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CALL TO ORDER

At 3:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Evelina G. Escudero 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. Wilter “Sharky” Wee Palma II, there being no objection, the Body deferred the calling of the Roll and the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 6414, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BICOL STATE COLLEGE OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6415, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INTRODUCE STRUCTURAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ADJUSTMENTS INTO THE K TO 12

CURRICULUM TO ACHIEVE GREATER EFFICIENCY AND SUCCESS ACROSS ALL KEY STAGES OF THE PROGRAM”

By Representative Marcoleta
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6416, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF FINANCIAL CONSUMERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6417, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING DEPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS TO THE BARRIOS”

By Representative Abunda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6418, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE MARINE INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6419, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL GARDENING PROGRAMS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Estrella
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 6420, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING AND PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH APPROPRIATE, TRANSPARENT AND EASILY COMPREHENSIBLE

LABELLING OF ALL PROCESSED AND SEMI-PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS CONTAINING FREE SUGARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Estrella
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 6421, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING BULK CASH SMUGGLING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Yap (Eric) and Duterte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6422, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING UPLAND SUSTAINABLE AGROFORESTRY DEVELOPMENT (USAD) PROGRAM IN UPLAND AGRICULTURAL LANDS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6423, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE LINGAYEN - BINMALEY BAYWALK ROAD LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINMALEY IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 6424, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Ty (Diego)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6425, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSOLIDATING THE LOAN ALLOCATION PROVIDED FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES, AND INCREASING THE PENALTIES ON LENDING INSTITUTIONS

FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AND UNDERCOMPLIANCE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10000, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'AGRI-AGRA REFORM CREDIT ACT OF 2009' ”

By Representative Garin (Sharon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 6426, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE PREVENTION OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garin (Sharon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 6427, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MAGNA CARTA OF BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLARS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garin (Sharon)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6428, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING FRESHWATER AQUACULTURE CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALACOGON, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6429, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING CACAO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PROSPERIDAD, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bascug
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 6431, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THIS 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 Representative Datol
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 6432, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF POLOMOLOK IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF POLOMOLOK”

By Representative Bañas-Nogralles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6433, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWER AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bañas-Nogralles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 6434, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CEBU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY INTO A SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Calderon, Del Mar, Abellanos, Gullas, Caminero, Garcia (Pablo John), Salimbangon, Frasco, Ouano-Dizon, Radaza and Lagon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 6435, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SCIENCE FOR PEOPLE AND COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 6436, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PENSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010' ”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR CITIZENS

House Bill No. 6437, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SECURITY OF TENURE FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THIS

PURPOSE SECTION 6 (D) OF REPUBLIC ACT 7883, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995' ”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 6438, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING AND REGULATING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLES AS PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cabatbat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6439, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING AND STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY TO MEET THE STRATEGIC NEEDS OF THE CHANGING INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC MARITIME INDUSTRY, IN EFFECT, ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC AND NATIONAL DEFENSE SITUATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 748, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DILG TO WITHDRAW MC 2020-036 WHICH IMPLEMENTS THE TRICYCLE BAN ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT HEARINGS, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, FOR THE REVIEW OF NATIONALLY-IMPOSED POLICIES ON LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, ESPECIALLY TRICYCLES”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 749, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING AIRLINE COMPANIES AND TRAVEL AGENCIES TO ALLOW PASSENGERS WHO BOOKED

FLIGHTS TO COUNTRIES WITH CASES OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) TO REBOOK OR REFUND THEIR SCHEDULED FLIGHTS FOR FREE”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 750, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CONDUCT AND PRACTICE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM IN BUYING OUT LOANS OF ITS MEMBERS FROM PRIVATE LENDING INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE GSIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GFAL), AND DEDUCTING THE LOANS FROM THE SALARIES, PENSIONS, AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF ITS MEMBERS, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO REGULATE THE SAME”

By Representative Datol
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 751, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT SEC. 11 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 125, ENTITLED, 'REORGANIZING THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE' AS AMENDED, THEREBY CREATING A REGIONAL OFFICE FOR TRANSPORTATION IN REGION VII”

By Representative Abellanos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 752, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9520, ALSO KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE CODE OF 2008'”

By Representative Canama
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 753, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEPARTMENT OF

TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO BAN THE IMPORTATION AND USE OF INDUCTION FURNACES IN THE PHILIPPINES DUE TO THEIR HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE RISKS THEY IMPOSE UPON PEOPLE”

By Representative Savellano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 754, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE BUREAU OF FIRE PROTECTION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, TO ENSURE THE FIRE SAFETY COMPLIANCE OF BUILDINGS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IN ACCORDANCE TO REPUBLIC ACT 9514 (FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES)”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 755, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING MR. JOSE ACUESTA JUAN JR. FOR HIS NATIONALISM, DEDICATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, AND EXEMPLARY PARTICIPATION IN REPATRIATING THE DISTRESSED OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS IN WUHAN CITY, HUBEI, CHINA, THE EPICENTER OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) OUTBREAK”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 756, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED \$370 MILLION (P18.7 BILLION) IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES BROUGHT INTO THE PHILIPPINES BY TWO SUSPECTED SYNDICATES”

By Representative Barbers
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 757, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO FILL IN THE VACANCY FOR THE LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CAUSED BY THE UNTIMELY DEMISE

OF REP. NESTOR B. FONGWAN SR. AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Salceda, Lagman, Pichay,
Revilla, Defensor (Michael), Legarda,
Gonzales (Aurelio), Pimentel, Abante,
Villanueva (Eduardo), Hataman, Remulla and
Zamora (Ronaldo)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Resolution No. 758, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE SECURITIES
AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)
TO REQUIRE ALL PHILIPPINE STOCK
EXCHANGE (PSE) - LISTED COMPANIES
TO RESERVE FOR WOMEN AT LEAST
ONE (1) INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR SEAT
IN THEIR GOVERNING BOARDS”

By Representative Campos

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL
INTERMEDIARIES

House Resolution No. 759, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF
HONORABLE ELNORITA P. TUGUNG,
FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF BASILAN
DURING THE NINTH CONGRESS”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter),
Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 760, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY
OF HONORABLE EDGAR L. MENDOZA,
FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS DURING
THE ELEVENTH CONGRESS”

By Representatives Cayetano (Alan Peter),
Romualdez (Ferdinand) and Abante

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATION

Letter dated January 27, 2020 of Nelson M. Bayani,
Supervising Administrative Officer, Sangguniang
Panlalawigan ng Batangas, Province of Batangas,
furnishing the House of Representatives a copy
of a passed/enacted Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Resolution No. 053 Year 2020.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the Committee on Youth and Sports
Development (Committee Report No. 262), re
H.B. No. 6456, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 12 OF EVERY
YEAR AS NATIONAL YOUTH DAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bills Numbered 323 and 3859

Sponsors: Representatives Martinez, Elago and
Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Public Works and
Highways (Committee Report No. 263), re H.B.
No. 6467, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE PORTION OF THE
MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BOUNDARY-
CALANAN-ENRILE ROAD, STRETCHING
FROM THE ANTONIO CANAO BRIDGE
IN BARANGAY CALANAN, TRAVERSING
THROUGH BARANGAYS BULANAO
AND IPIL, UP TO THE ALLILOG BRIDGE
IN BARANGAY NAMBARAN, ALL IN
THE CITY OF TABUK IN THE PROVINCE
OF KALINGA, AS MANUEL S. AGYAO
BOULEVARD”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 2431

Sponsors: Representatives Madrona and
Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Aquaculture and
Fisheries Resources and the Committee on
Appropriations (Committee Report No. 264), re
H.B. No. 5027, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT
IN BARANGAY GIL SANCHEZ,
MUNICIPALITY OF LABASON,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL
NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Cueva and Ungab
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Aquaculture and
Fisheries Resources and the Committee on
Appropriations (Committee Report No. 265), re
H.B. No. 4939, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT
IN BARANGAY MACUYON,
MUNICIPALITY OF SIRAWAI,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL

NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

recommending its approval without amendment
Sponsors: Representatives Cueva and Ungab
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report of the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral
Reforms (Committee Report No. 266), re H.B.
No. 6470, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.
10366, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON
ELECTIONS TO ESTABLISH PRECINCTS
ASSIGNED TO ACCESSIBLE POLLING
PLACES EXCLUSIVELY FOR PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 5254

Sponsors: Representatives Ferrer (Juliet) and
Quimbo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair
suspended the session at 3:13 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Rep.
David “Jay-Jay” C. Suarez, there being no objection,
the Chair directed the Secretary General to call the
Roll and the following Members were present:

Abante	Amante-Matba
Abellanosa	Amatong
Abu	Andaya
Abunda	Angara
Acop	Arenas
Acosta	Arroyo
Advincula	Atienza
Agabas	Aumentado
Agarao	Babasa
Aglipay	Bagatsing
Albano	Balindong
Almario	Barba
Alonte	Barbers
Alvarez (F.)	Baronda
Alvarez (G.)	Bascug

Bautista	Erice
Belmonte	Eriguel
Benitez	Escudero
Bernos	Espina
Biazon	Espino
Billones	Estrella
Biron	Fariñas (R.C.)
Bolilia	Fernandez
Bordado	Ferrer (J.M.)
Bravo	Ferrer (L.)
Brosas	Fortun
Bustos	Fortuno
Cabatbat	Fuentebella
Cabochan	Gaite
Cabredo	Garcia (J.E.)
Cagas	Garcia (P.J.)
Calderon	Garin (S.)
Calixto	Gatchalian
Caminero	Gato
Campos	Geron
Canama	Go (M.)
Cari	Gonzaga
Castelo	Gonzales (A.)
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (N.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez
Cayetano (A.P.)	Gorriceta
Cayetano (M.L.)	Guico
Celeste	Guya
Chatto	Haresco
Chipeco	Hataman
Chungalao	Herrera-Dy
Co (A.N.)	Hofer
Cojuangco	Jalosjos
Crisologo	Javier
Cua	Kho (E.)
Cuaresma	Kho (W.)
Cueva	Labadlabad
Cullamat	Lacson
Dagooc	Lacson-Noel
Dalipe	Lagman
Dalog	Lagon
Datol	Lara
De Jesus	Lim
de Venecia	Limkaichong
Del Mar	Lopez
Delos Santos	Loyola
Deloso-Montalla	Lusotan
Dimaporo (A.)	Macapagal Arroyo
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Madrona
Duavit	Malapitan
Duterte	Mangaoang
Dy (F.)	Marcoleta
Ebcas	Mariano-Hernandez
Elago	Mariño

Marquez	Sanchez
Martinez	Sangcopan
Matba	Santos-Recto
Mendoza	Siao
Momo	Silverio
Natividad-Nagaño	Singson
Nava	Singson-Meehan
Noel	Sinsuat
Nogralles (J.J.)	Suansing (E.)
Nolasco	Suansing (H.)
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Suarez (D.)
Oaminal	Sy-Alvarado
Olivarez	Taduran
Ong (J.)	Tallado
Ong (R.)	Tambunting
Ortega	Tan (A.S.)
Pacquiao (A.)	Tan (S.A.)
Padiernos	Tejada
Palma	Tiangco
Pancho	Tolentino
Panotes	Tulfo
Peña	Tupas
Pimentel	Tutor
Pineda	Ty (D.)
Plaza	Umali (A.)
Puno	Umali (M.V.)
Quimbo	Unabia
Radaza	Uy (R.)
Ramirez-Sato	Valeriano
Ramos	Valmayor
Remulla	Vargas Alfonso
Reyes	Veloso
Rivera	Vergara
Robes	Villafuerte
Rodriguez	Villar
Roman	Villaraza-Suarez
Romualdez (F.M.)	Villarica
Romualdez (Y.M.)	Violago
Romulo	Yap (E.)
Sacdalan	Yap (V.)
Sagarbarria	Yu
Sakaluran	Zamora (R.)
Salceda	Zarate
Salimbangon	Zubiri
Salo	

With 227 Members responding to the Call, including those deemed present in accordance with Section 71, Rule XI of the Provisional House Rules, the Chair declared the presence of a quorum. (See Appendix)

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose L. Atienza Jr. for his manifestation.

MANIFESTATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representative Atienza called the attention of the Secretariat to be honest with the roll call count as it was not a light and discretionary matter. He claimed that his own counters only counted 136 Members present on the floor which did not tally with the count of 227 reported by the Secretariat whom he alleged to be “generous in crediting attendance.” He accused the Secretariat of intercalating its own roll call figure which he claimed was not reflective of the membership on the floor. He then sought for a clarification from the acting Majority Leader on the discrepancy between his roll call count and that of the Secretariat.

REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE PALMA

Upon recognition by the Chair, Representative Palma pointed out that under the Provisional Rules of the House, Members are deemed present during a roll call when they are attending committee hearings authorized by the Committee on Rules. He said that he would furnish Representative Atienza with a list of the committee hearings and the Members attending the same.

Thereafter, he stated that 18 Members were attending different committee hearings at the moment, with six Members attending the Committee on Public Works and Highways meeting; eight in the Committee on National Defense and Security; and four in the Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare. He added that 10 Members were attending a meeting of the Commission on Appointments while eight were on official business. He also said that he would provide Representative Atienza a copy of the authorization from the Committee on Rules, which kept said Members from being physically present in the Session Hall.

Representative Atienza then inquired on the number of Members deemed present.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The session was suspended at 3:49 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 3:49 p.m.

**MANIFESTATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA**
(Continuation)

After being informed that 54 Members were deemed present, Representative Atienza pointed out that adding 54 to his own count of 136 would only total to 190 Members which was still far from the declared count of the Secretariat. He stated that a quorum was present but the Secretariat's count was different from his which was what he was complaining about. He said that he would continue to be vigilant on the matter.

He cautioned the Secretariat to be accurate with its count; otherwise, he said he would elevate the matter outside of the halls of Congress because they cannot fool around with the House Rules and the integrity of the House.

The Chair noted the manifestation of Representative Atienza.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

Thereupon, Representative Suarez (D.) acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Reps. Solomon R. Chungalao, Arlene D. Brosas, Aloy Lim, and Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr.

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

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

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

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

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Suarez, the Chair recognized Rep. Mario Vittorio “Marvey” A. Mariño, chairperson of

the sponsoring Committee, for his sponsorship of the measure, and Rep. Edcel C. Lagman to continue with his interpellation.

**INTERPELLATION OF
REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN**
(Continuation)

Representative Lagman initially discussed with the Sponsor the number of overseas Filipinos workers worldwide and the amount of their remittances to the country; and asked if a performance audit was ever conducted on the Department of Labor and Employment, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration to assess whether they had effectively discharged their functions and duties with regard to Filipino labor migration.

Representative Lagman said that the rationale for the creation of a new department to act as a one-stop-shop for the concerns of OFWs was a flimsy one since existing offices such as the OWWA and the Philippine Overseas Labor Offices would only be subsumed under the proposed department. He also stressed that there is no need to create a new department to replace these functioning agencies which had achieved considerable milestones in terms of labor export.

The Members next debated on the Bill's sunset provision which provides for a systematic evaluation after a 10-year period that would determine whether to extend or abolish the department. Representative Lagman argued it was not a sunset provision and was only intended for those opposing the measure so they will be temporized in their stand.

Representative Lagman then asked the Sponsor to cite DOLE's position on the matter as well as the other position papers submitted to the Committee during the 17th or 18th Congress. He also requested to suspend his interpellation while the Sponsor was looking for these position papers, so that it would not be deducted from the time allotted for his interpellation.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 4:12 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 4:28 p.m.

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

To give time to the technical staff to produce the documents requested by Representative Atienza, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Chair suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 210 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6134

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6134 contained in Committee Report No. 210 as submitted by the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries.

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

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

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair then recognized Rep. Junie E. Cua, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, to sponsor the measure.

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

Representative Palma stated that the parliamentary status of the Bill was that the period of sponsorship and debate was already closed; and upon his motion, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

There being no committee amendments, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to consider individual amendments.

The Chair then recognized Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for his proposals.

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

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE ROMUALDO

As proposed by Representative Romualdo and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments on pages 5, 6, 7, and 8 of House Bill No. 6134.

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 6134

Upon manifestations of Representative Cua and Deputy Speaker Garcia (P.J.), and with the permission of the Body, the following Members were made additional coauthors of House Bill No. 6134: Deputy Speaker Luis Raymund “LRay” F. Villafuerte Jr., Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, Minority Leader Bienvenido M. Abante Jr., Deputy Speaker Garcia (P.J.), and Representative Romualdo.

The Chair then directed the Secretary General to take note of the same.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6134

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6134.

On another motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III on a question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA (J.E.)

Representative Garcia spoke about the crusade of his father, the late Rep. Enrique “Tet” Garcia Jr., on his staunch opposition to the value-added tax system as well as his proposal to shift to a sales tax system. He said that he was continuing his father’s proposal which argued that the VAT system has input tax deduction loophole, poor collection efficiency, and high administrative cost. In contrast, he pointed out that a sales tax system results in higher collection efficiency, lower tax rate, all taxes paid goes to the government, and one that is easier to administer and monitor.

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Atienza for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ATIENZA

Representatives Atienza and Garcia (J.E.) delved into the poor VAT collection efficiency, the small percentage that is remitted to the government, and the reasons why the objectives of VAT were not being achieved.

Representative Atienza suggested that they should review the implementation of the VAT law and reminded the national government that the local government units which are supposed to be its tax collection arm, should have a share in the proceeds of VAT collection. He said that he would join Representative Garcia in calling the attention of the Bureau of Internal Revenue regarding the unsuccessful implementation of VAT in the country.

Representative Garcia clarified that while VAT collection has been increasing over the years, this should have been higher than the actual collections; explained that the VAT system requires more resources to implement; and reiterated his proposed solution to shift to a sales tax system.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA (J.E.)

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Representative Garcia and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6134

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6134 contained in Committee Report No. 210 as reported out by the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries, entitled:

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

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no further amendments, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6134, AS AMENDED

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6134, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GUESTS

At this point, Representatives Ria Christina G. Fariñas and Palma acknowledged the presence in the Session Hall of the guests of Representative Garcia (J.E.), Majority Leader Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, and Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza.

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

On another 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, entitled:

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

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Mariño, chairperson of the Committee on Government Reorganization to sponsor the Bill and Representative Lagman to continue with his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE LAGMAN (Continuation)

Recognized by the Chair, Representative Lagman said that he was handed a transcript of the testimony

of the Secretary of Labor and Employment, and not the DOLE's position paper on the creation of the Department of Filipinos Overseas and Foreign Employment. He said that he would not insist on the document anymore, but informed the Body that he had already talked with the DOLE Secretary who said that his position was neutral but recommended the creation of the department which is the preference of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. In addition, he relayed the information he had gathered that OFWs as represented by various sectors and associations have submitted their position papers citing a divided stand on the creation of said department.

Representative Lagman then proceeded to discuss with Representative Mariño the reasons of Filipinos for working overseas, and whether these would be resolved by the Bill; the major problems besetting the OFWs in the host countries; the social costs of labor migration; and the countries which are engaged in the export of manpower and have established a department for overseas workers.

Considering that the Bill would not address the discussed adverse effects of labor migration, Representative Lagman believed that there was no need to establish the Department of Filipinos Overseas and Foreign Employment. Representative Mariño stated that if such problems persist despite the operation of existing agencies, then there was indeed a need to create the department, to which Representative Lagman countered that social problems are inherent to labor migration and not necessarily the failure of the implementing agencies.

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 on House Bill No. 5832.

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

On further motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5832.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

The Chair suspended the session at 5:39 p.m. upon motion of Representative Palma.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 5:39 p.m.

WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 757

Upon resumption of session, on successive motions of Deputy Speakers Johnny Ty Pimentel and Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales Jr., there being no objection, their names as authors of House Resolution No. 757 were withdrawn.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF 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 submitted 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."

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to the period of amendments.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

As proposed by Representative Mariño, there being no objection, the Body approved the committee amendments in Section 2 of the Bill.

There being no other committee amendments, on further motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body proceeded to consider individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (S.)

As proposed by Rep. Sharon S. Garin and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection,

the Body approved the amendments in Section 8 on pages 12 and 13 of the Bill.

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

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

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 207
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6091**

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. Camille A. Villar, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6091 contained in Committee Report No. 207 as reported out by the Committee on People's Participation.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY TO VOLUNTEERS FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS COMMITTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATION.”

As copies of the Bill had been distributed to the Members, on motion of Representative Villar, 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 Villar, the Chair recognized Rep. Rosanna “Ria” Vergara to sponsor the measure.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE VERGARA**

Speaking on behalf of the chairperson of the Committee on People's Participation, Rep. Florida “Rida” P. Robes, Representative Vergara said that the members of the sponsoring Committee recognize volunteerism as an effective mechanism of people's participation, and that volunteers should be given due protection and recognition for their contributions especially in crisis situations, and emergency and relief operations.

Representative Vergara stated that House Bill No. 6091 or the Emergency Volunteer Protection Act

will protect volunteers by clearly defining their rights and responsibilities, and provide liability protection to volunteers when performing acts of volunteerism. She then urged her colleagues to support the Bill's approval.

**SPONSORSHIP SPEECH
OF REPRESENTATIVE HERRERA-DY**

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Palma, Rep. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy pointed out that while the Bill at hand aims to protect professional volunteers and rescuers from possible liability, the general public and ordinary individuals should be similarly protected. As such, she said that she has filed House Bill No. 3474 to exempt any individual who provided assistance from subsequent liability due to injury, loss of life, and damage to property. Thereafter she asked support for the passage of the instant Bill.

**SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION
ON SECOND READING
OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6091**

On motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6091.

**BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 198
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5083**

On further motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 5083 contained in Committee Report No. 198 as reported out by the Committee on Agrarian Reform.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION OF UNPAID INTERESTS, PENALTIES, AND SURCHARGES ON LOANS SECURED BY FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM (DAR), THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA), THE PEOPLE'S CREDIT AND FINANCE CORPORATION (PCFC), THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA),

THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) AND THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (QUEDANCOR).”

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

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE CHUNGALAO

On subsequent motion of Representative Villar, the Chair recognized Rep. Solomon R. Chungalao, chairperson of the sponsoring Committee, who stated that House Bill No. 5083 would facilitate the reintegration of farmers, fisherfolks, and agrarian reform beneficiaries into the financial and banking system; give them access to new and additional government credit programs; and provide for the condonation of unpaid loans, interests, and other penalties made through government lending programs, due to *force majeure* or market aberration.

The Sponsor stressed that the proposed measure was in consonance with the social justice provision of the Constitution as it provides the cooperatives and the fisheries- and agrarian-based organizations the opportunity to invest the condoned amount to enhance land productivity.

As Congress should fulfill its constitutional duty to respond to the needs of the Filipino people and their aspiration for a just and humane society, Representative Chungalao enjoined his colleagues to support the passage of House Bill No. 5083.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5083

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Villar, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 5083.

WITHDRAWAL OF COAUTHORSHIP OF HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 757

With the permission of the Body, Minority Leader Abante manifested his withdrawal of coauthorship of House Resolution No. 757.

The Chair noted the manifestation.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Vincent Franco “Duke” D. Frasco on a question of privilege.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATIVE FRASCO

Representative Frasco spoke in response to the speeches of his two colleagues during the previous session, expressing their disappointment and accusing him of gross misrepresentation and falsehoods as they denounced the statement he allegedly made, in his capacity as chairperson of the Committee on Visayas Development, regarding the issue of the ABS-CBN franchise renewal.

He claimed that based on the Provisional Rules of the House, his two colleagues had acted out of order because they availed of the Privilege Hour to speak on a matter that was principally and directly related to the subject matter of a measure already pending before a committee, and being lobbied for an immediate action by Congress.

With the indulgence of the Body if only to clear the misinterpretations and misattributions that his two colleagues had heaped upon him, he made the following clarifications: (1) the media sought his reply, being the chair of the Committee on Visayas Development, to a former Negros Congressman’s claim that the Visayas bloc had agreed that Congress should act immediately on the ABS-CBN franchise renewal; (2) he was never consulted about the purported stand of the said bloc supporting the renewal of the ABS-CBN franchise; (3) no meeting was ever held regarding the issue; (4) his two colleagues were silent when the convenor of the Visayas bloc purported to speak for all Visayan Members of the House, in contrast to the condemnation which he was now facing for speaking as the duly elected chairperson of the Committee recognized as the official body representing all the Representatives from the Visayas; and (5) he exercised his right to reply to the media based on facts he was aware of.

Representative Frasco then stated for the record the exact statement he made to the media in his capacity as chairperson of the aforesaid Committee, that his fellow Visayas Representatives stand solidly behind Speaker Alan Peter “Compañero” S. Cayetano in observing the protocol and courtesy due to their colleagues from the Committee on Legislative Franchises before whom the ABS-CBN franchise has been presented.

He thereafter said he was confounded that his two colleagues found it necessary to publicly impugn his integrity and reputation instead of approaching him to clarify and discuss the matter. He then cited the support of the majority of the Body as well as the high trust rating of the public for the Speaker; the courtesy, protocol, and respect among the Members; and the urgent concern of the Visayas Representatives in finding ways to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus outbreak. Finally, he offered his hand of peace to his two colleagues for the sake of unity. He then took his seat considering that his speech was merely in response to what was said during the Privilege Hour the previous session when he was not around.

REFERRAL OF SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE FRASCO

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body referred the speech of Representative Frasco to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6091

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6091 contained in Committee Report No. 207 reported out by the Committee on People's Participation, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY TO VOLUNTEERS FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS COMMITTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATION.”

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto for his sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE NIETO

Representative Nieto stated that forging unity and cooperation among the people is needed in times of crisis especially at present when a simple act of kindness could be misconstrued. He stated that it is the responsibility of Congress to provide protection to volunteers in the performance of their duties and that the proposed measure would be a way to spread the spirit of volunteerism among the people. He then expressed hope for the immediate passage of

House Bill No. 6091, a version of which was already approved during the 17th Congress.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6091

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6091.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 243 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6365

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6365 contained in Committee Report No. 243 as reported 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 UPGRADING THE SIARGAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAPA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE INTO A LEVEL II GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY, UPGRADING ITS PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND FACILITIES, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

Representative Palma stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of amendments; and on his succeeding motions, the Chair recognized Rep. Ruth Mariano-Hernandez, vice chairperson of the Committee on Health, to sponsor the measure, and Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola for her amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE LOYOLA

As proposed by Representative Loyola and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments in Sections 2, 3, and 4 on pages 1 and 2 of the Bill.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no other amendments, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6365, AS AMENDED

On further motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 6365, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair suspended the session at 6:22 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:22 p.m., the session resumed.

APPROVAL OF JOURNAL NO. 49

Upon resumption of session, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved Journal No. 49 dated March 2, 2020.

BUSINESS FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 247 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 875

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 875 contained in Committee Report No. 247 as submitted by the Committees on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT, REHABILITATION, AND
MODERNIZATION OF THE NAVOTAS
FISH PORT COMPLEX.”

Representative Palma stated that the Bill was in the period of individual amendments. On his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Leo Rafael M. Cueva, chairperson of the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, to sponsor the Bill, and Rep. Diego “Nonoy” C. Ty for his individual amendments.

AMENDMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE TY (D.)

As proposed by Representative Ty and accepted by the Sponsor, there being no objection, the Body approved the amendments renumbering Sections 4 and 5 of the Bill.

TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

There being no further amendments, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of amendments.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 875, AS AMENDED

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 875, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 73 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 59

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 59 contained in Committee Report No. 73 as submitted by the Committee on Trade and Industry.

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

“AN ACT SETTING THE MINIMUM PAID-UP
CAPITAL AND LOCALLY PRODUCED
STOCK INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS
FOR FOREIGN RETAIL BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8762,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'RETAIL
TRADE LIBERALIZATION ACT OF 2000'.”

Representative Palma stated that the parliamentary status was that the Bill was in the period of sponsorship and debate. On his motion, the Chair recognized Rep. Weslie T. Gatchalian, chairperson of the Committee on Trade and Industry, to sponsor the Bill, and Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ZARATE

Representative Zarate discussed with Representative Gatchalian the basis and rationale

of the Bill in lowering the minimum paid-up capital and locally produced stock inventory requirements for foreign retail business enterprises; the industries or sectors that are still controlled by Filipinos; and the purpose for amending the Retail Trade Liberalization Act.

Representative Gatchalian explained that the Bill would give opportunity to foreign retailers to put up their own shops in the country; there is a need to adjust to the constantly evolving trade environment; and opening the Philippine retail industry to the global market would bring about more competitive local players, more choices of goods for consumers, influx of new technology and innovations, and more employment opportunities for Filipinos.

Representative Zarate opined that the Retail Trade Nationalization Act was passed to protect the local retail sector considering that foreign investors had penetrated many other sectors in the country.

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

The Sponsor opined that the Philippines' Southeast Asian neighbors had experienced investment growth and job generation because of the adjustments they had made in their paid-up capital requirements. He also emphasized the need for Filipino companies to evolve in the global landscape.

Subsequently questioning the wisdom of the Bill, Representative Zarate cited the nationalistic provisions of the 1987 Constitution as regards the national economy; stressed the need to protect and support the local retail industry; and explained how the measure will destroy micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the local economy. He disagreed with the Sponsor that the retail sector is controlled by a few oligarchs who own big malls as he noted that the retail sector was also made up of MSMEs. This, as he also expressed concern on the adverse impact of the Bill on *sari-sari* stores and street vendors.

In closing, Representative Zarate reminded the Body to strengthen the local economy and support local entrepreneurs, and criticized the proposed measure as it would imperil the lives of fellow Filipinos who depend on retail trade for their livelihood.

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

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GAITE

Representative Gaité exchanged views with Representative Gatchalian on setting the minimum paid-up capital under the Retail Trade Liberalization Act of 2000, and proposing for a lower limit under the proposed measure. The Sponsor opined that the main objective in lowering the paid-up capital requirement was to attract additional foreign investors who could provide more jobs as well as encourage technology and knowledge exchange in the retail sector. He added that the safety net being provided for micro-entrepreneurs was the 10 percent locally produced stock inventory requirement.

Subsequently, Representative Gaité argued that the proposed limitations were not enough as safety nets for MSMEs; and expressed his apprehension in encouraging the entry of foreign direct investments which might leave when operations become less profitable.

The Members then tackled the retail sector's potential to generate high value-added jobs and pointed out that the goal was not to simply create jobs but to generate decent and quality jobs as well. Representative Gatchalian expressed belief that it is important to improve the wholesale and retail sectors to help other sectors and workers therein.

Representative Gaité said he was not convinced with the proposal to open up the economy to foreign retail investments considering that it is not the remedy to the down-trending economy and has no assurance that said investments would remain in the domestic economy.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

On motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), the Chair suspended the session at 7:34 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

The session resumed at 7:35 p.m.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (S.)

Recognized by the Chair upon motion of Representative Fariñas (R.C.), Representative Garin discussed with the Sponsor the country's low foreign retail sector investments relative to its neighboring countries, the barriers to the entry of

such investments, and the proposal to lower the paid-up capital requirement for foreign investments under House Bill No. 59.

Representative Garin however expressed full support for the Bill as it will complement the rest of the measures that Congress is currently tackling with regard to liberalization. She pointed out that this will help the labor and investments sectors as it will attract the influx of direct investments. She then encouraged her colleagues to support the passage of the instant measure.

On motion of Representative Suarez (D.), the Chair recognized Rep. Arlene D. Brosas for her interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF REPRESENTATIVE BROSAS

Representative Brosas discussed with Representative Gatchalian the intention of the Bill to encourage the entry of foreign retailers without being beholden to oligarchs; the paid-up capital needed by foreign retailers; the breaking up of the monopoly of big Filipino enterprises with the liberalization of the retail industry; the assurance that local MSMEs would be able to compete upon full-scale entry of foreign retailers; and whether foreign retail businesses will be allowed to bring their workers with them. She also expressed her concern on how the measure would affect women workers who mostly comprise the MSMEs in the retail sector.

Furthermore, she asked the Sponsor whether the entry of foreign retailers would cause labor market distortion in the retail sector; the restructuring of the MSMEs; and possible actions to address job displacement in case small businesses fold up due to the entry of foreign retailers.

Lastly, Representative Brosas argued that the influx of foreign investments will not guarantee better job generation, and amending the Retail Trade Liberalization Act would not strengthen local business, especially the local micro entrepreneurs who are mostly women.

On motion of Representative Palma, the Chair next recognized Minority Leader Abante for his interpellation.

INTERPELLATION OF MINORITY LEADER ABANTE

Minority Leader Abante's discussion with Representative Gatchalian centered on how the

simplification of the required minimum paid-up capital would affect Filipino retailers; the Bill's intention for lowering said requirement; and the safeguards for the Filipino retail industry as he expressed concern that the influx of foreign retailers would dominate the country's retail sector.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 59

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate, given that three speeches were already delivered in favor of, and two against the Bill; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 59 through *viva voce* voting.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF 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 submitted by the Committees on Government Reorganization, Overseas Workers Affairs, and Appropriations, entitled:

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

Representative Palma stated that the parliamentary status was that the period of amendments was previously terminated.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5832, AS AMENDED

On further motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body approved on Second Reading House Bill No. 5832, as amended, through *viva voce* voting.

RATIFICATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5829 AND SENATE BILL NO. 1224

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered and subsequently

ratified the Conference Committee Report on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 5829 and Senate Bill No. 1224, on institutionalizing Good Manners and Right Conduct and Values Education in the K to 12 curriculum.

ELECTION OF MAJORITY MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

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

Special Committee on North Luzon Growth Quadrangle

(as chairperson)

Rep. Ramon “Mon-Mon” V. Guico III, DPM
vice Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos

(as vice chairperson)

Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos

Committee on Appropriations

(as member)

Rep. Francisco G. Datol Jr.

Committee on Dangerous Drugs

(as member)

Rep. Julianne “Jam” L. Baronda

Committee on Veterans Affairs and Welfare

(as member)

Rep. Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza

Committee on Women and Gender Equality

(as member)

Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola

Committee on Ecology

(as member)

Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola

Special Committee on Persons with Disabilities

(as member)

Rep. Dahlia A. Loyola

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 the following Committee Report which was referred to the Committee on Rules.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Report of the Committee on Economic Affairs, the Committee on Trade and Industry, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means (Committee Report No. 267), re H.B. No. 6489, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING AND EXPANDING
THE LEYTE INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT ESTATE INTO THE
LEYTE ECOLOGICAL INDUSTRIAL
ZONE, CREATING FOR THIS
PURPOSE THE LEYTE ECOLOGICAL
INDUSTRIAL ZONE AUTHORITY, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval in substitution of
House Bill No. 1419

Sponsors: Representatives Garin (Sharon),
Gatchalian, Yap (Eric), Salceda, Romualdez
(Yedda) and Romualdez (Ferdinand)

OMNIBUS APPROVAL 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 contained in various Committee Reports as submitted by the committees indicated hereunder; dispensed with the reading of the texts of the measures without prejudice to their insertion into the records of the House, as copies thereof had been previously distributed to the Members; adopted the Explanatory Notes of the Bills as the sponsorship remarks on the measures; terminated the period of sponsorship and debate in

the absence of interpellations; 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. 6404 contained in Committee Report No. 248 as submitted by the Committees on Higher and Technical Education, and Appropriations, establishing the Quezon City TESDA Training and Assessment Center in Quezon City;
2. House Bill No. 4443 contained in Committee Report No. 251 as submitted by the Committees on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, and Appropriations, establishing a fish port in Macarascas, Puerto Princesa City; and
3. House Bill No. 6489 contained in Committee Report No. 267 as submitted by the Committees on Economic Affairs, Trade and Industry, Appropriations, and Ways and Means, converting and expanding the Leyte Industrial Development Estate into the Leyte Ecological Industrial Zone, and creating for this purpose the Leyte Ecological Industrial Zone Authority.

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Senior Deputy Minority Leader Janette L. Garin on a parliamentary inquiry.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (J.)

Representative Garin asked the Chair how old he was, to which the latter replied that he was already a senior citizen. She expressed admiration to the Chair for having an exemplary sense of hearing to recognize the preponderance of *aye* votes over *nay* votes. She then withdrew her parliamentary inquiry.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 212 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6136

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6136 contained in Committee Report No. 212 as reported out by the Committees on Ways and Means, and Appropriations.

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

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8794, ENTITLED 'AN ACT IMPOSING A MOTOR VEHICLE USER'S CHARGE ON OWNERS OF ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,' AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11239.”

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.

SPONSORSHIP REMARKS OF REPRESENTATIVE SALCEDA

Thereafter, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda, chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means, who talked about the features of the proposed measure which he emphasized is a form of progressive taxation. He said that under the Bill, part of potential revenues from proposed charges will benefit public utility jeepneys essentially for their modernization. He stated that the imposition of charges would have minimal effect on inflation. He then sought for the immediate approval of the Bill.

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6136

Thereupon, on successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 6136 in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved the measure on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

BUSINESS FOR THE DAY: COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 250 ON HOUSE BILL NO. 6430

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered on Second Reading House Bill No. 6430 contained in Committee Report No. 250 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 A REINVESTMENT FRAMEWORK FOR REAL ESTATE

INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) SPONSORS, AMENDING SECTIONS 3, 8, AND 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) ACT OF 2009.'

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.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative Palma, the Chair recognized Representative Garin (S.), chairperson of the Committee on Economic Affairs, for her sponsorship speech.

SPONSORSHIP SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE GARIN (S.)

Representative Garin spoke on the concept and background of the real estate investment trust or REIT which she said is required to be listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission. She stated that investors are attracted to the REIT and that it has helped in invigorating the stock markets abroad particularly in Asian countries. As Republic Act No. 9856 lapsed into law in 2009, no REITs had been established due to issues on the implementing rules and regulations of said law.

She said that with the new set of IRRs that was formulated by the Department of Finance, and the introduction of a reinvestment plan for REIT sponsors and promoters as proposed in the Bill, Representative Garin stated that the government can reap benefits from the REIT. As such, she urgently sought the passage of House Bill No. 6430.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6430

Thereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body suspended the consideration on Second Reading of House Bill No. 6430.

RESUMPTION OF CONSIDERATION ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6091

On motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body resumed the consideration on

Second Reading of House Bill No. 6091 contained in Committee Report No. 207 as reported out by the Committee on People's Participation, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY TO VOLUNTEERS FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS COMMITTED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES DURING EMERGENCY SITUATION.”

APPROVAL ON SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILL NO. 6091

Thereafter, on successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body terminated the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 6091 in the absence of interpellations; terminated the period of amendments in the absence of committee and individual amendments; and approved the measure on Second Reading through *viva voce* voting.

ADOPTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

On successive motions of Representative Palma, there being no objection, the Body considered the following 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:

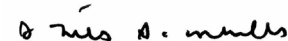
1. House Resolution No. 759, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE ELNORITA P. TUGUNG, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF BASILAN DURING THE NINTH CONGRESS; and
2. House Resolution No. 760, entitled: “RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF HONORABLE EDGAR L. MENDOZA, FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS DURING THE ELEVENTH CONGRESS.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

Whereupon, on motion of Representative Palma, there being no objection the Chair declared the session adjourned until three o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, March 9, 2020.

It was 8:36 p.m.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing.


JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

Approved on March 9, 2020.

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

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

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

* Appeared after the Roll Call

** 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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