. House Resolution No. 12, on the extra-judicial killings of Karapatan staff members Ryan Hubilla and Nelly Bagasala in Sorsogon and former Bayan Muna Bicol coordinator Neptali Morada in Naga City, Camarines Sur – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
10. House Resolution No. 13, on the impact of agribusiness venture agreements on the economic status of agrarian reform beneficiaries – to the Committee on Agrarian Reform;

11. House Resolution No. 15, on the alleged water crisis and the revival and effects of the construction of the Kaliwa Dam and Laiban Dam projects – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
12. House Resolution No. 16, on Memorandum Order No. 32 and its aggravating effect on the grave human rights situation in Eastern Visayas, Negros Island and Bicol Region – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
13. House Resolution No. 18, on the proliferation of alleged investment schemes promising very high returns in various areas of the country, and the subsequent government drive to shut them down and go after their operators – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
14. House Resolution No. 19, on the concession agreements entered by Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System with water concessionaires Manila Water and Maynilad – to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
15. House Resolution No. 20, on the status of implementation of the K to 12 Program – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
16. House Resolution No. 21, on the effect of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11203, otherwise known as the Rice Tariffication Law on rice producers, farmers and other farmworkers in the Philippines – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
17. House Resolution No. 23, on the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) scam – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Health;
18. House Resolution No. 24, on the inaction of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) on Committee Report No. 747 which was approved by the House of Representatives plenary session last August 15, 2018 – to the Committee on Justice;
19. House Resolution No. 25, on the alleged delayed release of the 10% barangay fund intended for the Sangguniang Kabataan – to the Committee on Local Government;
20. House Resolution No. 26, on the alleged financial, operational mismanagement, corruption as well as the proliferation of fraud payments made by PhilHealth to a dialysis center for kidney treatments of ghost patients – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Health;
21. House Resolution No. 30, on the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) scholarship allowance for identified beneficiaries – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
22. House Resolution No. 31, on the manner by which properties owned and managed by government corporations and public entities are being leased out – to the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization;
23. House Resolution No. 32, on the compliance to the guidelines and implementing rules on earthquake recording instrumentation for buildings as provided for by Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1096, otherwise known as the National Building Code of the Philippines – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
24. House Resolution No. 41, on the death of three-year old Kateleen Myka Ulpina who was killed in an anti-drug operation by the police in Rodriguez, Rizal – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
25. House Resolution No. 42, on the implementation of R.A. No. 10630 or an act establishing a comprehensive juvenile justice and welfare system – to the Committee on Justice;
26. House Resolution No. 43, on the reported irregularities in procedures of application and registration of transport network vehicle services (TNVS) – to the Committee on Transportation;
27. House Resolution No. 44, on the continued disparity and overpricing of fuel prices in Northern Luzon – to the Committee on Energy;

28. House Resolution No. 45, on the non-implementation of the provisions of R.A. No. 4670 or the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers on free compulsory medical examination and treatment and compensation for injuries – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
29. House Resolution No. 46, on the delay or outright failure to remit employees' contributions for PhilHealth which result in these employees not being able to access their benefits under the National Health Insurance Act of 2013 – to the Committee on Health;
30. House Resolution No. 47, on policies on the promotion of teaching personnel – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
31. House Resolution No. 48, on the delayed remittance or non-remittance of the personal and government shares of teachers' Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
32. House Resolution No. 49, on policies in relation to the results-based performance management system pursuant to DepEd Order No. 2, series of 2015 – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
33. House Resolution No. 50, on CSC-COA-DBM Joint Circular 1, series of 2017 which institutionalizes agency hiring in the civil service and will cause a massive layoff of job order and contract of service workers in government by the end of 2020 – to the Committee on Civil Service and Professional Regulation;
34. House Resolution No. 51, on the intelligence monitoring of members of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers by the PNP – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
35. House Resolution No. 53, to stop and prohibit the implementation of initial coin offerings (ICO) and other similar unregulated investment schemes, to create and establish the proper regulatory procedures, and to protect the rights of the investing public – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
36. House Resolution No. 54, on the proliferation of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies for the purpose of protecting the rights of the investors – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
37. House Resolution No. 55, on the operations of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) to determine whether they are faithfully pursuing their original mandate of promoting countryside development – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
38. House Resolution No. 56, on the immediate revival of the steel industry in the Philippines through the reopening of the National Steel Corporation in Iligan City and its feasibility to be designated and operate as a special economic zone – to the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Economic Affairs;
39. House Resolution No. 57, on the circumstances that compelled Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Director Francisco Jose Villa Jr. to commit suicide, including alleged pressure from ERC Chair and Chief Executive Officer Jose Vicente B. Salazar to approve contracts without proper bidding and due adherence to procedure, as well as allegations of corruption behind ERC deals, in order to exact accountability and formulate remedial legislation in the name of transparency and integrity – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Energy;
40. House Resolution No. 58, on the suspension order issued by the DepEd Region XI against 55 Lumad schools of Salugpongan Ta'tanu Igkanogon Community Learning Center – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
41. House Resolution No. 59, on the involvement of civil society organizations (CSOs) in the implementation and oversight of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) – to the Committee on Poverty Alleviation;
42. House Resolution No. 60, on the necessity of granting a subsidized price of LPG to urban poor households – to the Committee on Energy;



43. House Resolution No. 62, on the necessity of rationalizing the existing rules of the Commission on Audit as regards the prevention and disallowance of irregular, unnecessary, excessive, extravagant, or unconscionable (IUEEU) expenditures, or uses of government funds and properties – to the Committee on Appropriations;
44. House Resolution No. 63, on the failure of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) to remit dividends due to the national government, in violation of R.A. No. 7656 – to the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability;
45. House Resolution No. 64, on the enforcement of existing regulatory standards and policies governing electronic nicotine delivery system – to the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Health;
46. House Resolution No. 65, on the intelligence monitoring of members of the All-UP Academic Employees Union by the PNP – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
47. House Resolution No. 67, on possible human rights violations committed against Mr. Patricio M. Tago, Jr., a labor leader based in Capas, Tarlac – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
48. House Resolution No. 68, on the en masse resignation of nurses in local government unit-run hospitals and alleged transfer of these nurses to the Nurse Deployment Project of the Department of Health (DOH) – to the Committee on Health;
49. House Resolution No. 69, on all proposals, negotiations or transactions seeking to privatize public markets in the City of Manila – to the Committee on Local Government;
50. House Resolution No. 70, on the disappearance of the national cultural treasure entitled “Filipino Struggles through History,” the priceless masterpiece by National Artist Carlos “Botong” Francisco, from the Bulwagang Antonio J. Villegas of the Manila City Hall – to the Committee on Local Government;
51. House Resolution No. 72, on the failure of the Smokey Mountain Development and Reclamation Project – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
52. House Resolution No. 78, on the progress of the rehabilitation of the Umiray-Angat facilities as an alternative solution to the worsening water crisis – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
53. House Resolution No. 79, on the manufacturing of illegal cigarettes, fake cigarette labels and fake revenue stamps; smuggling of fake cigarettes and cigarette-making machines – to the Committee on Ways and Means;
54. House Resolution No. 80, on the current institutional structure and payout schedule of the social pension program for senior citizens – to the Special Committee on Senior Citizens;
55. House Resolution No. 81, on the performance of electric cooperatives in the Philippines in the context of their role in the attainment of total rural electrification and economic development in the country – to the Committee on Energy;
56. House Resolution No. 86, on the alleged non-compliance of the DepEd computerization program of the DepEd on the provisions of R.A. 10173, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012 – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
57. House Resolution No. 91, on the recent militarization and human rights violations on the communities of Brgy. Dominga, Calinan District, Davao City, allegedly perpetrated by elements of AFP-3rd Infantry Battalion – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
58. House Resolution No. 92, on the recent incident of indiscriminate firing in Sitio Tibugawan, Brgy. Kawayan, San Fernando, Bukidnon allegedly perpetrated by the paramilitary group New Indigenous People’s Army backed by the 8<sup>th</sup> IB of the Philippine Army which resulted to the death of a pregnant woman and wounding of seven (7) civilians, including (5) minors – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

59. House Resolution No. 93, on the human rights violations allegedly perpetrated by elements of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG)-Region VII in Cebu City, on Salugpongan school teacher Amelia Pond, which include illegal arrest and filing of trumped up charges – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
60. House Resolution No. 94, on human rights violation allegedly perpetrated by elements of the CIDG, and ISAFP, on Lilia Bucatcat, which include illegal arrest and filing of trumped up charges – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
61. House Resolution No. 95, on the military operations of the elements of the 39<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army (IBPA) in North Cotabato and Bukidnon that led to documented cases of human rights violations of the civilians therein under the circumstances of martial law and suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in Mindanao – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
62. House Resolution No. 96, on multiple human rights violations and sexual harassment resulting from encampment of the elements of 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion-PA in the indigenous community in Agagama, Western Lubuagan, Kalinga – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
63. House Resolution No. 97, on the capacity of the Commission on Higher Education to effectively regulate increases in tuition and other school fees imposed by higher educational institutions – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
64. House Resolution No. 101, on the mandate, functions, programs, initiatives, and capacity of the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino to preserve and promote the Philippines' local languages – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
65. House Resolution No. 106, on the review and removal of the K to 12 Program – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
66. House Resolution No. 108, on the memorandum released by CHED and UniFAST allowing 141 fees to be collected despite free tertiary tuition and other school fees law – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
67. House Resolution No. 109, on the continued collection of other school fees in several state universities violating R.A. No. 10931, also known as the “Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education” – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
68. House Resolution No. 111, on the implementation of voluntary opt-out (tuition and other school fees) mechanism as provided in R.A. No. 10931 – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
69. House Resolution No. 112, on the extrajudicial killing of human rights lawyer Atty. Anthony Trinidad on July 23, 2019, in Guihulngan City, Negros Oriental – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
70. House Resolution No. 113, on the harassment, arrest, and false charges versus Myles Albasin and five other fellow young activists at Sitio Talingting, Brgy. Luyang, Mabinay, Negros Oriental last March 3, 2018 – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
71. House Resolution No. 120, on the delay in the implementation of the Siquijor Airport Development Project – to the Committee on Transportation;
72. House Resolution No. 121, on the use of coco methyl ester from 2% to 5% in accordance with R.A. No. 9367 – to the Committee on Energy;
73. House Resolution No. 123, on the alleged discrimination of passengers going to and from the Province of Nueva Vizcaya by private bus operators plying the Cagayan Valley route – to the Committee on Transportation;
74. House Resolution No. 124, on the national government's efforts and the disbursement of funds to address the dengue national health emergency – to the Committee on Health;
75. House Resolution No. 125, on the impact of mining in the country – to the Committee on Natural Resources;

76. House Resolution No. 126, on the recent allegations of fraudulent medical claims to the PhilHealth – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Health;
77. House Resolution No. 127, on the enforcement of environmental laws on other tourist destinations of the Philippines – to the Committee on Tourism;
78. House Resolution No. 128, on the killings and other human rights violations in the Negros Island following the issuance of Memorandum Order No. 32 – to the Committee Public Order and Safety;
79. House Resolution No. 130, on the online report by Agence France Presse (AFP) on July 22, 2019, entitled “Worse Than Prison: Abuses In Philippine Youth Homes,” delineating the abject condition of youth detained in youth detention centers, and prescribe countermeasures in order to curtail the same – to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
80. House Resolution No. 131, on the rampant violations of the intent and spirit of R.A. No. 9439 that prohibits detention of patients on grounds of nonpayment of hospital bills or medical expenses – to the Committee on Health;
81. House Resolution No. 132, on the audit of all public buildings and infrastructures to address the needs and requirements of Persons With Disability (PWDs) pursuant to Batas Pambansa (B.P.) Bilang 344 – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
82. House Resolution No. 133, on the propriety of relocating the bus terminals from EDSA to Valenzuela, Parañaque and Sta. Rosa, Laguna – to the Committee on Transportation;
83. House Resolution No. 134, on the procurement of drugs and medicines nearing expiry and its delayed distribution to public hospitals nationwide – to the Committee on Health;
84. House Resolution No. 135, on the alleged massive corruption in the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) that led to the closure of its operations – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Games and Amusements;
85. House Resolution No. 136, on the influx of foreign workers in the Philippines and for concerned agencies to expedite their joint memorandum that imposes additional working visa requirements on foreign workers – to the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
86. House Resolution No. 141, on the closure of all PCSO outlets due to massive corruption – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Games and Amusements;
87. House Resolution No. 142, on the threats, harassment, and vilification of students and teachers of the clans Lumad School Diya Menuwa in Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat, and their community leaders by the police, military, and representatives of national government agencies and the local government – to the Committees on Public Order and Safety, and National Defense and Security;
88. House Resolution No. 143, on the threats, harassment, and vilification against students and teachers of the Salugpongan Ta’tanu Igkanogon Community Learning Center in Sitio Nasilaban, Brgy. Palma Gil, Talaingod, Davao del Norte, by the AFP and the paramilitary group ALAMARA – to the Committees on Public Order and Safety, and National Defense and Security;
89. House Resolution No. 144, on the attacks against Lumad schools, students, teachers, and advocates in Southern Mindanao from July 2016 to July 2017 – to the Committees on Public Order and Safety, and National Defense and Security;
90. House Resolution No. 145, on the reported ₱18 billion worth of unused medicines left in DOH warehouses – to the Committee on Health;
91. House Resolution No. 146, on the proliferation of counterfeit medicines in the country – to the Committee on Health;

92. House Resolution No. 148, on the presence of one hundred Jihadists in Mindanao – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
93. House Resolution No. 149, on the influx of e-bikes and scooters plying the streets – to the Committee on Transportation;
94. House Resolution No. 153, on the alleged massive corruption in the PCSO – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Games and Amusements;
95. House Resolution No. 154, on the spate of killings in the Island of Negros – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
96. House Resolution No. 156, on the unilateral act of certain banks to close the accounts of remittance agents, foreign exchange dealers and money changers – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
97. House Resolution No. 157, on the charging of parking fees on malls and other similar establishments including government facilities – to the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Local Government;
98. House Resolution No. 158, on the alleged inconsistencies and failure in the implementation of the provisions of R.A. No. 7305, or the Magna Carta of Public Health Workers, specifically the payment of allowances and benefits to Public Health Workers (PHWs) – to the Committee on Health;
99. House Resolution No. 159, on the implementation of the provisions of P.D. No. 442 or the Labor Code of the Philippines governing normal hours of work labor and employment – to the Committees on Labor and Employment, and Health;
100. House Resolution No. 160, on the status of the implementation of the transmission development plan of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines – to the Committee on Energy;
101. House Resolution No. 161, on the EPIRA law and its implementing rules and regulations in relation to the wholesale electricity spot market rules and other relevant issuances of the Department of Energy (DOE) and the ERC – to the Committee on Energy;
102. House Resolution No. 165, on the implementation of Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) provincial bus ban on EDSA – to the Committee on Metro Manila Development;
103. House Resolution No. 167, on the reported unceremonious termination of Barangay Health Workers (BHW) by barangay and local government officials and its effect to the delivery of primary health care programs and services – to the Committee on Local Government;
104. House Resolution No. 170, on the existence and circulation of local vinegar brands made from synthetic acetic acid and for concerned agencies to pursue results of its inter-agency meeting towards the safety of Filipino consumers – to the Committee on Trade and Industry;
105. House Resolution No. 171, on the actions of Fortune Medicare, Inc. (Fortune Care) in no longer renewing the non-life insurance contracts of existing members – to the Committee on Health;
106. House Resolution No. 172, on the nature, purpose, and restrictions of Garage Terminal (GT)/Utility Vehicle (UV) Express franchises – to the Committee on Transportation;
107. House Resolution No. 173, on the creation by the executive branch of an Inter-Agency Task Force on the revision of laws on land transportation, road safety for the primary purpose of drafting a new Land Transportation and Traffic Code – to the Committee on Transportation;
108. House Resolution No. 174, on the actions of the Philippine Daily Inquirer and the Philippine Star in alleged spreading of false news, unfair reporting out of context, and other acts of irresponsible reporting – to the Committee on Public Information;
109. House Resolution No. 175, on the actions of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) in implementing M.C. No. 09, Series of 2018 and HLURB Resolution No.



- 965, Series of 2017, containing procedural and other cumbersome requirements ostensibly in conflict with the provisions of R.A. No. 7279 – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
110. House Resolution No. 178, on the exclusion of agriculturally viable parcels of land in Sariaya, Quezon from implementation of Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program – to the Committee on Agrarian Reform;
111. House Resolution No. 179, on the teaching of foreign language and culture as alternative academic and enrichment programs for out-of-school youth – to the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education;
112. House Resolution No. 181, on the status of the implementation of Pasig–Marikina river flood control projects under the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
113. House Resolution No. 182, on the status of Technical Education and Skills Development Authority's (TESDA) Philippine TVET Competency Assessment and Certification System (PTCACS) – to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
114. House Resolution No. 183, on the actions of the DOH on the over-stocking of near expiry drugs — to the Committee on Health;
115. House Resolution No. 184, on the causes of delay in the distribution of and dispersal of medicines – to the Committee on Health;
116. House Resolution No. 185, on the recent series of killings of lawyers, prosecutors and judges – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
117. House Resolution No. 186, on the financial and operational viability of the PhilHealth in line with the implementation of R.A. No.11223 or the Universal Health Care Act – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Health;
118. House Resolution No. 189, on the existence of massive corruption in the PCSO including all gaming activities operated, licensed and franchised by it – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Games and Amusements;
119. House Resolution No. 190, on the implementation of the bamboo livelihood program in relation to the government's National Greening Program (NGP) – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
120. House Resolution No. 192, on proliferation of imported canned pork meats and processed pork products in the Philippines from the countries affected by African Swine Fever (ASF) – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
121. House Resolution No. 193, on the preparedness of the government of the Philippines and attached agencies concerned against ASF – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
122. House Resolution No. 195, on the occupational health and safety of the workers of the entertainment industry in light of the death of veteran actor Eddie Garcia – to the Committee on Labor and Employment;
123. House Resolution No. 196, on the release of amounts pertaining to the additional fund sources of the Dangerous Drugs Board pursuant to R.A. No. 9165 – to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs;
124. House Resolution No. 198, on the high import costs resulting to nationwide inflation and unduly burdening Filipino consumers and businesses – to the Committee on Trade and Industry;
125. House Resolution No. 199, on the DOH's financial and operational efficiency, economy and effectiveness – to the Committee on Health;
126. House Resolution No. 201, on the killing of three military assets in Hadji Muhammad Ajul, Basilan Province by members of the PNP Special Action Force (SAF) on August 2, 2019 – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
127. House Resolution No. 202, on the capsizing of 3 boats in the Iloilo – Guimaras Strait – to the Committee on Transportation;

128. House Resolution No. 203, on the alleged overstocking, unused, expired medicines by the DOH – to the Committee on Health;
129. House Resolution No. 204, on the apparent adverse effects of the implementation of MMDA Regulation No. 19-002, Series of 2019, which seeks the prohibition of provincial buses along EDSA through the revocation and prohibition of issuances of business permits to all public utility bus terminals and operators along EDSA – to the Committee on Metro Manila Development;
130. House Resolution No. 205, on the shooting incident of human rights advocate Brandon Lee in Lagawe, Ifugao – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
131. House Resolution No. 206, on the implementation of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership laws and local ordinances — to the Committee on Local Government;
132. House Resolution No. 207, on the threats, harassment, and trumped up charges against Ophelia Tabacon, Alliance of Concerned Teachers – Region X Union President – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
133. House Resolution No. 210, on the looming increases in bank Automated Teller Machine (ATM) user fees – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
134. House Resolution No. 214, on the national poverty situation to include a comprehensive review and assessment of existing poverty data and poverty reduction programs in the country – to the Committee on Poverty Alleviation;
135. House Resolution No. 216, on the killing of Lumad farmer Alex Lacay in Brgy. Salawagan, Quezon, Bukidnon and all the killings in Bukidnon – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
136. House Resolution No. 217, on the possible privatization of poorly performing electric cooperatives in Quezon Province – to the Committee on Energy;
137. House Resolution No. 218, on the alleged overstocking, unused, expired medicines by the DOH – to the Committee on Health;
138. House Resolution No. 219, on the production of error-filled learning materials and non-distribution of procured instructional materials by the Department of Education – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
139. House Resolution No. 220, on the reported findings by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime that the Philippines has become a hotspot for fake medicines – to the Committee on Health;
140. House Resolution No. 221, on the proliferation of Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs), and its effects on the Filipino people, the local economy and national security – to the Committee on Games and Amusements;
141. House Resolution No. 224, on the implementation of R.A. No. 11203 or the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Law – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
142. House Resolution No. 225, on the reported failure of the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) in the implementation of R.A. No. 10659 or the Sugarcane Industry Development Act of 2015 – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
143. House Resolution No. 226, on the proliferation of irrigated and irrigable land converted into non-agricultural purpose in violation of Section 65 of R.A. No. 6657 otherwise known as the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law of 1988, as amended by R.A. No. 9700 – to the Committee on Agrarian Reform;
144. House Resolution No. 227, on the implementation of Section 150-B of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended by R.A. No. 10963, otherwise known as the “Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN)” – to the Committee on Ways and Means;
145. House Resolution No. 228, on the basis of Meralco in incorporating in the consumers’ monthly electric bills, additional charges for renewal energy, system loss and other charges – to the Committee on Energy;

146. House Resolution No. 229, on the reported proliferation of “falsified” medicines in the country based on the 2019 Report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) entitled “Transnational Organized Crime in Southeast Asia: Evolution, Growth and Impact” – to the Committee on Health;
147. House Resolution No. 230, on the claim of Diorica Francisco Lumbad and other workers of La Tondeña Distillers, Inc. for abuses committed during Martial Law – to the Committee on Human Rights;
148. House Resolution No. 232, on the discrimination and harassment against transgender woman Gretchen Custodio Diez – to the Committee on Women and Gender Equality;
149. House Resolution No. 233, on the denial of access to a ladies’ restroom to transgender woman Gretchen Custodio Diez – to the Committee on Women and Gender Equality;
150. House Resolution No. 234, on the Commission on Audit (COA) 2018 Audit Findings on the DepEd relative to various errors on learning materials intended for Grade 3 pupils valued at over ₱254.3M – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
151. House Resolution No. 235, on the 299 irrigation projects flagged by the COA – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
152. House Resolution No. 236, on the increase of the coco methyl ester (CME) blend of biodiesel from 2 percent to 8 percent – to the Committee on Energy;
153. House Resolution No. 237, on the alleged unauthorized purchase by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines of life insurance plans worth a total of ₱500 million for 10 of its officials – to the Committee on Transportation;
154. House Resolution No. 238, on the allegations of fraudulent medical claims, mismanagement and negligence, graft and corruption against PhilHealth – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Health;
155. House Resolution No. 239, on the Bulk Water Supply Project in Morong, Bataan and its impact on the people and environment – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
156. House Resolution No. 240, on the implementation of R.A. No. 11203 or the Rice Liberalization and Tariffication Law – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
157. House Resolution No. 241, on the ₱254 million worth of error-ridden textbooks and/or learning materials and the ₱113 million worth of unutilized instructional materials of the DepEd as reported in the 2018 COA Consolidated Annual Audit Report – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
158. House Resolution No. 242, on the protocols of the MARINA and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) in determining the seaworthiness of vessels and responding to maritime accidents – to the Committee on Transportation;
159. House Resolution No. 243, on the alarming number of killings in Calbayog City and guarantee of the presence and assignment of law enforcement officers in the area – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
160. House Resolution No. 244, on the alleged discrimination of a transgender woman in Farmers Plaza mall in Quezon City – to the Committee on Women and Gender Equality;
161. House Resolution No. 246, on the allegations and controversies relating to PhilHealth and performance of a holistic review of the agency’s functions and transactions – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Health;
162. House Resolution No. 247, on the status of the Manila Bay rehabilitation and the cleanup of water tributaries leading to it – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
163. House Resolution No. 248, on the illegal wildlife trade in the Philippines and review of relevant existing laws – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
164. House Resolution No. 249, on the delayed irrigation contracts of the National Irrigation

- Administration (NIA) – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
165. House Resolution No. 250, on the unabated influx of Chinese nationals in the Philippines and related issues on Philippine labor laws, national security and national sovereignty – to the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
166. House Resolution No. 252, on improving maritime safety in the Philippines – to the Committee on Transportation;
167. House Resolution No. 253, on the proliferation of counterfeit medicines – to the Committee on Health;
168. House Resolution No. 254, on the implications of island development plans on Fuga, Grande, and Chiquita Islands by foreign entities and its possible threats to national security – to the Committees on Economic Affairs, and Trade and Industry;
169. House Resolution No. 256, on the extent of disaster risk reduction and management education – to the Committee on Disaster Management;
170. House Resolution No. 257, on the failure of the DepEd to effectively and fully implement its programs related to textbook and other learning materials and basic education facilities – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
171. House Resolution No. 259, on the alleged mass migration of private school teachers to public schools on account of higher compensation – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
172. House Resolution No. 260, on the implementation of R.A. No. 10592 or the Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) Law – to the Committee on Justice;
173. House Resolution No. 262, on the allegations of electoral fraud, specifically the use of false addresses of registered voters – to the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms;
174. House Resolution No. 263, on the delayed contracts and projects of the NIA – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
175. House Resolution No. 267, on the incident of the dredging being carried out by Pacific Offshore Exploration, Inc. in the Cagayan River – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
176. House Resolution No. 269, on the controversial and grossly disadvantageous sale of the property of the United Coconut Planters Bank by its President, Higinio Macadaeg Jr. – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
177. House Resolution No. 270, on the Quezon City mall incident involving a transgender – to the Committee on Women and Gender Equality;
178. House Resolution No. 271, on the procurement of at least 25% of the annual school desks and arm chairs requirement of all public elementary and secondary schools nationwide as provided for in Executive Order (E.O.) No. 879 – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
179. House Resolution No. 272, on the implementation of scuba diving safety rules and regulations – to the Committee on Tourism;
180. House Resolution No. 274, on the killing of lumad leader, Bai Leah Tumbalang, in Valencia City, Bukidnon and the persistence of killings in Bukidnon – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
181. House Resolution No. 275, inviting telecommunication firms and other Internet service providers to shed light on their slow and expensive Internet service – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
182. House Resolution No. 277, on the implementation of R.A. No. 8047 and other related laws especially on the production, publication, and distribution of books and textbooks – to the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Higher and Technical Education;
183. House Resolution No. 278, on the real current status of stem cell therapy in the Philippines – to the Committee on Health;



184. House Resolution No. 280, on the implementation of R.A. No. 10592 or the GCTA Law – to the Committee on Justice;
185. House Resolution No. 283, on the dire impact of the Rice Liberalization and Tariffication Law or R.A. No. 11203 on rice farmers, rice millers, retailers, consumers, and on the financial sector – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
186. House Resolution No. 285, on the implementation of R.A. No. 10592 or the GCTA Law and opposing moves to release prisoners convicted of heinous crimes – to the Committee on Justice;
187. House Resolution No. 286, on the apparent failure of the MARINA and the PCG to ensure the seaworthiness of M/V *Lite Ferry 16* – to the Committee on Transportation;
188. House Resolution No. 287, on the military encampment of civilian facilities and homes by the Philippine Army's 9<sup>th</sup> Special Forces and the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion in the lumad community in Diatagon, Lianga, Surigao del Sur – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
189. House Resolution No. 288, on the extrajudicial killings of Alcadev Executive Director Emerito Samarca and Manobo lumad leaders, Dionel Campos and Datu Juvello Sinzo, on September 1, 2015 in Lianga, Surigao del Sur – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
190. House Resolution No. 290, on the implementation of R.A. No. 11203, otherwise known as the Rice Liberalization and Tariffication Law – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
191. House Resolution No. 292, on the alleged violations of the country's immigration and labor laws by POGO operators with the end in view of enacting laws to regulate said operations – to the Committees on Labor and Employment, and Games and Amusements;
192. House Resolution No. 294, on revisiting the mandate of the Land Bank of the Philippines with respect to the needs of the agricultural sector – to the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries;
193. House Resolution No. 295, on the implementation of E.O. No. 48, series of 2001 (Philippine National Railroad properties as socialized housing sites) – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
194. House Resolution No. 302, on the anomalies and violations surrounding the renewal process for the financial or technical assistance agreement (FTAA) of Oceanagold Philippines, Inc. – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
195. House Resolution No. 304, on the propriety and legality of mandating passengers at the Public Port of Danao City to pass through the private waiting lounge of Sands Gateway Mall, Danao City, Cebu, and to pay lounge fees in addition to terminal fees – to the Committee on Transportation;
196. House Resolution No. 305, on the August 3, 2019 sea tragedy at the Guimaras-Iloilo Strait, which resulted in the loss of 31 lives and a maritime transport crisis in the entire Province of Guimaras – to the Committee on Transportation;
197. House Resolution No. 307, on the alleged illegal, anomalous, and unauthorized acts of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines – to the Committee on Energy;
198. House Resolution No. 309, on the New Centennial Water Source-Kaliwa Dam Project and its alleged anomalous award to China Energy Engineering, Co., Ltd. – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
199. House Resolution No. 320, on the present state of farmers especially in the planting, sale, and pricing of palay – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
200. House Resolution No. 321, on the review of existing open access transmission service rules by the Grid Management Committee through the ERC – to the Committee on Energy;
201. House Resolution No. 323, on the militarization and recent violent attacks on occupied housing communities in Pandi, Bulacan by the AFP, the PNP, and civilian groups identifying themselves as

- “pro-government” – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;
202. House Resolution No. 326, on the ominous downward trend of the prices of copra – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
203. House Resolution No. 329, on the human rights violations brought about by the implementation of E.O. No. 70, series of 2018 – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
204. House Resolution No. 330, on the ambush on former Pangasinan Rep. Amado Espino Jr. in San Carlos City – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
205. House Resolution No. 332, on the increasing number of rice cartels and rice smuggling in the country – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
206. House Resolution No. 335, on the status of the implementation of R.A. No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
207. House Resolution No. 336, on the status of African swine fever proliferation in the country – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
208. House Resolution No. 337, on the allegations of unregistered foreign workers, non-payment of income taxes, relative to the POGO industry – to the Committees on Labor and Employment, and Games and Amusements;
209. House Resolution No. 338, on the delays of the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority in the implementation of tourism infrastructure projects in the Second District of Cagayan de Oro City – to the Committee on Tourism;
210. House Resolution No. 342, on the adverse effects of character-based video games on children – to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
211. House Resolution No. 344, on formulating an integrated master plan for a flood control program in Metro Manila – to the Committee on Metro Manila Development;
212. House Resolution No. 351, on the slow distribution of land titles for homeowners in Ridgeview Park and other National House Authority Pabahay projects – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
213. House Resolution No. 354, on the killing of Leonides Bacong, local leader of Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas of Bukidnon – to the Committees on Public Order and Safety, and National Defense and Security;
214. House Resolution No. 355, on the killing of farmer Angelito Marivao in Sitio Lagdik, Mabuhay, Bukidnon – to the Committees on Public Order and Safety, and National Defense and Security;
215. House Resolution No. 360, on the non-payment of real property tax (RPT) of power plants under build-operate-transfer (BOT) with the LGU of Quezon Province – to the Committee on Ways and Means;
216. House Resolution No. 361, on the policies of the Department of Public Works and Highways and the LGUs to ensure that the utility poles affected by road widening projects are relocated to their appropriate places – to the Committee on Public Works and Highways;
217. House Resolution No. 362, on the re-emergence of polio in the country 19 years after the World Health Organization declared the Philippines polio-free – to the Committee on Health;
218. House Resolution No. 363, on the alleged double payment of doleouts to DSWD’s 4Ps beneficiaries and other anomalies as contained in the COA audit report – to the Committee on Public Accounts;
219. House Resolution No. 366, on the very tragic and untimely death of Kagay-anon Darwin Dormitorio due to murderous hazing – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
220. House Resolution No. 368, on the death of Philippine Military Academy Cadet Darwin

- Dormitorio – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
221. House Resolution No. 370, on the death of PMA Cadet Darwin Dormitorio – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
222. House Resolution No. 371, on the dredging activities in Aparri, Cagayan – to the Committee on Natural Resources;
223. House Resolution No. 373, on the death of PMA Cadet Fourth Class Darwin Dormitorio – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
224. House Resolution No. 374, on the documented cases of grave child rights violations under the current administration – to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
225. House Resolution No. 377, on the utilization of all disbursed funds as well as on the status of the recovery, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of Marawi City – to the Committee on Disaster Management;
226. House Resolution No. 379, on the alleged continuous smuggling and proliferation of substandard steel products in the Philippines – to the Committees on Trade and Industry, and Mindanao Affairs;
227. House Resolution No. 380, on the impending demolition of thousands of houses to give way for the NLEX-SLEX Connector Road and the PNR North-South Railway projects – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
228. House Resolution No. 381, on the propriety of implementing DOH Administrative Order 2019-0007 – to the Committee on Trade and Industry;
229. House Resolution No. 383, on the spread of African swine fever in the Philippines and its possible disastrous effects on the local hog industry – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
230. House Resolution No. 384, on the disbursement of the bounty intended for the witnesses for the prosecution, in relation to the murder of the late Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe – to the Committee on Justice;
231. House Resolution No. 385, on the tragedy met by the Dragon Boat Team during their training in Boracay, Malay, Aklan – to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
232. House Resolution No. 469, on the unpaid universal charges amounting to ₱238.3 million by multiple electric cooperatives nationwide – to the Committee on Public Accounts;
233. House Resolution No. 388, on recruiting, acquiring and using non-Filipino citizens and foreign imports as players in collegiate leagues – to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
234. House Resolution No. 389, on the unabated influx of imported ceramic tiles in the country – to the Committee on Trade and Industry;
235. House Resolution No. 390, on the sudden increase in fuel prices for September 2019 – to the Committee on Energy;
236. House Resolution No. 397, on the circumstances surrounding the events last September 25, 2019 in Boracay, Aklan, where seven dragon boat paddlers lost their lives while training – to the Committee on Youth and Sports Development;
237. House Resolution No. 400, on the recent incident at Manila City Jail where two inmates were killed and 32 were hurt in a riot between members of two groups – to the Committee on Justice;
238. House Resolution No. 403, on the update on the implementation of the Bangsamoro Organic Law – to the Committees on Local Government, Muslim Affairs, and the Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity;
239. House Resolution No. 407, on the alleged delay in the completion of the DOTr-Road Transportation IT Infrastructure Project-LTO component – to the Committee on Transportation;

240. House Resolution No. 413, on the series of recent natural disasters in the Philippines – to the Committee on Disaster Management;
241. House Resolution No. 414, on the issue of reported violations of the Philippine Grid Code and non-compliance with provisions of R.A. No. 9511 – to the Committee on Energy;
242. House Resolution No. 415, on the alleged point source pollution in coastal and marine waters in Lian and Nasugbu, Batangas – to the Committee on Ecology;
243. House Resolution No. 416, on the immediate resignation of officials implicated in the practice of drug recycling – to the Committee on Dangerous Drugs;
244. House Resolution No. 417, on the utilization of all disbursed funds as well as on the status of the Yolanda recovery and reconstruction program – to the Committee on Disaster Management;
245. House Resolution No. 420, on the continued recruitment and deployment of minors and under-aged workers to the Middle East as domestic workers – to the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs;
246. House Resolution No. 430, on the adjustment of the compulsory retirement age for officers of the AFP and the PNP – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;
247. House Resolution No. 431, on the exorbitant fees charged for funeral and burial services by Himlayang Pilipino, Inc. and other service providers in Metro Manila – to the Committee on Social Services;
248. House Resolution No. 440, on the gross violation by police officers and members of Chapter 3, Rule 15.4 of the Revised PNP Operational Procedures manual on the conduct of its anti-crime campaigns – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
249. House Resolution No. 441, on the increasing missionary subsidies, now running to billions, for large off-grid islands and the resulting increased universal charge to electric consumers – to the Committee on Energy;
250. House Resolution No. 444, on the status of acceptance of new applications for transport network company accreditation for transportation network vehicle services – to the Committee on Transportation;
251. House Resolution No. 446, on the killings and human rights violations against environmental defenders in the Philippines – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
252. House Resolution No. 454, on the implementation of Republic Act No. 10754 or the act expanding the benefits and privileges of PWDs and on the process of the issuance of the identification card for PWDs – to the Committee on Social Services;
253. House Resolution No. 459, on the condition of political prisoners and other prisoners in the New Bilibid Prison – to the Committee on Justice;
254. House Resolution No. 468, on the frustrated extrajudicial killing of teachers Zhaydee and Ramil Cabañelez by suspected agents under the 8<sup>th</sup> AFP Infantry Battalion – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
255. House Resolution No. 470, on the present state of Bangon Marawi Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Program – to the Committee on Disaster Management;
256. House Resolution No. 473, on the present implementation and policy effectiveness of R.A. No. 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
257. House Resolution No. 476, on the closure order of 55 Lumad schools of Salugpongan Ta'Tanu Igkanogon Community Learning Center (Salugpongan) issued by the DepEd-Region XI – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
258. House Resolution No. 481, on the proliferation of unregulated courier operators – to the Committee on Trade and Industry;



259. House Resolution No. 486, on the plight of persons deprived of liberty within the New Bilibid Prison – to the Committee on Justice;

260. House Resolution No. 488, on the mass arrest of leaders of progressive organizations and activists in Negros Island by combined elements of the police and the military – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety; and

261. House Resolution No. 489, on the holistic impact of the San Miguel Corporation's 2,500-hectare Bulacan Aerotropolis project, including the 1,168-hectare new Manila International Airport to be constructed at Talipit, Bulakan Town – to the Committee on Transportation.

### ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bill Nos. 1158, 1477, 4119, 5506, 5509, and 5568, and House Resolution No. 197 the names of Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session suspended until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, December 2, 2019.

It was 6:10 p.m. of Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Monday, December 2, 2019 with Deputy Speaker Conrado M. Estrella III presiding.

### ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

Subsequently, 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, including the Communications, Subpoena *Duces Tecum*, and Committee Reports which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5613, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE KALAWIT LAKE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALAWIT, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE A TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5619, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF BAGUIO AS A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Go (Mark)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5620, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PRIORITIZE MOBILITY OF PEOPLE OVER THE MOBILITY OF VEHICLES”

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

House Bill No. 5621, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF COMMUTERS”

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

House Bill No. 5622, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING, CRIMINALIZING, AND PUNISHING TERRORISM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5623, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS NATIONWIDE TO ELIMINATE PLASTIC POLLUTION IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Yap (Eric) and Duterte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5624, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO JAIME ROCAMORA GOMEZ”

By Representative Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5625, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CAG-ABACA, MUNICIPALITY OF CATARMAN, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR TO BE KNOWN AS CAG-ABACA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Daza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5626, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SISIGON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SISIGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, INTO SISIGON INTEGRATED SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ramos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5627, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ADMINISTRATION OF REGULAR DRUG TESTS IN CORRECTIONAL PENAL INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 5628, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISSEMINATION OF FALSE INFORMATION ON BOMB THREATS, OR ANY OTHER LIFE-THREATENING OR DESTRUCTIVE MATERIALS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5629, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF SIX BILLION PESOS (P6,000,000,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR F.Y. 2019 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belmonte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5630, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PREVENT AND REDUCE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES OR VAPING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5631, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF BPA IN BABY FOOD PACKAGING AND CONTAINERS, PROVIDING FOR ITS REPLACEMENT WITH THE LEAST TOXIC ALTERNATIVE”

By Representative Bolilia

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5632, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SOCIAL PENSION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representatives Duterte, Ungab and Garcia (Vincent)

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 5633, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM SALARY GRADE OF GOVERNMENT NURSES FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 15”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5634, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SIERRA MADRE REGION, CREATING THE SIERRA MADRE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5635, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IGUIG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5636, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF BOGÑA INTEGRATED SCHOOL IN BARANGAY

BOGÑA, BACON DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO FELOMINO D. DERAMAS INTEGRATED SCHOOL”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5637, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8256, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT DECLARING THE FOUNDATION DAYS AND FEAST DAYS OF THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL AND THE MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN AS SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS' TO INCLUDE ALL THE CITIES AND BARANGAYS THEREIN”

By Representative Almario  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5638, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CONDUCT OF QUARTERLY NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL (‘NSED’), PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Reyes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 5639, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY RIO TUBA TO BARANGAY BULILUYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg-Zaldivar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5640, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF URBAN AGRICULTURE IN ALL URBAN AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE URBAN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mariano-Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5641, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068 OR 'THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010'”

By Representative Mariano-Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 5642, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE SAFE OPERATIONS OF THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INDUSTRY, DELINEATING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, DEFINING AND PENALIZING CERTAIN ACTS”

By Representative Ty  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 5645, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ADIONG MEMORIAL POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN RAMAIN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR, AS THE ADIONG MEMORIAL STATE COLLEGE AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8651 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7935, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Adiong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5646, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Delos Santos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

House Bill No. 5647, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO THREE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

By Representative Babasa  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5648, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TRANS RADIO

BROADCASTING CORPORATION, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8088, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE TRANS RADIO BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN METRO MANILA AND OTHER AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE FREQUENCIES AND/OR CHANNELS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING' ”

By Representative Palma  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5649, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS BY ENHANCING ITS FISCAL AUTONOMY, REORGANIZING ITS OFFICES, UPGRADING EMPLOYEE SKILLS AND AUGMENTING THEIR COMPENSATION, ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5650, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN DAVAO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1983,' AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Nograles (Jericho)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5651, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9208, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10364, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES TO ELIMINATE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ESTABLISHING THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF TRAFFICKED PERSONS, PROVIDING

PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5652, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNS' RIGHTS, BENEFITS, AND WELFARE”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5653, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF COMMUTERS”

By Representative Nograles (Juan)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5654, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE PHILIPPINE MARSHALS SERVICE UNDER THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (Pablo John)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5655, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, MEMBERS OF THE LUPON TAGAPAMAYAPA, TANODS, HEALTH WORKERS AND BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5656, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE MMDA TO IMPLEMENT TEXT/E-MAIL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM TO PROMPTLY INFORM VIOLATORS OF THE NO CONTACT TRAFFIC APPREHENSION POLICY”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5669, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF EIGHT BILLION FOUR HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P8,400,000,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2019, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS



House Bill No. 5670, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN BY PROHIBITING AND DECLARING CHILD MARRIAGE AS ILLEGAL AND IMPOSING PENALTIES THEREOF”

By Representative Lacson-Noel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5671, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE AUTONOMY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 16 AND SECTION 41 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' ”

By Representative Garcia (Jose Enrique)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5672, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 10175, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'CYBERCRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2012' ”

By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaite, Cullamat and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5674, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS, PERMIT TO CARRY OUTSIDE OF RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 7 AND 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT' ”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 5675, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING BUDGET REFORM THAT WILL ENSURE THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000 (R.A. 9003), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Teves (Jose)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5676, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD PASSING THROUGH THE BARANGAY ROADS FROM SARONG RIVER PASSING THROUGH BARANGKAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SARONG PROPER TO SITIO TAGPISA OF BARANGAY OCAYAN LEADING TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BATARAZA WHICH IS MORE OR LESS 17 KILOMETERS, AND FROM BARANGAY SANDOVAL PASSING THROUGH BARANGAYS IWAHIG AND IGANG-IGANG TO SARONG PROPER, AND FROM SARONG RIVER PASSING THROUGH BARANGKAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SARONG PROPER AND SITIO TAGPISA OF BARANGAY OCAYAN TO NATIONAL HIGHWAY WHICH IS MORE OF LESS 16 KILOMETERS, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg-Zaldivar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5677, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF ABO-ABO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ABO-ABO, MUNICIPALITY OF SOFRONIO ESPAÑOLA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO DORIS E. MARTINEZ NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representative Abueg-Zaldivar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5678, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, SECTION 30”

By Representative Fongwan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5679, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

By Representative Fongwan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5680, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE REGION VI OF BACOLOD CITY INTO A REGULAR LICENSING CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE NEGROS OCCIDENTAL LICENSING CENTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gasataya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5681 entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING BANKING INSTITUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN THE FINANCING SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURAL, FISHERIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Cua  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated November 11, 2019 of Eleazar E. Ricote, Officer-in-Charge and Deputy Executive Director, Public-Private Partnership Center, submitting to the House of Representatives a copy of the signed Concession Agreement between the Department of Transportation and the San Miguel Holdings, Corporation for the New Manila International Airport Project.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated 27 August 2019 of Atty. Maria Salve Rubaya-Adamos, Officer-in-Charge, SP Secretariat of the 29th Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Rizal, transmitting SP Resolution Nos. 332 and 323, both series of 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Letter of Atty. Angelica D. Galvez-Sta. Cruz, Clerk of Court V, Regional Trial Court Branch 289, Malabon City, forwarding a copy of the Decision rendered by said court in Criminal Case No. 17-632-MAL entitled “People of the Philippines vs. Marvin Rillon”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

#### SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena *Duces Tecum* / *Ad Testificandum*

dated 30 August 2019 issued by Atty. Rommel H. Sumedca, Clerk of Court V, Regional Trial Court, Branch 101, Quezon City, on Criminal Case No. R-QZN-19-01252-CR, commanding MGen Romeo C. Prestoza AFP (Ret) or its Duly Authorized Representative, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives, to appear before this Court on December 3, 2019, Tuesday at 8:30 in the morning, to produce in court the CCTV footage (in USB format) on June 26, 2018 between about 3:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M., particularly along IBP Road

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 99), re H.C.R. No. 05, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY RAUL S. HERNANDEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 2019, TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE 'ORDER OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE MERIT, FIRST CLASS' FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Concurrent Resolution No. 04

Sponsor: Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 100), re H.B. No. 831, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BICOL MEDICAL CENTER IN NAGA CITY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8053, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments in consolidation with House Bill No. 2244

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Bordado, Villafuerte and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 101), re H.B. No. 5657, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 376

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab, Olivarez and Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 102), re H.B. No. 5658, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 724, 4190 and 4714

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Torres-Gomez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 103), re H.B. No. 5659, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TEN (10) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE

KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2243 and 3091

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab, Alvarez (Pantaleon), Dujali and Gonzaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 104), re H.B. No. 5660, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(D) AND 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2005

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 105), re H.B. No. 5661, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 842

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Biazon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 106), re H.B. No. 5662, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL

COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 393

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Ferrer (Luis)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 107), re H.B. No. 5663, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF DAPITAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 727

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Jalosjos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 108), re H.B. No. 5664, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANAUAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1619

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Suarez (Aleta)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 109), re H.B. No. 5665, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(L) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 628

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Almario

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 110), re H.B. No. 5666, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1156

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab, Romualdez (Yedda) and Romualdez (Ferdinand)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 111), re H.B. No. 5667, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE



**JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED"**

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 572

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Gasataya

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 112), re H.B. No. 5668, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1446

Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Ungab and Zubiri

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 113), re H.B. No. 5673, entitled:

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF ALL DOH-RETAINED HOSPITALS"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1365, 1492, 1502, 1902, 2004, 3022 and 4651

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Hernandez and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

**APPROVAL OF JOURNALS**

On successive motions of Rep. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 30 dated November 25, 2019 and Journal No. 31 dated November 26, 2019.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of

the guests of Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez.

**PRIVILEGE HOUR**

It being a Monday, on motion of Representative de Venecia, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his privilege speech.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

At 3:15 p.m., the session was suspended upon motion of Representative de Venecia.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:19 p.m.

**PRIVILEGE SPEECH  
OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Representative Zarate brought to the attention of the Body the plight of political prisoners in the country as he narrated the arrest of several unionist-organizers of progressive groups due to trumped-up charges of murder and illegal possession of firearms and explosives. He emphasized that in a democracy, no one should be jailed because of their political beliefs.

Subsequently, he said that there are still a large number of political prisoners, some of whom had suffered and died due to poor conditions in the prison and lack of medical attention to sick detainees; and that their number had been increasing due to policies such as the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) and the Inter-Agency Committee on Legal Action (IACLA) with the intention to silence any opposition to the government.

In the observance of the International Day of Solidarity with Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War, Representative Zarate enjoined his colleagues to look into the condition of political prisoners all over the country and hear their plea for help. He also called on the government for the immediate release of political prisoners some of whom are women and senior citizens, and to stop its programs and policies which result to more political prisoners.

**REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH  
OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Rowena Niña O. Taturan, there being no objection, the Body referred

the privilege speech of Representative Zarate to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Representatives Zarate and Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Taduran, the Chair recognized Rep. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr. for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES (A.)**

Representative Teves raised the issue of manually providing data information in the registration for the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys). In order to save time, money and effort, he suggested that the government agencies involved should be encouraged to forge a data sharing arrangement amongst themselves but ensure that the data owner has given his/her approval thereof and the agreement would not be in conflict with the Data Privacy Act or Republic Act No. 10173. In doing so, he stated that the registration for the PhilSys would be done in a short period of time.

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

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor initially expressed his conformity with Representative Teves (A.) as regards to the process of data collection and compliance with the PhilSys registration. He then asked Representative Teves and thereafter the House Secretariat, as to who had been assigned as data privacy officers of the House of Representatives pursuant to R.A. No. 10173.

Representative Defensor pointed out that said registration process requires sensitive personal information from registrants. He said that the Data Privacy Act of 2012 is being implemented nationwide especially by companies heavily involved in the data collection of sensitive personal information but he observed that there is laxity where data collection and protection is concerned.

Representative Teves agreed with his colleague’s observations and stressed the use of waiver to acquire access to people’s personal information to address problems on data privacy.

Representative Defensor thereafter urged Representative Teves to request the House Secretariat to provide an update on the status of its submissions to the National Privacy Commission with regard to the process of data collection in the House, and reiterated his previous request to inform them of the assigned data privacy officers.

#### **REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

Whereupon, the Chair directed the Secretary General to address the concern of Representative Defensor (L.).

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE TEVES (A.)**

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

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:45 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:45 p.m.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

On motion of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. who spoke to commemorate the birth of the nation’s heroes, Benigno “Ninoy” S. Aquino Jr. and Gat Andres Bonifacio on November 27 and 30, respectively.

Representative Atienza then conveyed the many accomplishments of Aquino both in his personal life and in his political career. He said that Aquino was a born leader and a very effective one during his time when not all politicians would be willing to fight the dictatorship and sacrifice themselves for democracy.

Representative Atienza urged the Body to inform the people most especially the young generation of what Aquino had done for the country and how his assassination on August 21, 1983 triggered Filipinos to fight for Philippine democracy. He opined that the Filipinos would not reach their goals unless they give meaning, substance, and relevance to the sacrifices of past fellowmen.

In closing, he reminded his colleagues of what Ninoy Aquino has imparted, that “The Filipino is worth dying for,” and enjoined them to always keep these words in their hearts and fight for what is right and what is good for the Filipinos.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

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

On further motion of Representative Taduran, the Chair recognized Rep. Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla for her privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DELOSO-MONTALLA**

Representative Deloso-Montalla focused on the Capas-Botolan Road in Central Luzon, a project conceptualized 30 years ago which the Duterte Administration aimed to finish in 2022. She relayed her personal findings and showed a video presentation of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – Region III on the construction thereof which commenced in 2016.

Subsequently, she decried the adjustment in the contract price of the winning bidder through a variation order; the defects in the ongoing construction such as cracks, shoulder slips, narrow and shallow drainage, and substandard embankments; and the alleged design flaw in the project.

She also asked the National Economic and Development Authority to include the Capas-Botolan Road under Official Development Assistance, and the House to conduct the appropriate investigation, in order to avoid more corruption and to ensure that the public will benefit from the project. Further, she enjoined her colleagues to reserve their questions for said inquiry.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DELOSO-MONTALLA**

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Deloso-Montalla’s privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Representative de Venecia then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Majority Leader Romualdez (F.M.) and Representative Romualdez (Y.M).

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair declared a recess at 4:17 p.m. upon motion of Representative de Venecia.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:24 p.m.

#### **REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

At this point, the Chair expressed his birthday greeting to the Representative from Davao Occidental, Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereupon, Representative de Venecia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Christian S. Unabia; likewise Rep. Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo proceeded to acknowledge the presence of the guests of Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. and “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado.

#### **TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

At this juncture, on motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

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

Representative de Venecia thereupon invited the Members to attend the ceremonial lighting of Christmas trees to be held at the entrance of the Main Building.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative de Venecia, there being no objection, the Chair declared the session suspended until three o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

It was 4:33 p.m. of Monday, December 2, 2019.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Wednesday, December 4, 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 Resolutions, including the Communications and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder.

### RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 555, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WITH THE FORMER AS THE LEAD COMMITTEE, TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SENSELESS KILLING OF MAYOR DAVID NAVARRO OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL IN CEBU CITY WHILE UNDER POLICE CUSTODY TO DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND THE KILLING AND THE POSSIBLE LAPSES IN THE HANDLING OF SECURITY PROTECTION BY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), FILE APPROPRIATE CHARGES AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE DASTARDLY ACT, AND TO EXPRESS HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE HAPLESS VICTIM OF SUCH COWARDLY KILLING”

By Representatives Oaminal, Pichay, Del Mar and Canama

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 556, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON UNABATED SMUGGLING OF GOODS INTO THE COUNTRY BY UNSCRUPULOUS OPERATORS OF CUSTOMS BONDED

WAREHOUSES TO THE DETRIMENT OF LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS AND THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF RECOMMENDING MEASURES TO STOP SMUGGLING USING THE WAREHOUSING SYSTEM BY REVISITING THE PROVISIONS OF THE CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION TARIFF ACT ON BONDED WAREHOUSES AND LIMITING THE TYPE, NATURE AND NUMBER OF BONDED WAREHOUSES”

By Representative Pichay  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 557, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HONORABLE SPEAKER ALAN PETER CAYETANO AS CHAIR OF PHILIPPINE SEA GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND THE PARTICIPANTS, ORGANIZERS, AND STAFF FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES OPENING”

By Representative Cagas  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 558, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ECONOMIC AND NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OVER THE 40% CHINESE CAPITAL OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Zarate and Gaité  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 559, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE REMARKABLE LEADERSHIP OF THE HONORABLE HOUSE SPEAKER ALAN PETER 'COMPAÑERO' S. CAYETANO, CHAIRPERSON OF THE PHILIPPINE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (PHISGOC) AND THE HONORABLE ABRAHAM



'BAMBOL' N. TOLENTINO, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC), AND THE REST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PHISGOC AND POC ORGANIZING COMMITTEES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL OPENING OF THE 30TH SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES"

By Representative Suntay  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 560, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND DEEP CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE MILAGROSA 'MILA' TAN"

By Representative Delos Santos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 561, entitled:

"RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING FILIPINA SCIENTIST JENNY ANNE BARRETTO FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION TO MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITH HER DISCOVERY OF APOLAKI CALDERA IN THE PHILIPPINE RISE"

By Representative Velasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Resolution No. 562, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS FOR OPENING THE CIUDAD DE VICTORIA INTERCHANGE OVERPASS BRIDGE AND BYPASS ROAD IN TIME FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEAG) ON NOVEMBER 30, 2019"

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 563, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO EXPLORE THE VIABILITY OF REVIVING THE ORGANIZED BUS ROUTE (OBR) SYSTEM IN EPIFANIO DELOS SANTOS AVENUE (EDSA)"

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 564, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PADS ADAPTIVE DRAGONBOAT RACING TEAM FOR WINNING FOUR GOLD MEDALS AND SETTING A NEW WORLD RECORD AT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED 14<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS"

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 566, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ESCALATING TREND OF SYSTEMATIC REPRESSION THAT IS GENERATING POLITICAL PRISONERS IN GREATER NUMBER DESPITE THE CONSTITUTIONAL BAN ON POLITICAL IMPRISONMENT AND POLITICAL PERSECUTION"

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

House Resolution No. 568, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE GOLD MEDAL AWARDEES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FROM THE LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 18TH CONGRESS"

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Romualdez (Ferdinand), Duterte, Pichay, Tolentino and Martinez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 25, entitled:

"JOINT RESOLUTION MANDATING THE PROVISION OF GUIDELINES ON THE ERADICATION AND PREVENTION OF OUTBREAK OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER AND OTHER POTENTIAL TRANSBOUNDARY ANIMAL DISEASES IN THE COUNTRY"

By Representative Yap (Victor)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 6 November 2019 of Governor Humerlito A. Dolor, MPA, PhD, Vice President for Luzon South League of Provinces of the Philippines, Office of the Governor, Province of Oriental Mindoro, submitting their Quarterly Physical and Financial Report of Operations for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2019 on the Local Government Support Fund – Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces (CMGP) for Road Repair, Rehabilitation and Improvement.  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 18, 2019 of Caesar R. Dulay, Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Finance, submitting the Bureau's Consolidated Monthly Report of Disbursement (FAR 4) for the month of October 2019.  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated 25 and 26 November 2019 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-2019-027 dated 15 November 2019; and
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-084 dated 21 November 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

A Legacy of Discipline and Reform Tour of Duty Report for April 19, 2019 to October 14, 2019 of Police General Oscar David Albayalde, Chief, Philippine National Police.  
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 114), re H.B. No. 5682, entitled:  
 "AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN TAGAYTAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY TO BE KNOWN

AS 'CHARTER DAY OF TAGAYTAY CITY' OR 'ARAW NG LUNGSOD NG TAGAYTAY', AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10775"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3105

Sponsors: Representatives Villanueva (Noel) and Tolentino

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 115), re H.B. No. 4553, entitled:  
 "AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE 70 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED"

recommending its approval without amendment  
 Sponsors: Representatives Veloso, Gatchalian,

Aguinaldo, Nieto and Garbin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 116), re H.B. No. 1230, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF BILIRAN A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga and Espina

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Special Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (Committee Report No. 117), re H.R. No. 565, entitled:

"RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) AS THE FRAMEWORK OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO BE CRAFTED AND ENACTED IN THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS"

recommending its approval in substitution of House Resolution No. 398

Sponsors: Representatives Villaraza-Suarez, Nograles (Juan), Elago and Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Labor and Employment (Committee Report No. 118), re H.R. No. 66, entitled:

"RESOLUTION COMMENDING ACT TEACHERS PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE FRANCE L. CASTRO

FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2019  
ARTHUR SVENSSON INTERNATIONAL  
PRICE FOR TRADE UNION RIGHTS”

recommending its adoption without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Pineda and Zarate  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Local Government  
(Committee Report No. 119), re H.B. No. 5692,  
entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY  
YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING  
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF  
PAMPANGA TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'MT.  
PINATUBO MEMORIAL DAY' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 830

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

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical  
Education and the Committee on Appropriations  
(Committee Report No. 120), re H.B. No. 5697,  
entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BICOL  
UNIVERSITY (BU) – EAST CAMPUS  
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL  
FACILITIES INSIDE THE BU-EAST  
CAMPUS”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 1529

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and  
Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical  
Education (Committee Report No. 121), re H.B.  
No. 5698, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MARIANO  
MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY (MMSU)  
IN THE CITY OF BATAC, ILOCOS NORTE  
AS THE FERDINAND E. MARCOS STATE  
UNIVERSITY (FEMSU), AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NO. 1279, ENTITLED  
'MERGING THE MARIANO MARCOS  
MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY AND NORTHERN  
LUZON STATE COLLEGE INTO A STATE  
UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
MMSU, TRANSFERRING THE COLLEGE

LEVEL COURSES OF ILOCOS NORTE  
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND ILOCOS  
NORTE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES  
INTO SAID UNIVERSITY, PROVIDING  
A CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 4415

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark) and Barba  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on People’s Participation  
(Committee Report No. 122), re H.R. No. 567,  
entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE  
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE COORDINATING AGENCY  
(PNVSCA) ON ITS 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
AND COMMENDING ITS INVALUABLE  
CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL  
UNDERSTANDING”

recommending its adoption in substitution of  
House Resolution No. 273

Sponsors: Representatives Robes and Bañas-  
Nogales

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## **QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo,  
the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. who  
expressed his support for the warnings given by  
President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to the country’s two  
giant water concessionaires in connection with the  
recent ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in  
Singapore which requires the Philippine government  
to pay the Manila Water Company Inc., a total of  
₱7.4 billion to cover losses from disapproved rate  
increases.

He emphasized that the two water companies  
had not delivered their commitments under the  
concession agreement and stated his support for  
the President who had responded to the issue. He  
then asked Congress to conduct an investigation  
requiring the two concessionaires to produce all the  
records supporting their claim of losses resulting in  
unsustainable operations. He also challenged the  
House Speaker to take the lead on the matter, and  
for the Members to act on the issues at hand and  
scrutinize the bills on the privatization of public  
utilities.

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, the Chair suspended the session at 3:19 p.m.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:25 p.m., the session resumed.

## **REFERRAL OF SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

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

## **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 82 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5509**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body considered House Bill No. 5509 contained in Committee Report No. 82 as submitted by the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization.

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

“AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997'.”

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.

Representative Macapagal Arroyo noted that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his further motion, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro, a principal author of the measure, to sponsor the same.

## **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO (F.L.)**

Representative Castro said that as House Bill No. 5509 was motivated by humanitarian and rational considerations, the sponsoring Committee had agreed that government workers who are at least 56 years old and have served for a minimum of 15 years should be given the option to terminate their employment with entitlement to lifetime old-age pension.

She explained that the authors of the measure have considered the importance of looking into the failing health as well as the emotional and mental conditions of government workers due to work-related stressors; how work in the government could benefit from the early retirement of employees; and pointed out that the Bill could address the high unemployment rate by employing young, competent, and qualified workers among new graduates.

She reiterated that the instant Bill was a positive response to the thousands of petitions from employees' groups and urged Congress to respond positively as well.

## **TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no interpellations, on successive motions of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

## **TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no committee and individual 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. 5509**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 5509 through *viva voce* voting.

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

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, there being no objection, the Body



elected the following Members from the Majority to the Committees specified hereunder:

Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries

(as member)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

Committee on Energy

(as members)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama  
Rep. Sharon S. Garin

Committee on Agriculture and Food

(as members)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama  
Rep. Sharon S. Garin

Committee on Government Reorganization

(as member)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

Committee on Micro, Small, and  
Medium Enterprise Development

(as member)

Rep. Enrico A. Pineda

Committee on Public Accounts

(as members)

Rep. Enrico A. Pineda  
Rep. Jose Gay G. Padiernos

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as members)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama  
Rep. Sharon S. Garin

Committee on Transportation

(as member)

Rep. Sabiniano S. Canama

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

At 3:35 p.m., the Chair suspended the session upon motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:41 p.m.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereupon, Rep. Rowena Niña O. Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Rep. Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat.

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

Thereafter, 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 title of the Bill, to wit:

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

Representative Macapagal Arroyo stated that the Bill was in the period of interpellation and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Sharon S. Garin, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to defend the measure; and Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta to interpellate thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF  
DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA**

To the initial queries of Deputy Speaker Marcoleta, Representative Garin affirmed the need to set certain parameters to identify certain industries as public utilities. She said that the proposed measure was based on legal jurisprudence as well as the discussions of the 1986 Constitutional Commission.

Deputy Speaker Marcoleta then sought clarification on the exclusion of telecommunication and transportation industries as public utilities considering that these industries had been defined and classified as such based on a Supreme Court ruling.

Representative Garin explained that the industries enumerated in the proposed measure have fully met the existing definition of a public utility and that the telecommunication and transportation industries were not considered because they are not natural monopolies which is one of the criteria proposed in the measure.

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

At this point, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78.

## **ROLL CALL**

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:

Abante	Cabatbat
Abueg-Zaldivar	Cabochan
Acop	Cagas
Acosta	Calixto
Advincula	Caminero
Agabas	Campos
Agarao	Canama
Aglipay	Cari
Albano	Castelo
Almario	Castro (F.L.)
Alvarez (G.)	Cayetano (A.P.)
Angara	Cayetano (M.L.)
Aragones	Chipeco
Arenas	Co (E.)
Arroyo	Collantes
Atienza	Crisologo
Balindong	Cua
Baños-Nogralles	Cuaresma
Barba	Cueva
Barbers	Cullamat
Bautista	Dagooc
Belmonte	Dalipe
Benitez	Dalog
Bernos	Daza
Biazon	De Jesus
Biron	de Venecia
Bolilia	Defensor (L.)
Bondoc	Defensor (M.)
Bordado	Del Mar
Bravo	Delos Santos
Bustos	Dimaporo (A.)

Dimaporo (M.K.)	Mangaoang
Dujali	Marcoleta
Duterte	Marquez
Dy (F.)	Martinez
Dy (F.M.C.)	Momo
Dy (I.P.)	Natividad-Nagaño
Ebcas	Nieto
Ecleo	Noel
Elago	Nogralles (J.J.)
Enverga	Ong (J.)
Escudero	Ong (R.)
Espina	Ortega
Espino	Pacquiao (A.)
Estrella	Pacquiao (R.)
Fariñas (R.C.)	Paduano
Fariñas I (R.C.)	Palma
Fernandez	Pancho
Ferrer (J.M.)	Panotes
Ferrer (L.)	Peña
Fortuno	Pimentel
Gaite	Pineda
Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo
Garcia (P.J.)	Radaza
Garcia (V.)	Ramirez-Sato
Garin (J.)	Remulla
Garin (S.)	Revilla
Gasataya	Reyes
Gato	Rodriguez
Geron	Romero
Go (E.C.)	Romualdez (F.M.)
Go (M.)	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Gonzales (A.)	Salceda
Guico	Salimbangon
Guya	Salo
Haresco	Sanchez
Hataman	Santos-Recto
Herrera-Dy	Saulog
Hofer	Savellano
Javier	Siao
Jimenez	Silverio
Labadlabad	Singson
Lacson	Singson-Meehan
Lacson-Noel	Suansing (H.)
Lagman	Suarez (D.)
Lara	Taduran
Lim	Tallado
Limkaichong	Tan (A.S.)
Lopez	Teves (A.)
Loyola	Teves (J.)
Lusotan	Tiangco
Macapagal Arroyo	Tolentino
Maceda	Tulfo
Madrona	Tupas
Malapitan	Tutor

Ty (A.)	Veloso
Umali (M.V.)	Vergara
Unabia	Villa
Uy (R.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Valeriano	Villarica
Valmayor	Yu
Vargas	Zamora (R.)
Vargas Alfonso	

With 185 Members responding to the Call, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 1)

#### **QUESTION OF QUORUM OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**

On motion of Representative Taduran, the Chair recognized Representative Atienza who said that there were only 85 Members in the Session Hall based on his personal count and asked why the Secretariat added 100 more Members thereto. He said that he would not agree to declare 185 Members as being present.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MACAPAGAL ARROYO**

With leave of the Chair, Representative Macapagal Arroyo first expressed support for ensuring the presence of a quorum. He then explained that 65 Members who were attending meetings of the Commission on Appointments and Special Committee on North Luzon Growth Quadrangle and were on official and local missions, were considered as present; and that some Members were going in and then out of the Session Hall to the lounges and their offices. He added that the figure of 185 was well above the required quorum.

#### **QUESTION OF QUORUM OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA (Continuation)**

Representative Atienza expressed doubt on whether committee hearings were still being held; and said that adding 65 Members to his personal count of 85 Members only totaled 150 Members, which was short of a quorum. He said he would pursue his question of quorum despite the manifestation of Representative Macapagal Arroyo.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

Saying that he needed to stand by the roll call result of the Secretary General and could explain the same to Representative Atienza, Representative

Macapagal Arroyo moved that the Body suspend the session.

There being no objection, the Chair thus declared a recess at 4:06 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:10 pm., the session resumed.

#### **CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF 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, 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.”

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session at 4:10 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:11 pm., the session resumed.

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

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78.

#### **ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body elected the following as Majority members of the Committee on Games and Amusements:

Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas  
Rep. Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara  
Rep. Ramon “Mon-Mon” V. Guico III, DPM

## **CONCURRENCE WITH SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 5437**

With the consent of the Committee on Appropriations and the authors of House Bill No. 5437, on motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body concurred with the Senate amendment to the said Bill, extending the availability of the 2019 appropriations for maintenance and other operating expenses and capital outlays until December 31, 2020.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Representative Taturan, at this point, acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. and Reps. Lolita T. Javier, Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Florencio G. Noel, Joseph “Jojo” L. Lara, and Virgilio S. Lacson.

## **ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES** (Continuation)

On motion of Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Majority to the committee specified hereunder:

### Committee on Public Accounts

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers  
Rep. David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez

### Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Michael T. Defensor

## **RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF 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, 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.”

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARCOLETA** (Continuation)

Continuing with their debate on House Bill No. 78, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta discussed with Representative Garin (S.) various jurisprudence and schools of thought on the consideration of natural monopolies as public utilities.

The Deputy Speaker then inquired whether telecommunication industries such as Globe Telecom and PLDT-Smart, as well as seaports and airports can be classified as natural monopolies. He also asked if social media platforms, search engines, and online retailing service which are classified as natural monopolies can meet the four criteria of public utilities as provided in the Bill. The Sponsor clarified that it is the four criteria, and not the list of public utilities, which set the definition under the Bill.

Subsequently, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta asked on possible incursions of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) into the power of Congress to legislate considering that the proposed measure limits the classification of a public utility to NEDA’s recommendation. He also inquired whether it is legally tenable for Congress to adopt the criteria provided under Section 13(d), paragraph 2 of the Bill, thus tying the hands of future Congresses in identifying public utilities.

After citing several Supreme Court jurisprudence and relevant decisions, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta stressed that given these judicial pronouncements, the authors of the Bill had failed to consider court decisions when they set the criteria for defining a public utility. He opined that the Judiciary has the power to determine which industry would qualify as public utility.

Thereafter, citing the interpellations of their colleagues on the exclusion of telecommunications, telephone, data highways, and transportation services from the proposed new definition of “public utility,” as well as the case of *Teves vs. Gamboa* on the citizenship requirement for the operation of public utilities, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta next argued about the implication of said exclusion to the constitutional restriction on foreign ownership and hence its threat to national interest. The Sponsor said that should Deputy Speaker Marcoleta have any



proposal to capture the protection of the interest of the Filipinos from foreign ownership or manipulation, the sponsoring Committee could consider them at the proper time.

Regarding the requirements to obtain legislative franchise for transportation and telecommunications enterprises, Representative Garin explained that the qualification of a certain industry to be a public utility or to provide public services does not change their status or obligations to any governing administrative agency. She added that the powers and functions of the administrative agencies will be updated under the proposed measure.

For his part, Deputy Speaker Marcoleta argued that the exclusion of transportation and telecommunications in the definition of public utilities would exempt companies from the franchise requirements since legislative franchise are only granted to public utilities. In closing, he stressed the Bill's potential violation of the Constitution and opined that even in the heat of advocacy, everyone should always consider the public interest and act in accordance with the fundamental law of the land.

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

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

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Taduran acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers.

#### **ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 568**

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Taduran, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 568, entitled: "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE GOLD MEDAL AWARDEES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES AND GRANTING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FROM THE LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 18<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS"; 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; and unanimously adopted the same.

#### **CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE MEASURES**

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

1. House Bill No. 5528 – from the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Justice to the Committee on Justice; and
2. House Resolution No. 360 – from the Committee on Ways and Means to the Committee on Local Government.

#### **RECONSIDERATION OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 57**

On further motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the referral of House Resolution No. 57 to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Energy.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair suspended the session at 5:07 p.m. upon Representative Macapagal Arroyo's motion.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 5:08 p.m., the session resumed.

#### **APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

On successive motions of Reps. Christopher V.P. de Venecia/Claudine Diana D. Bautista/Taduran/Castelo, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of the following House Bills, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on the dates specified hereunder, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House.

##### Distributed on November 6, 2019:

1. House Bill No. 4851, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING MAY 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION DAY";

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	De Jesus
Abaya	de Venecia
Abueg-Zaldivar	Defensor (L.)
Acop	Defensor (M.)
Acosta	Del Mar
Agabas	Delos Santos
Aglipay	Deloso-Montalla
Albano	Dimaporo (A.)
Almario	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Alvarez (G.)	Dujali
Angara	Dy (I.P.)
Aragones	Ebcas
Arenas	Ecleo
Arroyo	Elago
Bagatsing	Enverga
Balindong	Escudero
Bañas-Nogralles	Espina
Barba	Estrella
Barbers	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bautista	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Belmonte	Fernandez
Benitez	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bernos	Fortuno
Biazon	Frasco
Biron	Gaite
Bolilia	Garcia (J.E.)
Bondoc	Garcia (V.)
Bordado	Garin (J.)
Bravo	Garin (S.)
Cabatbat	Gasataya
Cabochan	Go (E.C.)
Calixto	Go (M.)
Caminero	Gonzales (A.)
Campos	Guico
Canama	Guya
Cari	Haresco
Castelo	Hataman
Castro (F.L.)	Hernandez
Chipeco	Herrera-Dy
Co (A.N.)	Hofer
Collantes	Javier
Cua	Jimenez
Cuaresma	Labadlabad
Cueva	Lacson
Cullamat	Lacson-Noel
Dagooc	Lagman
Dalipe	Lara
Dalog	Lim
Daza	Limkaichong

Lopez	Sanchez
Loyola	Santos-Recto
Lusotan	Savellano
Macapagal Arroyo	Siao
Mangaoang	Silverio
Marcoleta	Singson
Marquez	Singson-Meehan
Mendoza	Suansing (E.)
Momo	Suansing (H.)
Natividad-Nagaño	Suarez (D.)
Nieto	Taduran
Noel	Tallado
Ong (J.)	Tambunting
Ong (R.)	Tan (A.)
Ortega	Teves (A.)
Pacquiao (A.)	Teves (J.)
Pacquiao (R.)	Tiangco
Paduano	Tolentino
Palma	Ty (A.)
Pancho	Umali (M.V.)
Panotes	Unabia
Peña	Uy (R.)
Pineda	Valeriano
Quimbo	Valmayor
Radaza	Vargas
Ramirez-Sato	Vargas Alfonso
Remulla	Veloso
Revilla	Vergara
Reyes	Villa
Rodriguez	Villar
Romualdez (F.M.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Villarica
Salceda	Yu
Salimbangon	Zarate
Salo	

### *Negative:*

None

### *Abstention:*

None

With 167 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 4851.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative de Venecia thereafter acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Pimentel.

# **APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 20, 2019:

2. House Bill No. 4952, entitled: "AN ACT DECLARING THE WALINGWALING ORCHID AS THE NATIONAL ORCHID OF 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 THE VOTING**

The result of the voting was as follows:

### *Affirmative:*

Abante	Castelo
Abaya	Castro (F.L.)
Abueg-Zaldivar	Chipeco
Acop	Co (A.N.)
Acosta	Collantes
Agabas	Cua
Aglipay	Cuaresma
Albano	Cueva
Almario	Cullamat
Alvarez (G.)	Dagooc
Angara	Dalipe
Aragones	Dalog
Arenas	Daza
Arroyo	De Jesus
Bagatsing	de Venecia
Balindong	Defensor (L.)
Baños-Nogralles	Defensor (M.)
Barba	Del Mar
Barbers	Delos Santos
Bautista	Deloso-Montalla
Belmonte	Dimaporo (A.)
Benitez	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Bernos	Dujali
Biazon	Dy (I.P.)
Biron	Ebcas
Bolilia	Ecleo
Bondoc	Elago
Bordado	Enverga
Bravo	Escudero
Cabatbat	Espina
Cabochan	Estrella
Calixto	Fariñas (R.C.)
Caminero	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Campos	Fernandez
Canama	Ferrer (J.M.)
Cari	Fortuno

Frasco	Pineda
Gaite	Quimbo
Garcia (J.E.)	Radaza
Garcia (V.)	Ramirez-Sato
Garin (J.)	Remulla
Garin (S.)	Revilla
Gasataya	Reyes
Go (E.C.)	Rodriguez
Go (M.)	Romualdez (F.M.)
Gonzales (A.)	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Guico	Salceda
Guya	Salimbangon
Haresco	Salo
Hataman	Sanchez
Hernandez	Santos-Recto
Herrera-Dy	Savellano
Hofer	Siao
Javier	Silverio
Jimenez	Singson
Labadlabad	Singson-Meehan
Lacson	Suansing (E.)
Lacson-Noel	Suansing (H.)
Lagman	Suarez (D.)
Lara	Taduran
Lim	Tallado
Limkaichong	Tambunting
Lopez	Tan (A.)
Loyola	Teves (A.)
Lusotan	Teves (J.)
Macapagal Arroyo	Tiangco
Mangaoang	Tolentino
Marcoleta	Ty (A.)
Marquez	Umali (M.V.)
Mendoza	Unabia
Momo	Uy (R.)
Natividad-Nagaño	Valeriano
Nieto	Valmayor
Noel	Vargas
Ong (J.)	Vargas Alfonso
Ong (R.)	Veloso
Ortega	Vergara
Pacquiao (A.)	Villa
Pacquiao (R.)	Villar
Paduano	Villaraza-Suarez
Palma	Villarica
Pancho	Yap (V.)
Panotes	Yu
Peña	Zarate
Pichay	

### *Negative:*

None

### *Abstention:*

None

With 169 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill 4952.

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

Distributed on November 20, 2019:

3. House Bill No. 4953, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING THE BALANGAY AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF THE PHILIPPINES”;
4. House Bill No. 5070, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE FREIGHT SERVICES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF RELIEF GOODS TO CALAMITY-STRICKEN AREAS”;

Distributed on November 21, 2019:

5. House Bill No. 5490, entitled: “AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO BICOL BROADCASTING SYSTEMS, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8092, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE BICOL BROADCASTING SYSTEMS, INC. (BBSI), A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN REGION V' ”;

Distributed on November 28, 2019:

6. House Bill No. 1477, entitled: “AN ACT UPGRADING THE CARAGA REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY WASHINGTON, SURIGAO CITY, SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

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

**RESULT OF THE VOTING**

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abante	Defensor (M.)
Abaya	Del Mar
Abueg-Zaldivar	Delos Santos
Acop	Deloso-Montalla
Acosta	Dimaporo (A.)
Agabas	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Aglipay	Dujali
Albano	Dy (I.P.)
Almario	Ebcas
Alvarez (G.)	Ecleo
Angara	Elago
Aragones	Enverga
Arenas	Escudero
Arroyo	Espina
Bagatsing	Estrella
Balindong	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bañas-Nogales	Fariñas I (R.C.)
Barba	Fernandez
Barbers	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bautista	Fortuno
Belmonte	Frasco
Benitez	Gaite
Bernos	Garcia (J.E.)
Biazon	Garcia (V.)
Biron	Garin (J.)
Bolilia	Garin (S.)
Bondoc	Gasataya
Bordado	Go (E.C.)
Bravo	Go (M.)
Cabatbat	Gonzales (A.)
Cabochan	Guico
Calixto	Guya
Caminero	Haresco
Campos	Hataman
Canama	Hernandez
Cari	Herrera-Dy
Castelo	Hofer
Castro (F.L.)	Javier
Chipeco	Jimenez
Co (A.N.)	Labadlabad
Collantes	Lacson
Cua	Lacson-Noel
Cuaresma	Lagman
Cueva	Lara
Cullamat	Lim
Dagooc	Limkaichong
Dalipe	Lopez
Dalog	Loyola
Daza	Lusotan
De Jesus	Macapagal Arroyo
de Venecia	Mangaoang
Defensor (L.)	Marcoleta



Marquez	Silverio
Mendoza	Singson
Momo	Singson-Meehan
Natividad-Nagaño	Suansing (E.)
Nieto	Suansing (H.)
Noel	Suarez (D.)
Ong (J.)	Taduran
Ong (R.)	Tallado
Ortega	Tambunting
Pacquiao (A.)	Tan (A.)
Pacquiao (R.)	Teves (A.)
Paduano	Teves (J.)
Palma	Tiangco
Pancho	Tolentino
Panotes	Ty (A.)
Peña	Umali (M.V.)
Pichay	Unabia
Pineda	Ungab
Quimbo	Uy (R.)
Radaza	Valeriano
Ramirez-Sato	Valmayor
Remulla	Vargas
Revilla	Vargas Alfonso
Reyes	Veloso
Rodriguez	Vergara
Romualdez (F.M.)	Villa
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Villar
Salceda	Villaraza-Suarez
Salimbangon	Villarica
Salo	Yap (V.)
Sanchez	Yu
Santos-Recto	Zarate
Savellano	
Siao	

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 170 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

# **APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

Distributed on November 28, 2019:

- House Bill No. 5491, entitled: “AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CRUZ

TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7961, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING TO CRUZ TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC. (CRUZTELCO), A FRANCHISE TO INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES' ”; 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.

## **RESULT OF VOTING**

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abante	Caminero
Abaya	Campos
Abueg-Zaldivar	Canama
Acop	Cari
Acosta	Castelo
Agabas	Castro (F.L.)
Aglipay	Chipeco
Albano	Co (A.N.)
Almario	Collantes
Alvarez (G.)	Cua
Angara	Cuaresma
Aragones	Cueva
Arenas	Cullamat
Arroyo	Dagooc
Bagatsing	Dalipe
Balindong	Dalog
Baños-Nogales	Daza
Barba	De Jesus
Barbers	de Venecia
Bautista	Defensor (L.)
Belmonte	Defensor (M.)
Benitez	Del Mar
Bernos	Delos Santos
Biazon	Deloso-Montalla
Biron	Dimaporo (A.)
Bolilia	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Bondoc	Dujali
Bordado	Dy (I.P.)
Bravo	Ebcas
Cabatbat	Ecleo
Cabochan	Elago
Calixto	Enverga

Escudero	Panotes
Espina	Peña
Estrella	Pichay
Fariñas (R.C.)	Pineda
Fariñas I (R.C.)	Quimbo
Fernandez	Radaza
Ferrer (J.M.)	Ramirez-Sato
Fortuno	Remulla
Frasco	Revilla
Gaite	Reyes
Garcia (J.E.)	Rivera
Garcia (V.)	Robes
Garin (J.)	Rodriguez
Garin (S.)	Romualdez (F.M.)
Gasataya	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Go (E.C.)	Salceda
Go (M.)	Salimbangon
Gonzales (A.)	Salo
Guico	Sanchez
Guya	Santos-Recto
Haresco	Savellano
Hataman	Siao
Hernandez	Silverio
Herrera-Dy	Singson
Hofer	Singson-Meehan
Javier	Suansing (E.)
Jimenez	Suansing (H.)
Labadlabad	Suarez (D.)
Lacson	Taduran
Lacson-Noel	Tallado
Lagman	Tambunting
Lara	Tan (A.)
Lim	Teves (A.)
Limkaichong	Teves (J.)
Lopez	Tiangco
Loyola	Tolentino
Lusotan	Ty (A.)
Macapagal Arroyo	Umali (M.V.)
Mangaoang	Unabia
Marcoleta	Ungab
Marquez	Uy (R.)
Mendoza	Valeriano
Momo	Valmayor
Natividad-Nagaño	Vargas
Nieto	Vargas Alfonso
Noel	Veloso
Ong (J.)	Vergara
Ong (R.)	Villa
Ortega	Villar
Pacquiao (A.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Pacquiao (R.)	Villarica
Paduano	Yap (V.)
Palma	Yu
Pancho	Zarate

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 172 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5491.

## **APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

(Continuation)

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8. House Bill No. 5568, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY GUINHALINAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROBO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR.”

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.

*Deputy Speaker Pimentel relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Marcoleta.*

## **RESULT OF THE VOTING**

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abante	Barbers
Abaya	Bautista
Abueg-Zaldivar	Belmonte
Acop	Benitez
Acosta	Bernos
Agabas	Biazon
Aglipay	Biron
Albano	Bolilia
Almario	Bondoc
Alvarez (G.)	Bordado
Angara	Bravo
Aragones	Cabatbat
Arenas	Cabochan
Arroyo	Calixto
Bagatsing	Caminero
Balindong	Campos
Bañas-Nogralas	Canama
Barba	Cari

Castelo	Jimenez
Castro (F.L.)	Labadlabad
Chipeco	Lacson
Co (A.N.)	Lacson-Noel
Collantes	Lagman
Cua	Lara
Cuaresma	Lim
Cueva	Limkaichong
Cullamat	Lopez
Dagooc	Loyola
Dalipe	Lusotan
Dalog	Macapagal Arroyo
Daza	Mangaoang
De Jesus	Marquez
de Venecia	Mendoza
Defensor (L.)	Momo
Defensor (M.)	Natividad-Nagaño
Del Mar	Nieto
Delos Santos	Noel
Deloso-Montalla	Ong (J.)
Dimaporo (A.)	Ong (R.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Ortega
Dujali	Pacquiao (A.)
Dy (I.P.)	Pacquiao (R.)
Ebcas	Paduano
Ecleo	Palma
Elago	Pancho
Enverga	Panotes
Escudero	Peña
Espina	Pichay
Estrella	Pimentel
Fariñas (R.C.)	Pineda
Fariñas I (R.C.)	Quimbo
Fernandez	Radaza
Ferrer (J.M.)	Ramirez-Sato
Fortuno	Remulla
Frasco	Revilla
Gaite	Reyes
Garcia (J.E.)	Rivera
Garcia (V.)	Robes
Garin (J.)	Rodriguez
Garin (S.)	Romualdez (F.M.)
Gasataya	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Go (E.C.)	Salceda
Go (M.)	Salimbangon
Gonzales (A.)	Salo
Guico	Sanchez
Guya	Santos-Recto
Haresco	Savellano
Hataman	Siao
Hernandez	Silverio
Herrera-Dy	Singson
Hofer	Singson-Meehan
Javier	Suansing (E.)

Suansing (H.)	Uy (R.)
Suarez (D.)	Valeriano
Taduran	Valmayor
Tallado	Vargas
Tambunting	Vargas Alfonso
Tan (A.)	Veloso
Teves (A.)	Vergara
Teves (J.)	Villa
Tiangco	Villar
Tolentino	Villaraza-Suarez
Ty (A.)	Villarica
Umali (M.V.)	Yap (V.)
Unabia	Yu
Ungab	Zarate

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 172 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5568.

## TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, 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.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 569, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE  
CONDUCT OF LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE

PROVISION OF WATER SERVICES BY THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM AND ITS CONCESSION AGREEMENTS WITH MANILA WATER COMPANY, INC. AND MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC. FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND IN THE NAME OF GOOD GOVERNANCE”

By Representative Suarez (David)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 570, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF HON. MILAGROSA T. TAN, GOVERNOR OF SAMAR (2001-2010 AND 2019), FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 2ND DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR (2010-2019)”

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

#### **OATH-TAKING OF REPRESENTATIVE DATOL**

At this point, Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez informed the House of the receipt of a Certificate of Proclamation issued by the Commission on Elections, proclaiming the COALITION OF ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (Senior Citizens) Party-List as a winner in the May 13, 2019 elections and entitling its qualified nominee, Hon. Francisco G. Datol Jr., to sit as its Representative to the House.

Upon Majority Leader Romualdez’ motion, there being no objection, Representative Datol ascended the rostrum and took his oath of office as newly elected representative of the Senior Citizens Party-List before Deputy Speaker Marcoleta.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

At 5:50 p.m., the Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session to allow the Members to greet Representative Datol.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:51 p.m.

#### **ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 570**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of House Resolution No. 570, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF HON. MILAGROSA T. TAN, GOVERNOR OF SAMAR (2001-2010 AND 2019), FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SAMAR (2010-2019)” dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House; and unanimously adopted the same in consolidation with House Resolution No. 560.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair declared a recess at 5:53 p.m. upon Representative Macapagal Arroyo’s motion.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:53 p.m.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Macapagal Arroyo, there being no objection, the Chair then declared the session suspended until one o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, December 9, 2019.

It was 5:53 p.m. of Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 1:00 p.m. of Monday, December 9, 2019, the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Dan S. Fernandez presiding.

#### **REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Rep. Kristine 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 Resolution, including the Committee Reports,



which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5683, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE 31<sup>ST</sup> OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANGALAN, PROVINCE OF AKLAN TO BE KNOWN AS 'TANGALAN DAY' IN CELEBRATION OF ITS SEPARATION FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAKATO, AKLAN AND IN COMMEMORATION OF THE HEROES OF VIVO REVOLT”

By Representative Haresco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5684, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9208, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10364, ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES TO ELIMINATE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ESTABLISHING THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF TRAFFICKED PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Aragon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5685, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF EIGHT BILLION FOUR HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P8,400,000,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2019 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Enverga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5686, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MARSHAL SERVICE, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND POWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5687, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF THE CORDILLERA”

By Representatives Bernos, Bulut, Chungalao, Dalog, Go (Mark) and Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5688, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE EASTERN PANGASINAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL FROM ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5689, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING PINSAL FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5690, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DIKET FALLS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5691, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MARSHAL SERVICE, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND POWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5693, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DULOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LABANGON

ANNEX IN BARANGAY LABANGON, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR FROM THE DULOP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LABANGON SUBANEN AGRICULTURAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5694, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF PAGADIAN IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AS THE REGIONAL CENTER OF REGION IX - ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA REGION”

By Representative Yu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5695, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PARAGRAPH (A), SECTION 393, CHAPTER IV, BOOK III OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991', AS AMENDED”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5696, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES OF BARANGAY TANOD MEMBERS WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE IN THE BARANGAY GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5699, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY COCOY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TINOC, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Chungalao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5700, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 73 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990', AS AMENDED BY SECTION 35 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tallado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5701, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING PRIVATE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES TO CONTRIBUTE AND SET ASIDE AN AMOUNT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTEE’S EMPLOYEES OR THE UNEMPLOYMENT LABOR ASSURANCE MUTUAL FUND ACT”

By Representative Lacson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5702, 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 Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5703, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CONVENTION CENTER LOCATED IN BARANGAY INDAHAG, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO THE AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5704, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE LAGUINDINGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LOCATED IN LAGUINDINGAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO THE EMMANUEL N. PELAEZ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAGUINDINGAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL)”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5705, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABS-CBN CORPORATION (FORMERLY ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7966, OR 'AN ACT GRANTING ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5706, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING AND ESTABLISHING THE USE OF WASTE TO ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES AND FACILITIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 5707, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF REHABILITATION MEDICINE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5708, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000, EXPANDING ITS COVERAGE, INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN, REDEFINING SOLO PARENTS, PROVIDING PENAL PROVISIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Pacquiao (Alberto)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5709, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SALARY STEP INCREMENT FOR

TEACHERS WITH SPECIALIZATION IN SCIENCE AND/OR MATHEMATICS”

By Representative Bolilia  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5710, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING R.A. 9372 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ACT TO SECURE THE STATE AND PROTECT OUR PEOPLE FROM TERRORISM OR THE HUMAN SECURITY ACT (HSA) OF 2007, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 5711, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER FOUR OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CEBU AND THE PROVINCE OF CEBU WITH ITS COMPONENT CITIES AND A SPECIAL WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, IN HONOR OF THE LATE SENATOR SERGIO V. OSMENA, JR.”

By Representative Abellanos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5712, entitled:

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter), Duterte, Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5713, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING AS AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE WHEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIME IS A SENIOR CITIZEN AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE WHEN THE OFFENDER IS A SENIOR CITIZEN AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Datol  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5714, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE PENSIONS OF RETIREES FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM”

By Representative Datol  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5715, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING REPRESENTATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE DIFFERENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Datol  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5716, 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 Datol  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 5717, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10868, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CENTENARIANS ACT OF 2016 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE”

By Representative Datol  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 5718, entitled:

“AN ACT TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE”

By Representative Datol  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

## RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 571, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGEDLY ONEROUS CONCESSION AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE TWO WATER CONCESSIONAIRES, NAMELY MANILA WATER COMPANY, INC. AND MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC.”

By Representatives Zarate, Gaite and Cullamat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 123), re H.B. No. 5738, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP-SANTA ROSA CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 123

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Fernandez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 124), re H.B. No. 5739, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS OF THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (PUP) IN CALOOCAN CITY-NORTH, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PUP – CALOOCAN CITY – NORTH CAMPUS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2104

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Malapitan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES



Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 125), re H.B. No. 5740, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TABUK CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BANTAY EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BANTAY, TABUK CITY, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM THE TABUK CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BANTAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 585

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. 126), re H.B. No. 5741, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GUINZADAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MAYAG EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MAYAG, MUNICIPALITY OF BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE GUINZADAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MAYAG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 729

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Ungab and Dalog  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 127), re H.B. No. 5742, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE LUBON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MABALITE EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MABALITE, MUNICIPALITY OF TADIAN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE LUBON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MABALITE

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 734

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Ungab and Dalog

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 128), re H.B. No. 5743, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DALANAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DABBURAB-DALANAO EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BACARRI, MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE DALANAO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS WELLIE MACLINIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 736

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Ungab and Dalog

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 129), re H.B. No. 5744, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF CANLAON, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 86 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3445, ENTITLED 'AN ACT CREATING THE CITY OF CANLAON' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 751

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Ungab and Limkaichong

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## PRIVILEGE HOUR

The day being a Monday, on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS**

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Presley C. De Jesus who first recounted the devastation caused by Typhoon Tisoy in different parts of Luzon and Visayas, affecting the population and their member-consumer-owners (MCOs) therein.

He said that in cooperation with the One Electric Cooperative Network Foundation, Inc. and the National Electrification Administration, the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. or PHILRECA mobilized the Power Restoration Rapid Deployment Task Force (PRRD-TF). He then narrated how the task force assisted the electric cooperatives for the immediate rehabilitation of distribution lines to expedite the restoration of power service. He then enjoined his colleagues to give recognition to the service of the task force volunteers.

Thereafter, Representative De Jesus asked for the immediate release of the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund or ECERF which is provided under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11039. Citing his previous speech on the immediate implementation of said law, he stressed that the ECERF, which was yet to be released, would ease the repair of electric transmission lines that were toppled down by calamities. He called on the appropriate agencies to release the ECERF and to set aside any reservations or differences among concerned groups for the welfare of the community.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DE JESUS**

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative De Jesus to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

## **SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body suspended the Privilege Hour.

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, the Chair suspended the session at 1:21 p.m.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:29 p.m.

## **RESUMPTION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On successive motions of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body resumed the Privilege Hour and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Sergio C. Dagooc for his privilege speech.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DAGOOC**

Representative Dagooc recalled the devastation brought by Typhoon Tisoy particularly in Northern Samar and the damage it caused to electric cooperatives and distribution utilities therein. He relayed that five transmission lines of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) in the Visayas were damaged and destroyed, including the distribution utilities of Northern Samar Electric Cooperative (Norsamelco).

He then highlighted the assistance of the PRRD Task Force for Typhoon Tisoy, which was an initiative of Party-Lists Rural Electric Consumers and Beneficiaries of Development and Advancement, Inc. (RECOBODA), Association of Philippine Electric Cooperatives (APEC), *Ako Padayon Pilipino*, and PHILRECA and other electric cooperatives, to restore and repair the affected power supply in the area.

Representative Dagooc said that the toll of the rehabilitation process on MCOs could have been prevented if the long overdue ECERF as provided under R.A. No. 11039 had been released. He then urged Congress, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, and the Department of Budget and Management to act on the release of the ECERF to reenergize the transmission lines of the NGCP and thereby enable the electric cooperatives to restore the distribution lines in the calamity-stricken areas.

Representative Dagooc also countered the statement of Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian on the impending increase in electricity rates, and pointed out that electric cooperatives are regulated, non-stock, and non-profit entities, and could not charge additional rates without the approval of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC).

In ending, Representative Dagooc acknowledged the efforts and sacrifices of linemen who have been working hard to restore electricity in the areas affected by Typhoon Tisoy, as well as the members of the One Electric Cooperative-MCO Movement; encouraged the victims of Typhoon Tisoy in Leyte and Samar; commended the leadership of the electric cooperatives therein; and gave assurance that the devastated power lines would be restored in due time.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER MARCOLETA**

Recognized by the Chair on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, Deputy Speaker Rodante D. Marcoleta initially asked about the readiness of electric cooperatives in times of typhoons. He stressed that being in the business industry, electric cooperatives should not complain and depend on government support, and instead be prepared and have contingencies for any eventualities such as environmental disasters to continue providing better service to their consumers.

Representative Dagooc explained however that non-stock and non-profit electric cooperatives are not commercial in nature and are operating based on a cash flow basis which can be attested to by the ERC. As the government had initiated the rural electrification program in order to attain sustainable rural development, he maintained that electric cooperatives are only asking for funds provided for under the law.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DAGOOC**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Dagooc to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representatives Singson-Meehan and Marissa Andaya acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speakers Fernandez and Vilma Santos-Recto, Reps. Alfred Vargas, John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto, Lucy Torres-Gomez, Precious Hipolito Castelo, John Reynald M. Tiangco and Arnold “Noli” D. Celeste.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, the Chair recognized Rep. Alfonso V. Umali Jr. for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE UMALI (A.)**

Representative Umali spoke on the utilization of the Assistance for Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) Fund of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in relation to the recent devastation caused by Typhoon Tisoy in the Province of Oriental Mindoro. He raised the DSWD’s non-submission of monthly reports on the utilization of the AICS Fund; and expressed dismay on the meager amount that was left for Oriental Mindoro because most of the funds had already been utilized despite the fact that the province is at high risk during disasters. As such, he implored the leadership of the House to remind the MIMAROPA regional office of the DSWD of its duties and responsibilities to fulfill its mandate and not to disrespect nor disregard the wisdom of House Members to the detriment of their constituents.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE UMALI (A.)**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Umali to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Andaya, the Chair recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for his privilege speech.

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

Representative Bordado spoke on the devastation caused by Typhoon Tisoy in the Bicol Region and other parts of the country, likewise affecting the ongoing Southeast Asian (SEA) Games.

Thereafter, Representative Bordado stated that Vice President Maria Leonor “Leni” G. Robredo had already visited some of the devastated areas in their region with thousands of her kababayan still reeling from the deleterious effects of the typhoon. He added that relief goods distribution has been going on and electricity has been restored gradually. He then thanked his colleagues from the Electric Power Bloc for calling on the government to release the ECERF to extend assistance to electric cooperatives in the rehabilitation of damaged infrastructures due to calamities and for deploying special task forces to the affected provinces for the immediate restoration of power supply.

In conclusion, he commended the local government units (LGUs) in the typhoon-ravaged areas for their relentless efforts to save lives and properties, as well as the NDRRMC and other national government agencies for extending assistance in mitigating the damage wrought by Typhoon Tisoy. He however pointed out that the Province of Camarines Sur was isolated for several hours due to cut telecommunication lines and thereafter recommended that a communication system be in place in case the existing telecommunication providers are bogged down during calamities.

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

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

#### **EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Andaya, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour by another one hour.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Andaya, the Chair recognized Rep. Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat for her privilege speech.

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

In celebration of the International Human Rights Day, Representative Cullamat spoke about the current state of human rights in the country, and how indigenous Filipinos, who have been the victims of all kinds of human rights abuses, opted not to celebrate but instead remember the advocates of human rights and victims of violations and strengthen the fight against such abuses.

She stated that there is no reason to celebrate this day for human rights while the government has been ridiculing, harassing, and killing critics of the government, impunity persists, bloodshed continues in the communities of many provinces, and where the death of indigenous people, peasants, and poor Filipinos in the countryside becomes widespread due to militarization and martial law. She also narrated the raid of the offices of Bayan Muna, Bayan, Kilusang Mayo Uno, Karapatan, Gabriela, National

Federation of Sugar Workers, Negros Island Health Integrated Program in Bacolod and Manila; and the arrest of several individuals who were facing trumped up charges such as kidnapping, grave threats, and robbery.

She likewise strongly condemned the killings of the Lumad people who had done nothing wrong but to criticize the incorrect system of the government and fight for their rights.

She believed that all the attacks against the Lumad people are systematic schemes of the current administration to silence them from protecting their ancestral land and their right to self-determination. She then stressed the need to intensify calls and battles to bring the culprits to justice and put an end to the worsening culture of impunity.

In closing, she called for a stop to the filing of made-up cases; freedom for all political prisoners; resumption of the peace talks between the government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines; and respect for their signed peace agreements.

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

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

On further motion of Representative Andaya, the Chair next recognized Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy for her privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY**

In her speech, Representative Herrera-Dy took a swipe at the water concession agreements between the two water concessionaires, the Maynilad Water Services, Inc. and Manila Water Co., Inc., and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), for defrauding the consumers for the benefit of their private interests. She explained that the contracts they entered into were full of illegalities and excessive misinterpretations all to the detriment of the Filipino people.

Thereupon, Representative Herrera-Dy enumerated the following irregularities committed by said concessionaires: 1) passing on to consumers



various corporate and business expenses; 2) collecting payments from consumers for unimplemented or abandoned projects; 3) failing to provide sewerage and sanitation systems required by their contracts; and 4) having their concessions extended by Congress long before the expiration thereof.

As she said that she has been researching and investigating on the onerous contracts of said concessionaires since a decade ago, she then thanked President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for pledging to address the matter and hold the companies accountable. Asking the House to expose what she called the concessionaires' widespread swindling of the people and the government, she then urged her colleagues to protect the public interest and correct the injustices of the past.

On motion of Representative Andaya, the Chair recognized Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaité for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

Representative Gaité asked about the ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in Singapore for the Philippine government to indemnify the water concessionaires for losses incurred due to the nonimplementation of rate increases. Saying that such costs will only be passed on to consumers, he asked why the concessionaires brought the dispute to an international tribunal in the first place. He pointed out that unions and consumer groups had also been advocating against water privatization since the water crisis in the country in the 1990s.

Thereafter, Representatives Gaité and Herrera-Dy talked about the renewal of the concession agreement, with the former arguing that the contract should have been reviewed prior to renewal. The latter then relayed and expressed disapproval of the 15-year extension of the agreement which she said was made prematurely and without a performance review of the two concessionaires. Further, she explained that said water companies could have threatened the government with the bloating of water rates because 25 years would be short to recover their huge investments.

The Members then discussed the MWSS-Regulatory Office responsible for monitoring compliance with the agreement; the privatization agreement entered into by other water districts through joint venture or build-operate-transfer agreements; and a resolution which was made

favorable to the two water companies by declaring them as mere agents instead of public utilities. Representative Herrera-Dy said that she had filed for a water regulatory commission bill to address the regulatory issues.

Representative Gaité raised the issue on water pricing which he observed was not based on true public consultation. In conclusion, he reiterated the Makabayan Bloc and Bayan Muna's support to the call for investigation on the issue and to push for necessary measures that would benefit the Filipinos.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY**

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

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Andaya, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

Representative Elago announced the celebration of Human Rights Day on December 10, emphasizing the inherent and inalienable human rights for all. She explained that for this year's theme, "Youth Standing Up for Human Rights," the United Nations had recognized the role of youth leadership in building a better future by promoting human rights.

As she joined the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in celebrating the potential of the youth, Representative Elago cited the reasons why youth participation is essential in achieving positive change, ideas, and solutions for a better world. She appealed to the Members of the House to continue supporting the youth in defending human rights, battling all forms of discrimination and injustice, and calling for accountability for all abuses, tyranny and injustices. She also called on the offices of the Commission on Human Rights, Commission on Higher Education, and National Youth Commission to act on the petition of school and community-based youth organizations to stop the ruthless vilification campaigns, to welcome them, and to listen to their voice.

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

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

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

## **SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

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

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 3:31 p.m.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:37 p.m.

## **EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On successive motions of Representative Andaya, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour; and thereafter the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her privilege speech.

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

In celebration of the UN adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, Representative Castro spoke about human rights as an obligation of the State to its people by ensuring that children have access and enjoy the right to free and compulsory basic to tertiary education.

She stressed that along with the government's obligation to fund quality education for children, it should also give decent salaries to public school teachers, provide school environment conducive not just for learning but for teaching as well, and support teachers' unions in advocating their internationally-recognized rights.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Garcia (P.J.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Fernandez.*

Representative Castro then narrated abuses and deaths of children because of the ongoing anti-drug war, militarization, and extrajudicial killings.

She thereafter urged Congress to act swiftly on pending measures of different House committees particularly those calling for an increase in teachers' salaries and conduct of investigations of human rights violations against teachers; and encouraged the House Special Committee on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity to convene and deliberate on policy measures for socioeconomic reforms and the resumption of peace talks between the government and the Communist Party of the Philippines.

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

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

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ACOSTA-ALBA**

Recognized by the Chair on Representative Andaya's motion, Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba spoke about the government's 18-day campaign to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (IDEVAW) from November 25 to December 12, 2019. She then proceeded to explain how violence against women and children became a worst transgression of human rights based on data of the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the Philippine Statistics Authority.

*At this point, Deputy Speaker Fernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas.*

Representative Acosta-Alba stressed the resounding call to eliminate all forms of violence against women and children and urged her colleagues to foster a "VAW-free Philippines" by ensuring that political commitments are translated into legislation. She then highlighted a form of VAW – child marriage – and the denial of access to crucial health information and services resulting in unplanned, mistimed, and unwanted pregnancy.

As the executive and legislative branches of government as well as civil society organizations have formed an alliance to defend the right of women from all forms of violence and abuse, Representative Acosta-Alba enjoined her colleagues to observe the 18-day campaign on the anti-violence against women

and to enact laws that would protect and defend the rights of women and girls in society.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia, the Chair recognized Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, MD for her interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE NAVA**

Representatives Nava and Acosta-Alba discussed the health, economic, and social implications of teenage pregnancies in the country. Stressing that motherhood is an emotionally and physically challenging role and thus can be more difficult for young girls, Representative Nava said that Congress should exert more effort to address the issue of teenage pregnancy in the country.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Andaya, the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Representative Brosas manifested her support to the speech of Representative Acosta-Alba highlighting not only the issue of violence against women and children but also the present day situation of women in society. In commemoration of IDEVAW, she highlighted women's participation in society and enjoined her colleagues to adopt a comprehensive action towards the issue of women's political, civil and social rights.

As the culture of violence against women still persists worldwide, she informed the Body of a campaign dubbed as the One Billion Rising Movement calling on all countries around the globe to rise against violence, rampant impunity, and injustice to women. She then manifested her support for priority legislative measures on women as she noted that the issue is a fight not only of women but also of the children and the country as well.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ACOSTA-ALBA**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Andaya, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Acosta-Alba, including the interpellation and manifestation

thereon, to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

#### **TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Andaya, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Andaya acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Representative Acosta-Alba.

#### **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Rep. Juan Pablo "Rimpy" P. Bondoc, 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 Resolution which was referred to the appropriate committee indicated hereunder:

#### **RESOLUTION**

House Resolution No. 587, entitled:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. LICERNA ROMERICA ABUNDA, THE MOTHER OF HONORABLE MARIA FE R. ABUNDA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF EASTERN SAMAR"

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

#### **ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 587**

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 587, entitled: "RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF MRS. LICERNA ROMERICA ABUNDA, THE MOTHER OF HONORABLE MARIA FE R. ABUNDA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF EASTERN SAMAR”; 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; and unanimously adopted the same.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 4:18 p.m. upon motion of Representative Bondoc.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:19 p.m.

### **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 Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

It was 4:19 p.m. of Monday, December 9, 2019.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, December 10, 2019, with Deputy Speaker Pablo John F. Garcia presiding.

### **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the titles of the following Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, including the Message from the Senate and Communications, which were referred to the appropriate committees or consigned to the Archives as indicated hereunder:

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 5719, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IGUIG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 5720, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUAO VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL – CULUNG ANNEX IN BARANGAY CULUNG, MUNICIPALITY OF TUAO, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN FROM THE TUAO VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS CULUNG NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5721, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GADU NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – NANGALISAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY NANGALISAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SOLANA, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN FROM THE GADU NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS NANGALISAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5722, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE AMULUNG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BACULUD EXTENSION IN BARANGAY BACULUD, MUNICIPALITY OF AMULUNG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN FROM THE AMULUNG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BACULUD NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5723, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE BAYABAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LA SUERTE EXTENSION IN BARANGAY



LA SUERTE, MUNICIPALITY OF AMULUNG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN FROM THE BAYABAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LA SUERTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5724, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ITAWES NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL – BAGUMBAYAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY BAGUMBAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TUAO, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN FROM THE ITAWES NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAGUMBAYAN NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5725, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUAO VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL – MALUMMIN ANNEX IN BARANGAY MALUMMIN, MUNICIPALITY OF TUAO, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN FROM THE TUAO VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MALUMMIN NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5726, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE TUAO VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL – PATA ANNEX IN BARANGAY PATA, MUNICIPALITY OF TUAO,

PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN FROM THE TUAO VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS PATA NATIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5727, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING NIGHT SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL PAY TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THOSE IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5728, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AUTOMATIC CIVIL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY AND CAREER PATHS TO ATHLETES, THEIR COACHES, TRAINORS, AND MANAGEMENT TEAM, WHO ACHIEVE PODIUM FINISH OR SET NEW COMPETITION RECORDS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Siao

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 5729, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996,' AS AMENDED”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 5730, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE LOCAL SANGGUNIAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE

PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991,  
AS AMENDED”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5731, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE  
MANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL  
RESOURCES, LOCATED IN  
MALAPASCUA ISLAND BARANGAY  
LOGON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
DAANBANTAYAN, PROVINCE OF  
CEBU AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO.  
2151, 'DECLARING CERTAIN ISLAND  
AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS  
WILDERNESS AREAS' ”

By Representative Salimbangon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5732, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING AGRICULTURAL  
COOPERATIVISM IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
CERTAIN SECTIONS OF R.A. NO. 11364,  
R.A. NO. 9520, AND R.A. NO. 7160, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES  
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5733, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF ORANI, PROVINCE OF BATAAN,  
TO BE KNOWN AS ORANI CENTRAL  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 5734, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF SIX  
BILLION PESOS (₱6,000,000,000.00) AS  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR  
F.Y. 2019 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Legarda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5735, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY  
SOCIAL PENSION OF INDIGENT  
SENIOR CITIZENS AMENDING FOR THIS  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS

AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 9257  
AND 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
'EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF  
2010' ”

By Representative Guico

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 5736, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE  
MARSHAL SERVICE, DEFINING  
ITS FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND  
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5737, entitled:

“AN ACT AUGMENTING THE RETIREMENT,  
DEATH, AND SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS  
FOR THE SOLICITOR GENERAL,  
ASSISTANT SOLICITOR GENERAL,  
SENIOR STATE SOLICITOR, SOLICITORS,  
OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE  
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5745, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE COMMISSION  
ON ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
OFFICE SPACES OF ITS FIELD OFFICES,  
HEREBY REPEALING SECTION 55  
OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS  
ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
AS AMENDED”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 5746, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE EDUCATIONAL  
REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE  
APPLICANTS AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 14 AND 15 OF RA  
8551 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND  
SAFETY

House Bill No. 5747, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING JOB PLACEMENT  
OFFICES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO

PROVIDE CAREER SERVICES TO THE YOUTH”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA)”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 572, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ₱7.39 BILLION RULING OF THE PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION IN SINGAPORE, THE CONCESSIONAIRE AGREEMENTS OF MANILA WATER AND MAYNILAD AND THE PRESENT WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT”

By Representative Barzaga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 573, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT TO THE FILIPINO ATHLETES AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (PHISGOC) FOR A SUCCESSFUL COMMENCEMENT EVENT IN THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 574, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE FORTY PERCENT (40%) STAKE OF STATE GRID CORPORATION OF CHINA IN THE NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NGCP)”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 575, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INSTITUTE MEASURES AND POLICIES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE WANING QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY AS REPORTED IN THE 2018

House Resolution No. 576, entitled:

“RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE TO RECONSIDER THE PLAN TO BUILD A SECOND MILITARY CAMP IN MARAWI CITY IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF MARAWI CITY AND PROTECT THE RIGHT OF THE RESIDENTS OF GROUND ZERO TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES”

By Representatives Adiong and Balindong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 577, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT THE POSITION OF THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INTENDED FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH REGIONS IX, X, AND XII”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 578, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INTENDED FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH REGIONS IX, X, AND XII”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 579, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND

HIGHWAYS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INTENDED FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH REGIONS IX, X, AND XII”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 580, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT THE POSITION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INTENDED FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH REGIONS IX, X, AND XII”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 581, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INTENDED FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH REGIONS IX, X, AND XII”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 582, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INTENDED FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH REGIONS IX, X, AND XII”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 583, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SOLICIT THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY OF MINDANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

INTENDED FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO THROUGH REGIONS IX, X, AND XII”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated November 27, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate designated Senators Sonny Angara, Panfilo M. Lacson, Cynthia A. Villar, Pia S. Cayetano, Win Gatchalian, Christopher Lawrence T. Go, Richard J. Gordon, Imee R. Marcos, Joel Villanueva, Ralph G. Recto, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Grace Poe, Franklin M. Drilon, Francis “Kiko” N. Pangilinan and Risa Hontiveros as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 4228, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter dated 30 October 2019 of Roberto B. Tan, President and CEO, Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC), submitting the PDIC–A New Horizon 2018 Annual Report.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated November 11, 2019 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the Annual Audit Report on the Social Security System for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2018.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated November 19, 2019 of Maria Gleda E. Lim, State Auditor V, Supervising Auditor, Audit Groups CGS I and II-Water Districts and Other CGS Stand Alone Agencies, Regional Office No. VI, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives a copy of the Annual Audit Report on Dueñas Water District, Dueñas, Iloilo for the year ended December 31, 2018.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS



Letter dated November 19, 2019 of Delfin N. Lorenzana, Secretary, Department of National Defense, submitting the Department's CY 2019 First Semester Report on the Revised AFP Modernization Program.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Letter dated November 21, 2019 of Mario G. Lipana, Director III, Officer-in-Charge, Regional Office No. IV-A, Commission on Audit, furnishing the House of Representatives with copies of the CYs 2015 to 2018 Annual Audit Reports (AARs) on the Lemery Water District, Lemery, Batangas and Pakil Water District, Pakil, Laguna.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

The 2019 State of the Nation Address (SONA) of the 1<sup>st</sup> Mindanaoan President, 16<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Letters dated 28 and 29 November 2019 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. Circular No. 1061 dated 25 November 2019;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2019-085 dated 22 November 2019; and
3. Circular No. 1062 dated 26 November 2019.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated August 30 and December 3, 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. 11453, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (AFAB), AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9728, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (FAB) ACT OF 2009'”;

2. R.A. No. 11454, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN

BARANGAY KRUS NA LIGAS, QUEZON CITY BY THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9500, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER OF 2008', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

3. R.A. No. 11455, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT, ONE EACH TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISULAN AND TACURONG CITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”;

4. R.A. No. 11456, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

5. R.A. No. 11457, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DAVAO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, TRANSFERRING EXISTING ASSETS OF FRANCISCO BANGROY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE AUTHORITY, VESTING THE AUTHORITY WITH POWER TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE FRANCISCO BANGROY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

6. R.A. No. 11458, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF EXEMPTIONS FROM REVEALING THE SOURCE OF PUBLISHED NEWS

OR INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONFIDENCE BY INCLUDING JOURNALISTS FROM BROADCAST, AND NEWS AGENCIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 53, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1477”;

7. R.A. No. 11459, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE POSITIONS FOR JUDGES-AT-LARGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

8. R.A. No. 11462, 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”;

9. R.A. No. 11463, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING MALASAKIT CENTERS IN ALL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTRY AND IN THE PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL (PGH), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

TO THE ARCHIVES

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of the House Secretariat from the Philippine Normal University Graduate School.

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour.

On further motion of Representative Aglipay, the Chair then recognized Rep. Alfred C. Delos Santos for his privilege speech.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DELOS SANTOS

Representative Delos Santos described the recent loss of homes, means of livelihood, crops, roads, and electrification suffered by the people in the Bicol Region as a result of Typhoon Tisoy. He acknowledged the bravery and *bayanihan* spirit of the typhoon victims as well as the assistance and compassion of ordinary public servants, local executives, congressmen, and President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and his Cabinet, during the subsequent rehabilitation operations.

He then implored his colleagues to help restore the lives of and give hope to the Bicolanos and to give part of their salaries to the relief efforts.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Garcia (P.J.) relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Henry S. Oaminal.*

#### REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DELOS SANTOS

On motion of Rep. Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Delos Santos' speech to the Committee on Rules.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On further motion of Representative Lacson-Noel, the Chair declared a recess at 3:14 p.m.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:26 p.m.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representative Aglipay then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong and Delos Santos.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Aglipay, the Chair suspended the session at 3:29 p.m.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:44 p.m.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Representative Delos Santos acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Delos Santos, the Chair suspended the session at 3:45 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 3:59 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Garcia (P.J.) presiding.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until one o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

It was 3:59 p.m. of Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:00 p.m. of Wednesday, December 11, 2019 with Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano presiding.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Rep. Michael Edgar Y. Aglipay, 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 Committee Report, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS****BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 5748, entitled:

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

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5749, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC VETERINARY CLINIC IN EVERY PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Panotes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5750, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CALABANGA TESDA TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Bordado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5751, entitled:

"AN ACT RENAMING COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE INTO THE DAVAO DE ORO STATE COLLEGE"

By Representative Zamora (Way Kurat)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5752, entitled:

"AN ACT REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, USE, SALE, PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISEMENTS OF VAPOR PRODUCTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Deloso-Montalla  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5753, entitled:

"AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, PRESENTLY KNOWN AS ABS-CBN CORPORATION, UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7966, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE ABS-CBN BROADCASTING CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TELEVISION AND

RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5754, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE WELFARE AND  
PROTECTION OF BUSINESS PROCESS  
OUTSOURCING (BPO) WORKERS AND  
THE RECOGNITION OF THEIR RIGHTS  
AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE LABOR  
CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

House Bill No. 5755, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE  
CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN  
PORO ISLAND, TRAVERSING THE  
MUNICIPALITIES OF PORO AND  
TUDELA, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5756, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE  
CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FRANCISCO,  
CAMOTES GROUP OF ISLANDS,  
PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO A NATIONAL  
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREOF”

By Representative Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5757, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE  
CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN PONSON  
ISLAND OF THE CAMOTES GROUP  
OF ISLANDS, TRAVERSING THE  
BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF CEBU,  
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5758, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FULL AND  
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND  
ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL  
MARITIME INSTRUMENTS OF WHICH  
THE PHILIPPINES IS A STATE-PARTY”

By Representative Sarmiento  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5759, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING ACTS OF ROAD  
RAGE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5760, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN MANUEL, CITY  
OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE  
OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE SAN MANUEL NATIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Robes  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 5761, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE DRUG  
ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT,  
AND REHABILITATION, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
'THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS  
DRUGS ACT OF 2002' AS AMENDED, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belmonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 584, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL  
ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY TO  
ASSIST DAVAO ORIENTAL ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE, INC. TO IMPROVE ITS  
SERVICES IN DAVAO ORIENTAL”

By Representative Almario  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Resolution No. 585, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 'ACT  
OF HEROISM' OF MR. ROGER CASUGAY  
DURING THE SURFING COMPETITION  
OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES



(SEAG) 2019 IN THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION”

By Representative Ortega  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS  
DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 586, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED POOR PERFORMANCE OF 15-YEAR-OLD FILIPINO STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT (PISA) EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD) IN THE YEAR 2018”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 588, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DISPLACEMENT OF AETA COMMUNITIES IN CAPAS, TARLAC BY THE BASES CONVERSION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CLARK CITY”

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

House Resolution No. 589, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE 31<sup>ST</sup> INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) ASSEMBLY FOR REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY AND ENSURING THAT THE PHILIPPINES IS REFLECTED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO) UNDER CATEGORY C FOR THE BIENNIUM 2020 TO 2021”

By Representative Sarmiento  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 590, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION WITH THE STATUS OF THE COUNTRY’S COMPLIANCE WITH THE EUROPEAN MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY FINDINGS”

By Representative Sarmiento  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 591, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED D. VARGAS OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY AS ONE OF 'THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN' (TOYM) OF THE PHILIPPINES 2019, AWARDED AND HONORED BY THE JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL-PHILIPPINES, INC., AND TOYM FOUNDATION, INC.”

By Representative Belmonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 592, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE SPEAKER ALAN PETER CAYETANO, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE PHILIPPINE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (PHISGOC), AND THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM 'BAMBOL' TOLENTINO, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC), AND ALL OTHER ORGANIZERS OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SEA GAMES”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 593, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINE CLAIM ON SABAH”

By Representative Dimaporo (Khalid)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 594, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED D. VARGAS OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY FOR BEING AWARDED AS ONE OF 'THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN' (TOYM) OF THE PHILIPPINES 2019, AWARDED AND HONORED BY THE JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL-PHILIPPINES, INC., AND TOYM FOUNDATION, INC.”

By Representative Romualdez (Ferdinand)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 130), re H.B. No. 5777, entitled:

“AN ACT TAXING PERSONS ENGAGED IN PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE GAMING OPERATIONS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 25 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 150-C OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5267

Sponsor: Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION/HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Rep. Juan Pablo “Rimpy” P. Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered the following House Concurrent Resolution/House Resolutions; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House; and unanimously adopted the same:

1. House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, entitled: “CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY RAUL S. HERNANDEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 2019, TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE 'ORDER OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE MERIT, FIRST CLASS' FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC

OF KOREA,” contained in Committee Report No. 99 as reported out by the Committee on Foreign Affairs and sponsored by its chairperson, Rep. Ann K. Hofer;

2. House Resolution No. 554, entitled: “RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOVEN R. CUANANG AS A NEUROLOGIST, ART PATRON AND A HUMANITARIAN, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH (80<sup>TH</sup>) BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND HIS SIXTIETH YEAR AS A DOCTOR, AND FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THAT ENRICHED PHILIPPINE MEDICINE, ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE SOCIETY IN GENERAL, WHICH BROUGHT HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE,” as reported out by the Committee on Rules and sponsored by Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan, principal author of the measure; and
3. House Resolution No. 66, entitled: “RESOLUTION COMMENDING ACT TEACHERS PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE FRANCE L. CASTRO FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2019 ARTHUR SVENSSON INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR TRADE UNION RIGHTS,” contained in Committee Report No. 118 as reported out by the Committee on Labor and Employment and sponsored by its vice chairperson, Representative Aglipay.

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 1:11 p.m. upon motion of Representative Bondoc.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 1:16 p.m.

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

Thereafter, on an omnibus motion of Rep. Lianda B. Bolilia, 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, if any; terminated the period of amendments; and approved the measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 5579 as contained in Committee Report No. 86 and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, establishing Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Centers in the Municipalities of Magdiwang in Sibuyan Island, and Odiongan in Tablas Island, Romblon;
2. House Bill No. 5580 as contained in Committee Report No. 87 and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, establishing the Cagayan de Oro City TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Camaman-an, Cagayan de Oro City;
3. House Bill No. 2582 as contained in Committee Report No. 88 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of the lying-in clinic in Rizal, Palawan from ten (10) beds to twenty (20) beds, upgrading its service facilities and professional health care services, and authorizing the increase of its medical personnel;
4. House Bill No. 1799 as contained in Committee Report No. 89 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, renaming the Talisay District Hospital in Talisay City, Cebu into the Cebu South Medical Center, amending for the purpose Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7799;
5. House Bill No. 2444 as contained in Committee Report No. 90 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, establishing the Bicol Women's and Children's Hospital in Pamplona, Camarines Sur;
6. House Bill No. 5643 as contained in Committee Report No. 97 and submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, declaring the Cagayan de Oro River and its immediate environs located in Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental a cultural heritage zone;
7. House Bill No. 5644 as contained in Committee Report No. 98 and submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, declaring the City of Carcar in Cebu Province a cultural heritage zone;
8. House Bill No. 831 as contained in Committee Report No. 100 and submitted by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations, increasing the bed capacity of the Bicol Medical Center in Naga City, Camarines Sur from five hundred (500) beds to one thousand (1,000) beds, upgrading its service facilities and professional health care services, and authorizing the increase of its medical workforce complement;
9. House Bill No. 5682 as contained in Committee Report No. 114 and submitted by the Committee on Local Government, declaring June 21 of every year a special non-working holiday in Tagaytay City, Cavite in commemoration of its foundation day to be known as the "Charter Day of Tagaytay City" or "Araw ng Lungsod ng Tagaytay";
10. House Bill No. 1230 as contained in Committee Report No. 116 and submitted by the Committee on Natural Resources, declaring the Province of Biliran a mining-free zone and providing penalties therefor;
11. House Bill No. 5692 as contained in Committee Report No. 119 and submitted by the Committee on Local Government, declaring June 15 of every year a special non-working holiday in the Province of Pampanga to be known as the "Mt. Pinatubo Memorial Day";
12. House Bill No. 5697 as contained in Committee Report No. 120 and submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, appropriating funds for the establishment of the Bicol University (BU)-East Campus Physical

Development Plan and the construction of the school facilities inside the BU-East Campus; and

13. House Bill No. 5698 as contained in Committee Report No. 121 and submitted by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education, renaming the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) in Batac City, Ilocos Norte as the Ferdinand E. Marcos State University (FEMSU), amending for the purpose Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1279.

### **CHANGE OF REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS**

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

1. House Bill No. 568 – from the Committee on Social Services to the Committee on Higher and Technical Education;
2. House Bill No. 3900 – from the Committee on Social Services to the Committees on Government Reorganization, and Social Services; and
3. House Bill No. 4567 – from the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms to the Committee on Local Government.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Bolilia, the Chair suspended the session at 1:20 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 1:26 p.m.

### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS UNDER THE BUSINESS FOR THE DAY**

On successive motions of Representatives Bondoc and Marissa Andaya, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading the following House Bills calendared under the Business for the Day contained in committee

reports submitted by the Committees on Justice, and Appropriations; 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 on motion of the chairperson of the Committee on Justice, Rep. Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso III; 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 measures on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting:

1. House Bill No. 5666 as contained in Committee Report No. 110, creating four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Eighth Judicial Region to be stationed in Tacloban City, Leyte;
2. House Bill No. 5614 as contained in Committee Report No. 92, creating one (1) additional RTC branch in the Tenth Judicial Region to be stationed in Villanueva, Misamis Oriental;
3. House Bill No. 5615 as contained in Committee Report No. 93, creating one (1) additional RTC branch in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in Alfonso, Cavite;
4. House Bill No. 5616 as contained in Committee Report No. 94, creating four (4) additional RTC branches in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in Calauag, Quezon;
5. House Bill No. 5617 as contained in Committee Report No. 95, creating one (1) additional RTC branch in the Eighth Judicial Region to be stationed in Villaba, Leyte;
6. House Bill No. 5618 as contained in Committee Report No. 96, creating three (3) additional RTC branches in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of Calamba, Laguna;
7. House Bill No. 5657 as contained in Committee Report No. 101, creating three (3) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court (MeTC) in the National Capital Judicial Region to be stationed in Parañaque City;



8. House Bill No. 5658 as contained in Committee Report No. 102, creating four (4) additional RTC branches and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the Eighth Judicial Region to be stationed in Ormoc City, Leyte;
9. House Bill No. 5659 as contained in Committee Report No. 103, creating ten (10) additional RTC branches in the Eleventh Judicial Region;
10. House Bill No. 5660 as contained in Committee Report No. 104, creating one (1) additional RTC branch and one (1) additional MeTC branch in the National Capital Judicial Region to be stationed in Novaliches, Quezon City;
11. House Bill No. 5661 as contained in Committee Report No. 105, creating five (5) additional RTC branches in the National Capital Judicial Region to be stationed in Muntinlupa City;
12. House Bill No. 5662 as contained in Committee Report No. 106, creating three (3) additional RTC branches in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in General Trias City, Cavite;
13. House Bill No. 5663 as contained in Committee Report No. 107, creating three (3) additional RTC branches in the Ninth Judicial Region to be stationed in Dapitan City, Zamboanga del Norte;
14. House Bill No. 5664 as contained in Committee Report No. 108, creating three (3) additional RTC branches in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in Catanauan, Quezon;
15. House Bill No. 5665 as contained in Committee Report No. 109, creating two (2) additional RTC branches and two (2) additional MTCC branches in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be stationed in Mati City, Davao Oriental;
16. House Bill No. 5667 as contained in Committee Report No. 111, creating two (2) additional MTCC branches to be stationed in Bacolod City; and

17. House Bill No. 5668 as contained in Committee Report No. 112, creating one (1) additional RTC branch in the Tenth Judicial Region to be stationed in Quezon, Bukidnon.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this juncture, Representative Bolilia acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Luis Raymund “LRay” F. Villafuerte Jr. and Reps. Precious Hipolito Castelo and Alberto “Bobby” D. Pacquiao.

### **RECONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 554**

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body reconsidered the adoption of House Resolution No. 554, in order to introduce perfecting amendments thereon.

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

“RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOVEN R. CUANANG AS A NEUROLOGIST, ART PATRON AND A HUMANITARIAN, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH (80<sup>TH</sup>) BIRTHDAY ON DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND HIS SIXTIETH YEAR AS A DOCTOR, AND FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THAT ENRICHED PHILIPPINE MEDICINE, ARTS AND CULTURE AND THE SOCIETY IN GENERAL, WHICH BROUGHT HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.”

On further motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Representative Singson-Meehan to introduce an amendment.

### **AMENDMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE SINGSON-MEEHAN**

As proposed by Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body approved an amendment on the last “whereas” clause on page 2 of the Resolution.

### **ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 554, AS AMENDED**

On motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body adopted House Resolution No. 554, as amended.

## **PRIVILEGE HOUR**

With leave of the House, on successive motions of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his privilege speech.

### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

In commemoration of the International Human Rights Day, Representative Zarate spoke about the worsening crises experienced by the poor and the marginalized under the Duterte administration. Citing data from the human rights organization KARAPATAN, he highlighted rampant political and extrajudicial killings, especially of human rights defenders, and the various forms of harassment and attacks against critics of the government.

As he pointed out the alleged appalling and militaristic governance of the Duterte administration through its anti-human rights programs and policies, Representative Zarate stated that in commemoration of the International Human Rights Day, Congress should also look into the various measures that violate the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the people.

In conclusion, Representative Zarate challenged his colleagues to be the guiding light and advocates of human rights, and condemn and fight those who would violate the same.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Body referred the privilege speech of Representative Zarate to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

### **DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL HOUSE CONFEREES ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4228**

On motion of Representative Bondoc, on the part of the Majority, there being no objection, the Body designated Reps. Ronaldo B. Zamora, Ron P. Salo, and Eric Go Yap as additional House conferees to reconcile the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 4228 or the proposed 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

## **TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Aglipay, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 2:25 p.m. upon motion of Representative Aglipay.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 2:32 p.m.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Aglipay acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. John Reynald M. Tiangco.

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 2:33 p.m. upon motion of Representative Aglipay.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 2:51 p.m.

### **RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4228**

Whereupon on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified through *viva voce* voting the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 4228 or the proposed 2020 GAA.

### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS**

Recognized by the Chair upon Representative Bondoc's motion, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas explained her negative vote on the ratification of the 2020 national budget saying that it is not a budget that could help the farmers and the underprivileged, but a budget that would support killings and attacks against the Opposition. Moreover, she said that the 2020 budget should not be focused on the Build, Build, Build Program which destroys many communities, rice fields, and fishery resources.

She likewise expressed her disagreement to the funding of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict which, she said, was responsible for the proposed cancellation of the registration of Gabriela Women's Party, and the red-tagging of activists and government critics that resulted in human rights violations.

As a reminder to everyone, Representative Brosas read pertinent clauses in the preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her manifestation.

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

Representative Castro cited the following reasons, among others, for her "No" vote on the ratification of the proposed 2020 GAA: 1) it rejects national industrialization and genuine agrarian reform and incentivizes semi-manufacturing of goods, export of services, cheap agricultural products and raw materials, and the massive exodus of Filipino workers overseas; 2) it caters to the needs of foreign investors and takes away funds for much needed infrastructure for social services and other basic services; 3) allocation for education, health, housing, and social welfare continue to be inadequate; and 4) the national budget contains huge proportions that would enable further repression and violation of human rights.

On motion of Representative Aglipay, the Chair then recognized Rep. Eufemia "Ka Femia" C. Cullamat for a manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CULLAMAT**

Representative Cullamat manifested her negative vote on the ratification of the 2020 General Appropriations Bill (GAB), which the Chair duly noted.

On motion of Representative Aglipay, the Chair next recognized Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite for his manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

Explaining his negative vote on the ratification of the 2020 GAB, Representative Gaite initially

stated that the contents of the ratified Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 4228 lack thorough study, and believed that the 2020 budget is a budget for war and not for peace.

He also said that the proposed budget is not intended for social services nor for an increase in the salaries of government workers but will instead be used for the proliferation of violence and other questionable services that are not necessarily beneficial to the people.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Aglipay, the Chair recognized Rep. Sarah Jane I. Elago for her manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ELAGO**

In justifying her "No" vote, Representative Elago highlighted the ballooning block budget for confidential and intelligence funds meant to threaten and harass critics of the government, in contrast to the inadequate budget for health and educational services. She emphasized the need for a budget that is intended to support social services, transparency and accountability, good governance, justice, rule of law, and the upholding of the country's sovereignty, and human rights and dignity of every Filipino.

Upon motion of Representative Bondoc, the Chair next recognized Representative Zarate for his manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE**

Representative Zarate relayed his negative vote on the ratification of the 2020 GAB which he noted is a reflection of the government's priorities – that is, not for the provision of basic services, but in building a system for the suppression of people's rights and projects that are less needed by the people. He called on his colleagues to reflect on the day of budget ratification as he claimed that the practice of congressional insertions still remains.

#### **ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 567**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Bondoc, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the consideration of House Resolution 567, entitled: "RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE COORDINATING AGENCY (PNVSCA) ON ITS

55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND COMMENDING ITS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING ”; dispensed with the reading of the text of the measure without prejudice to its insertion into the records of the House; and unanimously adopted the same.

#### **ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS**

On motion of Representative Singson-Meehan, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 831, 1230, 1799, 2444, 2582, 4553, 5579, 5580, 5614, 5615, 5616, 5617, 5618, 5643, 5644, 5657, 5658, 5659, 5660, 5661, 5662, 5663, 5664, 5665, 5666, 5667, 5668, 5673, 5682, 5692, 5697, and 5698; House Resolutions No. 66, 554, 565, and 567; and House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

At this point, Representative Andaya acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Jeffrey D. Khonghun.

#### **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 Aglipay, there being no objection, the Body approved to refer the following House Resolutions to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

1. House Resolution No. 522, on the complaints of farmers against the steep prices of fertilizers and pesticides – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
2. House Resolution No. 524, on the implementation of the Joint Administrative Order No. 1-2019 (Annual Tax Incentives Report for Cooperatives) – to the Committee on Cooperatives Development;
3. House Resolution No. 527, on the death of several youth in a military operation in Tumbras, Midsayap, North Cotabato – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
4. House Resolution No. 528, on Commission on Higher Education-Cordillera Administrative Region (CHED-CAR) Memorandum Order No. 79 and other related and/or similar memorandum allowing military and police presence inside school campuses to conduct fora full of misinformation and red-tagging – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;
5. House Resolution No. 529, on the alarming consecutive deaths of cadets and several incidents of hazing inside the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;
6. House Resolution No. 531, on the status of the Bagong Lipunan Improvement of Sites and Services (BLISS) Program – to the Committee on Housing and Urban Development;
7. House Resolution No. 534, on the resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capas, Tarlac, requesting for a review of R.A. No. 7227 or Proclamation No. 163, series of 1993, to exclude for military use portions of Zone C (Crow Valley) in said municipality – to the Special Committee on Bases Conversion;
8. House Resolution No. 536, on the wide price gap between farm gate and retail prices of rice due to the alleged rice hoarding and price manipulation of unscrupulous traders in the country – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
9. House Resolution No. 537, on the alarming increase of mortality rate in prison facilities – to the Committee on Justice;
10. House Resolution No. 538, on the alarming rise of child and teenage pregnancies in the country – to the Committee on Welfare of Children;
11. House Resolution No. 539, on the delayed irrigation projects under the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
12. House Resolution No. 540, on the procurement and distribution of farming machineries of the Department of Agriculture (DA) – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;



13. House Resolution No. 542, on the supposed violations of online lending institutions on the provisions of R.A. No. 10173, also known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012 – to the Committee on Information and Communications Technology;
14. House Resolution No. 546, on the status of the NIA's irrigation projects throughout the country – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;
15. House Resolution No. 555, on the senseless killing of Mayor David Navarro of Clarin, Misamis Occidental in Cebu City while under police custody - to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;
16. House Resolution No. 556, on the unabated smuggling of goods into the country by unscrupulous operators of customs bonded warehouses – to the Committee on Ways and Means;
17. House Resolution No. 558, on the economic and national security implications of the 40% Chinese capital ownership and control of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) – to the Committee on Energy;
18. House Resolution No. 563, on the viability of reviving the Organized Bus Route (OBR) system in Epifanio Delos Santos Avenue (EDSA) – to the Committee on Metro Manila Development;
19. House Resolution No. 566, on the escalating trend of systematic repression that is generating political prisoners in greater number – to the Committees on National Defense and Security, and Public Order and Safety;
20. House Resolution No. 569, on the provision of water services by the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) and its concession agreements with Manila Water Company, Inc. and Maynilad Water Services, Inc. – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Public Accounts;
21. House Resolution No. 442, on the irregularities of setting water rates by water concessionaires Manila Water Company, Inc. and Maynilad Water Services, Inc. – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Public Accounts;
22. House Resolution No. 483, on the proposed joint venture agreement between Bacolod City Water District (BACIWA) and Prime Water Infrastructure Corporation and its impact to the provision of water services, and security of tenure of employees of the water district – to the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization, and Public Works and Highways;
23. House Resolution No. 501, on Manila Water's 780% hike warning in the event that the Supreme Court does not reverse its decision to penalize the company for its failure to comply with the Clean Water Act – to the Committees on Good Government and Public Accountability, and Public Accounts;

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Aglipay, the Chair suspended the session at 3:12 p.m.

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:19 p.m., the session resumed.

#### REFERRAL OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS ON INQUIRIES IN AID OF LEGISLATION (Continuation)

24. House Resolution No. 495, on the threat, harassment, and intimidation against Oliver Lucenario, a public school teacher and president of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers Region V Union – to the Committee on Basic Education and Culture;
25. House Resolution No. 496, on the alleged failure of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to reimburse accredited hospitals for their expenses in attending to the medical problems of PhilHealth members – to the Committee on Health;
26. House Resolution No. 497, on the proliferation of prostitution dens catering exclusively to Philippine Gaming Offshore

Operators (POGO) workers – to the Committee on Games and Amusements;

three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, December 16, 2019.

27. House Resolution No. 499, on the alleged slashed daily meal allowance of prisoners – to the Committee on Justice;

It was 3:21 p.m. of Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

28. House Resolution No. 500, on determining whether the provincial and city peace and order councils in Mindanao are “in favor” or “not in favor” of extending martial law beyond 2019 – to the Committee on National Defense and Security;

The session resumed at 3:00 p.m. of Monday, December 16, 2019 with Deputy Speaker Mujiv S. Hataman presiding.

### ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

29. House Resolution No. 506, on the possible imposition of stricter import requirements and guidelines and other enforceable measures on fresh, frozen, processed pork products, and by-products to contain the African Swine Fever (ASF) virus in the country – to the Committee on Agriculture and Food;

On motion of Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

30. House Resolution No. 508, on the saturation drives conducted by the Manila Police District at the Baseco Compound in Tondo, Manila and recommend measures to protect the rights of urban poor residents against unreasonable searches and seizures – to the Committee on Public Order and Safety;

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

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

31. House Resolution No. 516, on the water situation of the poblacion barangays of Bambang, and nearby municipalities in Nueva Vizcaya – to the Committee on Natural Resources;

House Bill No. 5762, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DOST), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

32. House Resolution No. 519, on the deplorable spate of killings of judges – to the Committee on Justice; and

House Bill No. 5763, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MODERNIZATION FUNDING TO THE PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF VOLCANOLOGY AND SEISMOLOGY (PHIVOLCS), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

33. House Resolution No. 520, on the formulation of a three-year Security and Development Plan for the whole of Mindanao – to the Committee on Mindanao Affairs.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Bolilia, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until

House Bill No. 5764, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL MODERNIZATION FUNDING TO THE PHILIPPINE ATMOSPHERIC,

GEOPHYSICAL AND ASTRONOMICAL  
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (PAGASA),  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5765, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIELD OFFICE  
OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION (CHED) IN BATAK CITY,  
ILOCOS NORTE AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Barba  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5766, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PASSI LAND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)  
EXTENSION OFFICE INTO A REGULAR  
DISTRICT OFFICE”

By Representative Biron  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5767, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER THE  
COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM  
PROGRAM (CARP), AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 66 OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
'THE CARP LAW OF 1988' ”

By Representative Roman  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 5768, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA  
CARTA OF DAY CARE WORKERS AND  
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5769, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE COMPULSORY  
TEACHING OF ETHICS SUBJECTS IN  
PHILIPPINE TERTIARY EDUCATION”

By Representative Mariano-Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5770, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE YEAR 2020 AS  
'NATIONAL GOLF TOURISM YEAR' IN  
THE ENTIRE COUNTRY”

By Representative Gorriceta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5771, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION  
OF THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM  
DAMOLOG, SOGOD TO BORBON AND  
TABOGON TO BARANGAY DAKIT,  
BOGO CITY, CEBU IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND  
4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICTS OF THE PROVINCE OF  
CEBU INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representatives Salimbangon and Frasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND  
HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5772, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING SINGLE-USE PLASTICS  
NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tallado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5773, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING THE MANUFACTURE,  
IMPORTATION, SALE, AND USE OF  
SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS,  
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSE”

By Representative Abante  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 5774, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF  
GENERAL SANTOS FROM THE FIRST  
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE  
PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO  
CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE  
DISTRICT OF GENERAL SANTOS  
CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11243, ENTITLED  
'AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE  
FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE  
PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO  
THEREBY CREATING THE LONE  
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF GENERAL  
SANTOS CITY' ”

By Representative Bañas-Nogralles  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5775, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TWO (2)-DAY  
SPECIAL EMERGENCY LEAVE FOR ALL  
WORKERS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

SECTOR DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY  
NATURAL CALAMITIES OR DISASTERS”

By Representative Salceda

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND THE  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 5776, entitled:

“AN ACT ENABLING THE PEOPLE’S  
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF ACCESS  
TO INFORMATION”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 5778, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE GAMES  
AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND  
AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 5779, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE NATIONAL  
SHRINE OF MARY, HELPOF CHRISTIANS,  
LOCATED IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO,  
PARAÑAQUE CITY, A TOURIST  
DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS  
DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 5780, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TIME BETWEEN  
TEN IN THE EVENING AND FIVE IN  
THE MORNING AS UNSAFE HOURS,  
PROHIBITING THE LOITERING,  
ROAMING AROUND, SLEEPING OR  
MEANDERING OF CHILDREN IN  
PUBLIC PLACES DURING THESE  
HOURS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES  
FOR VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY  
THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

#### RESOLUTION

House Resolution No. 595, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION HONORING AND  
COMMENDING THE HEROISM AND

BRAVERY OF POLICE SENIOR MASTER  
SERGEANT JASON MAGNO WHO  
SACRIFICED HIS LIFE WHILE IN THE  
LINE OF DUTY TO SAVE THE LIVES OF  
INNOCENT INDIVIDUALS, LIVING UP  
TO HIS SWORN DUTY TO SERVE AND  
PROTECT THE COMMUNITY”

By Representatives Unabia and Uy (Juliette)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND  
SAFETY

#### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 9, 2019, informing the  
House of Representatives that the Senate on even  
date passed Senate Bill No. 643, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING NIGHT SHIFT  
DIFFERENTIAL PAY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
INCLUDING THOSE IN GOVERNMENT-  
OWNED OR CONTROLLED  
CORPORATIONS AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Message dated December 9, 2019, informing the  
House of Representatives that the Senate on even  
date passed Senate Bill No. 1077, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD,  
PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND  
FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREOF”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION

Message dated December 9, 2019, informing the  
House of Representatives that the Senate on even  
date passed Senate Bill No. 1155, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF  
THE LICENSE TO OWN AND POSSESS,  
PERMIT TO CARRY OUTSIDE OF  
RESIDENCE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS  
AND REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
SECTIONS 7 AND 19 OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
'COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND  
AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT' ”



in which it requests the concurrence of the House of Representatives.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

#### COMMUNICATION

Letter dated 26 November 2019 of Wendel E. Avisado, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, transmitting the consolidated Statement of Appropriations, Allotments, Obligations, Disbursements and Balances (SAAODB) of the national government agencies as of the quarter ending September 30, 2019.  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Information and Communications Technology (Committee Report No. 131), re H.B. No. 5793, entitled:  
“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE CARDS”  
recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 298, 453, 658, 743, 1056, 1773, 2312, 2411, 2747, 3033, 3152, 3629, 3732, 5350 and 5606  
Sponsors: Representatives Yap (Victor) and Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 132), re H.R. No. 423, entitled:  
“RESOLUTION COMMENDING BAAO PARISH MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE FOR ITS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND LASTING COMMITMENT AS A PARTNER FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE”  
recommending its adoption without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Canama, Ong (Jose), Ebcas and Ty (Diego)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 133), re H.B. No. 5422, entitled:  
“AN ACT DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE 'NATIONAL COOPERATIVE MONTH' IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY”  
recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Canama, Ong (Jose), Ebcas and Ty (Diego)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 134), re H.R. No. 425, entitled:  
“RESOLUTION COMMENDING BARBAZA MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEADERSHIP AS A COOPERATIVE AND FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION TO COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT”  
recommending its adoption without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Canama, Ong (Jose), Ebcas and Ty (Diego)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 135), re H.R. No. 424, entitled:  
“RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MINDANAO ALLIANCE OF SELF-HELP SOCIETIES-SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE CENTER (MASS-SPECC) COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR SPEARHEADING ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND ALLEVIATING POVERTY IN MINDANAO”  
recommending its adoption without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Canama, Ong (Jose), Ebcas and Ty (Diego)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Cooperatives Development (Committee Report No. 136), re H.R. No. 510, entitled:  
“RESOLUTION COMMENDING STA. CRUZ SAVINGS AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE FOR ITS REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN THE COUNTRYSIDE”  
recommending its adoption without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Canama, Ong (Jose), Ebcas and Ty (Diego)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 3:06 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:25 p.m. with Deputy Speaker Ferdinand L. Hernandez presiding.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of guests of Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano and Reps. Florida “Rida” P. Robes and Alfred C. Delos Santos.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

Thereafter, the session was suspended at 3:31 p.m. upon motion of Representative Tan (A.S.).

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:37 p.m.

## ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 565

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered House Resolution No. 565, entitled: “RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) AS THE FRAMEWORK OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO BE CRAFTED AND ENACTED IN THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS”; 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; and unanimously adopted the same.

## BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 113 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5673

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5673 contained in Committee Report No. 113 as reported out by the Committees on Health, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF ALL DOH-RETAINED HOSPITALS.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Palma, 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 Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Pidi Barzaga, one of the authors of the Bill, for his sponsorship remarks.

## SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE BARZAGA

On behalf of the Committee on Health, Representative Barzaga asked that the Explanatory Note be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

In addition, he explained that the Bill seeks to address the current requirement of a legislation to allow the DOH to increase the bed capacity of a hospital and to improve its service capability.

## APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5673

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body adopted the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship remarks on the measure; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, there being no Member who wished to interpellate the Sponsor; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of Committee and individual amendments; and approved House Bill No. 5673 on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 3:43 p.m.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:50 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

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

Abante  
Abaya

Abu  
Abueg-Zaldivar

Abunda	Collantes	Labadlabad	Romulo
Acop	Cua	Lagman	Roque
Acosta	Cuaresma	Lagon	Sacdalan
Advincula	Cueva	Lara	Sagarbarria
Agarao	Cullamat	Lazatin	Salimbangon
Aglipay	Dagooc	Leachon	Salo
Albano	Dalipe	Lim	Sanchez
Almario	Dalog	Limkaichong	Sarmiento
Alonte	Datol	Loyola	Savellano
Alvarez (F.)	Daza	Lusotan	Siao
Alvarez (G.)	De Jesus	Macapagal Arroyo	Singson
Alvarez (P.)	de Venecia	Madrona	Singson-Meehan
Amante-Matba	Del Mar	Mangudadatu	Sinsuat
Amatong	Delos Santos	Mariano-Hernandez	Suansing (E.)
Angara	Deloso-Montalla	Mariño	Suansing (H.)
Aragones	Dimaporo (A.)	Marquez	Suntay
Arenas	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Martinez	Taduran
Atienza	Dujali	Matba	Tallado
Bagatsing	Duterte	Matugas	Tambunting
Balindong	Ebcas	Momo	Tan (A.S.)
Barba	Eriguel	Natividad-Nagaño	Tan (A.)
Baronda	Ermita-Buhain	Nieto	Teves (J.)
Barzaga	Escudero	Noel	Tiangco
Bascug	Espina	Nolasco	Tolentino
Belmonte	Fariñas (R.C.)	Ong (J.)	Torres-Gomez
Bernos	Fernandez	Ong (R.)	Tulfo
Billones	Fernando	Ortega	Tutor
Bolilia	Ferrer (J.M.)	Pacquiao (R.)	Ty (Dy.)
Bondoc	Ferrer (L.)	Padiernos	Umali (A.)
Bordado	Flores	Paduano	Umali (M.V.)
Bravo	Fortuno	Palma	Unabia
Brosas	Gaite	Pancho	Ungab
Bustos	Garbin	Panotes	Uy (J.)
Cabatbat	Garcia (J.E.)	Peña	Valeriano
Cabochan	Garcia (P.J.)	Pimentel	Valmayor
Cagas	Garin (S.)	Pineda	Vargas
Calderon	Gasataya	Plaza	Vargas Alfonso
Calixto	Gato	Puno	Velasco
Caminero	Geron	Quimbo	Veloso
Campos	Go (E.C.)	Radaza	Villafuerte
Canama	Go (M.)	Ramirez-Sato	Villanueva (N.)
Cari	Gonzales (A.)	Ramos	Villar
Castelo	Gonzales (N.)	Remulla	Violago
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzalez	Rivera	Yap (E.)
Castro (F.H.)	Guico	Robes	Yap (V.)
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gullas	Rodriguez	Yu
Cayetano (M.L.)	Guya	Romualdez (F.M.)	Zamora (R.)
Celeste	Haresco	Romualdez (Y.M.)	Zarate
Chatto	Hataman	Romualdo	Zubiri
Chipeco	Hernandez		
Chungalao	Herrera-Dy		
Co (A.N.)	Hofer		
Cojuangco	Jalosjos		

With 208 Members present, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix 2)

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Representative Tan (A.S.) then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Bayani F. Fernando and Jose L. Atienza Jr.

## APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5509

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body next proceeded to the approval on Third Reading of House Bill No. 5509, entitled: "AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997'," printed copies of which were previously distributed to the Members on December 4, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House.

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	Bagatsing
Abaya	Balindong
Abu	Barba
Abueg-Zaldivar	Baronda
Abunda	Barzaga
Acop	Bascug
Acosta	Belmonte
Advincula	Bernos
Agarao	Billones
Aglipay	Bolilia
Alonte	Bondoc
Alvarez (F.)	Bordado
Alvarez (G.)	Bravo
Alvarez (P.)	Brosas
Amante-Matba	Bustos
Amatong	Cabatbat
Angara	Cabochan
Aragones	Cagas
Arenas	Calderon
Atienza	Calixto

Caminero	Gonzalez
Campos	Guico
Canama	Gullas
Cari	Guya
Castelo	Haresco
Castro (F.L.)	Hataman
Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy
Cayetano (A.P.)	Hofer
Cayetano (M.L.)	Jalosjos
Celeste	Labadlabad
Chatto	Lagman
Chungalao	Lagon
Co (A.N.)	Lara
Cojuangco	Lazatin
Cua	Leachon
Cuaresma	Lim
Cueva	Limkaichong
Cullamat	Loyola
Dagooc	Lusotan
Dalipe	Macapagal Arroyo
Dalog	Mangudadatu
Datol	Mariano-Hernandez
Daza	Mariño
De Jesus	Marquez
de Venecia	Martinez
Del Mar	Matba
Delos Santos	Matugas
Deloso-Montalla	Momo
Dimaporo (A.)	Natividad-Nagaño
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Nieto
Dujali	Noel
Ebcas	Nolasco
Eriguel	Ong (J.)
Ermita-Buhain	Ong (R.)
Escudero	Ortega
Espina	Pacquiao (R.)
Fariñas (R.C.)	Padiernos
Fernandez	Paduano
Fernando	Palma
Ferrer (J.M.)	Pancho
Flores	Panotes
Fortuno	Peña
Gaite	Pimentel
Garbin	Pineda
Garcia (J.E.)	Plaza
Garcia (P.J.)	Puno
Garin (S.)	Quimbo
Gasataya	Radaza
Gato	Ramos
Geron	Remulla
Go (E.C.)	Rivera
Go (M.)	Robes
Gonzales (A.)	Rodriguez
Gonzales (N.)	Romualdo



Romulo	Tiangco
Roque	Tolentino
Sacdalán	Torres-Gomez
Sagarbarria	Tutor
Salimbangon	Ty (Dy.)
Salo	Umali (A.)
Sanchez	Umali (M.V.)
Sarmiento	Unabia
Savellano	Ungab
Siao	Uy (J.)
Singson	Valeriano
Singson-Meehan	Valmayor
Sinsuat	Vargas
Suansing (E.)	Vargas Alfonso
Suansing (H.)	Velasco
Suntay	Veloso
Taduran	Villafuerte
Tallado	Villanueva (N.)
Tambunting	Villar
Tan (A.S.)	Violago
Tan (A.)	Zarate
Teves (J.)	Zubiri

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 192 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5509.

#### **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the title of the following Committee Report which was referred to the appropriate committee indicated hereunder:

Report of the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 137), re H.B. No. 5712, entitled:

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF

#### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

recommending its approval without amendment in consolidation with House Bills Numbered 6, 196, 219, 247, 460, 496, 509, 643, 661, 754, 781, 877, 887, 908, 930, 957, 959, 1020, 1054, 1086, 1268, 1272, 1279, 1296, 1314, 1410, 1475, 1499, 1500, 1559, 1740, 1767, 1895, 1919, 1942, 1968, 1992, 2022, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2035, 2137, 2226, 2452, 2470, 2475, 2477, 2509, 2548, 2581, 2703, 2854, 2889, 2922, 2988, 2994, 3015, 3096, 3160, 3252, 3271, 3278, 3346, 3410, 3435, 3436, 3478, 3479, 3535, 3539, 3607, 3655, 3676, 3923, 3955, 3956, 4049, 4134, 4149, 4186, 4325, 4334, 4353, 4451, 4478, 4498, 4500, 4547, 4563, 4589, 4657, 4968, 4987, 5033, 5076, 5096, 5133, 5140, 5239, 5486, 5500, 5573 and 5709

Sponsors: Representatives Ungab, Cayetano (Alan Peter), Duterte and Romualdez (Ferdinand)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 137 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5712**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5712 contained in Committee Report No. 137 as reported out by the Committee on Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Palma, 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 Palma, the Chair subsequently recognized Rep. Isidro T. Ungab, chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations, for his sponsorship remarks on the measure.

## **SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE UNGAB**

Representative Ungab said that House Bill No. 5712 will cover all civilian personnel including public school teachers and nurses. He added that the Committee considered the results of a study conducted by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Governance Commission for Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations (GCG), and a private consulting firm, to determine the competitiveness of salaries in the public sector compared to those in the private sector and to attract and retain competent and dedicated employees in the civil service.

Representative Ungab then cited figures on the proposed salary adjustments especially for teachers which, he said, will be implemented over a four-year period.

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. France L. Castro for her interpellation.

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

Representative Castro initially cited her long-term advocacy for a substantial and decent salary increase for teachers. She and the Sponsor then discussed her contention that the proposed salary increase for teachers was small compared to that of the uniformed and other civil service personnel.

Representative Castro disagreed with Representative Ungab on benchmarking the salary of public school teachers with that of their private counterpart, stressing that the private school teachers' salaries should have been raised as well. She then asked about the details of the DBM study used in determining the salary scale for teachers.

The Sponsor said that the study was commissioned to determine the competitiveness of government pay in relation to the private sector, and the compensation strategy to make the government incentives closer to market rates while giving priority to the rank-and-file positions.

Representative Castro then inquired how much was allotted for the salary increase under the proposed Salary Standardization Law (SSL) 5 and insisted that the percentage of increase for the teachers' salaries

was too low and could not cope with the current cost of living. She proposed a starting salary for government employees and teachers considering their professional qualifications.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair recognized Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaité for his interpellation.

## **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE**

Quoting Section 3, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution on social justice and human rights, Representative Gaité emphasized that it is the role of the State to ensure that workers enjoy a decent living wage, among other considerations. He then asked about the consultancy firm which conducted the study, and expressed his reservation on the use of "market forces" as determinant of wage instead of considering social justice as guided by the Constitution.

Representative Gaité asked about the current living wage that a Filipino worker must earn to meet his basic needs and argued that it could have been a better basis for determining the salary increase. The two Members then discussed the basis for determining the increase with Representative Ungab pointing out that the Salary Grade 1 under the SSL 5 for government workers is higher than the integrated cost of living allowance (COLA) given to private sector workers, and that the regional daily minimum wage rates was also considered.

However, Representative Gaité expressed his doubts that the minimum wage implemented by the Regional Tripartite and Wage Board meets the required living wage in both private or government sector. He also questioned the sufficiency of the proposed salary increments considering the inflation and the increase in the prices of food and other commodities.

Representative Ungab explained that the SSL 5 would prioritize the rank-and-file and that aside from salary increases, the government would also provide additional benefits such as midyear bonus, productivity enhancement incentive and performance-based bonus.

Representative Gaité reiterated that the ₱13,000 salary for Salary Grade 1 under the SSL 5 would still be inadequate to provide for the basic needs of

a family. The Sponsor said that the proposed salary increases would be the best that the government can give considering the latest poverty threshold level and the availability of government funds.

Thereafter, Representative Gaite asked about the huge salary increases enjoyed by the military and other uniformed personnel and emphasized that all civilian government personnel, including teachers and nurses, likewise deserve higher increases commensurate to their jobs. The Members then tackled the “equal pay for work of equal value” principle which guides the SSL 5 in determining just and equitable compensation.

Representative Gaite thereafter expressed concern on the adopted discriminatory provision of the past SSL on the employees of local government units (LGUs) and state colleges and universities that sets varied salary increases depending on the income classification of the city or municipality. He said that this provision is inconsistent with the aforementioned principle.

*At this point Deputy Speaker Hernandez relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Johnny Ty Pimentel.*

He said that this provision should be removed because it would add to the existing problem on the limitation on personnel services for LGUs as provided under the Local Government Code of 1991.

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

To further queries of Representative Gaite, Representative Ungab affirmed that the measure is a priority legislation, and that the SSL 5 is the most feasible and sustainable proposal at present.

#### **REMINDER FROM THE CHAIR**

At this point, the Chair reminded Representative Gaite that his time for interpellation has already elapsed.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE** (Continuation)

In conclusion, Representative Gaite stressed that Congress could do even better than the proposed SSL 5.

Thereafter, on motion of Rep. Camille A. Villar, the Chair recognized Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his interpellation.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The session was suspended at 5:23 p.m. upon motion of Representative Ungab.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:25 p.m.

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

Representatives Zarate and Ungab initially discussed the key objective of the proposed measure, particularly in the Salary Grade 1 level relative to the minimum wage rates in the NCR; and the basis for the salary increase in consideration of the projected inflation rate in the country in the next four years.

Representative Zarate’s discussion with the Sponsor next centered on the projected inflation rate by 2023; the estimated budget for the SSL 5 in the next four years; the intended allocation of the additional ₱3-billion for the first tranche of the SSL 5 budget; and the distinction in the compensation package for military and uniformed personnel (MUP) and non-uniformed personnel, and how the MUP is incomparable with the private sector. He opined that having two categories of personnel in one agency violates the equal protection clause of the Constitution.

Representative Ungab clarified that the MUP work on-call, longer hours, and are assigned to different locations while the non-uniformed personnel work on defined working hours and designated working stations, hence the difference in their compensation package.

Representative Zarate however expressed his fears that the proposed salary scale would not address the inequality from the previous SSLs, especially for the lower ranked personnel who received negligible increments while the high-earning employees enjoyed hefty increases. He stressed that the proposed salary raise is not sufficient for an ordinary employee to support a decent life, and

that it goes against the “equal pay for work of equal value” principle.

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. for his interpellation.

#### **INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Next recognized by the Chair upon Representative Palma’s motion, Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. sought clarification on the step increases with respect to salary grade. After being informed by the Sponsor that there is a three-year interval for each step increase, he opined that an employee will have to wait for 24 years from Step 1 to Step 8 in order to enjoy what consists of a very small total increment.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Minority Leader Abante then manifested that the salary adjustments in the Bill are still low as far as the living condition of the people is concerned; and expressed hope that the Executive Department can improve the proposed salary standardization law.

He likewise requested that he be made a coauthor of the instant Bill.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair suspended the session at 6:08 p.m. upon Representative Palma’s motion.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 6:13 p.m., the session resumed.

#### **TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE**

There being no other interpellations, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate and thereafter proceeded to the period of amendments.

At this point, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair first recognized Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. for a manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BORDADO**

Representative Bordado said that House Bill No. 1977, which he filed for the increase in the salaries of teaching and non-teaching personnel in the government service, was not included in the list of bills consolidated with House Bill No. 5712. Thereupon, he requested that he be made a coauthor of the instant Bill; and Representative Ungab granted the same.

#### **PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no Committee amendments, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body subsequently proceeded with the period of individual amendments.

#### **AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE CUA**

As proposed by Rep. Junie E. Cua and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved amendments on pages 4, 5, 6, and 7 of House Bill No. 5712.

#### **TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS**

There being no other individual amendments, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body closed the period of amendments.

#### **APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5712, AS AMENDED**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 5712, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the session was suspended until three o’clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

It was 6:22 p.m. of Monday, December 16, 2019.



**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:00 p.m. of Tuesday, December 17, 2019, the session resumed with Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero presiding.

**REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA**

Before the Body proceeded with the day's business, Rep. Wilter "Sharky" Wee Palma II greeted Deputy Speaker Escudero on her birthday.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On subsequent motion of Representative Palma, 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 Message from the President, Messages from the Senate, Communication, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

House Bill No. 5781, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF LUCENA, AS THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT OF THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF QUEZON, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

House Bill No. 5782, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING DISTINCTIVE HONORS AND PRIVILEGES TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, CREATING A NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND FOR SPORTS HEROES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5783, entitled:

"THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS"

By Representatives Castro (France), Zarate, Gaite, Cullamat, Brosas and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5784, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7076, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PEOPLE'S SMALL SCALE MINING ACT OF 1991"

By Representative Plaza  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5785, entitled:

"AN ACT ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY, ADEQUACY, ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY OF FOOD TO EVERY FILIPINO"

By Representative Villar  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 5786, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING ALL NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DIALYSIS WARD OR UNIT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING FREE DIALYSIS TREATMENT TO INDIGENT PATIENTS"

By Representative Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5787, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A DENTAL UNIT IN EVERY RURAL HEALTH UNIT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AS PART OF THE PRIMARY APPROACH IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5788, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5789, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS

PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5790, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY QUIBAL, MUNICIPALITY OF PEÑABLANCA, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN TO BE KNOWN AS QUIBAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5791, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTRUCTION OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5792, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY BANKS AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romulo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5794, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE CITY OF ILOILO, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE METRO ILOILO SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Baronda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5795, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FOR DETERMINING STATUTORY RAPE AND OTHER ACTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION TO PROVIDE STRONGER

PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN AND AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AGAINST ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND DISCRIMINATORY ACT”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 5796, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE AZ COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8165 ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE AZ COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INC., A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH COASTAL STATIONS AND PUBLIC FIXED AND PUBLIC BASED AND LAND-MOBILE STATIONS FOR THE RECEPTION AND TRANSMISSION OF RADIOTELEPHONE AND RADIOTELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES' FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Rodriguez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5797, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION PRESENTLY KNOWN AS BAYAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC., FURTHER AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3259, ENTITLED 'AN ACT GRANTING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH RADIO STATIONS, FOR DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS, RADIOPHONE, BROADCASTING AND TELECASTING' AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7633, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 596, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROGER CASUGAY FOR WINNING THE PHILIPPINES’ FIRST-EVER GOLD MEDAL IN SURFING AT THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES AND COMMENDING HIS HEROIC ACT IN RESCUING INDONESIAN SURFER ARIP NURHIDAYAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR ONE-ON-ONE RACE DURING THE SEMI FINALS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 597, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) TO REVIVE THE ORGANIZED BUS ROUTE (OBR) SYSTEM IN METRO MANILA TO AT LEAST ITS OPERATIONAL STATUS OF 2009”

By Representative Fernando

TO THE COMMITTEE ON METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 598, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND VISAYAS DEVELOPMENT, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REPORTED BOMBING AND MILITARIZATION OF LAS NAVAS, NORTHERN SAMAR AND OTHER AREAS AND PROVINCES IN EASTERN VISAYAS AGGRAVATING THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES OF THE PEOPLE”

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

House Resolution No. 599, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DECLARING JANUARY 16 AS NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY”

By Representative Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Resolution No. 600, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WARM AND PROFOUND CONGRATULATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TO SPEAKER ALAN PETER CAYETANO, REP. BAMBOL TOLENTINO, AND THE REST OF THE ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES FOR A SUCCESSFUL HOSTING BY OUR COUNTRY OF THIS SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL EVENT AND THE EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE OF ALL THE PHILIPPINE ATHLETES”

By Representative Go (Mark)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 601, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE FILIPINO SURFER ROGER CASUGAY FOR EXHIBITING HEROISM DURING THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES AND FOR WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL IN THE MEN’S LONGBOARD COMPETITION IN SAN JUAN, LA UNION”

By Representative Fariñas (Ria)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Joint Resolution No. 26, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO REVIEW AND ASSESS PHILIPPINE EDUCATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara

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

House Joint Resolution No. 27, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO REVIEW AND ASSESS PHILIPPINE EDUCATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Benitez, Quimbo and Nograles (Juan)

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

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**SPEAKER ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO**

Speaker of the House  
House of Representatives  
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26 (2) of the 1987 Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of **Senate Bill No. 1219**, entitled:

**“AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,”**

to address the need to further invigorate public service with efficiency and productivity by providing all government civilian personnel a just and equitable compensation responsive to their economic needs.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,



Copy furnished:

**Sen. Vicente C. Sotto III**  
Senate President  
The Philippine Senate  
Pasay City

**Sec. Adelino B. Sitoy**  
Head  
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office  
2/F New Executive Bldg.  
Malacañang, Manila



TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES



## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 11, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT TO HIS EXCELLENCY, RAUL S. HERNANDEZ, FORMER AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM 28 MAY 2014 TO 30 APRIL 2019, TO RECEIVE THE AWARD OF THE 'ORDER OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE MERIT, FIRST CLASS' FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Message dated December 11, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on even date the Senate approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes on House Bill No. 4228, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## COMMUNICATION

Letters dated 2 and 6 December 2019 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-2019-028 dated 26 November 2019; and
  2. Circular No. 1063 dated 03 December 2019.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 138), re H.B. No. 5811, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE LOCATION OF THE SORSOGON SECOND

DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE FROM BULAN, SORSOGON TO GUBAT, SORSOGON AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9689, ENTITLED, 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SORSOGON SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR'”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3589

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and Ramos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 139), re H.B. No. 624, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE KALIBO-BANGA-BALETE-BATAN-ALVATAS NATIONAL ROAD WHICH IS PART OF THE KALIBO HIGHWAY, STRETCHING FROM THE NUMANCIA-KALIBO BOUNDARY AT BARANGAY LAGUINBANUA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NUMANCIA, TRAVERSING BARANGAYS POBLACION, ANDAGAO, ESTANCIA, TIGAYON AND LINABUAN NORTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, BARANGAYS LINABUAN SUR, JUMARAP, MAMBOG, POBLACION, TABAYON, LIBAS, AND VENTURANZA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGA, BARANGAYS FULGENCIO, FELICIANO, CALIZO, MORALES, POBLACION, CORTES, AND ARANAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALETE, BARANGAYS LALAB AND CABUGAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATAN, BARANGAYS CABUGAO, LINAYASAN, ODIONG, POBLACION, MAN-UP, CABANGILA, UP TO THE CAPIZ-AKLAN BOUNDARY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALTAVAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AS 'CONGRESSMAN ALLEN SALAS QUIMPO NATIONAL HIGHWAY'”

recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and Marquez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Committee Report No. 140), re H.B. No. 5829, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING VALUES EDUCATION IN THE CURRICULUM BY

INCORPORATING 'GOOD MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT' AS A SUBJECT IN KINDERGARTEN UP TO THE GRADE 3 LEVEL” recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1, 609, 721, 3970, 4259, 4613, 4716, 4919 and 5228 Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Cayetano (Alan Peter) TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES	<u>Committee on Local Government</u> (as vice chairperson)  Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.  <u>Committee on Metro Manila Development</u> (as vice chairperson)  Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.  <u>Committee on National Defense and Security</u> (as vice chairperson)  Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.  <u>Committee on Public Works and Highways</u> (as vice chairperson)  Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.  <u>Special Committee on Senior Citizens</u> (as chairperson)  Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.  (as vice chairpersons)  Rep. Ma. Lourdes T. Arroyo Rep. Antonino G. Calixto Rep. Pidi Barzaga  (as members)  Rep. Junie E. Cua Rep. Nestor B. Fongwan Rep. Alfred Vargas Rep. Eric M. Martinez Rep. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles Rep. Abdullah D. Dimaporo Rep. Carlito S. Marquez Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes Rep. Lorna C. Silverio
Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 141), re H.B. No. 5831, entitled: “AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMBA – PURA PROVINCIAL ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL TO BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND TO BARANGAY BUENAVISTA, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PURA, PROVINCE OF TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR” recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 291 Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and Suansing (Estrellita) TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES	
<b>ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES</b>	
On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Majority to the committees specified hereunder:	
<u>Committee on Foreign Affairs</u>  (as vice chairpersons)  Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr. Rep. Ronnie L. Ong  <u>Committee on Games and Amusements</u>  (as members)  Rep. Rommel Rico T. Angara Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.	

Rep. Fernando T. Cabredo  
Rep. Braeden John Q. Biron  
Rep. Eduardo “Eddie” R. Gullas  
Rep. Ron P. Salo  
Rep. Macnell M. Lusotan  
Rep. Domingo C. Rivera

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 3:10 p.m.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:27 p.m., the session resumed.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Upon resumption of session, Rep. David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Francisco G. Datol Jr. and France L. Castro.

## TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5509

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body directed the Secretary General to immediately transmit to the Senate a copy of House Bill No. 5509 which the Body approved on Third Reading the previous session day, December 16, 2019.

## APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

Whereupon, on successive motions of Representative Palma, 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 December 12, 2019, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the Provisional Rules of the House:

1. House Bill No. 5666, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE

CITY OF TACLOBAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;

2. House Bill No. 5614, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
3. House Bill No. 5615, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
4. House Bill No. 5616, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;

5. House Bill No. 5617, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
6. House Bill No. 5618, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
7. House Bill No. 5657, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
8. House Bill No. 5658, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(I) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
9. House Bill No. 5659, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING TEN (10) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
10. House Bill No. 5660, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(D) AND 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
11. House Bill No. 5661, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;
12. House Bill No. 5662, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE



CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;

13. House Bill No. 5663, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF DAPITAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;

14. House Bill No. 5664, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CATANAUAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;

15. House Bill No. 5665, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(L) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;

16. House Bill No. 5668, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;

17. House Bill No. 5667, entitled: “AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”;

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	Arroyo
Abu	Atienza
Abueg-Zaldivar	Aumentado
Acop	Babasa
Acosta	Bagatsing
Agabas	Balindong
Aglipay	Barba
Alvarez (F.)	Bascug
Amante-Matba	Belmonte
Amatong	Benitez
Andaya	Bernos
Arbison	Billones
Arenas	Bolilia

Bondoc	Guico	Salimbangon	Tolentino
Bordado	Guya	Salo	Torres-Gomez
Bravo	Haresco	Sanchez	Tutor
Brosas	Hofer	Sangcopan	Ty (Dy.)
Cabatbat	Jimenez	Santos-Recto	Umali (A.)
Cabochan	Kho (E.)	Sarmiento	Umali (M.V.)
Cabredo	Kho (W.)	Saulog	Ungab
Calderon	Labadlabad	Savellano	Valeriano
Calixto	Lacson-Noel	Singson	Valmayor
Caminero	Lagman	Singson-Meehan	Vargas
Cari	Lara	Sinsuat	Vargas Alfonso
Castelo	Lim	Suansing (E.)	Velasco
Castro (F.L.)	Lopez	Suarez (A.)	Veloso
Castro (F.H.)	Macapagal Arroyo	Suarez (D.)	Villa
Cayetano (A.P.)	Maceda	Taduran	Villanueva (N.)
Cayetano (M.L.)	Madrona	Tambunting	Villaraza-Suarez
Celeste	Malapitan	Tan (A.)	Violago
Chatto	Mangaoang	Tejada	Zubiri
Co (A.N.)	Marcoleta	Tiangco	
Cua	Mariño		
Cuaresma	Marquez	<i>Negative:</i>	
Cueva	Matba		
Cullamat	Matugas	None	
Dagooc	Momo		
Dalipe	Natividad-Nagaño	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Dalog	Nieto		
Datol	Nolasco	None	
De Jesus	Ong (J.)		
de Venecia	Ortega		
Defensor (L.)	Ouano-Dizon	With 171 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.	
Del Mar	Pacquiao (A.)		
Delos Santos	Pacquiao (R.)		
Deloso-Montalla	Paduano		
Dimaporo (A.)	Palma	<b>APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS</b>	
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Pancho	(Continuation)	
Ebcas	Peña		
Ecleo	Pimentel		
Enverga	Pineda	18. House Bill No. 5579, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAGDIWANG IN SIBUYAN ISLAND, AND ODIONGAN IN TABLAS ISLAND, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;	
Eriguel	Puno		
Fernando	Quimbo		
Ferrer (J.M.)	Radaza		
Flores	Ramirez-Sato		
Fortun	Ramos		
Fortuno	Remulla		
Frasco	Reyes		
Gaite	Rivera		
Garbin	Robes		
Garcia (J.E.)	Rodriguez		
Garcia (P.J.)	Romero	19. House Bill No. 5580, entitled: “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN BARANGAY CAMAMAN-	
Gato	Romualdo		
Go (M.)	Romulo		
Gonzaga	Sacdalán		
Gonzales (A.)	Sagarbarria		
Gonzalez	Salceda		

AN, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

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

## RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

### *Affirmative:*

Abante	Caminero	Fortuno	Ramirez-Sato
Abu	Cari	Frasco	Ramos
Abueg-Zaldivar	Castelo	Gaite	Remulla
Acop	Castro (F.L.)	Garbin	Reyes
Acosta	Castro (F.H.)	Garcia (J.E.)	Rivera
Agabas	Cayetano (A.P.)	Garcia (P.J.)	Robes
Aglipay	Cayetano (M.L.)	Gato	Rodriguez
Alvarez (F.)	Celeste	Go (M.)	Roman
Amante-Matba	Chatto	Gonzaga	Romero
Amatong	Co (A.N.)	Gonzales (A.)	Romualdo
Andaya	Cua	Gonzalez	Romulo
Arbison	Cuaresma	Guico	Sacdalan
Arenas	Cueva	Guya	Sagarbarria
Arroyo	Cullamat	Haresco	Salceda
Atienza	Dagooc	Hofer	Salimbangon
Aumentado	Dalipe	Jimenez	Salo
Babasa	Dalog	Kho (E.)	Sanchez
Bagatsing	Datol	Kho (W.)	Sangcopan
Balindong	De Jesus	Labadlabad	Santos-Recto
Barba	de Venecia	Lacson-Noel	Sarmiento
Bascug	Defensor (L.)	Lagman	Saulog
Belmonte	Defensor (M.)	Lara	Savellano
Benitez	Del Mar	Lim	Singson
Bernos	Delos Santos	Lopez	Singson-Meehan
Billones	Deloso-Montalla	Macapagal Arroyo	Sinsuat
Bolilia	Dimaporo (A.)	Maceda	Suansing (E.)
Bondoc	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Madrona	Suarez (A.)
Bordado	Ebcas	Malapitan	Suarez (D.)
Bravo	Ecleo	Mangaoang	Taduran
Brosas	Enverga	Marcoleta	Tambunting
Cabatbat	Eriguel	Mariño	Tan (A.)
Cabochan	Fernando	Marquez	Tejada
Cabredo	Ferrer (J.M.)	Matba	Tiangco
Calderon	Flores	Matugas	Tolentino
Calixto	Fortun	Momo	Torres-Gomez
		Natividad-Nagaño	Tutor
		Nieto	Ty (Dy.)
		Noel	Umali (A.)
		Nolasco	Umali (M.V.)
		Ong (J.)	Ungab
		Ortega	Valeriano
		Ouano-Dizon	Valmayor
		Pacquiao (A.)	Vargas
		Pacquiao (R.)	Vargas Alfonso
		Paduano	Velasco
		Palma	Veloso
		Pancho	Villa
		Peña	Villanueva (N.)
		Pimentel	Villar
		Pineda	Villaraza-Suarez
		Plaza	Violago
		Puno	Zarate
		Quimbo	Zubiri
		Radaza	

*Negative:*

None

*Abstention:*

None

With 177 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bills No. 5579 and 5580.

### APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

(Continuation)

20. House Bill No. 2582, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE LYING-IN CLINIC IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM TEN (10) BEDS TO TWENTY (20) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

21. House Bill No. 1799, entitled: “AN ACT RENAMING THE TALISAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN TALISAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, INTO CEBU SOUTH MEDICAL CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7799, ENTITLED 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU, TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”;

22. House Bill No. 831, entitled: “AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY OF THE BICOL MEDICAL CENTER IN NAGA CITY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FROM FIVE HUNDRED (500) BEDS TO ONE THOUSAND (1000) BEDS, UPGRADING ITS SERVICE FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH

CARE SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL WORKFORCE COMPLEMENT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8053, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

23. House Bill No. 2444, entitled: “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”;

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

### RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abante	Bolilia
Abu	Bondoc
Abueg-Zaldivar	Bordado
Acop	Bravo
Acosta	Brosas
Agabas	Bustos
Aglipay	Cabatbat
Alvarez (F.)	Cabochan
Amante-Matba	Cabredo
Amatong	Calderon
Andaya	Calixto
Arbison	Caminero
Arenas	Cari
Arroyo	Castelo
Atienza	Castro (F.L.)
Aumentado	Castro (F.H.)
Babasa	Cayetano (A.P.)
Bagatsing	Cayetano (M.L.)
Balindong	Celeste
Baños-Nogralles	Chatto
Barba	Co (A.N.)
Bascug	Cua
Belmonte	Cuaresma
Benitez	Cueva
Bernos	Cullamat
Billones	Dagooc



Dalipe	Matba	Tejada	Vargas Alfonso
Dalog	Matugas	Tiangco	Velasco
Datol	Momo	Tolentino	Veloso
De Jesus	Natividad-Nagaño	Torres-Gomez	Villa
de Venecia	Nieto	Tutor	Villanueva (N.)
Defensor (L.)	Noel	Ty (Dy.)	Villar
Defensor (M.)	Nolasco	Umali (A.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Del Mar	Ong (J.)	Umali (M.V.)	Violago
Delos Santos	Ortega	Ungab	Zarate
Deloso-Montalla	Ouano-Dizon	Valeriano	Zubiri
Dimaporo (A.)	Pacquiao (A.)	Valmayor	
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Pacquiao (R.)	Vargas	
Ebcas	Paduano		
Ecleo	Palma	<i>Negative:</i>	
Enverga	Pancho	None	
Eriguel	Peña		
Fernando	Pimentel	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Ferrer (J.M.)	Pineda		
Flores	Plaza	None	
Fortun	Puno		
Fortuno	Quimbo		
Frasco	Radaza	With 182 affirmative votes, zero negative votes	
Gaite	Ramirez-Sato	and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.	
Garbin	Ramos		
Garcia (J.E.)	Remulla	<b>APPROVAL ON THIRD READING</b>	
Garcia (P.J.)	Reyes	<b>OF HOUSE BILLS</b>	
Gato	Rivera	(Continuation)	
Go (M.)	Robes		
Gonzaga	Rodriguez		
Gonzales (A.)	Roman	24. House Bill No. 5643, entitled: “AN ACT	
Gonzalez	Romero	DECLARING THE CAGAYAN	
Guico	Romualdo	ORO RIVER AND ITS IMMEDIATE	
Guya	Romulo	ENVIRONS LOCATED IN CAGAYAN	
Haresco	Roque	DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS	
Hofer	Sacdalan	ORIENTAL A CULTURAL HERITAGE	
Jimenez	Sagarbarria	ZONE”;	
Kho (E.)	Salceda		
Kho (W.)	Salimbangon	25. House Bill No. 5644, entitled: “AN ACT	
Khonghun	Salo	DECLARING THE CITY OF CARCAR	
Labadlabad	Sanchez	THE PROVINCE OF CEBU A CULTURAL	
Lacson	Sangcopan	HERITAGE ZONE”;	
Lacson-Noel	Santos-Recto		
Lagman	Sarmiento	The Chair then directed the Secretary General	
Lara	Saulog	call the Roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant	
Lim	Savellano	to the Provisional Rules of the House, a second Roll	
Lopez	Singson	Call was made.	
Macapagal Arroyo	Singson-Meehan	<b>RESULT OF THE VOTING</b>	
Maceda	Sinsuat		
Madrona	Suansing (E.)	The result of the voting was as follows:	
Malapitan	Suarez (A.)		
Mangaoang	Suarez (D.)	<i>Affirmative:</i>	
Marcoleta	Taduran		
Mariño	Tambunting	Abante	Abu
Marquez	Tan (A.)	Abaya	Abueg-Zaldivar

Acop	de Venecia	Momo	Sanchez
Acosta	Defensor (L.)	Natividad-Nagaño	Sangcopan
Agabas	Defensor (M.)	Nava	Santos-Recto
Aglipay	Del Mar	Nieto	Sarmiento
Alvarez (F.)	Delos Santos	Noel	Saulog
Amante-Matba	Deloso-Montalla	Nolasco	Savellano
Amatong	Dimaporo (A.)	Ong (J.)	Singson
Andaya	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Ong (R.)	Singson-Meehan
Arbison	Ebcas	Ortega	Sinsuat
Arenas	Ecleo	Ouano-Dizon	Suansing (E.)
Arroyo	Enverga	Pacquiao (A.)	Suarez (A.)
Atienza	Eriguel	Pacquiao (R.)	Suarez (D.)
Aumentado	Fernando	Paduano	Taduran
Babasa	Ferrer (J.M.)	Palma	Tambunting
Bagatsing	Flores	Pancho	Tan (A.)
Balindong	Fortun	Peña	Tejada
Bañas-Nogralles	Fortuno	Pimentel	Tiangco
Barba	Frasco	Pineda	Tolentino
Barzaga	Gaite	Plaza	Torres-Gomez
Bascug	Garbin	Puno	Tutor
Belmonte	Garcia (J.E.)	Quimbo	Ty (Dy.)
Benitez	Garcia (P.J.)	Radaza	Umali (A.)
Bernos	Garcia (V.)	Ramirez-Sato	Umali (M.V.)
Billones	Gato	Ramos	Ungab
Bolilia	Go (M.)	Remulla	Uy (J.)
Bondoc	Gonzaga	Reyes	Valeriano
Bordado	Gonzales (A.)	Rivera	Valmayor
Bravo	Gonzalez	Robes	Vargas
Brosas	Guico	Rodriguez	Vargas Alfonso
Bustos	Guya	Roman	Velasco
Cabatbat	Haresco	Romero	Veloso
Cabochan	Hofer	Romualdo	Villa
Cabredo	Jimenez	Romulo	Villanueva (N.)
Calderon	Kho (E.)	Roque	Villar
Calixto	Kho (W.)	Sacdalan	Villaraza-Suarez
Caminero	Khonghun	Sagarbarria	Violago
Cari	Labadlabad	Salceda	Zarate
Castelo	Lacson	Salimbangon	Zubiri
Castro (F.L.)	Lacson-Noel	Salo	
Castro (F.H.)	Lagman		
Cayetano (A.P.)	Lara	<i>Negative:</i>	
Cayetano (M.L.)	Lim		
Celeste	Limkaichong		
Chatto	Lopez	None	
Co (A.N.)	Macapagal Arroyo		
Cua	Maceda	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Cuaresma	Madrona		
Cueva	Malapitan		
Cullamat	Mangaoang	None	
Dagooc	Marcoleta		
Dalipe	Mariño		
Dalog	Marquez		
Datol	Matba		
De Jesus	Matugas		

With 189 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bills No. 5643 and 5644.

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

26. House Bill No. 5682, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 21 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN TAGAYTAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDATION DAY TO BE KNOWN AS 'CHARTER DAY OF TAGAYTAY CITY' OR 'ARAW NG LUNGSOD NG TAGAYTAY', AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10775”;
27. House Bill No. 5692, entitled: “AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'MT. PINATUBO MEMORIAL DAY' ”;
28. House Bill No. 5697, entitled: “AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BICOL UNIVERSITY (BU) – EAST CAMPUS PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL FACILITIES INSIDE THE BU – EAST CAMPUS”; and
29. House Bill No. 5698, entitled: “AN ACT RENAMING THE MARIANO MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY (MMSU) IN THE CITY OF BATAC, ILOCOS NORTE AS THE FERDINAND E. MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY (FEMSU), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1279, ENTITLED 'MERGING THE MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND NORTHERN LUZON STATE COLLEGE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARIANO MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY, TRANSFERRING THE COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES OF ILOCOS NORTE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND ILOCOS NORTE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TRADES

INTO SAID UNIVERSITY, PROVIDING A CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’.”

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Escudero relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Johnny Ty Pimentel.*

**RESULT OF THE VOTING**

The result of the voting was as follows:

*Affirmative:*

Abante	Cari
Abaya	Castelo
Abu	Castro (F.L.)
Abueg-Zaldivar	Castro (F.H.)
Acop	Cayetano (A.P.)
Acosta	Cayetano (M.L.)
Agabas	Celeste
Aglipay	Chatto
Alvarez (F.)	Co (A.N.)
Amante-Matba	Cua
Amatong	Cuaresma
Andaya	Cueva
Arbison	Cullamat
Arenas	Dagooc
Arroyo	Dalipe
Atienza	Dalog
Aumentado	Datol
Babasa	De Jesus
Bagatsing	de Venecia
Balindong	Defensor (L.)
Bañas-Nograles	Defensor (M.)
Barba	Del Mar
Barzaga	Delos Santos
Bascug	Deloso-Montalla
Belmonte	Dimaporo (A.)
Benitez	Dimaporo (M.K.)
Bernos	Ebcas
Billones	Ecleo
Bolilia	Enverga
Bondoc	Eriguel
Bordado	Ermita-Buhain
Bravo	Fernando
Brosas	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bustos	Flores
Cabatbat	Fortun
Cabochan	Fortuno
Cabredo	Frasco
Calderon	Gaite
Calixto	Garbin
Caminero	Garcia (J.E.)

Garcia (P.J.)	Pineda	Veloso	Villaraza-Suarez
Garcia (V.)	Plaza	Villa	Violago
Garin (S.)	Puno	Villanueva (N.)	Zarate
Gatchalian	Quimbo	Villar	Zubiri
Gato	Radaza		
Go (M.)	Ramirez-Sato	<i>Negative:</i>	
Gonzaga	Ramos	None	
Gonzales (A.)	Remulla	<i>Abstention:</i>	
Gonzalez	Reyes	None	
Guico	Rivera		
Guya	Robes		
Haresco	Rodriguez		
Hofer	Roman		
Jimenez	Romero		
Kho (E.)	Romualdo		
Kho (W.)	Romulo		
Khonghun	Roque		
Labadlabad	Sacdalán		
Lacson	Sagarbarria		
Lacson-Noel	Salceda		
Lagman	Salimbangon		
Lara	Salo		
Lim	Sanchez		
Limkaichong	Sangcopan		
Lopez	Santos-Recto		
Macapagal Arroyo	Sarmiento		
Maceda	Saulog		
Madrona	Savellano		
Malapitan	Siao		
Mangaoang	Singson		
Marcoleta	Singson-Meehan		
Mariño	Sinsuat		
Marquez	Suansing (E.)		
Martinez	Suarez (A.)		
Matba	Suarez (D.)		
Matugas	Taduran		
Momo	Tambunting		
Natividad-Nagaño	Tan (A.)		
Nava	Tejada		
Nieto	Tiangco		
Noel	Tolentino		
Nolasco	Torres-Gomez		
Ong (J.)	Tutor		
Ong (R.)	Ty (Dy.)		
Ortega	Umali (A.)		
Ouano-Dizon	Umali (M.V.)		
Pacquiao (A.)	Ungab		
Pacquiao (R.)	Uy (J.)		
Paduano	Valeriano		
Palma	Valmayor		
Pancho	Vargas		
Peña	Vargas Alfonso		
Pimentel	Velasco		

With 194 affirmative votes, zero negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading the aforementioned House Bills.

#### TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE OF HOUSE BILLS

On subsequent motion of Representative Palma, 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.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Rep. Camille A. Villar, at this point, acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian.

#### DESIGNATION OF HOUSE CONFEREES ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1026 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1074

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body designated the following Members as House conferees to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 1026 and Senate Bill No. 1074, which sought to amend the excise tax rates on alcohol products:

##### For the Majority:

(as chairperson)

Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Sharon S. Garin

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing

Rep. Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, CPA

Rep. Eric Go Yap



(as members)

Deputy Speaker Luis Raymund “LRay” F. Villafuerte Jr.

Rep. Michael John R. Duavit

Deputy Speaker Deogracias Victor “DV” B. Savellano

Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu

For the Minority:

(as member)

Rep. Alex “AA” L. Advincula

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair declared a recess at 4:27 p.m. upon Representative Palma’s motion.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 4:36 p.m. with Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano presiding.

### **OATH-TAKING OF REPRESENTATIVE MERCADO**

Upon resumption of session, Representative Palma said that the House received a Certification from the Special Provincial Board of Canvassers for Southern Leyte dated December 17, 2019, proclaiming Hon. Roger G. Mercado as the winning candidate for the position of Member of the House of Representatives in the Lone Legislative District of Southern Leyte.

Upon Representative Palma’s motion, there being no objection, Representative Mercado ascended the rostrum with his family members and took his oath of office as Representative of the Lone Legislative District of Southern Leyte before Speaker Cayetano.

### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 4:40 p.m.

### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:46 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Pimentel presiding.

### **PRIVILEGE HOUR**

With leave of the House, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair declared a Privilege Hour and thereafter recognized Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. to deliver his privilege speech.

### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Minority Leader Abante expressed his pride to the Filipino contingent who garnered an unprecedented tally of medals that made the Philippines the overall champion in the 2019 Southeast Asian (SEA) Games. He then led the Chamber in giving the Filipino athletes a round of applause. Further, Minority Leader Abante hailed the new batch of Filipino athletes who participated in the recently added sports category called Esports or electronic sports, and noted the country’s big potential to excel in this platform.

Despite criticisms and negative thoughts from certain quarters, he expressed his appreciation of the grandiose opening ceremony of the SEA Games, and expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the event organizers headed by Speaker Cayetano (A.P.) who chaired the Philippine SEA Games Organizing Committee (Phisgoc), and the rest of the staff and volunteers for making the event a big success.

With the new world-class Clark Sports Village as the main hub of the 2019 SEA Games, Minority Leader Abante believed that the country had shown to the world the country’s readiness for international endeavors. He then enumerated the accomplishments of several athletes in various events.

After congratulating the Filipino athletes for bringing honor to the country, Minority Leader Abante spoke about the heroic act of the Filipino surfer, Mr. Roger Casugay, who rescued his Indonesian rival during the longboard competition last December 6, 2019. He reminded the Members of the valuable lessons the athletes had given them, and thanked the athletes who were instrumental in uniting the Filipinos to rally for the country in every sports event.

Subsequently, he urged the critics and naysayers to help the Members in seeking the truth on the issues and alleged corruption related to the country’s hosting of the 2019 SEA Games. Having attended the latter’s closing ceremony, Minority Leader Abante pointed out the need to continue government support for the athletes by providing the necessary funds so the country can produce world-class athletes.

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

On motion of Representative Suarez (D.), there being no objection, the Body referred Minority Leader Abante’s privilege speech to the appropriate committee.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DATOL**

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Suarez (D.), Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr. expressed his appreciation and gratitude to Speaker Cayetano (A.P.), Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Members from the Party-List Coalition, and all Deputy Speakers for helping him in his quest for truth before the Commission on Elections (Comelec). He spoke about the delay in his proclamation due to the people who he said were conceited and ambitious pseudo-politicians and deprived the senior citizens the much needed legislative reforms and basic service due them.

He then discussed Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11350 which aims to ensure the protection of the rights and welfare of senior citizens in the Philippines through the creation of the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC). Representative Datol pointed out the delay in promulgating the said law's implementing rules and regulations (IRR) and appealed to Congress to assist the senior citizens in pushing relevant national agencies, Leagues of Cities and Municipalities, and other stakeholders for the issuance of the IRR.

Representative Datol also enjoined the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress to propose amendments to RA No. 11350 so that the NCSC will have the authority to appoint the heads of Offices of Senior Citizens (OSC). He then acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of representatives of the League of OSC Heads of the Philippines.

## **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DATOL**

On motion of Representative Suarez (D.), there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Datol's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO**

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Suarez (D.), Rep. Ron P. Salo initially expressed his deepest sense of pride and elation over the outcome of the recent SEA Games.

Representative Salo pointed out that despite the slew of criticisms hurled against the organizers for alleged managerial and administrative flaws, the country was able to impress the global audience and had set a new benchmark as host country for international events. He stated that the Philippines

had surpassed its performance during the 2005 SEA Games as it emerged as the overall champion with a total tally of 387 medals. He related how the Filipino athletes showed the true spirit of competition, sportsmanship, and fairness.

He said that those who attempted to unnecessarily magnify the organizers' shortcomings had no concern in improving sports in the country contrary to what they intended to portray. Representative Salo then thanked all the people involved in the hosting of the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games, including the media, volunteers, government and sports officials, the Phisgoc headed by Speaker Cayetano and Rep. Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, and the Filipino athletes.

## **REFERRAL OF REPRESENTATIVE SALO'S PRIVILEGE SPEECH**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, the Body referred Representative Salo's privilege speech to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

On another motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Eric M. Martinez for his privilege speech.

## **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MARTINEZ**

At the outset, Representative Martinez read all the names of the Filipino athletes who bagged gold, silver, and bronze medals in the recently concluded 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games and subsequently commended their coaches and trainers as well as the volunteers and organizers of the event.

Representative Martinez stressed that the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games was the best event ever hosted by the Philippines – winning the most number of gold medals; hosting the most number of events; and participated by the most number of athletes. He encouraged everyone to carry on the momentum in Philippine sports towards succeeding sports events such as the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the 2021 SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam.

In conclusion, Representative Martinez explained that his speech was mainly an enumeration of the names of the Filipino athletes who were victorious in the 2019 SEA Games because he wished them to be recorded in history for giving honor to God and the country.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Raul V. Del Mar for his manifestation.

#### **MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEL MAR**

In connection with the speech of Representative Martinez, Representative Del Mar informed the Body that a local newspaper in Cebu featured an article honoring the Cebuano athletes who took part in the just concluded 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games.

Thereafter, Representative Del Mar manifested his intent to include the names of the bemedalled Cebuano athletes who won awards in the SEA Games, into the records of the House as part of his manifestation. He mentioned that he will just submit the relevant excerpt of his manifestation to the plenary stenographer.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MARTINEZ**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body referred Representative Martinez' privilege speech and Representative Del Mar's related manifestation to the Committee on Rules.

#### **EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body extended the Privilege Hour for 20 minutes; and thereafter, the Chair recognized Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo for his privilege speech.

#### **PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (M.K.)**

Representative Dimaporo delved into the decision of President Duterte not to extend anymore the declaration of martial law in Mindanao. This, as he expressed apprehension that Mindanao would return to a state of terror where terrorist and affiliated armed groups would continue with their numerous inhuman attacks such as bombings, kidnappings, and assassinations. He also relayed a set of policy issues to reflect on in relation to the lifting of martial law in the region, especially with respect to the country's territorial dispute over Sabah, the difficulty of executing police operations in MILF base camps, the evolution of Muslim rebel groups, and the weak police presence in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

He pointed out that the recommendation of the military to lift martial law in Mindanao disheartened him for several reasons which included the following, among others: (1) no transition plan was made; (2) he does not fully agree with the proposal to amend the Human Security Act because this is not entirely applicable in his area; and (3) post-martial law should prevent the resurgence of terrorism, and that the security needs in the areas must be addressed. He said that the Department of National Defense (DND), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) should be summoned to Congress to explain the deployment of police and military personnel in Mindanao.

Representative Dimaporo opined that the declaration of martial law was never an option to solve Mindanao's peace and order problems but was just a short-term solution to the security gaps in certain areas in the region. In closing, he hoped for a peaceful Mindanao which the Duterte Administration should leave as a legacy, and that the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress will be proactive in ensuring that the declaration of martial law will bear fruit and transform conflict ridden areas of Mindanao into productive and peaceful communities. He asked his colleagues to be diligent as legislators and concluded that martial law has made a difference in Mindanao.

#### **REFERRAL OF PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE DIMAPORO (M.K.)**

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

#### **TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGE HOUR**

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the Privilege Hour.

#### **DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE SY-ALVARADO AS ADDITIONAL HOUSE CONFEREE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1026 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1074**

On further motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body designated Rep. "Kuya" Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado as additional member of the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 1026

and Senate Bill No. 1074, seeking to amend the excise tax rates on alcohol products.

#### **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the Additional Reference of Business.

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report of the Committee on Government Reorganization, the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 142), re H.B. No. 5832, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 02, 335, 526, 1439, 1449, 2067, 2207, 2216, 2317, 2319, 2368, 2409, 2412, 2425, 2547, 2850, 2982, 3168, 3246, 3274, 3313, 3440, 3514, 3637, 3663, 3888, 3940, 4065, 4165, 4173, 4189, 4576, 4663, 4687, 4814, 4884, 5146, 5171 and 5256

Sponsors: Representatives Mariño, Mendoza and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 143), re H.B. No. 5840, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN SAN JOSE CITY, SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 681

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Violago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Natural Resources (Committee Report No. 144), re H.B. No. 3119, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO A MINING-FREE ZONE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Barzaga and Tejada

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### **BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 142**

#### **ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5832**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5832 contained in Committee Report No. 142 as reported out 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.”

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

Representative Palma stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, chairperson of the Committee on Government Reorganization, to sponsor the measure.



## **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MARIÑO**

Representative Mariño initially said that the Committee on Government Reorganization, jointly with the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations, considered and consolidated 39 bills to come up with the substitute measure which seeks to create a Department of Filipinos Overseas and Foreign Employment (DFO). He then pointed out that the Bill is the Duterte administration's response to the clamor of all regular and irregular overseas workers and migrant workers as they are tired of seeking help from different agencies. He added that it also provides for the basis and organizational structure, funding, and program mechanisms of the proposed department.

He cited the abuse, maltreatment, and suffering of overseas and migrant workers and their contributions to the Philippine economy; and emphasized the government's obligation to thus do all it can to help and protect them.

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair next recognized Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, chairperson of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs, for his sponsorship speech.

## **SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE MENDOZA**

After citing figures of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on the dollar remittances of overseas and migrant workers, Representative Mendoza said that the Bill is a small reward to the gargantuan contributions of these heroes to the national economy. He explained that the main objective of the Bill is to provide a government structure to house all of the other agencies tasked to address the needs of said workers.

He then cited some provisions of the measure such as those on the five undersecretaries of the proposed department; the continuation of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration as an attached agency thereof; and appropriations for the so-called Assistance-to-Nationals (ATN) Fund.

As representative of the Trade Union Congress Party (TUCP) and chairperson of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs, he appealed to his colleagues for the immediate approval of House Bill No. 5832.

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

Upon Representative Palma's motion, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832.

## **ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5712 AND 5832**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved to include as additional coauthors of House Bills No. 5712 and 5832 the names of the Members contained in the list to be submitted by the Committee on Rules.

## **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair *motu proprio* suspended the session at 6:34 p.m.

## **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 6:35 p.m.

## **CONTINUATION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5832**

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body continued its consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832 contained in Committee Report No. 142 as 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.”

On further motion of Representative Palma, the Chair then recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, a principal sponsor of the measure, for his sponsorship speech on said measure.

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

Representative Salceda initially said that the Department of Filipinos Overseas (DFO) and Foreign Employment was being proposed in view of the fact that the remittances of overseas and migrant workers for the past 30 years have been the principal source of foreign exchange needs of the country's growing economy; have accounted for the highest contribution to the gross domestic product and for the biggest and most stable source of capital flows; and have had a very radical and dramatic impact on poverty and equitable income distribution.

Representative Salceda justified the proposed creation of the DFO considering that there are risks and social costs that the government has to deal with in a remittance-led economy. He also emphasized that the creation of the said department would further harness the potential of overseas Filipino communities towards nation building. He then enjoined his colleagues to support the approval of the creation of said department as a structural legacy of the Duterte administration.

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

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832.

#### **CREATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved the creation of the following Special Committees, with the membership and jurisdiction specified hereunder:

1. Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities, 20 Members. – All matters directly and principally relating to the

needs, rights, and welfare of persons with disabilities, as well as policies and programs that will enhance their active participation and integration in society; and

2. Special Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects, 20 Members. – All matters directly and principally relating to the monitoring, evaluation and review of highly-strategic infrastructure or programs and projects identified and approved by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board Committee on Infrastructure and/or the Investment Coordination Committee and included in the General Appropriations Act, including to propose possible game-changing and high-impact flagship programs and projects and the necessity of recommending requisite courses of action in relation thereto.

#### **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ARROYO TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Ma. Lourdes T. Arroyo as chairperson of the Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities.

#### **ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE COJUANGCO TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS**

On further motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Carlos O. Cojuangco as chairperson of the Special Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the session until three o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

It was 6:43 p.m. of Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 3:01 p.m. of Wednesday, December 18, 2019, the session resumed with Rep. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II presiding.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

On motion of Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, 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 Message from the President, Messages from the Senate, Communication, and Committee Reports, which were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

House Bill No. 5798, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAWATA”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5799, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LIBUTON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5800, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DATU BALONG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5801, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DACUDAO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5802, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PINAMUNO IN

THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE”

By Representative Alvarez (Pantaleon)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5803, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 5804, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ANTI-DRUG ABUSE COUNCILS IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND BARANGAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belmonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 5805, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A COMMUNITY-BASED DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY AND CITY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Erice  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 5806, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE SCHOOLS OF THE FUTURE DRIVEN BY INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY - TRANSFORMED EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Delos Santos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5807, entitled:

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

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5808, entitled:

“AN ACT ASSISTING YOUNG ATHLETES BY PROVIDING PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT”

By Representative Villa  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS  
DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5809, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION SKILLS AND  
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
PROVINCIAL TRAINING AND  
ASSESSMENT CENTER (TESDA  
PTAC) IN BANTAY, ILOCOS SUR, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5810, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) IN  
THE FIRST DISTRICT OF MISAMIS  
OCCIDENTAL TO BE SITUATED AT  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL,  
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS  
PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY  
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS  
AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Ty (Diego)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5812, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER INCREASING THE  
MAXIMUM DEPOSIT INSURANCE  
COVERAGE, AMENDING FOR THIS  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3591, AS  
AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE  
CORPORATION (PDIC) CHARTER”

By Representative Campos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL  
INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 5813, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A UNIFIED  
PUBLIC BUS SERVICE FOR THE RIDING  
PUBLIC AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Zubiri  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5814, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
7719, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE

NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICES ACT  
OF 1994, PROMOTING VOLUNTARY  
BLOOD DONATION, PROVIDING FOR AN  
ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SAFE BLOOD,  
REGULATING BLOOD BANKS, AND  
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION  
THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5815, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A STANDARD OF  
CARE FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
PERSONS WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS,  
ESTABLISHING TREATMENT CENTERS  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5816, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING VOTER EDUCATION  
IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL CURRICULA”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 5817, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY SCHOOL  
TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON  
CERTIFIED IN CARDIOPULMONARY  
RESUSCITATION AND FIRST AID WHILE  
STUDENTS ARE IN ATTENDANCE”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5818, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION  
ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION  
OR GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION  
(SOGIE) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER  
EQUALITY

House Bill No. 5819, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS  
TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'SOLO  
PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000' ”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS



House Bill No. 5820, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MARCH 21 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL SOLO PARENTS’ DAY”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5821, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 171 AND 172 OF REPUBLIC ACT 3815 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR FALSIFICATION OF CERTIFICATES OF LAND TITLE OR ANY APPLICATION, DEED, INSTRUMENT OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENT, REASONABLY CONNECTED WITH THE TITLE, CLASSIFYING THE SAME AS A HEINOUS OFFENSE INVOLVING ECONOMIC SABOTAGE IF THE VALUE OR AGGREGATE VALUE OF THE LAND IS AT LEAST TEN MILLION PESOS (₱ 10,000,000.00)”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5822, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE OF A VULNERABLE ELDERLY PERSON OR A PERSON WITH DISABILITY”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5823, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DISPLAY OF NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE MENU OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5824, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BREAST CARE CENTERS IN EVERY REGION NATIONWIDE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5825, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN’S HEALTH”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5826, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REFUGE AND ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR YOUNG PREGNANT WOMEN IN EVERY PROVINCE, CITY, AND MUNICIPALITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 5827, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SULU-TAWI-TAWI BROADCASTING FOUNDATION, INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8082 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SULU-TAWI-TAWI BROADCASTING FOUNDATION, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN STATIONS FOR RADIO AND TELEVISION IN THE PROVINCES OF SULU AND TAWI-TAWI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Tejada  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 5828, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 24 AS NATIONAL PEACE DAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zubiri  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

House Bill No. 5830, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF DINAGAT ISLANDS AS ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, PUBLIC AND QUASI-PUBLIC, AND OTHER PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES”

By Representative Ecleo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5833, entitled:

“THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE  
GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE  
SYSTEM”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 5834, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRACTICE  
OF GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9258, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE 'GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING  
ACT OF 2004' ”

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

House Bill No. 5835, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO  
BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BAGONG  
BUHAY IN THE CITY OF PALAYAN,  
PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA”

By Representative Vergara  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5836, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 57 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8754, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE CHARTER CITY OF  
MALOLOS”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5837, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SEC. 6 OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL,  
CITY AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES  
AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS  
THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES,  
APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY  
FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES' AND PROVIDING  
FOR ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS  
NOT PRESENTLY INCLUDED IN  
THE LAW BY MAKING USE OF THE  
ESTABLISHED LIBRARIES SITUATED IN  
MUNICIPALITIES, CITIES, PROVINCES  
AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS  
WITH BIG STATE UNIVERSITIES AND/  
OR PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES AS 24/7

STUDY HUBS OR LEARNING HUBS FOR  
STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS”

By Representative Bascug  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 5838, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION  
OF ALL USERS OF SUBSCRIBER  
IDENTITY MODULE CARDS”

By Representatives Yap (Eric) and Duterte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5839, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING GOOD  
MANNERS AND RIGHT CONDUCT AND  
CHARACTER EDUCATION IN THE BASIC  
EDUCATION CURRICULUM”

By Representatives Yap (Eric) and Taduran  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND  
CULTURE

House Bill No. 5841, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF  
PROCEEDS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT,  
LEASE OR USE OF CERTAIN  
GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES FOR  
PAYMENT OF PENSIONS AND OTHER  
BENEFITS OF THE VETERANS AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND  
WELFARE

House Bill No. 5842, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE  
FORFEITURE POWERS OF THE STATE,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 1379, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
'AN ACT DECLARING FORFEITURE IN  
FAVOR OF THE STATE ANY PROPERTY  
FOUND TO HAVE BEEN UNLAWFULLY  
ACQUIRED BY ANY PUBLIC OFFICER  
OR EMPLOYEE AND PROVIDING FOR  
THE PROCEEDINGS THEREFOR' ”

By Representative Cabochan  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5843, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING 'NO PERMIT,  
NO EXAM' OR ANY SUCH POLICY  
THAT PREVENTS STUDENTS OF ANY  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION FROM  
TAKING THEIR EXAMINATIONS DUE

TO UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER  
SCHOOL FEES”

By Representative Cabochan

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

House Bill No. 5844, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TWENTY (20)  
YEAR BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabochan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5845, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL COMPANIES,  
SERVICE PROVIDERS, INDUSTRIES, AND  
OTHER SIMILAR ENTITIES THAT USE  
WIRES AND/OR CABLES, ESPECIALLY  
THOSE THAT ARE ENGAGED IN THE  
BUSINESS OF PROVIDING TELEPHONE,  
CABLE, INTERNET SERVICE, AND  
POWER SUPPLY TO THE PUBLIC,  
TO RELOCATE AND/OR INSTALL  
THEIR WIRE AND CABLE SYSTEM  
UNDERGROUND”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5846, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING HONORARIUM  
AND CHRISTMAS INCENTIVES OF  
BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING  
BARANGAY TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE  
LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA AMONG  
OTHERS, AND GRANTING OTHER NON-  
MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Herrera-Dy

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5847, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING NATIONAL  
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM  
REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A  
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY  
CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED  
WITHIN THE PAST SIX (6) MONTHS”

By Representative Nieto

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY  
RELATIONS

House Bill No. 5848, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 4 OF  
EACH YEAR AS (1) A NON-WORKING  
HOLIDAY IN ALL THE CITIES OF CEBU  
AND THE PROVINCE OF CEBU AND (2)  
A WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE REST OF  
THE COUNTRY IN HONOR OF THE LATE  
SEN. SERGING OSMEÑA JR”

By Representative Del Mar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 602, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT  
AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY  
TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
CONTROVERSIES ON THE USE OF  
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO HOST THE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 603, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE TO  
CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
ROLE OF SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT  
POLICY ACTIONS AND AGENCIES,  
PARTICULARLY THE NATIONAL TASK  
FORCE TO END LOCAL COMMUNIST  
ARMED CONFLICT (NTF-ELCAC),  
IN THE INCREASING REPRESSION  
AND HARASSMENT OF POLITICAL  
PRISONERS AND THE FURTHER  
VIOLATIONS OF THEIR RIGHTS”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 604, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE  
COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND  
GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT  
AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION  
OF PROSTITUTION RINGS VICTIMIZING  
WOMEN FOR PHILIPPINE OFFSHORE  
GAMING OPERATORS (POGO)  
WORKERS WITH THE END VIEW OF  
STRENGTHENING LAWS PROTECTING

WOMEN FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
AND SEXUAL ABUSE”

By Representatives Brosas, Zarate, Cullamat and  
Elago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 605, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROGER  
CASUGAY FOR WINNING THE GOLD  
MEDAL IN THE MEN’S LONGBOARD  
SURFING COMPETITION IN THE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES IN SAN  
JUAN, LA UNION, PHILIPPINES AND  
FOR HIS HEROIC DEED OF RISKING  
HIS LIFE AND HIS CHANCE TO WIN THE  
SURFING EVENT IN SAVING THE LIFE  
OF AN INDONESIAN COMPETITOR”

By Representative Albano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS  
DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 606, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND  
COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE  
ATHLETES FOR THEIR EXCELLENT  
PERFORMANCE DURING THE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES HELD IN  
DIFFERENT VENUES IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Bautista

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS  
DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 607, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE  
COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, TO INVESTIGATE IN  
AID OF LEGISLATION, IN DETERMINING  
THE NEED TO REINSTATE THE  
BUREAU OF DENTAL SERVICES IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE  
INCREASE OF NUMBER OF DENTIST  
WORKING IN THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Villa

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 608, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND  
CONGRATULATING THE FILIPINO  
ATHLETES AND THE PHILIPPINE  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES  
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (PHISGOC)  
FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE 2019  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS  
DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 609, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER  
COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT  
AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION ON THE FRAUDULENT  
DISBURSEMENTS COMMITTED BY  
BANCO FILIPINO AND ITS DIRECTORS  
AND OFFICERS PRIOR TO ITS CLOSURE.”

By Representatives Pineda, Datol, Lacson, Salo  
and Bustos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

House Resolution No. 610, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER  
COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT  
AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION ON THE DUBIOUS AND  
SUSPICIOUS UNPAID LOANS EXTENDED  
BY BANCO FILIPINO TO ITS OWNERS,  
ALBERT “BOBBY” AGUIRRE, HIS  
HEIRS AND RELATIVES, AND OTHER  
DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS, AND  
RELATED INTERESTS, PROCEEDING  
FROM UNPAID DOSRI (DIRECTORS,  
OFFICERS, STOCKHOLDERS AND  
RELATED INTERESTS) ACCOUNTS OF  
THE BANK.”

By Representatives Pineda, Datol, Lacson, Salo  
and Bustos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 611, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE  
COMMITTEE ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS TO  
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FRAUDULENT  
SCHEMES DURING THE REGISTRATION  
PHASE TO HAJJ OR ANNUAL ISLAMIC  
PILGRIMAGE, OTHER ANOMALOUS  
PRACTICES ON THE SELECTION AND  
ACCREDITATION OF TRAVEL AGENCIES  
THAT HANDLE THE TRAVEL TICKETING  
AND RESERVATIONS OF PILGRIMS,  
MISREPRESENTATION IN THE  
ACCOMMODATION AND PROVISIONS  
IN MEDINA, MECCA AND MINA AND  
GRAVE ABUSE IN THE CONSTITUTION  
AND COMPOSITION OF THE



SUPERVISORY GROUPS COMMITTED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS (NCMF) IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT REMEDIAL MEASURES THAT WILL PUT A QUIETUS TO THE ENDLESS MISERIES BEING EXPERIENCED BY MUSLIM FILIPINO PILGRIMS”

By Representatives Tan (Shernee) and Tan (Samier)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 612, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION TO ADDRESS IMMEDIATELY THE PROBLEM OF RISING CASES OF TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, AND HUMAN IMMUNODEFFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) INFECTION AMONG THE YOUTH, BY (1) INSTITUTIONALIZING COMPREHENSIVE AGE-APPROPRIATE SEXUALITY EDUCATION AND (2) CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INTER-AGENCY SUMMIT ON SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND PROTECTION EDUCATION”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Resolution No. 622, entitled:

“RESOLUTION THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMENDS AND CONGRATULATES THE FILIPINO ATHLETES FROM THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN FOR WINNING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CATEGORIES IN THE 2019 30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Arenas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 623, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL CHARGES BEING IMPOSED BY GRAB TO ITS CUSTOMERS”

By Representative Castelo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 624, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE HONORABLE SPEAKER ALAN PETER 'COMPAÑERO' CAYETANO, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PHILIPPINE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (PHISGOC), AND THE HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE ABRAHAM 'BAMBOL' TOLENTINO, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (POC), AND THE ORGANIZERS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA GAMES)”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 625, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE ACT OF HEROISM, OF SURFER ROGER CASUGAY, THE PHILIPPINE’S FIRST EVER GOLD MEDALIST IN SURFING AT THE 2019 SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES”

By Representative Nieto  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 626, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE, COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Barzaga  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 627, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMPLIANCE OF INTEGRATED RESORTS AND OTHER CASINOS TO THE PAYMENT AND AUDIT OF THEIR TAX REMITTANCES AND REVENUES TO THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Taduran  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



MALACANANG PALACE  
MANILA

DEC 17 2019

**SPEAKER ALAN PETER S. CAYETANO**  
Speaker of the House  
House of Representatives  
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article VI, Section 26 (2) of the 1987 Constitution, I hereby certify to the necessity of the immediate enactment of House Bill No. 5712, entitled:

**"AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,"**

to address the need to further invigorate public service with efficiency and productivity by providing all government civilian personnel a just and equitable compensation responsive to their economic needs.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,



Copy furnished:

Sen. Vicente C. Sotto III  
Senate President  
The Philippine Senate  
Pasay City

Sen. Adolfo B. Siroy  
Head  
Presidential Legislative Liaison Office  
3/F New Executive Bldg.  
Malacañang, Manila



TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 16, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date passed Senate Bill No. 1055, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE FACILITY FOR PRISONERS CONVICTED OF HEINOUS CRIMES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Message dated December 17, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on December 16, 2019 passed Senate Bill No. 1074, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 109, 141, 142, 143, 144, 147, 263, 263 (A), 265 AND 288 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Message dated December 17, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on December 16, 2019 passed Senate Bill No. 1219, entitled:

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Message dated December 17, 2019, informing the House of Representatives that on December 16, 2019 the Senate designated Senators Pia S. Cayetano, Ralph G. Recto, Imee R. Marcos, Francis “Tol” N. Tolentino and Franklin M. Drilon as conferees to the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of Senate Bill No. 1074, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 109, 141, 142, 143, 144, 147, 263, 263-A, 265 AND 288-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE

CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”;

and House Bill No. 1026, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 141, 142, 143, 144, 147, 150, 152, 263, 265, and 288-A, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 209-A TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997”.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## COMMUNICATION

Letter dated November 19, 2019 of Justiniana L. Ellorimo, BSN, RN, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Sikatuna, Province of Bohol, forwarding the Report on Fund Utilization and Status of Program/Project Implementation for the Quarter Ended September 2019 on the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 145), re H.B. No. 5849, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL ROAD FROM THE JUNCTION OF LANAO DEL NORTE INTERIOR CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD AT BARANGAY POBLACION, THROUGH BARANGAY LEMONCRET, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGSAYSAY, TO BARANGAY SAN MANUEL, MUNICIPALITY OF LALA, TO BARANGAYS PANSILAN AND KATIPUNAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAPAD, TO BARANGAYS MAHAYAHAY, BEL-IS, MALINAS, SITIO DAO, BUTADON, BANSARVIL, AND TIPOLO, MUNICIPALITY OF KAPATAGAN, TO BARANGAY CALUBE, MUNICIPALITY OF SULTAN NAGA DIMAPORO, TO BARANGAY LANTUNGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF AURORA, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD TO BE KNOWN AS ILIGAN – AURORA BY-PASS ROAD APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2154

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab, Dimaporo (Khalid) and Dimaporo (Abdullah)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 146), re H.B. No. 5850, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GUIMBA-TALUGTUG-UMINGAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF GUIMBA AND TALUGTUG, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF UMINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 290

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and Suansing (Estrellita)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 147), re H.B. No. 5851, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK CONNECTING BARANGAY GRIJALVO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 405

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 148), re H.B. No. 5852, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ALBAY DIVERSION ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MINALABAC, BULA, AND NABUA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 406

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations

(Committee Report No. 149), re H.B. No. 1061, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE STA. IGNACIA – GUIMBA PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCES OF TARLAC AND NUEVA ECIJA VIA GERONA – PURA ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY NAMBALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. IGNACIA TO BARANGAY BUENAVISTA, MUNICIPALITY OF PURA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF TARLAC INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and Yap (Victor)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 150), re H.B. No. 1778, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY ANDUYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBAO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO BARANGAY SAN PASCUAL, MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA, PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and Eriguel

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 151), re H.B. No. 5853, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2463

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and Calderon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and Highways and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 152), re H.B. No. 5854, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE



IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABO,  
PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”  
recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 2673

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and  
Tallado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and  
Highways and the Committee on Appropriations  
(Committee Report No. 153), re H.B. No. 5855,  
entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SECOND  
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA,  
PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY,  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”  
recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 379

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona, Ungab and  
Zamora (Way Kurat)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Welfare of Children  
(Committee Report No. 154), re H.B. No. 137,  
entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES  
FOR CHILD ABUSE, EXPLOITATION AND  
DISCRIMINATION, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7610, AS  
AMENDED”

recommending its approval with amendment, in  
consolidation with House Bills Numbered  
3020, 3520, 3632, 4028 and 4867

Sponsors: Representatives Romualdez, Roman and  
Gonzales (Aurelio)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 155), re H.B. No. 5420, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) DISTRICT  
OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN  
JOSE, IN THE LONE DISTRICT OF DINAGAT  
ISLANDS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

recommending its approval with amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and  
Ecleo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 156), re H.B. 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”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 157), re H.B. No. 5519, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MABALACAT  
EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)  
LOCATED IN MABALACAT CITY,  
PAMPANGA INTO A REGULAR LTO  
DISTRICT OFFICE, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento, Ungab and  
Lazatin

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Rep. Ria Christina G. Fariñas, the  
Chair suspended the session at 3:18 p.m.

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 3:33 pm., the session resumed.

## APPROVAL ON THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5712

Upon resumption of session, on motion of  
Representative Palma, there being no objection, the  
Body proceeded to the approval on Third Reading  
of House Bill No. 5712, printed copies of which  
were distributed to the Members on December 17,  
2019, pursuant to Section 26 (2), Article VI of the  
Constitution.

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

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY  
SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT  
PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE  
GRANT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

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 SEVERAL MEMBERS

During the voting, Reps. Arlene D. Brosas, France L. Castro, Eufemia “Ka Femia” C. Cullamat, and Carlos Isagani T. Zarate manifested their intent to explain their negative votes.

## RESULT OF THE VOTING

The result of the voting was as follows:

### *Affirmative:*

Abante	Cagas
Abaya	Calderon
Abu	Calixto
Abueg-Zaldivar	Caminero
Acop	Campos
Adiong	Canama
Advincula	Castelo
Agabas	Castro (F.H.)
Agarao	Cayetano (A.P.)
Aglipay	Cayetano (M.L.)
Almario	Chatto
Alvarez (F.)	Chipeco
Alvarez (G.)	Chungalao
Alvarez (P.)	Co (A.N.)
Amatong	Cua
Aragones	Cuaresma
Arroyo	Cueva
Atienza	Dagooc
Aumentado	Dalipe
Babasa	Dalog
Bañas-Nogralas	Daza
Barba	De Jesus
Baronda	Defensor (L.)
Barzaga	Defensor (M.)
Bascug	Del Mar
Bautista	Delos Santos
Belmonte	Deloso-Montalla
Benitez	Dimaporo (A.)
Biazon	Duterte
Billones	Ebcas
Biron	Enverga
Bolilia	Eriguel
Bondoc	Ermita-Buhain
Bordado	Escudero
Bustos	Espina
Cabatbat	Estrella
Cabochan	Fariñas (R.C.)

Fernandez	Palma
Ferrer (J.M.)	Pancho
Ferrer (L.)	Panotes
Flores	Pichay
Fortuno	Pimentel
Frasco	Quimbo
Garbin	Ramirez-Sato
Garcia (J.E.)	Ramos
Garcia (P.J.)	Remulla
Garin (J.)	Reyes
Gasataya	Rivera
Gato	Robes
Geron	Rodriguez
Go (M.)	Romualdez (F.M.)
Gonzales (A.)	Romualdez (Y.M.)
Gonzales (N.)	Romualdo
Gonzalez	Romulo
Guico	Roque
Guya	Sagarbarria
Haresco	Salo
Jalosjos	Sanchez
Javier	Sarmiento
Jimenez	Saulog
Kho (E.)	Savellano
Kho (W.)	Siao
Labadlabad	Singson
Lacson	Singson-Meehan
Lagman	Sinsuat
Lagon	Suntay
Lara	Taduran
Leachon	Tambunting
Lim	Tejada
Lopez	Teves (A.)
Loyola	Teves (J.)
Lusotan	Tiangco
Macapagal Arroyo	Tolentino
Maceda	Tupas
Madrona	Ty (Dy.)
Marcoleta	Umali (A.)
Mariano-Hernandez	Umali (M.V.)
Marquez	Unabia
Matba	Ungab
Mendoza	Uy (J.)
Mercado	Uy (R.)
Momo	Valeriano
Natividad-Nagaño	Valmayor
Nieto	Vargas
Noel	Vargas Alfonso
Nogralas (J.J.)	Velasco
Nogralas (J.F.F.)	Veloso
Ong (J.)	Villa
Ortega	Villanueva (E.)
Pacquiao (A.)	Villanueva (N.)
Pacquiao (R.)	Villar
Paduano	Villarica

Yap (E.)                      Zubiri  
Zamora (R.)

*Negative:*

Brosas                      Gaite  
Castro (F.L.)              Zarate  
Cullamat

*Abstention:*

None

With 187 affirmative votes, five negative votes, and zero abstentions, the Body approved on Third Reading House Bill No. 5712.

### EXPLANATION OF VOTES

Thereupon, the following Members explained their votes:

1. Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr. voted “Yes” to the measure but appealed to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to further augment the proposed salary increases for civilian government personnel particularly the public school teachers considering the meager increase in their salaries under the proposed Salary Standardization Law (SSL) 5.
2. Representative Brosas voted “No” in the belief that House Bill No. 5712 perpetuates salary inequity and social injustice towards rank-and-file government employees. She stated that the proposed SSL 5 falls short of the decent minimum wage rate; is way below the minimum cost of living; and further institutionalizes the depressed incomes of government workers despite the blows of higher taxes and inflation due to intensified trade liberalization of agriculture and basic services.
3. Representative Castro (F.L.) stressed that House Bill No. 5712 is against the appeal of government personnel as well as public school teachers for a decent wage and substantial salary increase. She stated that the proposed SSL 5 would not meet their everyday necessities considering that the government has also implemented several

tax reform measures while the economy is experiencing high inflation rate; it would be a big insult and injustice to the dedication of government personnel to their work considering the huge salary increases of military personnel; and disagreed that funds are lacking for the said salary increases.

4. On behalf of Bayan Muna Party-List, Representative Cullamat voted “No” to House Bill No. 5712 as she argued that it would not meet the cost of living and address the salary problems of government workers. She explained that the measure is an explicit renouncement of President Duterte’s commitment during his presidential campaign to raise the national minimum wage of government employees, particularly the salaries of teachers to ₱30,000; and that the proposed minimum wage for Salary Grade 1 would not be sufficient to meet the daily cost of living. She pointed out that while the current administration did not hesitate to raise the salaries of the police and military despite the scandals and human rights abuses involving them, it failed to increase the salaries of government workers and public school teachers. She stressed that the Bill’s approval is a betrayal of the work of government employees who are dragged deeper into poverty.
5. Rep. Ferdinand R. Gaite voted against the measure because the increase is not sufficient to feed a family of five; the minimum wage for Salary Grade 1 is inhumane and unfair for workers; the SSL 5 would create wage regionalization and had failed to consider the ₱16,000 national minimum wage proposed for government workers and ₱30,000 for teachers; and that the ₱50 million research was unnecessary since the workers themselves would know the appropriate salary increase. He expressed his support on calls for a fair, just, and living national minimum wage which House Bill No. 5712 had failed to provide.
6. In explaining her affirmative vote, Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo pointed out that the measure would promote efficiency in the delivery of government services especially for teachers who would benefit the largest salary adjustments; the teachers’ salaries will increase in real terms and will not be

eroded due to inflation over time; it is just, reasonable, and non-distortive relative to all government workers; and ensures that teachers who play a key role in nation building will not be left behind.

7. Representative Zarate voted “No” to the Bill, not because Bayan Muna Party-List and the Makabayan Bloc oppose measures providing for wage increases to government workers, but for the failure of the Lower Chamber to provide them with a decent living wage as enshrined under the Bill’s Statement of Policy which is to provide all government personnel a just and equitable compensation. He then reiterated the Makabayan Bloc’s call for a ₱16,000 monthly minimum wage for government personnel and ₱30,000 for public school teachers.

*At this juncture, Deputy Speaker Puno relinquished the Chair to Deputy Speaker Johnny Ty Pimentel.*

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

On successive motions of Rep Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Body elected the following Members of the Majority to the committees specified hereunder:

##### Special Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho  
Rep. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II  
Rep. Cesar “Jawo” L. Jimenez Jr.  
Rep. Kristine Singson-Meehan

(as members)

Rep. Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA  
Rep. Ansaruddin Abdul Malik A. Adiong  
Rep. Mark O. Go  
Rep. Ed Christopher S. Go  
Rep. Michael B. Gorriceta  
Rep. Carl Nicolas C. Cari  
Rep. Yasser Alonto Balindong  
Rep. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogales  
Rep. Tyrone D. Agabas  
Rep. Edgar R. Erice  
Rep. Romulo “Kid” Peña Jr.

Rep. Emmanuel “Tawi” Billones  
Rep. Adriano A. Ebcas  
Rep. Michael T. Defensor  
Rep. Eric Go Yap  
Rep. “Kuya” Jose Antonio R. Sy-Alvarado  
Rep. Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco  
Rep. Rashidin H. Matba  
Rep. Princess Rihan M. Sakaluran  
Rep. Wilfredo “Willy” S. Caminero  
Rep. Roger G. Mercado

##### Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities

(as vice chairpersons)

Rep. Pablo C. Ortega  
Rep. Edgar M. Chatto  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Khonghun  
Rep. Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogales

(as members)

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba  
Rep. Munir M. Arbison  
Rep. Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA  
Rep. Paz C. Radaza  
Rep. Christian S. Unabia  
Rep. Michael T. Defensor  
Rep. Amihilda J. Sangcopan  
Rep. Roger G. Mercado

##### Committee on Games and Amusements

(as members)

Rep. Maximo Y. Dalog Jr.  
Rep. Arnold “Noli” D. Celeste

##### Committee on Public Works and Highways

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Roger G. Mercado

##### Committee on Agriculture and Food

(as member)

Rep. Roger G. Mercado

##### Committee on Tourism

(as member)

Rep. Roger G. Mercado



Committee on Natural Resources

(as member)

Rep. Roger G. Mercado

Committee on Trade and Industry

(as member)

Rep. Roger G. Mercado

Committee on Public Order and Safety

(as member)

Rep. Roger G. Mercado

Committee on Energy

(as member)

Rep. Roger G. Mercado

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Rep. Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nogales acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Deputy Speaker Eduardo “Bro. Eddie” C. Villanueva and Reps. Domingo C. Rivera and Rogelio “Ruel” D. Pacquiao.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

At 4:18 p.m., the session was suspended upon motion of Representative Nogales (J.F.F.).

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 4:51 p.m., the session was resumed.

**ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE MADRONA TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Body elected Rep. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona as vice chairperson of the Committee on Disaster Management.

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

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), 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.”

Whereupon, on further motion of Representative Fariñas, there being no objection, the Body recognized Rep. Sharon S. Garin, chairperson of the Committee on Economic Affairs, to resume sponsorship of the measure and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman to interpellate thereon.

**INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Representative Lagman first tackled with Representative Garin (S.) the latter’s discussion with Rep. Lorenz R. Defensor on November 20, 2019 regarding the opinions of 1986 Constitutional Commissioners Jose Luis Martin Gascon, Hilario Davide Jr., and Bernardo Villegas that Congress has the jurisdiction to determine the scope of public utilities. Representative Lagman clarified that these opinions were never voted upon by the Constitutional Commission as its proceedings bore no record of such and even the outcome of their discussions—Section 11, Article XII of the Constitution—did not mention of any authority of Congress to prescribe what enterprises or businesses should fall under public utilities and as such, the Filipino citizenship requirement for ownership thereof.

Representative Garin countered that while there was no mention of such authority of Congress, neither was the term “public utility” defined in the Constitution. She added that as the legislative body, Congress has the authority to enact laws that respond to the intent of the Constitution. Representative Lagman however reiterated that Congress has no authority to exempt enterprises which are commonly known as public utilities from the constitutional limit on foreign ownership.

Representative Lagman said that the Constitution has no provision authorizing Congress to legislate on the citizenship requirement of public utilities. Subsequently, he cited specific constitutional provisions, such as those on political dynasties and agrarian reform, among others, to point out when Congress’ authority to legislate applies, but not

so with respect to the nationality requirement for ownership of public utilities.

Representative Lagman then cited Article XII of the Constitution which prescribes a Filipino capital share of 60 percent or higher and said that Congress then has authority to legislate in support of its implementation. He opined that the Bill's objectives contradict the said constitutional provision.

The Sponsor argued that the Constitution does not need to provide Congress explicit authority to legislate or amend laws such as the Public Service Act and cited the Supreme Court ruling in the case of *Garcia vs. the Commission on Elections*. The Members then debated on the legal weight of the Supreme Court decision as regards the constitutional commissioners' opinions that were earlier discussed.

Thereafter, the Sponsor confirmed Representative Lagman's query regarding a substitute bill that was being crafted. Representative Lagman then said that he would suspend his interpellation until such time that copies of the substitute bill to House Bill No. 78 had been distributed to the Members to serve as basis of the plenary debates and which the House Rules so prescribes.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA**

With the indulgence of Representatives Lagman and Garin (S.), Representative Palma cited Section 104 of the Provisional Rules of the House stating that amendment by substitution may only be done during the period of amendments and not during the period of sponsorship and debate.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Representative Lagman however pointed out that there is a substitute bill in progress which should be provided to the Members as basis for plenary discussions. He said that they should wait until copies of the new substitute bill shall have been distributed on the floor.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (S.)**

In reply, Representative Garin said that the sponsoring Committee is currently drafting all the proposed amendments and awaiting until all the deliberations are done before the substitute bill would be presented for amendment by substitution.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Representative Lagman clarified that he would not be proposing any amendment on the measure as he is against it because it contravenes the Constitution. He thereafter asked when copies of the substitute bill would be made available to the Members for them to study and use the same as basis for further discussions.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

The Chair suspended the session at 5:34 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 5:36 p.m., the session resumed.

#### **REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**

Upon resumption of session, Representative Lagman held that upon agreement with Representatives Garin (S.) and Palma, he would continue and finish his interpellation on House Bill No. 78 once copies of the substitute bill had been distributed to the Members.

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

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 78, with the agreement that Representative Lagman would be given another 30 minutes to interpellate once the Body resumes consideration on said measure next year.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Palma, the session was suspended at 5:38 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 5:41 p.m.

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

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on

Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832 contained in Committee Report No. 142 as reported out 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 Palma stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate; and on his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, chairperson of the Committee on Government Reorganization as well as Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, chairperson of the Committee on Overseas Workers Affairs to sponsor the measure, and Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez to interpellate thereon.

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

Representatives Rodriguez and Mariño discussed the nature, scope, and power of the proposed Department of Filipinos Overseas and Foreign Employment (DFO) in addressing the needs of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) particularly in relation to their Social Security System (SSS) membership, remittances, and benefits; application for Pag-IBIG housing loan; hospital benefits under the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth); and lowering of remittances charges.

The two Members then debated on who would supervise the Overseas Filipino Bank, the OFW hospitals, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). Representative Rodriguez stressed the need to place under the DFO’s jurisdiction all other agencies responsible for the administration and enforcement of policies and programs applicable to OFWs such as the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Philippine Overseas Labor Offices (POLOs), and the social welfare attachés, to harmonize and simplify the process of handling OFW concerns.

Representative Rodriguez also raised his concern on the Bill’s clause providing for a possible abolition

of the proposed department after ten years. He opined that the said clause contradicts the very objective of creating the department which he said was urgently needed.

Thereupon, Representative Rodriguez asked whether said provision could be deleted inasmuch as work will always be available in other countries for Filipino workers. Even as the Sponsor said that it was not the policy of the government to promote foreign employment continuously, he said that he was open to suggestions.

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

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS**

Thereafter, Representative Fariñas (R.C.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Representatives Mendoza and Mariño.

#### **SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), the Chair declared a recess at 6:24 p.m.

#### **RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

At 6:55 p.m., the session resumed.

#### **ADDITIONAL HOUSE CONFeree ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1026 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1074**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body included Rep. Teodorico T. Haresco Jr. as additional member of the Conference Committee to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 1026 and Senate Bill No. 1074, seeking to amend the excise tax rates on alcohol products.

#### **ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS**

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

Upon direction of the Chair, the Secretary General read the following Committee Reports which

were referred to the appropriate committees indicated hereunder:

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Women and Gender Equality (Committee Report No. 158), re H.B. No. 5869, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING ELECTRONIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDING PROTECTIVE MEASURES, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9262, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN ACT OF 2004' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 479, 2266, 3330 and 5223

Sponsors: Representatives Acosta-Alba, Brosas, Fortun, Tambunting and Rodriguez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 159), re H.B. No. 5870, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A THREE HUNDRED (300) BED CAPACITY TERTIARY TRAINING AND GENERAL HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY MAUWAY, CITY OF MANDALUYONG TO BE KNOWN AS THE SENATE PRESIDENT NEPTALI A. GONZALES GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5191

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina), Gonzales (Neptali) and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Health and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 160), re H.B. No. 5871, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MARIA L. ELEAZAR DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON INTO A LEVEL III GENERAL HOSPITAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MARIA L. ELEAZAR GENERAL HOSPITAL, UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4394

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (Angelina) and Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 161), re H.B. No. 5872, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE GUINA-ANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MAINIT EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MAINIT, MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE GUINA-ANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MAINIT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 735

Sponsors: Representatives Romulo, Ungab and Dalog

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 162), re H.B. No. 5874, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2711

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Cuaresma

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 163), re H.B. No. 5875, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MINALABAC, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINALABAC TESDA TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1711

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 164), re H.B. No. 5876, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4300

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Suarez (David)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 165), re H.B. No. 5877, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTERS IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CORON, CUYO, ROXAS, SAN VICENTE, SOFRONIO ESPAÑOLA, AND QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3226

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations

(Committee Report No. 166), re H.B. No. 5878, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING CENTER FOR PIÑA HANDLOOM WEAVING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KALIBO, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE KALIBO, AKLAN TESDA PIÑA HANDLOOM WEAVING TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 623

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 167), re H.B. No. 5879, entitled:

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

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2377

Sponsors: Representatives Go (Mark), Ungab and Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 168), re H.R. No. 630, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Bill No. 93

Sponsor: Representative Hofer

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Committee Report No. 169), re H.R. No. 631, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH

- A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF  
SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF  
BULACAN”  
recommending its adoption in substitution of  
House Bill No. 2385  
Sponsor: Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
- Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
(Committee Report No. 170), re H.R. No. 632,  
entitled:  
“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH  
A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF BUGALLON,  
PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN”  
recommending its adoption in substitution of  
House Bill No. 2533  
Sponsor: Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
- Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
(Committee Report No. 171), re H.R. No. 633,  
entitled:  
“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH  
A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF  
KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO”  
recommending its adoption in substitution of  
House Bill No. 4444  
Sponsor: Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
- Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
(Committee Report No. 172), re H.R. No. 634,  
entitled:  
“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH  
A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF  
VIGAN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR”  
recommending its adoption in substitution of  
House Bill No. 4631  
Sponsor: Representative Hofer  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
- Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 173), re H.B. No. 5017, entitled:  
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE  
OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF ALIAGA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA  
ECIJA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”  
recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
- Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 174), re H.B. No. 2674, entitled:  
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT  
B R A N C H O F T H E L A N D  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABO IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
DISTRICT OF CAMARINES NORTE, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”  
recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
- Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 175), re H.B. No. 5277, entitled:  
“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)  
DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF LAOANG, PROVINCE OF NORTHERN  
SAMAR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”  
recommending its approval without amendment  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
- Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 176), re H.B. No. 5881, 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”  
recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 4803  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
- Report of the Committee on Transportation and  
the Committee on Appropriations (Committee  
Report No. 177), re H.B. No. 5882, entitled:  
“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE  
OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE (LTO) LOCATED IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF TANAY, PROVINCE  
OF RIZAL INTO A REGULAR LTO  
DISTRICT OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”  
recommending its approval in substitution of  
House Bill No. 5120  
Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Appropriations (Committee Report No. 178), re H.B. No. 5153, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JAVIER, PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Sarmiento and Ungab  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

#### MANIFESTATIONS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS

On successive motions of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Reps. Josephine Veronique R. Lacson-Noel and Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy who both manifested their affirmative votes on House Bill No. 5712 or the proposed SSL 5, one after another.

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

On successive motions of Representative Palma, 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 and 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 Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations:

1. House Bill No. 5738 as contained in Committee Report No. 123, establishing the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)-Santa Rosa Campus in Santa Rosa City, Laguna;
2. House Bill No. 5739 as contained in Committee Report No. 124, establishing the PUP-Caloocan City-North Campus in Caloocan City-North;

3. House Bill No. 5840 as contained in Committee Report No. 143, establishing Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Training and Assessment Centers in San Jose City, Science City of Muñoz, and Municipality of Rizal, all in Nueva Ecija;
4. House Bill No. 5874 as contained in Committee Report No. 162, establishing the Nueva Vizcaya TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya;
5. House Bill No. 5875 as contained in Committee Report No. 163, establishing the Minalabac TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Minalabac, Camarines Sur;
6. House Bill No. 5876 as contained in Committee Report No. 164, establishing the San Antonio, Quezon TESDA Training and Assessment Center in San Antonio, Quezon;
7. House Bill No. 5877 as contained in Committee Report No. 165, establishing the TESDA Training and Assessment Centers in Puerto Princesa City and in the Municipalities of Coron, Cuyo, Roxas, San Vicente, Sofronio Española, and Quezon, all in Palawan;
8. House Bill No. 5878 as contained in Committee Report No. 166, establishing the Kalibo, Aklan TESDA Piña Handloom Weaving Training and Assessment Center in Kalibo, Aklan;
9. House Bill No. 5879 as contained in Committee Report No. 167, establishing the San Jose Del Monte City TESDA Training and Assessment Center in San Jose Del Monte City, Bulacan;

##### Submitted by the Committees on Basic Education and Culture, and Appropriations:

10. House Bill No. 5740 as contained in Committee Report No. 125, separating the Tabuk City National High School-Bantay Extension in Bantay, Tabuk City, Kalinga from the Tabuk City National High School, and converting it into the Bantay National High School;

11. House Bill No. 5741 as contained in Committee Report No. 126, separating the Guinzadan National High School-Mayag Extension in Mayag, Bauko, Mountain Province from the Guinzadan National High School, and converting it into the Mayag National High School;
12. House Bill No. 5742 as contained in Committee Report No. 127, separating the Lubon National High School-Mabalite Extension in Malalite, Tadian, Mountain Province from the Lubon National High School, and converting it into the Malalite National High School;
13. House Bill No. 5743 as contained in Committee Report No. 128, separating the Dalanao Elementary School-Dabburab-Dalanao Extension in Bacarri, Paracelis, Mountain Province from the Dalanao Elementary School, and converting it into the Wellie MacLinic Elementary School;
14. House Bill No. 5744 as contained in Committee Report No. 129, establishing a separate schools division office in Canlaon City, Negros Oriental;
15. House Bill No. 5872 as contained in Committee Report No. 161, separating the Guina-ang National High School-Mainit Extension in Mainit, Bontoc, Mountain Province from the Guina-ang National High School, and converting it into the Mainit National High School;

Submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways:

16. House Bill No. 5811 as contained in Committee Report No. 138, transferring the location of the Sorsogon Second District Engineering Office from Bulan, Sorsogon to Gubat, Sorsogon;
17. House Bill No. 624 as contained in Committee Report No. 139, renaming the Kalibo-Banga-Balete-Batan-Altavas National Road which is part of the Kalibo Highway, stretching from the Numancia-Kalibo boundary at Laguianbanua in Numancia, up to the Capiz-Aklan boundary in Altavas, all in Aklan, as Congressman Allen Salas Quimpo National Highway;

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

18. House Bill No. 5831 as contained in Committee Report No. 141, converting the Guimba-Pura Provincial Road stretching from Barangay San Rafael to Barangay San Miguel, both in Guimba, Nueva Ecija, to Barangay Buenavista in Pura, Tarlac into a national road;
19. House Bill No. 5849 as contained in Committee Report No. 145, providing for the construction of a national road to be known as Iligan-Aurora By-Pass Road in Lanao del Norte;
20. House Bill No. 5850 as contained in Committee Report No. 146, converting the Guimba-Talugtug-Umingan Provincial Road in Guimba and Talugtug, Nueva Ecija, and Umingan, Pangasinan into a national road;
21. House Bill No. 5851 as contained in Committee Report No. 147, converting the road network connecting Barangay Grijalvo in San Fernando and Bula, Camarines Sur into a national road;
22. House Bill No. 5852 as contained in Committee Report No. 148, converting the Albay Diversion Road in Minalabac, Bula, and Nabua in Camarines Sur into a national road;
23. House Bill No. 1061 as contained in Committee Report No. 149, converting the Sta. Ignacia-Guimba Provincial Road in Tarlac and Nueva Ecija into a national road;
24. House Bill No. 1778 as contained in Committee Report No. 150, converting the road stretching from Anduyan, Tubao, La Union to San Pascual, Tuba, Benguet into a national road;
25. House Bill No. 5853 as contained in Committee Report No. 151, creating a district engineering office in the Seventh Legislative District of Cebu;
26. House Bill No. 5854 as contained in Committee Report No. 152, establishing the First District Engineering Office in Labo, Camarines Norte;



27. House Bill No. 5855 as contained in Committee Report No. 153, establishing the Second District Engineering Office in Compostela, Compostela Valley;

Submitted by the Committees on Transportation and Appropriations:

28. House Bill No. 5420 as contained in Committee Report No. 155, establishing a Land Transportation Office (LTO) district office in San Jose, Lone District of Dinagat Islands;
29. House Bill No. 4773 as contained in Committee Report No. 156, establishing an LTO district office in Balingasag, Misamis Oriental;
30. House Bill No. 5519 as contained in Committee Report No. 157, converting the Mabalacat City LTO Extension Office in Mabalacat City, Pampanga into a regular LTO district office;
31. House Bill No. 5017 as contained in Committee Report No. 173, establishing an LTO satellite office in Aliaga, Nueva Ecija;
32. House Bill No. 2674 as contained in Committee Report No. 174, establishing an LTO district branch in Labo, First District of Camarines Norte;
33. House Bill No. 5277 as contained in Committee Report No. 175, establishing an LTO district office in Laoang, Northern Samar;
34. House Bill No. 5881 as contained in Committee Report No. 176, converting the LTO satellite office in Initao, Misamis Oriental into a regular LTO district office;
35. House Bill No. 5882 as contained in Committee Report No. 177, converting the LTO satellite office in Tanay, Rizal into a regular LTO district office;
36. House Bill No. 5153 as contained in Committee Report No. 178, establishing a regular LTO district office in Javier, Leyte;

Submitted by the Committees on Health and Appropriations:

37. House Bill No. 5870 as contained in Committee Report No. 159, establishing a three hundred (300) bed capacity tertiary training and general hospital in Mauway, Mandaluyong City to be known as the Senate President Neptali A. Gonzales General Hospital; and
38. House Bill No. 5871 as contained in Committee Report No. 160, upgrading the Maria L. Eleazar District Hospital in Tagkawayan, Quezon into a level III general hospital to be known as the Maria L. Eleazar General Hospital, under the direct supervision and control of the Department of Health.

**SUSPENSION OF SESSION**

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 7:02 p.m.

**RESUMPTION OF SESSION**

The session resumed at 8:03 p.m.

**RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1026 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1074**

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently ratified through *viva voce* voting the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 1026 and Senate Bill No. 1074, amending the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997 with respect to the excise tax rates on alcohol products.

**MANIFESTATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE**

Recognized by the Chair, on motion of Representative Palma, Minority Leader Abante spoke about the importance of the holiday season as a time for reflection and introspection. He expressed gratitude as he recounted the accomplishments of the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress, especially the recently concluded Southeast Asian (SEA) Games, which were made meaningful with the harmonious partnership and cooperation among the

Minority and the Majority legislators. Relaying his appreciation to those who worked for the successful hosting of the SEA Games headed by Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano, he highlighted the significance of the event’s slogan, “WE WIN AS ONE.”

In closing, Minority Leader Abante encouraged his colleagues to stay focused on what they had accomplished, continue helping and challenging each other to become better legislators, and perform the work that must be done for the benefit of the Filipino people.

#### **CONDUCT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS DURING THE RECESS**

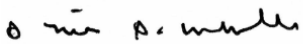
In accordance with the Provisional House Rules, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved to authorize all committees to conduct meetings or public hearings, if deemed necessary, during the House recess from December 19, 2019 to January 19, 2020.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION**

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o’clock in the afternoon of Monday, January 20, 2020.

It was 8:09 p.m. of Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.

  
**JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES**  
Secretary General

Approved on January 20, 2020.

#### **DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED**

Printed copies of the following measures were distributed to the Members during the session:

*December 4, 2019*

1. House Bill No. 5509, entitled: “AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS FROM SIXTY (60) TO FIFTY-SIX (56) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997' ”

*December 17, 2019*

2. House Bill No. 5673, entitled: “AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) TO SET AND APPROVE THE BED CAPACITY AND SERVICE CAPABILITY OF ALL DOH-RETAINED HOSPITALS”
3. House Bill No. 5712, entitled: “AN ACT MODIFYING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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** ABUNDA	CABATBAT	ECLEO
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* ADIONG	* CALDERON	* ERIGUEL
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\* 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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MARQUEZ	SAGARBARRIA	VELASCO
MARTINEZ	*** SAKALURAN	VELOSO
MATBA	* SALCEDA	* VERGARA
MATUGAS	SALIMBANGON	* VILLA
* MENDOZA	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.)	

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\*\*\*\* Absent without notice