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ON THE COVER

(Topmost) *Speaker* Feliciano Belmonte Jr. (First row, from left) *Deputy Speakers* Raul A. Daza, Lorenzo R. Tañada III, Pablo P. Garcia, Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella, (Second row, from left) Jesus Crispin C. Remulla, Maria Isabelle G. Climaco, *Majority Leader* Neptali M. Gonzales II, and *Minority Leader* Danilo E. Suarez

(Bottom) House of Representatives Main Building Façade

Foreword



On June 6, 2012, we adjourned the Second Regular Session confident of our legislative achievements in pursuing reforms in governance and national policy. Our confidence is sustained by overwhelming public approval of our performance and by the definite uptrends in the nation's economic growth and outlook.

Through this performance report, we share the groundbreaking fruits of our legislative labors during the first two regular sessions of the 15th Congress. The initiatives and measures we have shepherded carefully through the legislative process—and those we continue to work on for eventual passage—called on the exercise of our collective will, in the face of various challenges, in order to give our people a fighting chance against poverty and restore government as a force for good in the lives of our people.

By the time we adjourned, 8,884 measures were filed by Members, of which a total of 3,398 legislative measures were processed, or an average of 27 measures acted upon per session day in the First and Second Regular Sessions of the 15th Congress. Of the processed measures, 27 became laws. One bill awaits the signature of the President while 11 are set for transmittal to Malacañang. On Third Reading, 220 national bills and 551 local bills were approved while 268 regular resolutions and 1,180 resolutions authorizing the conduct of inquiries in aid of legislation were adopted.


We have made it our mission to enact quality measures that strengthen our democratic institutions by sustaining economic growth, enhancing rural productivity, optimizing land and resource use, expanding access to health services, fortifying social protection, strengthening the bureaucracy, upholding the rule of law, and advancing genuine reform in governance. In tandem with the President's executive initiatives, we have commenced the palpable restoration of optimism and pride in our public institutions and in the national leadership.

Our democratic institutions must be reinforced by making all three branches of government work harmoniously to promote and protect the welfare of our people. As public officers, our constitutional duty is to serve with the highest degree of responsibility, integrity, and efficiency, while remaining accountable to the Filipino people. Rest assured that in the performance of our duties and tasks—including calling public officials to account—we are guided by fairness and strictest adherence to the rule of law.

I am very proud and honored to have closed the Second Regular Session amid very good news in the socio-economic front. Our economy expanded by an unprecedented 6.4 percent in the first three months of the year—one of the fastest growth rates in the world and much higher than the foreseen 4.9 percent. In the stock market, foreign funds increased their buying of equities by 400 percent during the first semester of 2012 even as our country's S & P credit rating rose to BB+ from BB, the eighth credit rating increase since the start of the Aquino government. For our part, the House garnered a record-high approval rating of +40—its highest since reaching +33 at the end of 2010, according to the Social Weather Stations' survey for the first quarter of 2012.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of the House's stakeholders—our dedicated Deputy Speakers, Majority and Minority Leaders, Committee Chairpersons, Members and our able Secretariat—for their hard work and support. Because of their cooperation, we succeeded in making the House of Representatives a bastion of good governance and an active agent of national change.

In this spirit, let us forge ahead with optimism and embrace the challenges that await us in the final regular session of the 15th Congress.


FELICIANO "SONNY" BELMONTE JR.
Speaker
House of Representatives

Championing Good Governance, Upholding Democracy

The House of Representatives capped its Second Regular Session on June 6, 2012 riding on the crest of the highest public satisfaction and trust ratings ever garnered, both for Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. and the institution itself, affirming its continuing commitment to fulfilling the nationwide clamor for a legislature that serves the people with utmost competence and integrity.

Speaker Belmonte succeeded in bringing to fruition his inaugural promise to transform the 285-member House into a bastion of authentic reform and outstanding legislative performance. By the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 15th



CALL TO STATESMANSHIP. On the opening of the Second Regular Session, Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. rallies the House Members to move forward in the struggle for reform. He called on the Chamber's collective "statesmanship, focus and hard work" as they continue crafting measures to address poverty and hunger, create jobs, improve tax administration, protect natural resources, and end corruption in government.

Congress, House Members have filed a total of 8,884 bills and resolutions, of which 3,398 measures have been processed in the span of 128 session days, achieving a processing rate of 27 measures for each session day for two regular sessions. Of the processed measures, 24 became Republic Acts, three bicameral reports were ratified, and 776 were approved on Third Reading. Also adopted were 11 concurrent resolutions, 268 regular resolutions and 1,180 resolutions authorizing the conduct of inquiries in aid of legislation, while 12 bills were passed on Second Reading.

New Laws Enacted

For the duration of the Second Regular Session from July 26, 2011 up to June 6, 2012, 11 new laws were enacted, on top of the nine laws signed into law during the first year of the 15th Congress. Of the national bills enacted are: the 2012 General Appropriations Act (RA 10155), the landmark educational system reform law institutionalizing kindergarten education (RA 10157), the law decriminalizing vagrancy (RA 10158), the law conferring upon members of the Sanggunians the appropriate Civil Service eligibility (RA 10156), the law adjusting the rate of subsidiary imprisonment to an amount equivalent to the highest daily

minimum wage of a laborer in the Philippines prevailing at the time of conviction (RA 10159), the law creating two additional trial court branches at Santa Rosa City, Laguna (RA 10162), and the joint resolution increasing the 2011 corporate operating budget of the National Power Corporation from P7.575 billion to P13.968 billion (JR 2). Four bills of local import creating the component cities of Bacoor (RA 10160) and Imus (RA 10161), both in Cavite, as well as Cabuyao (RA 10163) in Laguna and Mabalacat (RA 10164) in Pampanga were signed into law by President Aquino.

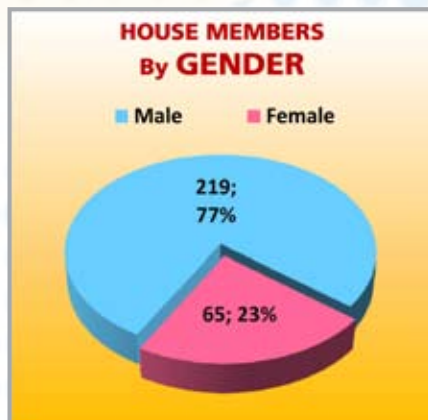
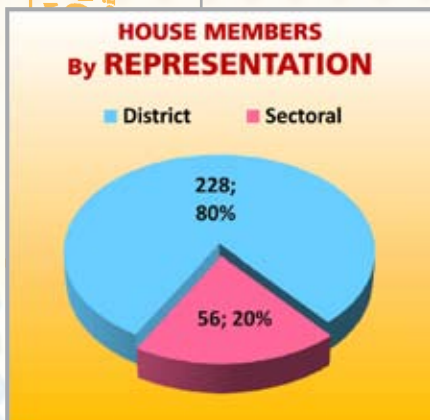
After Congress adjourned, the President signed six more measures into law: the amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering Act (RA 10167), the Terrorism Financing and Suppression Act of 2012 (RA 10168), the Act Strengthening and Propagating Foster Care for Abandoned and Neglected Children (RA 10165), the Act Regulating the Practice of Geology (RA 10166), the Act Converting the Municipality of Ilagan, Province of Isabela, into a Component City to be known as the City of Ilagan (RA 10169), and the Act Reapportioning the Second Legislative District of Quezon City, Thereby Creating Two Additional Legislative Districts and Twelve Sangguniang Panglungsod Seats from such Reapportionment (RA 10170).

Awaiting transmittal to the President for action are the following ratified bills: the Data Privacy Act (HB 4115), the Arbor Day Revival Act (HB 4330), the Anti-Cybercrime Act (HB 5808), the People’s Survival Fund Act (HB 6235), the act authorizing the city or municipal civil registrar or consul general to correct clerical errors in the date of birth or sex of a person appearing in the civil register without need of a judicial order (HB 4530), and the act reapportioning the province of Palawan into three legislative districts (HB 5608).

Consolidating the Agenda of Change

These new laws form part of a comprehensive policy reform agenda for national development spearheaded by Speaker Belmonte and fleshed out by the Secretariat for the 15th Congress in the first-ever comprehensive legislative agenda publication in Promoting Good Governance, Ensuring Sustainable Growth and Achieving Social Justice which presents a number of priority legislative reform measures addressing the following concerns: sustaining economic growth, enhancing rural productivity, increasing land utilization, expanding access to health services, fortifying social protection, strengthening the bureaucracy, upholding the rule of law, and advancing political and electoral reform.

In the First Regular Session, the Speaker and the House membership identified 107 priority measures, from which 23 were similarly classified as priorities by the



President and the Senate, and endorsed by the Legislative Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC). As Congress reconvened for the Second Regular Session, the LEDAC added 14 priority measures, among which are the bills amending current laws on housing, rural electrification, sin taxes, consumer protection, human security and data privacy, as well as the measures adopting a pocket open-skies policy, providing for additional benefits and protection to househelpers, expanding the science and technology program, instituting responsible parenthood, providing for the conditional cash transfer program, and imposing stiffer penalties for gun-related crimes.

In a further development, both Chambers of Congress met on September 29, 2011 upon the initiative of Speaker Belmonte and Senate President Juan Ponce-Enrile, for a pioneering Legislative Summit with the theme, “Integrating Priorities for Legislative Action.” The meeting identified 22 common priority measures of the House and the Senate. The bicameral event showcased the synergy between the House and the Senate in effectively using legislation to respond to the needs of the people.

Prioritizing Competent and Accountable Governance

The House’s firm commitment to promote transparency and accountability in the bureaucracy was highlighted through the passage of measures that curb systemic corruption and raise investor confidence in the country’s economic prospects.

By impeaching former Supreme Court Chief Justice Renato Corona on December 12, 2011, the Chamber affirmed its unyielding resolve to restore public trust in the judiciary. The successful prosecution of the then Chief Justice is a victory for the House in its campaign to strengthen the people’s trust in the government. In an earlier action to underscore the accountability of public officials, the House impeached Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez on March 22, 2011 but she resigned before an impeachment trial in the Senate could proceed.

In the Second Regular Session, the House also pushed for crucial bureaucratic reforms. It passed on Third Reading the bills establishing the Philippine Statistical System (HB 6229) to rationalize the government data gathering and statistical system as a basis for public policy and program planning, the Passport Act (HB 5854) simplifying the passport application process and the Cooperatives Representation bill (HB 3871) to institutionalize coop participation in the Land Bank of the Philippines’ board of directors.

Greater success in holding credible elections is further secured by the passage of HB 4145, identifying other persons criminally liable for election offenses and increasing penalties for election-related offenses, and HB 5509, mandating the use of highly accessible polling places for persons with disabilities.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS. In celebration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on August 9, 2011, Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. (center) with Ifugao Rep. Teddy Baguilat, Jr. (left), Chairman of the House Committee on National Cultural Communities, and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples Chairperson Zenaida Brigida Hamada Pawid (right), led rites marking the start of a three-month solidarity campaign for indigenous peoples' rights and empowerment held at the House of Representatives.



THE 2012 BUDGET. (Above) Budget Secretary Florencio Abad formally presents to Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. on July 26, 2011 the 2012 P1.816-trillion General Appropriations Act proposed by the Aquino administration that seeks to achieve the President's "social contract" with the Filipino people. Belmonte vowed an expeditious budget deliberation by Congress. Also in photo are Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II, Appropriations Committee Chairman Joseph Emilio Abaya and his committee vice-chairpersons. (Below) Speaker Belmonte links arms with lawmakers from various parties to express jubilation, after the approval on Second Reading on September 16, 2011 of the 2012 GAA, capping nine days of floor discussions. The Speaker said the budget was attuned to the realities of the global and national economies, "assembled with great pragmatism, and with as much foresight as is humanly possible."



The House also approved on Third Reading a Cadastral Survey Bill to rationalize land use in the country (HB 5870) and the Real Property Valuation and Assessment Bill (HB 6044) to establish consistent appraisal standards in the country. In the matter of ancestral land claims, HB 3747 grants indigenous peoples a period of extension to secure titles to their ancestral lands and empowers the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples to take legal action to cancel illegally-acquired titles.

These reform measures complement the reforms initiated in the First Regular Session, notably the GOCC Governance Act (RA 10149) that seeks to curb overspending and promote accountability in government corporations, and the Retirement Benefits Early Release Law (RA 10154) which ensures the release of retirement benefits of employees within 15 days from their retirement.

Reinforcing Social Safety Nets

In the P1.8-trillion General Appropriations Act of 2012 (RA 10155) allocating P1.245 trillion in new funds for government services, the House supported the administration's flagship pro-poor conditional cash transfer program, or the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino. The GAA 2012 likewise allocates the biggest budgetary chunk of P568.76 billion, or 31.76 percent of the entire budget, for social services, of which P238.8 billion is for education.

The House also passed the law decriminalizing vagrancy (RA 10158) to protect homeless indigents from abuse due to their social status, the Socialized Housing Act (HB 4578) prescribing the mechanisms for various government housing agencies to facilitate the disposition of public lands for mass housing, the Balanced Housing Development Program Amendment (HB 5446) accelerating the availability of mass housing by requiring condominium developers to build socialized housing equivalent to 20 percent of the cost or area of the condominium project, and the Universal Health Care Act (HB 6048) which aims to bring professional health care services within the reach of all citizens, especially the poor.

To improve nutrition services in the grassroots, HB 1330 establishes the Barangay Integrated Development Approach for Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) which creates a network of participating state colleges and universities to provide integrated research data gathering for nutrition policies and program development and implementation. HB 6050, on the other hand, establishes and funds rural farm schools as an alternative delivery system for secondary education.

HB 6184 grants single parents more benefits, including housing, comprehensive package of social benefits, scholarships, and discounts on medical products. HB 6118 compels the Land Bank of the Philippines to provide direct credit support to agrarian reform beneficiaries and small farmers and fisherfolk. HB 5475 expands the positions reserved in the government service for disabled persons to one percent of all posts in the entire bureaucracy, including government-owned corporations. Also, HB 6093 exempts from estate tax the unpaid balance of just compensation due to the decedent owners or their legal heirs.

Weathering Economic Challenges

The 15th Congress commenced in 2010 amidst an environment of economic uncertainty brought about by a global financial crisis of unforeseen magnitude, the repercussions of which still linger today. However, robust economic fundamentals have protected the country from recession and economic stagnation.

Under these circumstances, the House recognized the need to boost Philippine competitiveness. Thus, proposed amendments to RA 9334, otherwise known as the “Sin Tax Law” (HB 5727), was passed to boost the government’s resources from proceeds of additional levies on alcohol and tobacco products which could be used to fund infrastructure projects, upgrade educational facilities, and the government’s universal health care program.

To encourage foreign investors to bring their capital and technical know-how into the country and to promote domestic spending, the House passed the following measures: HB 3841, which amends certain provisions of RA 8293, or the Intellectual Property Code; HB 4655, which strengthens transparency and disclosure requirements in the use of credit card facilities; HB 4788, or the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act of 2011; HB 4841, which reinforces consumer protection in the purchase of brand new motor vehicles; HB 5461, which extends the term of the Land Bank of the Philippines; and HB 4935, which proposes the Incentives and Investments Code of the Philippines.

In terms of improving the country’s labor market and promoting entrepreneurship among the general population, the House passed bills that provide for the development of entrepreneurship skills among government employees (HB 3861); strengthen adult education programs for workers and employees (HB 4209); establish a credit assistance program for overseas workers (HB 4539); institute a framework that creates and accredits micro-enterprise development (HB 4688); and introduce various amendments to Presidential Decree No. 442, or the Labor Code of the Philippines.

To deter white-collar scams, the Chamber approved measures to counteract financial



PHIL-INDON PARLIAMENTARY TIES. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. welcomes to Congress the 15-member delegation of the People’s Representative Council of the Indonesian Parliament, headed by Hon. H. Sunardi Ayub, on March 13, 2012. With the Speaker are Reps. George Arnaiz, Jerry Treñas and Nelson Collantes who joined the discussion on nurturing Philippine-Indonesian parliamentary ties with their visiting counterparts.

fraud, such as the amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering Law (RA 10167). It also ratified the bicameral conference committee reports of the Anti-Cybercrime Act (HB 5808) and the Data Privacy Act (HB 4115), which protects the individual personal data stored in the government and private sectors.

These economic reform measures of the House have helped consolidate the Philippines' emerging status as one of Asia's most dynamic economies, growing at a robust 6.4-percent – the highest among ASEAN economies in 2012. Through effective legislation, the House hopes to help achieve the elusive dream of equitable development and sustainable growth in the country.

Promoting a Healthy Society

The 2012 GAA (RA 10155) contains provisions that give precedence to public health care, particularly in rural areas, by providing for the construction of more health care facilities in the countryside. The ultimate goal is the attainment of genuine universal healthcare as embodied in HB 6048. The enactment of the law that provides for the mandatory immunization of infants and children (RA 10152) is a complementary initiative towards the attainment of this goal.

To improve the quality of public and private health services, the House approved HB 5928 institutionalizing pre-hospital emergency care system, HB 592 providing for a national folic acid education program to prevent birth defects, HB 5471 strengthening government regulation of hospitals, clinic and health facilities through systematic supervision by the Bureau of Health Facilities and Services, which shall have quasi-judicial powers, and HB 4308 which requires health care service providers to show a price list of their services including incidental expenses and medical supplies chargeable to patients.

The Responsible Parenthood Bill (HB 4244), which aims to put in place a comprehensive framework to promote reproductive health, awaits further plenary deliberations in the House.

Upholding People's Rights

The House continually strives to protect every member of society – especially women and children – from violence, forced labor, human trafficking, and other forms of abuse. Thus the welfare and safety of children is of utmost importance in several approved bills. HB 4480 provides for the special protection of children in places where there is armed conflict. HB 4455 criminalizes corporal punishment and encourages positive and non-violent disciplinary methods while HB 5496 requires all elementary and secondary schools to address acts of bullying in schools. Similarly, HB 6155 opens up more development resources and crisis assistance services to women and children and HB 5626 provides measures to ensure the safety of children aboard motorcycles.



ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr., Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II and Justice Committee Chairman Niel Tupas, Jr. show media on December 12, 2011 the documents detailing the eight-point Articles of Impeachment against Supreme Court Chief Justice Renato Corona following a majority coalition caucus. The Constitution states that, with one-third or more of all the members of the House of Representatives endorsing an impeachment complaint, the same can be transmitted directly to the Senate for an impeachment trial to proceed. The House prosecution panel headed by the Chairman of the Committee on Justice was constituted soon after. Also shown above are Reps. Teddy Casiño, Antonio Tinio, Reynaldo Umali, Ben Evardone and some leaders of civil society organizations.

Other bills advancing protection of human and people's rights include the Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act (HB 98); the Internal Displacement Act (HB 5627); the Whistleblower Protection, Security and Benefit Act (HB 5715); the bills giving offenders the fullest benefit of preventive imprisonment (HB 417); prohibiting racial, ethnic, and religious discrimination; strengthening the juvenile justice system (HB 6052); providing compensation to victims of human rights violations during the Marcos regime (HB 5990); institutionalizing recognizance as a mode of granting the release of an indigent person in custody as an accused in a criminal case (HB 5395); and providing for a longer period for the rectification of simulated births (HB 3543).

HB 4209 grants free information programs for employees to learn about the rights of workers and women in the workplace, and other anti-discrimination laws. Another law, HB 4643, expands the prohibited acts of discrimination against women while HB 3546 protects the right of students to enrol in review schools of their choice. Meanwhile, HB 5445 prohibits public and private hospitals from requiring payment from registered nurses who want to gain hospital experience.

Initiatives involving public safety include those penalizing persons driving under the influence of abusive substances (HB 4251); regulating the use of mobile devices while driving (HB 4571); reinforcing the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 (HB 4660); protecting individual personal data in information and communications systems in government and in the private sector, otherwise known as the Data Privacy Act (HB 4115); and establishing the People's Survival Fund (HB 6235). The bicameral conference committee reports of the last two bills were ratified in early June 2012.

Conserving Our Ecosystems

On the preservation of the environment for future generations, the House passed bills that provide for the protection, rehabilitation, and sustainable management of forest ecosystems (HB 5485) as well as the Arbor Day Revival Act to encourage the planting of trees (HB 4330) and bring about the general reforestation of our terrestrial domains, many of which are set to be delineated and classified as natural sanctuaries upon the passage of another proposed bill on specific forest limits (HB 5860).

The bill establishing an "Adopt-A-Wildlife Species Program" (HB 5421) seeks to safeguard the country's diverse yet endangered fauna by introducing a personal and participatory dimension in wildlife conservation through adoption. Other environmental measures filed on Third Reading include providing for a comprehensive hazardous and radioactive wastes management program (HB 4812), establishing marine protected areas in all coastal municipalities and cities (HB 57), and regulating the production, sale, utility, collection, recycling, and disposal of plastic bags (HB 4840).

Safeguarding National Sovereignty

In light of emerging challenges to national security—both internal and external—the House is striving to pass laws that safeguard the Filipino people's national interests



'OUR WORLD AT WAR.' Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. (right), international Red Cross Head of Delegation Jean Daniel Tauxe (center), and Chairman Rene Relampagos of the House Committee on Human Rights view on August 15, 2011 the Red Cross-sponsored exhibit of photos depicting 'Our World at War.' The pictures aim to inspire action to help casualties of war, such as brutalized women, orphaned children and displaced families.



BILATERAL COOPERATION. Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. (seated, 5th from left) exchanged notes with the Hon. Luo Huining, Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party of China of Linghai Provincial Committee and Governor, Linghai Province (seated, 4th from left), on the promotion of closer ties between China and the Philippines during a luncheon meeting hosted by the House leader on February 14, 2012. Also shown with the visiting Chinese officials are Deputy Speaker Maria Isabelle Climaco, Reps. Carmen Zamora-Apsay, Rodolfo Biazon, Amado Bagatsing, Ben Evardone, Jesus Sacdalan, Tomas Apacible, Sigfrido Tinga, Jerry Treñas, Ronald Cosalan, Mel Senen Sarmiento, Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista and Marikina City Mayor Del De Guzman.

in the global arena. The Chamber reasserted the Philippines' undisputable rights and its claims in the West Philippine Sea by passing on Third Reading bills that define the maritime zones of the country (HB 4185), and establish archipelagic sea lanes (HB 4153), including the rights of foreign ships in Philippine waters, in reference to prevailing multilateral agreements, particularly the United Nations Convention on the Laws of the Seas (UNCLOS).

To secure the welfare of our men and women in uniform who put their lives at risk for flag and country, the House passed on Third Reading HB 4359 which provides for the payment of the administrative total disability pension to senior veterans of wars and military campaigns; as well as HB 3697 instituting amendments to RA 6948, to standardize and upgrade benefits for military veterans and their dependents.

For military personnel who represent the country in UN-led peacekeeping operations, the House passed a bill that prescribes higher rates of pay and allowances of officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines while on overseas duty (HB 4617). Through this bill, our soldiers and policemen serving under the aegis of the UN, together with their families, shall continue receiving benefits for the duration of their foreign assignments.

Fostering Regional and Global Cooperation

Following the initiative of Speaker Belmonte to establish stronger inter-parliamentary links in the Asia-Pacific region exemplified by the Chamber's hosting of the 3rd ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Caucus on May 31 to June 3, 2011, the House of Representatives sent a delegation to the succeeding 4th AIPA caucus on April 30 to May 3, 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. The House was represented by Rep. Victor Ortega, Chairman of the Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Relations and Diplomacy, together with Rep. Al Francis Bichara, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, at the 4th AIPA Caucus.

The Speaker also attended the 3rd AIPA-ASEAN Leaders Meeting held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on April 1 to 4, 2012. He was accompanied by Rep. Ortega and Rep. Jorge Banal. On September 18 to 24, 2012, the Speaker likewise attended the 32nd AIPA in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. During the event, the Speaker reaffirmed the commitment of the Philippines to fully support the AIPA in its initiatives and resolutions in order to make the country a cornerstone of community building throughout the ASEAN. The House also regularly participates in meetings of other affiliated inter-parliamentary organizations such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) meetings in Panama, Geneva (Switzerland) and Kampala (Uganda).

On the global front, the House played host to several leaders from different parts of the world such as Czech Republic Vice Premier, Hon. Karel Schnazenberg, on March 20, 2012, and Lao Prime Minister, H.E. Thongsong Thammavong, on May 11, 2012.

The Speaker also acknowledged the need to enhance the country's strategic relationships in the region, particularly with the People's Republic of China. His official visit to China, culminating in a meeting with Hon. Wu Bangguo, Chairman of the National People's Congress, on June 22-28, 2011, highlighted the need to continue maintaining healthy bilateral relations prevailing between both countries despite issues plaguing Sino-Philippine relations. The Speaker's delegation included Rep. Ortega, Rep. Elpidio Barzaga, Jr., Rep. Victor Yu, Rep. Jose Zubiri III, Rep. Tomas Apacible and Rep. Sherwin Tugna. On February 14, 2012, the Speaker hosted a lunch for Hon. Luo Huiming, Deputy Secretary General of the Communist of Qinghai Provincial Committee.

Raising the Bar for Legislative Performance

The Second Regular Session also saw the House of Representatives consolidating the legislative foundations needed to fight corruption in the bureaucracy, improve accessibility and quality of government services for Filipinos, especially the underprivileged, and institute bureaucratic competence and accountability.

The Chamber's confidence in the leadership of Speaker Belmonte is reflected in the surging public confidence in the institution as he steered the House through the difficult tasks of crafting policies that catalyze and consolidate needed political reforms and social change. The Speaker continues to enjoy exceptionally high marks in public opinion poll results, attaining a +39 net satisfaction rating (Social Weather Station) in the first quarter of 2012 and a 37 percent approval and trust rating (Pulse Asia) by mid-2012. The House also garnered record-high public approval ratings in the same SWS survey, with its previous +33 rising to a +40. Through the cooperation of its Members, congressional staff, and the Secretariat, the House achieved tremendous gains within the year in terms of legislative performance and public trust.

Summing up the performance of the House in the Second Regular Session, Speaker Belmonte attributes the high level of legislative achievement to the unity in aspirations, inspiration and action of Members of the House to champion the cause of good governance, stating: "Our performance in the past year inspires confidence that we will never let our differences in opinion and beliefs enfeeble our drive to fulfil our common duty to serve the highest interests of the Filipino people and nation." •



DOING THINGS RIGHT. Despite difficulties and challenges through the Second Regular Session of the 15th Congress, Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Jr. expressed gratitude to each Member of the diverse 285-member House of Representatives for their unwavering cooperation and determination that led to the passage of landmark reform measures and policies that serve the national interest. Before the *sine die* rites, Belmonte is shown congratulating Deputy Speaker Pablo Garcia and Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II, among others, and Secretary General Marilyn Barua-Yap and the entire Secretariat for their hard work in the service of the people. Before parting ways after adjournment, the House Members gathered to do the thumbs-up sign in the plenary hall, as they looked ahead to the opening of the Third Regular Session on July 23, 2012, to be highlighted by the President's State of the Nation Address.

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Statistical Data on Measures Processed
First & Second Regular Sessions
July 26, 2010 - June 6, 2012

I. MEASURES FILED		TOTAL	
No. of Bills Filed		6,335	
No. of Resolutions Filed		2,549	
Total No. of Measures Filed		8,884	
Total No. of Committee Reports		2,253	
II. STATUS OF MEASURES		TOTAL MEASURES APPROVED	TOTAL CONSOLIDATED/SUBSTITUTED BILLS/RESOLUTIONS
Republic Acts			
<i>National</i>	14	20	27
<i>Local</i>	4		4
<i>Joint Resolution</i>	2		2
Vetoed Bills			
<i>National</i>	3	3	6
Ratified Bicam Reports			
<i>National</i>	5	5	23
Adopted the Senate Version			
<i>National</i>	4	5	12
<i>Joint Resolution</i>	1		1
Concurred with Senate Versions			
<i>Local</i>	1	1	1
Approved on 3rd Reading			
<i>National</i>	220	776	473
<i>Local</i>	551		206
<i>Joint Resolution</i>	5		
Approved on 2nd Reading			
<i>National Bills</i>	5	12	30
<i>Local Bills</i>	7		8
Adopted Resolutions			
<i>Concurrent Resolutions</i>	11	1,470	
<i>Regular Resolutions</i>	268		153
<i>Resolutions on Inquiries</i>	1,180		5
<i>Report on Resolutions on Inquiries</i>	9		
<i>Report on Privilege Speeches</i>	1		
<i>Report on Impeachment</i>	1		
Endorsement to the Senate of the Verified Complaint Against SC Justice Corona		1	
MEASURES CONSOLIDATED/SUBSTITUTED			951
MEASURES APPROVED		2,293	
TOTAL MEASURES APPROVED			3,244

III. MEASURES IN THE CALENDAR OF BUSINESS	TOTAL	TOTAL CONSOLIDATED/ SUBSTITUTED BILLS/ RESOLUTIONS
Unfinished Business	14	44
Business for the Day	43	53
	57	97
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEASURES IN THE CALENDAR OF BUSINESS	154	
TOTAL MEASURES PROCESSED	3,398	
NUMBER OF SESSION DAYS	128	
AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEASURES PROCESSED PER SESSION DAY	27	

NATIONAL MEASURES APPROVED BY THE 15TH CONGRESS
July 26, 2010 - June 6, 2012

I. ENACTED INTO LAWS (16)

REPUBLIC ACT NO	SHORT TITLE	DATE SIGNED/ LAPSED INTO LAW
RA10147	FY 2011 General Appropriations Act (HB3101)	Signed on 12/27/2010
RA10148	An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Marcus Eugene Douthit (HB2307)	Lapsed on 3/12/2011
RA10149	GOCC Governance Act Of 2011 (HB4067)	Signed on 6/6/2011
RA10150	Extending the Implementation Of The Lifeline Rate, Amending For The Purpose Sec. 73 OF RA No. 9136, Otherwise Known As The 'Electric Power Industry Reform Act Of 2001' (HB04169/SB02846)	Signed on 6/21/2011
RA10151	An Act Allowing the Employment of Night Workers, repealing articles 130 and 131 of Presidential Decree (P. D.) No. 442, the Labor Code of the Philippines. (HB04276/SB02701)	Signed on 6/21/2011
RA10152	The Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization Act which requires that all children under five years old should be given basic immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases. (HB04393)	Signed on 6/21/2011
RA10153	Synchronization Of The Elections And The Term Of Office Of The Elective Officials Of The Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) With Those Of The National And Other Local Officials (HB04146)	Signed on 6/30/2011
RA10154	Requiring All Government Offices To Ensure The Release Of The Retirement Benefits Of Its Employees Within Fifteen Days From Retirement (HB03862)	Signed on 7/14/2011
RA10155	FY 2012 General Appropriations Act (HB05023)	Signed on 12/15/2011
RA10156	Conferring Upon A Member Of The Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod And Sangguniang Panlalawigan The Appropriate Civil Service Eligibility (HB04357)	Signed on 12/20/2011
RA10157	Institutionalizing the Kindergarten Education into the Basic Education System (HB03826)	Signed on 1/20/2012
RA10158	Decriminalizing Vagrancy (HB04936)	Signed on 3/27/2012
RA10159	Adjusting the Rate Subsidiary Imprisonment to One Day for an Amount Equivalent to the Daily Minimum Wage of a Laborer in the National Capital Region (HB00600)	Signed on 4/11/2012
RA10162	Creating Two (2) Additional Regional Trial Court Branches At Sta. Rosa City, Province Of Laguna (HB04488)	Signed on 4/17/2012
JR00001	Resolution Extending The Life Of The Joint Congressional Power Commission, Constituted Pursuant To Section 62 Of Republic Act No. 9136, Otherwise Known As The "Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) Of 2001" (HJR00014/SJR00009)	Signed 6/21/2011
JR00002	Increasing The FY 2011 Corporate Operating Budget Of The National Power Corporation From Seven Billion Five Hundred Seventy Five Million One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Pesos (P7,575,184,000.00) To Thirteen Billion Nine Hundred Sixty Eighty Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Pesos (P13,968,602,000.00) (HJR00027/)	Signed 12/23/2011

II. VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT (3)

- HB00006** Prescribing A Fixed Term For The Chief Of Staff Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines
- HB05246** An Act Recognizing The Early Years From Zero (0) To Six (6) As The First Crucial Stage Of Development And For This Purpose Strengthening The Early Childhood Care And Development Council, Renaming The Day Care Center As Child Development Center, And For Other Purposes
- HB05624** Establishing The Career Executive System

III. RATIFIED BICAMERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT (5)

- HB04115** Protecting Individual Personal Data In Information And Communications Systems In The Government And In The Private Sector, Providing Penalties In Violation Thereof, And For Other Purposes
- HB04275** Further Strengthening The Anti-Money Laundering Law
- HB04481** Strengthening And Propagate Foster Care For Abandoned And Neglected Children And Children With Special Needs
- HB05808** Cybercrime Prevention Act Of 2012
- HB06235** An Act Establishing The People's Survival Fund Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 9729, Otherwise Known As "The Climate Change Act Of 2009", And For Other Purposes

IV. ADOPTED SENATE VERSION (5)

- HB05640** Regulating The Practice Of Geology In The Philippines
- HB04330** Reviving The Observance Of 'Arbor Day'
- HB04530** Further Authorizing The City Or Municipal Civil Registrar Or The Consul General To Correct Clerical Or Typographical Error In The Date Of Birth Or Sex Of A Person Appearing In The Civil Register Without Need Of A Judicial Order
- HB05015** An Act Defining The Crime Of Financing Of Terrorism (Certified Urgent by the President)
- HJR00031** Annulling The Book Of Voters Of The Municipalities/Cities In The Autonomous Region Of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Directing The Commission On Elections To Immediately Conduct A New General Registration Of Voters In The Region, Providing Funds Therefor (Certified Urgent by the President)

V. APPROVED ON THIRD READING (225)

- HB00009** Prohibiting A Person From Being Appointed As The Secretary Of The Department Of National Defense Within The Next Three (3) Years After Relief, Separation Or Retirement From Active Duty As A Commissioned Officer Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (A F P)
- HB00057** Establishing Marine Protected Areas In All Coastal Municipalities And Cities And For Other Purposes
- HB00098** Anti-enforced Or Involuntary Disappearance Act Of 2012
- HB00164** Setting The Philippine Standard Time (PST) In All Official Sources Throughout The Country
- HB00229** Increasing The Burial Assistance For Veterans From Ten Thousand (P10,000.00) To Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00)
- HB00417** Giving Offender the Fullest Benefit of Preventive Imprisonment, Amending for the Purpose Article 29 of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known as the Revised Penal Code
- HB00465** Amending RA 8491-An Act Prescribing the Code of the National Flag, Anthem, Motto, Coat-of-Arms and Other Heraldic Items and Devices of the Philippines
- HB00590** Establishing A Program For Public Education On Prostate Cancer
- HB00592** Providing For National Folic Acid Education Program To Prevent Birth Defects
- HB00709** Anti-Cable Television and Cable Internet Pilferage Act Of 2010
- HB00724** Establishing An Office Of Veterans Affairs In The Philippine Embassy In The United States Of America
- HB00799** Changing The Name Of Southern Philippines Agri-Business And Marine And Aquatic School Of Technology (SPAMAST) Into Davao Del Sur State College (DSSC)
- HB00834** Honoring And Granting Additional Benefits And Privileges To Filipino Centenarians, Declaring The 25th Of September As National Respect For Centenarians Day
- HB00988** Declaring The Month Of February Of Every Year As "Liver Cancer And Hepatitis - B Awareness And Prevention Month"
- HB01099** Prohibiting City Mayors, Municipal Mayors And Provincial Governors From Making Appointments Two (2) Months Immediately Before The Next Local Elections And Pending Assumption To Office Of Their Successors
- HB01105** Declaring The Sheikh Karimul Makhdom Mosque At Tubig Indangan, Simunul, Province Of Tawi-Tawi, As A National Historical Landmark
- HB01215** Amending Section 2 Of Republic Act No. 4103, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Indeterminate Sentence Law
- HB01219** Amending Article 98 Of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code
- HB01288** Amending Article 75 Of Title IV Of Executive Order No. 209, As Amended By Executive Order No. 227, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines
- HB01330** Establishing The Barangay Integrated Development Approach For Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Of The Rural Poor As A Network Program Of The Participating State Colleges And Universities
- HB01460** Including Ethnic Origin In The National Survey Conducted By The National Statistics Office
- HB01814** Converting The Negros State College Of Agriculture (NSCA) In The City Of Kabankalan, Province Of Negros Occidental Into A State University To Be Known As The Central Philippine State University (CPSU) And Appropriating Funds Therefor
- HB01863** Rationalizing The Board Of Regents Of The Partido State University
- HB02088** An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Gulshan Bedi
- HB02821** Establishing A Separate Municipal Circuit Trial Court Compromising The Municipalities Of Buenavista And San Lorenzo In The Province Of Guimaras
- HB02951** Amending Act No. 3326, Otherwise Known As An Act To Establish Periods Of Prescription For Violations Penalized By Special Acts And Municipal Ordinances And To Provide When Prescription Shall Begin To Run
- HB03005** Declaring October Of Every Year As "Anti- Corruption Month" In The Entire Country
- HB03088** Promote And Support Breastfeeding As An Essential Component Of Family Planning And Responsible Parenthood
- HB03284** Amending Presidential Decree No. 538 Creating The Philippine Veterans Investment Development Company (PHIVIDEV) Industrial Authority
- HB03469** Requiring All Registered Voters Whose Biometrics Have Not Been Captured To Appear Before The Election Officer Of Their Place Of Registration For Purposes Of Having Their Photographs, Fingerprints And Signatures Captured Through The Method Of Biometrics
- HB03497** Authorizing the Court to Require Community Service in lieu of Imprisonment for the Penalty of Arresto Menor
- HB03543** Providing For A Longer Period For The Rectification Of Simulated Births
- HB03546** Protection Of Students' Right To Enroll In Review Centers Act Of 2010
- HB03677** Declaring The Seventeenth Of November Of Every Year As National Student Leaders' Day
- HB03697** Further Amending Republic Act No. 6948 Otherwise Known As 'An Act Standardizing And Upgrading The Benefits For Military Veterans And Their Dependents'
- HB03747** Extending The Period For Indigenous Cultural Communities/indigenous Peoples To Exercise The Option To Secure Title To Their Ancestral Lands
- HB03825** Establishing a Philippine High School for Sports and Appropriating Funds Therefor
- HB03841** Amending Certain Provisions Of RA 8293 Entitled 'An Act Prescribing The Intellectual Property Code And Establishing The Intellectual Property Office
- HB03849** Strengthening the Philippine Public Safety College System as the Premier Educational Institution for Training, Human Resources Development and Continuing Education of all Police
- HB03861** Providing For The Development Of Entrepreneurship Skills Among Government Employees For An Innovation-Inspired Corps Of Civil Servants
- HB03871** Mandating The Representation Of Cooperatives In The Board Of Directors Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines
- HB03877** Declaring Every 27th Day Of November As 'Araw Ng Pagbasa', A Regular Working Holiday
- HB03953** Establishing The Diosdado P. Macapagal Memorial Library And Museum
- HB03962** Declaring March Eight Of Every Year As A Non-working Holiday, Thereby Amending RA 6949 Known As National Women's Day
- HB04061** Strengthening The Fiscal Autonomy Of Local Governments By Repealing For The Purpose Section 21 Of RA 10121 Otherwise Known As The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Act Of 2010
- HB04069** Amending The Motor Vehicles User's Charge Law By Reconfiguring The Disposition Of The Monies Collected And Delineating The Status Of The Special Funds
- HB04075** Mandatory Ocular Prophylaxis On Newborns Act Of 2011
- HB04095** Mandating the Observance of July 25 of Every Year as the National Campus Press Freedom Day, And For Other Purposes
- HB04097** Declaring October 5 Of Every Year As "National Teachers' Day"
- HB04145** Identifying Other Persons Criminally Liable For Election Offenses And Increasing The Penalties For Election-related Offenses
- HB04153** Establishing The Archipelagic Sea Lanes In The Philippine Archipelagic Waters
- HB04170** Converting The Catanduanes State Colleges In The Province Of Catanduanes Into A State University To Be Known As The Catanduanes State University
- HB04183** Establishing A State College In The City Of Talisay, Province Of Cebu, To Be Known As The Talisay City State College
- HB04185** Defining The Maritime Zones Of The Republic Of The Philippines
- HB04195** Extending The Coverage Of The Reduced Retirement Age For Underground Mine Workers To Include Mill Plant Workers And Support Services, Such As Mechanical, Electrical And Tailings Pond Personnel
- HB04205** Amending Presidential Decree No. 442, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Labor Code Of The Philippines By Adding A New Article 287-A Reducing The Retirement Age Of Race Horse Jockeys From Sixty (60) To Fifty-Five (55)
- HB04209** Stengthening Adult Education Programs For Workers And Employees
- HB04210** Integrating Labor Education Into The Social Science Subjects In The Tertiary Education Curriculum
- HB04224** Requiring All Government Agencies, Instrumentalities, LGUS And GOCCs To Use Security Paper Made From Indigenous Materials Or Water-Marked Security Paper In Their Receipts And Invoices, Permits, Licenses, Clearances, Official Papers Or Documents
- HB04225** Strengthening The Participation Of Civil Society Organizations In The Formulation Of National, Regional And Local Development Plans
- HB04241** Providing for Early Voting to Qualified Members of the Media
- HB04251** Penalizing Persons Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Dangerous Drugs, And Similar Substances
- HB04255** Strengthening The Laddered Interface Between Technical-Vocational Education And Training (TVET) And Higher Education
- HB04256** Converting The Cordova Public College In Cebu Into The Cordova State College Of Science And Technology
- HB04270** Exempt The Cities Development Initiative For Asia Or Its Successors From The Payment Of Gift, Franchise, Specific, Percentage, Real Property, Exchange, Import, Export, And Other Taxes, And The Members

	Of Its Scientific And Technical Staff From Payment Of Income And Value Added Tax	HB04494	Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch In The Municipality Of Carmona, Province Of Cavite
HB04308	Requiring Healthcare Facilities To Provide A Price List Of Their Healthcare Services Including Incidental Expenses And Medical Supplies That Can Be Charged In The Medical Bill	HB04495	Creating Two (2) Additional Regional Trial Court Branches In The Cities Of La Carlota And Bago, Negros Occidental
HB04314	Defining The Use And Protection Of The Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Crystal And Red Lion And Sun Emblems, Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof, And For Other Purposes	HB04496	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court In The Municipality Of Cabagan, Province Of Isabela
HB04316	Instituting Reforms In The Subdivision And Condominium Buyers' Protective Decree	HB04497	Creating Five (5) Additional Metropolitan Trial Court Branches In Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila
HB04321	Separating The Camarines Sur Polytechnic College – Naga City Campus And Converting It Into The Bicol State College Of Applied Sciences And Technology	HB04511	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court In The City Of Bogo, Province Of Cebu
HB04323	Regulating And Modernizing The Practice Of Interior Design In The Philippines	HB04512	Creating Three (3) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In Davao City
HB04352	Granting Retirement, Health Care And Death Benefits To Professional Filipino Athletes Who Win World Championship Titles In International Professional Sports Competitions	HB04513	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court And Six (6) Additional Branches Of The Metropolitan Trial Court In Valenzuela City
HB04359	Providing For The Payment Of The Administrative Total Disability Pension To Senior Veterans Of Wars And Military Campaigns	HB04520	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court In The Municipality Of Pili, Province Of Camarines Sur
HB04373	Granting Discounts On Basic And Education Services To Underprivileged Students In The Post-Secondary And Tertiary Levels	HB04521	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The Municipalities Of Compostela And Mabini, Compostela Valley Province
HB04379	Granting The Reliance Broadcasting Unlimited Inc. A Franchise To Construct, Install, Maintain Radio And Television Broadcasting Systems	HB04522	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court In Tanauan City, Province Of Batangas
HB04410	Providing For The Direct Remittance To The Host Local Government Of Its Forty Percent Share (40%) Of The Proceeds Derived From The Utilization And Development Of National Wealth	HB04539	Establishing A Credit Assistance Program For Overseas Workers
HB04413	Converting The Quirino State College In Diffun, Quirino, Into The Quirino State University	HB04540	Amending Sections 91 And 97 Of RA 8550, Otherwise Known As The Philippine Fisheries Code Of 1998
HB04431	Converting The Iloilo State College Of Fisheries In The Municipality Of Barotac Nuevo, Province Of Iloilo, Into A State University To Be Known As The Iloilo State University Of Fisheries Science And Technology, With Campuses In The Municipalities Of San Enrique, Dingle And Dumangas, And Integrating Therewith The Barotac Nuevo Polytechnic Institute In The Municipality Of Barotac Nuevo, All Located In The Province Of Iloilo, And Appropriating Funds Therefor	HB04541	Establishing Mercury Exposure Information Program
HB04432	Converting The Western Visayas College Of Science And Technology (Wvcs) In The City Of Iloilo Into A State University To Be Known As The Iloilo State University, With Campuses In The Municipalities Of Barotac Nuevo, Dumangas, Leon And Miag-Ao, All Located In The Province Of Iloilo, And Appropriating Funds Therefor	HB04545	Creating A Local Housing Board In Every City And First To Third Class Municipality
HB04434	Declaring November Twenty-Five Of Every Year As 'National Consciousness Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women'	HB04551	Regulating The Use Of Hand-held Mobile Communication Devices While Driving
HB04443	Providing Tax Exemptions And Subsidies For The Local Music Industry	HB04575	Encouraging Corporate Social Responsibility, Providing Incentives Therefor
HB04448	Converting The Mindoro State College Of Agriculture And Technology In The Municipality Of Victoria, Province Of Oriental Mindoro, Into A State University To Be Known As The Oriental Mindoro State University And Appropriating Funds Therefor	HB04578	Prescribing The Mechanisms To Facilitate The Disposition Of Government-Owned Lands For Socialized Housing
HB04449	Converting The Mountain Province State Polytechnic College In The Municipality Of Bontoc, Mountain Province, Into A State University To Be Known As The Mountain Province State University And Appropriating Funds Therefor	HB04585	Converting The Kalinga-Apayao State College In The City Of Tabuk, Province Of Kalinga, Into A State University To Be Known As The Kalinga State University
HB04450	Converting The Pampanga Agricultural College (PAC) In The Municipality Of Magalang, Province Of Pampanga, Into A State University To Be Known As The Diosdado Macapagal Agriculture And Science State University (DMASSU) And Appropriating Funds Therefor	HB04586	Establishing A State College In The Municipality Of Compostela, Province Of Compostela Valley, To Be Known As The Compostela Valley State College
HB04453	Establishing The Northern Iloilo State University In The Province Of Iloilo	HB04617	Prescribing Rates Of Pay And Allowances For Officers And Enlisted Personnel Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP) While On Overseas Duty With A Philippine Expeditionary Or Peacekeeping Contingent
HB04455	Promoting Positive And Non-Violent Disciplines In Lieu Of Corporal Punishment Of Children	HB04641	Converting The Palompon Institute Of Technology In The Municipality Of Palompon, Province Of Leyte, Into A State University
HB04466	Requiring Higher Education Institutions To Report Participation And Program Support Expenditures In All College Athletic Programs	HB04643	Expanding The Prohibited Acts Of Discrimination Against Women On Account Of Sex, Amending For The Purpose Articles 135 And 137 Of The Labor Code Of The Philippines
HB04469	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court At The Municipality Of Lubuagan, Province Of Kalinga	HB04655	Strengthening The Transparency And Disclosure Requirements In The Use Of Credit Card Facilities
HB04471	Creating Three (3) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court And Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Metropolitan Trial Court At The City Of Navotas	HB04656	Instituting Reforms In The Government's Drive Against Professional Squatters And Squatting Racketeer/s Or Syndicates
HB04472	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court At The Municipality Of Cajidiocan, Province Of Romblon	HB04660	An Act To Further Strengthen The Anti-Drug Campaign Of The Government Amending For The Purpose Section 21 Of Republic Act 9165 Otherwise Known As The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act Of 2002
HB04473	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In The Province Of Leyte At The City Of Tacloban	HB04667	Creating The Department Of Information And Communications Technology, Defining Its Powers And Functions
HB04474	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court At Barotac Viejo, Province Of Iloilo	HB04672	Declaring The Celebration Of National Children's Month In The Country On October Of Every Year
HB04475	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court At The City Of Bislig, Province Of Surigao Del Sur	HB04688	Governing The Creation And Accreditation Of Micro-Enterprise Development
HB04476	Creating Five (5) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court At The City Of Calamba And The Municipalities Of Los Baños And Cabuyao, Province Of Laguna	HB04692	Regulating The Practice Of Environmental Planning
HB04479	Creating An Additional Branch Of The Regional Trial Court At The City Of Sagay, Province Of Negros Occidental	HB04693	Regulating The Practice Of Mining Engineering
HB04480	Providing For The Special Protection Of Children In Situations Of Armed Conflict	HB04744	Creating A Regional Trial Court Branch In The Province Of Aurora To Be Stationed At The Municipality Of Casiguran
HB04489	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court In Puerto Princesa City, Province Of Palawan	HB04788	Customs Modernization And Tariff Act (CMTA) Of 2011
HB04490	Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court In Cagayan De Oro City, Province Of Misamis Oriental	HB04791	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 Examinations Due To Unpaid Tuition And Other School Fees
HB04491	Creating Four (4) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court In Zamboanga City	HB04801	Amending Certain Provisions Of Republic Act No. 7581 Entitled "An Act Providing Protection To Consumers By Stabilizing The Prices Of Basic Necessities And Prime Commodities And By Prescribing Measures Against Undue Price Increases During Emergency Situations And Like Occasions" And For Other Purposes
HB04492	Creating Two (2) Branches Of The Regional Trial Court And A Branch Of The Municipal Trial Court In The Cities Of Naga And Carcar, Province Of Cebu	HB04807	Prohibiting Racial, Ethnic And Religious Discrimination (on Bicam Conference since 11/23/2011)
HB04493	Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch In The Municipality Of Guimbal, Province Of Iloilo	HB04812	Providing For A Comprehensive Hazardous And Radioactive Wastes Management And Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof
		HB04831	Prohibiting The Slaughter Of Carabaos At Certain Ages And Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 8485 otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998
		HB04840	Regulating The Production, Importation, Sale, Provision, Use, Recovery, Collection, Recycling And Disposal Of Plastic Bags
		HB04841	Strengthening Consumer Protection In The Purchase Of Brand New Motor Vehicles
		HB04867	Strengthening The Insurance Industry, Further Amending For The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 612, Otherwise Known As The Insurance Code
		HB04883	Expanding Access To Education Through Open Learning And Distance Education In Post-Secondary And Tertiary Levels Of Education

- HB04903** Devolving To Municipalities And Cities The Registration Of Fishing Vessels With A Maximum Gross Weight Of Three (3) Tons Or Less
- HB04935** The Investments And Incentives Code Of The Philippines
- HB05068** Declaring September 3 Of Every Year As Special Commemorative Day To Be Called The National Victory And Liberation Day Of The Philippines
- HB05180** Declaring August 9 Of Every Year As A Celebration Of The National Day Of Indigenous Peoples In The Philippines
- HB05228** Providing Benefits To Barangay Volunteer Workers
- HB05229** Recognizing The German European School Manila, Incorporated As An Educational Institution Of International Character
- HB05360** Allowing Foreign Equity In Rural Banks, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7353 Otherwise Known As 'The Rural Banks Act Of 1992'
- HB05395** Institutionalizing Recognizance As A Mode Of Granting The Release Of An Indigent Person In Custody As An Accused In A Criminal Case And For Other Purposes
- HB05421** Establishing An 'Adopt-A-Wildlife Species Program'
- HB05431** Granting Additional Exemption To An Individual Taxpayer Amending For The Purpose Section 35(B) Of The National Internal Revenue Code Of 1997, As Amended By Republic Act No. 9504
- HB05445** Prohibiting Public And Private Hospitals From Requiring The Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Work Experience
- HB05446** Strengthening The Balanced Housing Development Program
- HB05460** Providing Incentives For The Manufacture, Assembly, Conversion And Importation Of Electric, Hybrid And Other Alternative Fuel Vehicles, And For Other Purposes
- HB05461** Extending The Term Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines
- HB05471** Strengthening The Regulation Of Health Facilities And Services In The Philippines
- HB05475** Expanding The Positions Reserved For Persons With Disability
- HB05484** Providing For A Comprehensive Regulation Of Firearms, Light Weapons And Ammunition
- HB05485** Providing For The Protection, Rehabilitation, And Sustainable Management Of Forest Ecosystem
- HB05490** Providing Stiffer Penalties For Acts In Violation Of The Meat Inspection System
- HB05492** Granting TV Maria Foundation Philippines, Incorporated A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Television Broadcasting Stations In The Philippines
- HB05496** Requiring All Elementary And Secondary Schools To Adopt Policies To Prevent And Address The Acts Of Bullying In Their Instruction
- HB05509** Mandating The Use Of Highly Accessible Polling Places For Persons With Disabilities, Senior Citizens, And Expectant Mothers
- HB05567** Mandating The Designation Of A Cooperative Officer In The Local Government Unit
- HB05574** Granting The Telecommunications Tech. Solutions A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish And Maintain Telecommunications Systems Throughout The Philippines
- HB05576** Renewing The Franchise Granted To Quest Broadcasting Inc
- HB05594** Providing For The Retention And Utilization Of The Income Derived By The National Museum, Amending For The Purpose Sec. 26 RA 8492
- HB05613** Granting Franchise To Wi-Tribe Telecom, Inc
- HB05620** Exempting From The Population And Land Area Requirements The Conversion Of A Municipality Onto A Component City If It Has A Locally Generated Average Annual Income Of At Least Two Hundred Million Pesos (P200,000,000.00)
- HB05626** Providing Measures To Ensure The Safety Of Children Aboard Motorcycles
- HB05627** Internal Displacement Act Of 2011
- HB05655** Declaring The Waling-Waling Orchid As National Flower Of The Philippines In Addition To Sampaguita
- HB05681** Amending Sections 10, 11, 22 And 24 Of Republic Act 776, Otherwise Known As The Civil Aeronautics Act Of The Philippines, As Amended
- HB05682** Further Amending Presidential Decree (PD) 1869 As Amended By Republic Act 9487, Otherwise Known As The Charter Of The Philippine Amusement And Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR)
- HB05715** Whistleblower Protection, Security And Benefit Act Of 2011
- HB05717** Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch In The Sixth Judicial Region To Be Stationed In The Municipality Of Janiuay, Province Of Iloilo
- HB05727** Restructuring The Excise Tax On Alcohol And Tobacco Products (Certified Urgent by the President)
- HB05729** Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court In Cities To Be Stationed At Kidapawan City, Province Of Cotabato
- HB05730** Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court To Be Stationed At General Santos City
- HB05731** Creating Three (3) Additional Branches Of The Metropolitan Trial Courts Of The National Capital Region To Be Stationed At Taguig City, Metro Manila
- HB05732** Creating Five (5) Additional Branches Of The Metropolitan Trial Courts Of The National Capital Region To Be Stationed At Las Pinas City, Metro Manila
- HB05733** Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch To Be Stationed In The Municipality Of San Isidro, Province Of Northern Samar
- HB05737** Creating Three (3) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court To Be Stationed In The City Of Mandaue, Province Of Cebu
- HB05739** Creating Two (2) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court To Be Stationed In The Municipalities Of Trento And San Francisco, Province Of Agusan Del Sur
- HB05740** Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch To Be Stationed In The City Of Sipalay, Province Of Negros Occidental
- HB05742** Creating Sixteen (16) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court And Nine (9) Additional Branches Of The Municipal Trial Court In The Fourth Judicial Region To Be Stationed At Various Municipalities And Cities In The Province Of Cavite
- HB05743** Converting Seven (7) Branches Of The Regional Trial Court Of Pasig City, Which Are Located At Taguig City, Metro Manila, Into The Regional Trial Court Court In Taguig City
- HB05744** Creating Twelve (12) Additional Branches Of The Regional Trial Court And Two (2) Additional Branches Of Municipal Trial Court In Cities To Be Stationed In Lapu-Lapu City
- HB05751** Mandatory Pregnancy Testing Of All Women Of Childbearing Age Who Will Undergo Cosmetic Surgery
- HB05752** Creating An Additional Regional Trial Court Branch To Be Stationed In The Municipality Of Bacolod, Province Of Lanao Del Norte
- HB05851** Regulating The Practice Of Metallurgical Engineering
- HB05854** Revised Philippine Passport Act Of 2012
- HB05860** Providing For The Delineation Of The Specific Forest Limits Of The Public Domain
- HB05868** Upholding The Constitutional Right Of The People To Information On Matters Of Public Concern On Food Included In The List Of Basic Necessities Or Prime Commodities To Guarantee The Right Of The People To Affordable Food And Adequate Food Supply
- HB05870** Authorizing The Land Management Bureau To Conduct A Survey Of Cadastral Lots In The Entire Country
- HB05913** Establishing The Surigao Del Norte State University In The Province Of Surigao Del Norte
- HB05914** Converting The Cotabato City State Polytechnic College In Cotabato City Into A State University
- HB05928** Institutionalizing A Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Care System
- HB05932** Penalizing Unauthorized Taking, Stealing, Keeping Or Tampering Of Government Risk Reduction And Preparedness Equipment, Accessories And Similar Facilities
- HB05977** An Act Creating The Philippine Trade Representative Office, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes
- HB05990** Providing Compensation To Victims Of Human Rights Violations During The Marcos Regime
- HB05996** Providing For The Retention By The Protected Area Management Board Of Seventy-Five Percent (75%) Of The Revenues Accruing To The Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF), Amending For The Purpose Section 16 Of Republic Act No. 7586, Otherwise Known As The 'National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 1992'
- HB06022** Rationalizing The Taxes On International Air Carriers Operating In The Philippines
- HB06023** Prevention Of Pollution From Ships Act Of 2012
- HB06032** Renewing The Franchise Granted To Philippine Global Communications, Inc. (Formerly R C A Communications, Inc.) For Another Twenty-five (25) Years
- HB06040** Providing A Three (3) Year Validity Period For The License To Exercise Security Profession
- HB06044** Instituting Reforms In Real Property Valuation And Assessment In The Philippines, Reorganizing The Bureau Of Local Government Finance, And Appropriating Funds Therefor
- HB06048** Providing For Universal Health Care Services To All Filipinos (P I N O Y Health Insurance Act)
- HB06050** Establishing Rural Farm Schools As Alternative Delivery Mode Of Secondary Education And Appropriating Funds Therefor
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- HB06148** Declaring The First Week Of February Of Every Year As 'World Interfaith Harmony Week' In The Entire Country
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AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

- HB04831** Prohibiting The Slaughter Of Carabaos At Certain Ages And Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 8485 otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998
- HB06131** Providing For Stiffer Penalties For The Unauthorized Cutting Of Coconut Trees, Granting Police Powers To The Philippine Coconut Authority

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- HB00057** Establishing Marine Protected Areas In All Coastal Municipalities And Cities And For Other Purposes
- HB04540** Amending Sections 91 And 97 Of RA 8550, Otherwise Known As The Philippine Fisheries Code Of 1998

BANKING & FINANCE

- HB05360** Allowing Foreign Equity In Rural Banks, Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 7353 Otherwise Known As 'The Rural Banks Act Of 1992'

BUDGET

- RA10147** FY 2011 General Appropriations Act (HB03101)
- RA10155** FY 2012 General Appropriations Act (HB05023)

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

- HB04153** Establishing The Archipelagic Sea Lanes In The Philippine Archipelagic Waters
- HB04185** Defining The Maritime Zones Of The Republic Of The Philippines

ECONOMIC REFORMS

- RA010150** Extending the Implementation Of The Lifeline Rate, Amending For The Purpose Sec. 73 OF RA No. 9136, Otherwise Known As The 'Electric Power Industry Reform Act Of 2001' (HB04169/ SB02846)
- JR00002** Increasing The FY 2011 Corporate Operating Budget Of The National Power Corporation From Seven Billion Five Hundred Seventy Five Million One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Pesos (P7,575,184,000.00) To Thirteen Billion Nine Hundred Sixty Eighty Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Pesos (P13,968,602,000.00) (HJR00027)
- HB00709** Anti-Cable Television and Cable Internet Pilferage Act Of 2010
- HB03841** Amending Certain Provisions Of RA 8293 Entitled 'An Act Prescribing The Intellectual Property Code And Establishing The Intellectual Property Office'
- HB04270** Exempt The Cities Development Initiative For Asia Or Its Successors From The Payment Of Gift, Franchise, Specific, Percentage, Real Property, Exchange, Import, Export, And Other Taxes, And The Members Of Its Scientific And Technical Staff From Payment Of Income And Value Added Tax
- HB04275** Further Strengthening The Anti-Money Laundering Law
- HB04443** Providing Tax Exemptions and Subsidies for the Local Music Industry
- HB04575** Encouraging Corporate Social Responsibility, Providing Incentives Therefor
- HB04655** Strengthening the Transparency and Disclosure Requirements in the Use of Credit Card Facilities
- HB04688** Governing The Creation And Accreditation of Micro-Enterprise Development
- HB04788** Customs Modernization And Tariff Act (CMTA) Of 2011
- HB04841** Strengthening Consumer Protection In The Purchase Of Brand New Motor Vehicles
- HB04867** Strengthening The Insurance Industry, Further Amending For The Purpose Presidential Decree No. 612, Otherwise Known As The Insurance Code
- HB04935** The Investments And Incentives Code Of The Philippines
- HB05431** Granting Additional Exemption To An Individual Taxpayer Amending For The Purpose Section 35(B) Of The National Internal Revenue Code Of 1997, As Amended By Republic Act No. 9504
- HB05727** Restructuring The Excise Tax On Alcohol And Tobacco Products (Certified Urgent by the President)

- HB06022** Rationalizing The Taxes On International Air Carriers Operating In The Philippines

EDUCATION

- RA10157** Institutionalizing the Kindergarten Education into the Basic Education System (HB03826)
- HB01863** Rationalizing The Board Of Regents Of The Partido State University
- HB03546** Protection Of Students' Right To Enroll In Review Centers Act Of 2010
- HB03825** Establishing a Philippine High School for Sports and Appropriating Funds Therefor
- HB03849** Strengthening the Philippine Public Safety College System as the Premier Educational Institution for Training, Human Resources Development and Continuing Education of all Police
- HB03953** Establishing The Diosdado P. Macapagal Memorial Library And Museum
- HB04210** Integrating Labor Education Into The Social Science Subjects In The Tertiary Education Curriculum
- HB04255** Strengthening The Ladderized Interface Between Technical-Vocational Education And Training (TVET) And Higher Education
- HB04373** Granting Discounts on Basic and Education Services to Underprivileged Students in the Post-Secondary and Tertiary Levels
- HB04791** 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 Examinations Due To Unpaid Tuition And Other School Fees
- HB04883** Expanding Access To Education Through Open Learning And Distance Education In Post-Secondary And Tertiary Levels Of Education
- HB05229** Recognizing The German European School Manila, Incorporated As An Educational Institution Of International Character
- HB05246** An Act Recognizing The Early Years From Zero (0) to Six (6) As The First Crucial State of Development And For This Purpose Strengthening The Early Childhood Care And Development Council, Renaming The Day Care Center As Child Development Center, An For Other Purposes
- HB05496** Requiring All Elementary And Secondary Schools To Adopt Policies To Prevent and Address The Acts Of Bullying In Their Instruction
- HB06050** Establishing Rural Farm Schools As Alternative Delivery Mode Of Secondary Education And Appropriating Funds Therefor
- HB06086** Establishing The Open High School System In The Philippines

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ELECTORAL REFORM

- RA10153** Synchronization Of The Elections And The Term Of Office Of The Elective Officials Of The Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) With Those Of The National And Other Local Officials (HB04146)
- HB03469** Requiring All Registered Voters Whose Biometrics Have Not Been Captured To Appear Before The Election Officer Of Their Place Of Registration For Purposes Of Having Their Photographs, Fingerprints And Signatures Captured Through The Method Of Biometrics
- HB04145** Identifying Other Persons Criminally Liable For Election Offenses And Increasing The Penalties For Election-related Offenses
- HB04241** Providing for Early Voting to Qualified Members of the Media
- HB05509** Mandating The Use Of Highly Accessible Polling Places For Persons With Disabilities, Senior Citizens, And Expectant Mothers
- HJR00031** Annulling The Book Of Voters Of The Municipalities/Cities In The Autonomous Region Of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Directing The Commission On Elections To Immediately Conduct A New General Registration Of Voters In The Region, Providing Funds Therefor (Certified Urgent by the President)

ENERGY

- HB05460** Providing Incentives For The Manufacture, Assembly, Conversion And Importation Of Electric, Hybrid And Other Alternative Fuel Vehicles, And For Other Purposes

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- HB04812** Providing For A Comprehensive Hazardous And Radioactive Wastes Management And Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof
- HB04840** Regulating The Production, Importation, Sale, Provision, Use, Recovery, Collection, Recycling And Disposal Of Plastic Bags

- HB05421** Establishing An 'Adopt-A-Wildlife Species Program'
HB05485 Providing For The Protection, Rehabilitation, And Sustainable Management Of Forest Ecosystem
HB05860 Providing For The Delineation Of The Specific Forest Limits Of The Public Domain
HB05996 Providing For The Retention By The Protected Area Management Board Of Seventy-Five Percent (75%) Of The Revenues Accruing To The Integrated Protected Areas Fund (IPAF), Amending For The Purpose Section 16 Of Republic Act No. 7586, Otherwise Known As The 'National Integrated Protected Areas System Act Of 1992'
HB06023 Prevention Of Pollution From Ships Act Of 2012
HB06235 An Act Establishing The People's Survival Fund Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 9729, Otherwise Known As "The Climate Change Act Of 2009", And For Other Purposes

FRANCHISE

- HB04379** Granting The Reliance Broadcasting Unlimited Inc. A Franchise To Construct, Install, Maintain Radio And Television Broadcasting Systems
HB05492 Granting TV Maria Foundation Philippines, Incorporated A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish, Operate And Maintain Television Broadcasting Stations In The Philippines
HB05574 Granting The Telecommunications Tech. Solutions A Franchise To Construct, Install, Establish And Maintain Relecommunications Systems Throughout The Philippines
HB05576 Renewing The Franchise Granted To Quest Broadcasting Inc
HB05613 Granting Franchise To Wi-Tribe Telecom, Inc.
HB06032 Renewing The Franchise Granted To Philippine Global Communications, Inc. (Formerly R C A Communications, Inc.) For Another Twenty-five (25) Years

GRANTING CITIZENSHIP

- RA10148** An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Marcus Eugene Douthit (HB02307)
HB02088 An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Gulshan Bedi

GOVERNANCE & PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

- RA10149** GOCC Governance Act Of 2011 (HB04067)
RA10154 Requiring All Government Offices To Ensure The Release Of The Retirement Benefits Of Its Employees Within Fifteen Days From Retirement (HB03862/SB0 2748)
JR00001 Resolution Extending The Life Of The Joint Congressional Power Commission, Constituted Pursuant To Section 62 Of Republic Act No. 9136, Otherwise Known As The "Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) Of 2001" (HJR00014/SJR00009)
JR00002 Increasing The FY 2011 Corporate Operating Budget Of The National Power Corporation From Seven Billion Five Hundred Seventy Five Million One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Pesos (P7,575,184,000.00) To Thirteen Billion Nine Hundred Sixty Eighty Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Pesos (P13,968,602,000.00) (HJR00027)
HB00006 Prescribing A Fixed Term For The Chief Of Staff Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines
HB00009 Prohibiting A Person From Being Appointed As The Secretary Of The Department Of National Defense Within The Next Three (3) Years After Relief, Separation Or Retirement From Active Duty As A Commissioned Officer Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP)
HB00164 Setting The Philippine Standard Time (PST) In All Official Sources Throughout The Country
HB01099 Prohibiting City Mayors, Municipal Mayors And Provincial Governors From Making Appointments Two (2) Months Immediately Before The Next Local Elections And Pending Assumption To Office Of Their Successors
HB01460 Including Ethnic Origin In The National Survey Conducted By The National Statistics Office
HB03871 Mandating The Representation Of Cooperatives In The Board Of Directors Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines
HB04069 Amending The Motor Vehicles User's Charge Law By Reconfiguring The Disposition Of The Monies Collected And Delineating The Status Of The Special Funds
HB04115 Protecting Individual Personal Data In Information And Communications Systems In The Government And In The Private Sector, Providing Penalties In Violation Thereof, And For Other Purposes
HB04224 Requiring All Government Agencies, Instrumentalities, LGUs And GOCCs To Use Security Paper Made From Indigenous Materials Or Water-Marked Security Paper In Their Receipts And Invoices, Permits, Licenses, Clearances, Official Papers Or Documents
HB04225 Strengthening The Participation Of Civil Society Organizations In The Formulation Of National, Regional And Local Development Plans
HB04410 Providing For The Direct Remittance To The Host Local Government Of Its Forty Percent Share (40%) Of The Proceeds

Derived From The Utilization And Development Of National Wealth

- HB04530** Further Authorizing The City Or Municipal Civil Registrar Or The Consul General To Correct Clerical Or Typographical Error In The Date Of Birth Or Sex Of A Person Appearing In The Civil Register Without Need Of A Judicial Order
HB04617 Prescribing Rates Of Pay And Allowances For Officers And Enlisted Personnel Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP) While On Overseas Duty With A Philippine Expeditionary Or Peacekeeping Contingent
HB04667 Creating The Department Of Information And Communications Technology, Defining Its Powers And Functions
HB04903 Devolving To Municipalities And Cities The Registration Of Fishing Vessels With A Maximum Gross Weight Of Three (3) Tons Or Less
HB05461 Extending The Term Of The Land Bank Of The Philippines
HB05594 Providing For The Retention And Utilization Of The Income Derived By The National Museum, Amending For The Purpose Sec. 26 RA 8492
HB05624 Establishing The Career Executive System
HB05681 Amending Sections 10, 11, 22 And 24 Of Republic Act 776, Otherwise Known As The Civil Aeronautics Act Of The Philippines, As Amended
HB05682 Further Amending Presidential Decree (PD) 1869 As Amended By Republic Act 9487, Otherwise Known As The Charter Of The Philippine Amusement And Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR)
HB05854 Revised Philippine Passport Act Of 2012
HB05870 Authorizing The Land Management Bureau To Conduct A Survey Of Cadastral Lots In The Entire Country
HB05932 Penalizing Unauthorized Taking, Stealing, Keeping Or Tampering Of Government Risk Reduction And Preparedness Equipment, Accessories And Similar Facilities
HB05977 An Act Creating The Philippine Trade Representative Office, Appropriating Funds Therefor, And For Other Purposes
HB06044 Instituting Reforms In Real Property Valuation And Assessment In The Philippines, Reorganizing The Bureau Of Local Government Finance, And Appropriating Funds Therefor
HB06093 Exempting From Estate Tax The Unpaid Balance Of Just Compensation Due The Decedent Owner Or His/Her Legal Heirs Or Successors In Interest Of Agricultural Land Acquired By The Government
HB06229 Reorganizing The Philippine Statistical System, Repealing For The Purpose Executive Order Number One Hundred Twenty-One Entitled "Reorganizing And Strengthening The Philippine Statistical System And For Other Purposes"

HEALTH

- RA10152** The Mandatory Infants and Children Health Immunization act which requires that all children under five years old should be given basic immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases. (HB04393)
HB00590 Establishing A Program For Public Education On Prostate Cancer
HB00592 Providing For National Folic Acid Education Program To Prevent Birth Defects
HB00988 Declaring The Month Of February Of Every Year As "Liver Cancer And Hepatitis - B Awareness And Prevention Month"
HB01330 Establishing The Barangay Integrated Development Approach For Nutrition Improvement (BIDANI) Of The Rural Poor As A Network Program Of The Participating State Colleges And Universities
HB03088 Promote And Support Breastfeeding As An Essential Component Of Family Planning And Responsible Parenthood
HB04075 Mandatory Ocular Prophylaxis On Newborns Act Of 2011
HB04308 Requiring Healthcare Facilities To Provide A Price List Of Their Healthcare Services Including Incidental Expenses And Medical Supplies That Can Be Charged In The Medical Bill
HB04541 Establishing Mercury Exposure Information Program
HB05471 Strengthening The Regulation Of Health Facilities And Services In The Philippines
HB05751 Mandatory Pregnancy Testing Of All Women Of Childbearing Age Who Will Undergo Cosmetic Surgery
HB05928 Institutionalizing A Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Care System
HB06048 Providing For Universal Health Care Services To All Filipinos (P I N O Y Health Insurance Act)
HB06154 Blood Type Identification Act Of 2012

HOLIDAYS

- HB03677** Declaring The Seventeenth Of November Of Every Year As National Student Leaders' Day
HB03877 Declaring Every 27th Day Of November As 'Araw Ng Pagbasa', A Regular Working Holiday
HB03962 Declaring March Eight Of Every Year As A Non-working Holiday, Thereby Amending RA 6949 Known As National Women's Day
HB04095 Mandating the Observance of July 25 of Every Year as the National Campus Press Freedom Day, And For Other Purposes

- HB04434** Declaring November Twenty-Five Of Every Year As 'National Consciousness Day For The Elimination Of Violence Against Women'
- HB04672** Declaring The Celebration Of National Children's Month In The Country On October Of Every Year

HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- HB04316** Instituting Reforms In The Subdivision And Condominium Buyers Protective Decree
- HB04578** Prescribing The Mechanisms To Facilitate The Disposition Of Government-Owned Lands For Socialized Housing
- HB04656** Instituting Reforms In The Government's Drive Against Professional Squatters And Squatting Racketeer/s Or Syndicates
- HB05446** Strengthening The Balanced Housing Development Program

JUSTICE

- RA10158** Decriminalizing Vagrancy (HB04936)
- RA10159** Adjusting the Rate Subsidiary Imprisonment to One Day for an Amount Equivalent to the Daily Minimum Wage of a Laborer in the National Capital Region (HB00600)
- RA10162** Creating Two (2) Additional Regional Trial Court Branches At Sta. Rosa City, Province Of Laguna (HB04488)
- HB00098** Anti-enforced Or Involuntary Disappearance Act Of 2012
- HB00417** Giving Offender The Fullest Benefit Of Preventive Imprisonment, Amending For The Purpose Article 29 of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code
- HB00709** Anti-Cable Television and Cable Internet Pilferage Act Of 2010
- HB01219** Amending Article 98 Of Act No. 3815, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Revised Penal Code
- HB02821** Establishing A Separate Municipal Circuit Trial Court Compromising The Municipalities Of Buenavista And San Lorenzo In The Province Of Guimaras
- HB02951** Amending Act No. 3326, Otherwise Known As An Act To Establish Periods Of Prescription For Violations Penalized By Special Acts And Municipal Ordinances And To Provide When Prescription Shall Begin To Run
- HB03497** Authorizing the Court to Require Community Service in lieu of Imprisonment for the Penalty of Arresto Menor
- HB03543** Providing For A Longer Period For The Rectification Of Simulated Births
- HB04251** Penalizing Persons Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Dangerous Drugs, And Similar Substances
- HB04807** Prohibiting Racial, Ethnic And Religious Discrimination
- HB05395** Institutionalizing Recognizance As A Mode Of Granting The Release Of An Indigent Person In Custody As An Accused In A Criminal Case And For Other Purposes
- HB05490** Providing Stiffer Penalties For Acts In Violation Of The Meat Inspection System
- HB05496** Requiring All Elementary And Secondary Schools To Adopt Policies To Prevent and Address The Acts Of Bullying In Their Instruction
- HB05627** Internal Displacement Act Of 2011
- HB05715** Whistleblower, Protection, Security And Benefit Act Of 2011
- HB05932** Penalizing Unauthorized Taking, Stealing, Keeping Or Tampering Of Government Risk Reduction And Preparedness Equipment, Accessories And Similar Facilities
- HB05990** Providing Compensation To Victims Of Human Rights Violations During The Marcos Regime
- HB06052** Strengthening The Juvenile Justice System In The Philippines
- HB06148** Declaring The First Week Of February Of Every Year As 'World Interfaith Harmony Week' In The Entire Country
- HB06184** Granting Additional Benefits To Solo Parents Amending For The Purpose Republic Act No. 8972, Otherwise Known As The 'Solo Parents Welfare Act Of 2000'

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LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

- RA10151** An Act Allowing the Employment of Night Workers, repealing articles 130 and 131 of Presidential Decree (P. D.) No. 442, the Labor Code of the Philippines. (HB04276/SB02701)
- RA10154** Requiring All Government Offices To Ensure The Release Of The Retirement Benefits Of Its Employees Within Fifteen Days From Retirement (HB03862)
- HB03861** Providing For The Development Of Entrepreneurship Skills Among Government Employees For An Innovation-Inspired Corps Of Civil Servants
- HB04205** Amending Presidential Decree No. 442, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Labor Code Of The Philippines By Adding A

New Article 287-A Reducing The Retirement Age Of Race Horse Jockeys From Sixty (60) To Fifty-Five (55)

- HB04209** Stengthening Adult Education Programs For Workers And Employees
- HB04539** Establishing A Credit Assistance Program For Overseas Workers
- HB04643** Expanding The Prohibited Acts Of Discrimination Against Women On Account Of Sex, Amending For The Purpose Articles 135 And 137 Of The Labor Code Of The Philippines

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- RA10156** Conferring Upon A Member Of The Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panlungsod And Sangguniang Panlalawigan The Appropriate Civil Service Eligibility (HB04357)"
- HB04061** Strengthening The Fiscal Autonomy Of Local Governments By Repealing For The Purpose Section 21 Of RA 10121 Otherwise Known As The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Act Of 2010
- HB04410** Providing For The Direct Remittance To The Host Local Government Of Its Forty Percent Share (40%) Of The Proceeds Derived From The Utilization And Development Of National Wealth
- HB04565** Creating A Local Housing Board In Every City And First To Third Class Municipality
- HB05567** Mandating The Designation Of A Cooperative Officer In The Local Government Unit
- HB05620** Exempting From The Population And Land Area Requirements The Conversion Of A Municipality Onto A Component City If It Has A Locally Generated Average Annual Income Of At Least Two Hundred Million Pesos (P200,000,000.00)

PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

- HB04225** Strengthening The Participation Of Civil Society Organizations In The Formulation Of National, Regional And Local Development Plans
- HB05228** Providing Benefits To Barangay Volunteer Workers

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

- HB04323** Regulating And Modernizing The Practice Of Interior Design In The Philippines
- HB04692** Regulating The Practice Of Environmental Planning
- HB04693** Regulating The Practice Of Mining Engineering
- HB05640** Regulating The Practice Of Geology In The Philippines
- HB05851** Regulating The Practice Of Metallurgical Engineering

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- HB00465** Amending RA 8491-An Act Prescribing the Code of the National Flag, Anthem, Motto, Coat-Of-Arms and Other Heraldic Items and Devices of the Philippines
- HB01105** Declaring The Sheikh Karimul Makhdum Mosque At Tubig Indangan, Simunul, Province Of Tawi-Tawi, As A National Historical Landmark
- HB03005** Declaring October Of Every Year As "Anti- Corruption Month" In The Entire Country
- HB04097** Declaring October 5 Of Every Year As "National Teachers' Day"
- HB04314** Defining The Use And Protection Of The Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Crystal And Red Lion And Sun Emblems, Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof, And For Other Purposes
- HB05068** Declaring September 3 Of Every Year As Special Commemorative Day To Be Called The National Victory And Liberation Day Of The Philippines
- HB05180** Declaring August 9 Of Every Year As A Celebration Of The National Day Of Indigenous Peoples In The Philippines
- HB05655** Declaring The Waling-Waling Orchid As National Flower Of The Philippines In Addition To Sampaguita
- HB05868** Upholding The Constitutional Right Of The People To Information On Matters Of Public Concern On Food Included In The List Of Basic Necessities Or Prime Commodities To Guarantee The Right Of The People To Affordable Food And Adequate Food Supply
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PUBLIC ORDER & SAFETY

- HB03849** Strengthening the Philippine Public Safety College System as the Premier Educational Institution for Training, Human Resources Development and Continuing Education of all Police

- HB04251** Penalizing Persons Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Dangerous Drugs, And Similar Substances
- HB04571** Regulating The Use Of Hand-held Mobile Communication Devices While Driving
- HB04660** An Act To Further Strengthen The Anti-Drug Campaign Of The Government Amending For The Purpose Section 21 Of Republic Act 9165 Otherwise Known As The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act Of 2002
- HB05015** An Act Defining The Crime Of Financing Of Terrorism (Certified Urgent by the President)
- HB05484** Providing For A Comprehensive Regulation Of Firearms, Light Weapons And Ammunition
- HB05490** Providing Stiffer Penalties For Acts In Violation Of The Meat Inspection System
- HB06040** Providing A Three (3) Year Validity Period For The License To Exercise Security Profession
- HJR00016** Joint Resolution Extending The Life Of The Congressional Oversight Committee On Dangerous Drugs, Constituted Pursuant To Section 95 Of Republic Act No. 9165, Otherwise Known As The "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act Of 2002"

REFORESTATION

- HB04330** Revival Of Arbor Day

SOCIAL REFORM

- HB06093** Exempting From Estate Tax The Unpaid Balance Of Just Compensation Due The Decedent Owner Or His/Her Legal Heirs Or Successors In Interest Of Agricultural Land Acquired By The Government
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SOCIAL WELFARE & PROTECTION

- RA010150** Extending The Implementation Of The Lifeline Rate, Amending For The Purpose Sec. 73 OF RA No. 9136, Otherwise Known As The 'Electric Power Industry Reform Act Of 2001' (HB04169/SB02846)
- RA010158** Decriminalizing Vagrancy (HB04936)
- HB00229** Increasing The Burial Assistance For Veterans From Ten Thousand (P10,000.00) To Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00)
- HB00834** Honoring And Granting Additional Benefits And Privileges To Filipino Centenarians, Declaring The 25th Of September As National Respect For Centenarians Day
- HB01215** Amending Section 2 Of Republic Act No. 4103, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The Indeterminate Sentence Law
- HB01288** Amending Article 75 Of Title IV Of Executive Order No. 209, As Amended By Executive Order No. 227, Otherwise Known As The Family Code Of The Philippines
- HB03543** Providing For A Longer Period For The Rectification Of Simulated Births
- HB03747** Extending The Period For Indigenous Cultural Communities/indigenous Peoples To Exercise The Option To Secure Title To Their Ancestral Lands
- HB04195** Extending The Coverage Of The Reduced Retirement Age For Underground Mine Workers To Include Mill Plant Workers And Support Services, Such As Mechanical, Electrical And Tailings Pond Personnel
- HB04308** Requiring Healthcare Facilities To Provide A Price List Of Their Healthcare Services Including Incidental Expenses And Medical Supplies That Can Be Charged In The Medical Bill
- HB04373** Granting Discounts on Basic and Education Services to Underprivileged Students in the Post-Secondary and Tertiary Levels
- HB04455** Promoting Positive And Non-Violent Disciplines In Lieu Of Corporal Punishment Of Children
- HB04791** 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 Examinations Due To Unpaid Tuition And Other School Fees
- HB04801** Amending Certain Provisions Of Republic Act No. 7581 Entitled "An Act Providing Protection To Consumers By Stabilizing The Prices Of Basic Necessities And Prime Commodities And By Prescribing Measures Against Undue Price Increases During Emergency Situations And Like Occasions And For Other Purposes"
- HB04807** Prohibiting Racial, Ethnic And Religious Discrimination
- HB05445** Prohibiting Public And Private Hospitals From Requiring The Payment Of Money Upon Registered Nurses Who Want To Gain Work Experience
- HB05475** Expanding The Positions Reserved For Persons With Disability
- HB05509** Mandating The Use Of Highly Accessible Polling Places For

- HB05626** Persons With Disabilities, Senior Citizens, And Expectant Mothers Providing Measures To Ensure The Safety Of Children Aboard Motorcycles
- HB05627** Internal Displacement Act Of 2011
- HB05808** Cybercrime Prevention Act Of 2012
- HB05868** Upholding The Constitutional Right Of The People To Information On Matters Of Public Concern On Food Included In The List Of Basic Necessities Or Prime Commodities To Guarantee The Right Of The People To Affordable Food And Adequate Food Supply

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

- HB03825** Establishing a Philippine High School for Sports and Appropriating Funds Therefor
- HB04352** Granting Retirement, Health Care And Death Benefits To Professional Filipino Athletes Who Win World Championship Titles In International Professional Sports Competitions
- HB04466** Requiring Higher Education Institutions To Report Participation And Program Support Expenditures In All College Athletic Programs
- HB06119** Institutionalizing The Conduct Of The Palarong Pambansa

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- HB03284** Amending Presidential Decree No. 538 Creating The Philippine Veterans Investment Development Company (PHIVIDEC) Industrial Authority
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