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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:01 p.m., Deputy Speaker Eric D. Singson called the session to order.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The session is called to order.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Please remain standing for our Invocation to be led by Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Sixth District of Pangasinan.

*Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.*

### INVOCATION

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. My esteemed colleagues and fellow Members of the House of Representatives, friends, let us bow our heads and put ourselves in the presence of the Lord.

Lord God, God of all nations and the Supreme Ruler, as we commence this Seventeenth Congress, we thank You for bringing us all together to fulfill our duties as Your faithful servants.

With complete trust and confidence and by Your grace, we humbly seek Your blessings and guidance.

You have called each and every one of us to lead our nation and serve the people.

With the new leadership, help us build this House, this nation, and the whole of humanity, that we unite all our efforts for the good of the people.

As we embark on our work, may we keep in mind the blessing of opportunity to lead and spread Your word.

Lord, grant us Your infinite wisdom, that in all our work, we may be guided by Your gift of knowledge.

Grant us calmness that, in our actions, we cast aside our personal intentions for the greater good of all.

Grant us objectivity that, in all our decisions, justice and fairness emanate from us.

Make us work conscientiously with prudence and patience.

May we always be faithful to You and bow to Your will.

May our families be the genuine source of our deepest joy and fulfilling love.

Lord, we seek special blessings for our leaders to bring us to prosperity.

Bless us all, the Representatives of the people, to pursue our vision for them.

And for all of us workers, we pray for patience and strength as we offer our time and talent to You. We pray for the Filipino people, that our differences in beliefs and advocacies will not separate us but will help us understand our own individualities.

We lift up to You, Lord, our efforts as we be reminded that all that we do, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth, for Your greater glory, and for the service of humanity.

In the end, we pray to make us instruments of peace, to unite us all, and keep our beloved nation with You.

All these we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord Almighty.

Amen.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Majority Leader is recognized.

### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. I move that the session be suspended.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). There is a motion to suspend. The session is suspended.

*It was 4:06 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 4:18 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The session is resumed.

## ROLL CALL

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we call the roll.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

*The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is reflected in Journal No. 2, dated July 26, 2016.\**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 256 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). With 256 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

## SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the session be suspended.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The session is suspended.

*It was 4:42 p.m.*

## RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 5:09 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The session is resumed.

## APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 1, dated July 25, 2016.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Is there any objection to the motion? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I now move that we proceed to the Reference of Business.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

## REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

*The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:*

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 1, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES’ AND AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘REVISED PENAL CODE,’ AND OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS”

By Representatives Castro (F.H.), Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Andaya, Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon, Suarez and Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9344, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10630, AND REVERTING THE MINIMUM AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FROM FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OLD TO NINE (9) YEARS OLD”

By Representatives Castro (F.H.) and Alvarez (P.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 3, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, EMERGENCY POWERS TO ADDRESS THE MASSIVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE COUNTRY THAT HAS ASSUMED THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, DECLARING A NATIONAL POLICY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND AUTHORIZING HIM, FOR A LIMITED PERIOD AND SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, TO IMPLEMENT RULES

AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY  
AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT SUCH  
POWERS”

By Representatives Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Andaya,  
Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon,  
Suarez, Batocabe and Nograles (K.)

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N  
T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

House Bill No. 4, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING CIRCUIT CRIMINAL  
COURTS GRANTING THEM EXCLUSIVE  
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION TO TRY AND  
DECIDE CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES,  
AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG  
129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN  
AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION  
ACT OF 1980, APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representatives Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Andaya,  
Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon,  
Nograles (K.), Suarez and Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 5, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER  
PENALTIES FOR PERSONS DRIVING  
UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL,  
DANGEROUS DRUGS AND SIMILAR  
SUBSTANCES, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10586,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ANTI-  
DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING ACT  
OF 2013’ ”

By Representatives Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Andaya,  
Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon,  
Nograles (K.), Suarez and Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 6, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY AT  
THE LOCAL LEVEL BY ESTABLISHING  
AND MAINTAINING A DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY IN EVERY PROVINCE,  
CITY AND MUNICIPALITY”

By Representatives Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Andaya,  
Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon,  
Suarez, Batocabe and Nograles (K.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER  
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 7, entitled:

“AN ACT NAMING THE LAOAG BY-PASS  
ROAD AS THE RODOLFO G. FARIÑAS JR.  
HIGHWAY”

By Representative Quimbo

T O T H E C O M M I T T E E O N  
T R A N S P O R T A T I O N

House Bill No. 8, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A CRIMINAL  
INVESTIGATION SYSTEM, REPEALING  
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
5180, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PRESCRIBING  
A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF PRELIMINARY  
INVESTIGATION BY PROVINCIAL AND  
CITY FISCALS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS  
AND BY STATE ATTORNEYS OR THEIR  
ASSISTANTS,’ AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Andaya,  
Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon,  
Nograles (K.), Suarez and Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 9, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG  
REHABILITATION CENTER IN EVERY  
REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representatives Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Andaya,  
Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon,  
Nograles (K.), Suarez and Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS  
DRUGS

House Bill No. 10, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING JUVENILE  
JUSTICE COURTS, GRANTING THEM  
EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION  
OVER CRIMINAL CASES INVOLVING  
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA  
BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY  
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Fariñas, Alvarez (P.), Andaya,  
Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon,  
Nograles (K.), Suarez and Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 11, entitled:

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE COMPENSATION  
AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM  
OF CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL  
AND THE BASE PAY SCHEDULE OF  
MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL  
IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 12, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 13, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN SITUATIONS OF ARMED CONFLICT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 14, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINO OPERATORS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001’, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 15, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 16, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION ONE OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 17, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM, PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC INDEXATION OF CASH GRANTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 18, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A TWO THOUSAND PESO (P2,000.00) ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION WITH CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT OF THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 19, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO REQUIRE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DELIVER A MINIMUM STANDARD OF 10 MEGABYTES PER SECOND (10MBPS) FOR INTERNET CONNECTION SPEED”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 20, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE INCOME TAX IMPOSED ON INDIVIDUALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Quimbo, Abaya and Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 21, entitled:

“AN ACT ADVANCING AND SUSTAINING SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION, CREATING THE ASSET SCHOLARSHIP CENTER, PROVIDING FOR ITS FINANCING, AND MANDATING IT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE REFORMS IN THE PROCUREMENT AND FUND DISBURSEMENT SYSTEMS IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abaya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 22, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CONSUMER PROTECTION ON THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICES BY ALLOWING CONSUMERS TO UNLOCK THE MOBILE WIRELESS DEVICES PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE LOCK-IN PERIOD UNDER THE MOBILE COMMUNICATION SERVICE CONTRACT”

By Representative Abaya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 23, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX (R.A. NO. 9266), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2004’ ”

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

House Bill No. 24, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL AND BAR COUNCIL WHO HAS ALREADY SERVED THE FULL TERM”

By Representative Abaya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 25, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR REGULATION, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE, THE PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abaya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 26, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING THE REDUCTION OF ELECTRICITY RATES THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SHARE IN THE DISCOVERY, EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND/

OR PRODUCTION OF INDIGENOUS SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOWERING THE COST OF ELECTRICITY”

By Representative Umali  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 27, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 3-A AND 4 OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1865 TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED ACTS SUCH AS ADULTERATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WHICH IS INIMICAL TO PUBLIC INTEREST”

By Representative Umali  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 28, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREE PORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANSALAY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Umali  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 29, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF PINAMALAYAN IN THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO AS THE REGIONAL CENTER OF REGION IV-B OR THE MIMAROPA WHICH WAS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 103, SERIES OF 2002”

By Representative Umali  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 30, entitled:

“AN ACT FORMULATING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR MINDORO ISLAND, CREATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY TO ITS IMPLEMENTATION, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Umali  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 31, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF THE POOR”

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY  
ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 32, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE RIGHT OF  
CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY  
THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 33, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING  
FOR FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION IN  
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
TECHNOLOGY IN STATE UNIVERSITIES  
AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 34, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE  
NATIONAL SCHOOL FEEDING  
PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN  
AND ELEMENTARY PUPILS AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 35, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE INCOME  
TAXES IMPOSED ON INDIVIDUALS  
AND CORPORATIONS, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24 (A) (2); 27  
(A); AND 28 (A) (1) AND (B) (1) OF THE  
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 36, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE RATES OF INCOME  
TAX IMPOSED ON CORPORATIONS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR  
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 37, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE  
IRRIGATION PROGRAM, REPEALING  
SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH (C) OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601 OR ‘AN ACT  
CREATING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION  
ADMINISTRATION’; SECTION 1,  
PARAGRAPH (B) OF PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NO. 552; SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH  
(B) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO.  
1702; SECTION 35 OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 8435, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
THE ‘AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES  
MODERNIZATION LAW’; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 38, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE METRO MANILA  
TRAFFIC CRISIS AS A NATIONAL  
EMERGENCY, GRANTING THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES EMERGENCY  
POWERS, PRESCRIBING URGENT  
RELATED MEASURES NECESSARY AND  
PROPER TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS  
SUCH PREDICAMENT, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 39, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A MORE EQUITABLE,  
PROGRESSIVE AND JUST TAX SYSTEM,  
BY ADJUSTING THE LEVEL OF NET  
TAXABLE INCOME AND NOMINAL TAX  
RATES OF THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME  
TAX, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
SECTION 24 (A) (1) OF REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
OF 1997, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 9504, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 40, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION  
TO FARMERS WHO SUFFER  
FROM RECURRENT DISASTERS  
AND CALAMITIES, TO SUSTAIN  
AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND  
FINANCING, AND TO ENSURE FOOD

SECURITY, BY MAKING INSURANCE MANDATORY FOR PALAY AND OTHER ESSENTIAL CROPS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 4 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8175, OR THE 'REVISED CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE CORPORATION (PCIC) ACT OF 1995', AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

House Bill No. 41, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF"

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 42, entitled:

"AN ACT REMOVING THE CONDITIONS FOR THE CONDONATION OF ALL UNPAID TAXES DUE FROM LOCAL WATER DISTRICTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 289-A OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED"

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 43, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING A FIXED MONTHLY HONORARIA AND ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO ACCREDITED BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7883 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS' BENEFITS AND INCENTIVES ACT OF 1995"

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 44, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A TEN PERCENT BUDGETARY ALLOCATION OF BARANGAYS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE

PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 45, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10366, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO ESTABLISH PRECINCTS ASSIGNED TO ACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACES EXCLUSIVELY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS'"

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 46, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CIVIL REGISTRATION SYSTEM"

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 47, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS ENSURING THEIR SECURITY AND PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR THEIR WELFARE"

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 48, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN ALL COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 49, entitled:

"AN ACT TO PREVENT AND CONTROL POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, PROVIDE PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 50, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION, REHABILITATION, AND SUSTAINABLE

MANAGEMENT OF FOREST ECOSYSTEM AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 51, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Bag-ao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 52, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bag-ao  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 53, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE, AND SUPPORT, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PLAN, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998,’ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bag-ao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 54, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE RATIONAL EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, AND TO ENSURE THE EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS FOR THE STATE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bag-ao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 55, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY

OF TENURE OF WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 248, 279, 280, 281 AND 288, AND INTRODUCING NEW ARTICLES 106-A, 106-B, 106-C, 106-D, 106-E, 280-A AND 280-B TO PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Bag-ao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 56, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM SALARIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND AUGMENTING THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE”

By Representatives Tinio, Castro (F.L.) and Casilao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 57, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE INCOME BRACKETS AND RATES OF TAX IMPOSED ON TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24, 32, 33, 34, AND 35 OF THE 1997 NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 58, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SUPPORT MECHANISMS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL IN MATTERS OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND MECHANISMS FOR CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PROTECTION IN CASES RELATED THERETO”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 59, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT AGE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SIXTY (60) YEARS OLD TO FIFTY-FIVE (55) YEARS OLD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13-A OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE



GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE  
SYSTEM ACT OF 1997”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 60, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE HIRING OF  
TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR  
THROUGH CONTRACTS OF SERVICE OR  
JOB ORDERS”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 61, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR  
THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles  
(J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND  
FOOD AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 62, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COCONUT  
INDUSTRY TRUST FUND, PROVIDING  
FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles  
(J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 63, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF  
CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY  
THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles  
(J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 64, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE  
WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND  
HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROVIDING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles  
(J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 65, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT

OF SPORTS, DEFINING ITS POWERS  
AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Nograles (K.), Nograles (J.)  
and Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 66, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF DARAGA, ALBAY PROVINCE, INTO  
A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS  
THE CITY OF DARAGA”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 67, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2 OF EVERY  
YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING  
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY  
TO BE KNOWN AS ‘SIMEON OLA DAY’ ”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 68, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN  
REAL PROPERTY VALUATION AND  
ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
REORGANIZING THE BUREAU OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE, AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 69, entitled:

“COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES  
LAW”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 70, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 3 OF EVERY  
YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING  
HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY  
TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ALBAY DAY’ ”

By Representative Salceda  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 71, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A TWO THOUSAND

PESO (P2,000.00) ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION WITH CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT OF THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 72, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF STUDENT FARE DISCOUNT PRIVILEGES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 73, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 74, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTERS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 75, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Vargas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 76, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY

OF TENURE OF EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 106, 109, 280, AND 281 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER 442, OR THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES; AND ADDING ARTICLES ARTICLE 108-A ON THE DEFINITION OF CONTRACTING, ARTICLE 108-B ON THE PROHIBITION OF LABOR-ONLY CONTRACTING, ARTICLE 108-C ON THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEE, ARTICLE 108-D ON THE RIGHTS OF CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES, ARTICLE 108-E ON THE CONTRACT BETWEEN CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AND CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEE, ARTICLE 108-F ON THE EFFECT OF TERMINATION OF CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYMENT, ARTICLE 108-G ON LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS, ARTICLE 108-H ON GOOD FAITH CONTRACTING, ARTICLE 280-A, DEFINING FIXED TERM EMPLOYMENT; AND ARTICLE 280-B, DEFINING PROJECT EMPLOYMENT TO PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBER 442, OR THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 77, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 78, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE MAGNA CARTA OF FILIPINO SEAFARERS”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 79, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING RACIAL, ETHNIC, GENDER IDENTITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 80, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 81, entitled:

“AN ACT CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO REVISE THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION THEREIN AND OTHER DETAILS RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO AND THE HOLDING OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 82, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ON-SITE, IN-CITY OR NEAR-CITY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM FOR INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PEOPLE’S PLAN AND MANDATING RELOCATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO PROVIDE OTHER BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD COMPONENTS IN FAVOR OF THE RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992’ ”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 83, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSTITUTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPITAL CITY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING THE CAPITAL AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 84, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A TRANSPARENT BIDDING PROCESS FOR POWER SUPPLY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 45 (B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001’ ”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 85, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE CITY OF VICTORIAS, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8488, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIAS, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF VICTORIAS’ ”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 86, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 150 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Jalosjos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 87, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS’ ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Cortuna  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 88, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE”

By Representative Cortuna  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 89, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MEDICAL ALLOWANCE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Cortuna  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 90, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ACCIDENT AND LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR RAILWAY TRANSIT PASSENGERS”

By Representative Cortuna  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 91, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A COMPULSORY INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR EVERY NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS”

By Representative Cortuna  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 92, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AND ABOLISHING THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sema  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON MUSLIM AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 93, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING COTABATO CITY FROM THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF COTABATO CITY”

By Representative Sema  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 94, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEN-BED CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARANG, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, TO BE KNOWN AS THE PARANG DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sema  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 95, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10585, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE COTABATO CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN COTABATO CITY INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE COTABATO STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

By Representative Sema  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 96, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BED CAPACITY OF DINAIG MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DATU ODIN SINSUAT, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO INTO A FIFTY-BED CAPACITY DISTRICT HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE DATU ODIN SINSUAT DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6918 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sema  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 97, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8353, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RAPE LAW OF 1997”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 98, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING ARTICLES 202 AND 341 OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND INSTITUTING A SYSTEM OF PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS OF PROSTITUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 99, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE GROUNDS FOR LEGAL SEPARATION, AMENDING FOR

THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 55 OF THE  
FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 100, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING ARTICLE 247 OF THE  
REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 101, entitled:

“AN ACT DECRIMINALIZING ADULTERY  
AND CONCUBINAGE, AMENDING FOR  
THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 333 AND 334  
OF THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 102, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT  
FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND  
AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT  
AND UTILIZATION”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 103, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING INCOME TAX  
REFORM FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS,  
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE  
SECTION 24(A)(2) AND 35(A) OF THE  
NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 104, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE BASIC  
MEDICINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN  
ALL GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITIES  
NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 105, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE  
‘NO BALANCE BILLING POLICY’ IN  
ALL ACCREDITED HEALTH CARE

INSTITUTIONS AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 106, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TAXI  
PASSENGERS’ RIGHTS”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 107, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO  
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND  
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 108, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA),  
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED 10121, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 109, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING ALL AGENCIES  
AND OFFICES ON VETERANS  
WELFARE, CREATING FOR THE  
PURPOSE THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS  
AUTHORITY (PVA), APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE  
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE

House Bill No. 110, entitled:

“AN ACT CONSTITUTING A NATIONAL  
CAPITAL COMMISSION FOR CAPITAL  
RELOCATION”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 111, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
MODERNIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINE  
COAST GUARD (PCG) AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 112, entitled:  
“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF  
CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY  
THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Baguilat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 113, entitled:  
“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE RATIONAL  
EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND  
UTILIZATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES,  
AND TO ENSURE THE EQUITABLE  
SHARING OF BENEFITS FOR THE STATE,  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representatives Baguilat and Fortun  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 114, entitled:  
“AN ACT MANDATING THE COMPLETION  
OF THE LAND ACQUISITION AND  
DISTRIBUTION (LAD) COMPONENT  
OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN  
REFORM PROGRAM (CARP) BY JUNE  
30, 2014 PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 6657, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
‘COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM  
LAW’, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Baguilat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN  
REFORM

House Bill No. 115, entitled:  
“AN ACT RECOGNIZING, PROTECTING  
AND STRENGTHENING THE  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES CONSERVED AREAS AND  
TERRITORIES, ACKNOWLEDGING THEIR  
CONTRIBUTION TO BIODIVERSITY  
CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION  
OF KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS,  
ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE  
THE NATIONAL ICCA REGISTRY,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Baguilat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS  
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 116, entitled:  
“AN ACT INSTITUTING ABSOLUTE DIVORCE  
IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Lagman  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND  
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 117, entitled:  
“AN ACT EXEMPTING START-UP  
ENTERPRISES FROM TAXES ARISING  
FROM THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF  
OPERATION”

By Representative Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 118, entitled:  
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG  
REHABILITATION CENTERS IN EVERY  
CITY AND PROVINCE THROUGHOUT  
THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS  
DRUGS

House Bill No. 119, entitled:  
“AN ACT UPGRADING THE MINIMUM  
SALARY GRADE LEVEL OF TEACHERS  
FROM SALARY GRADE 11 TO 19”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 120, entitled:  
“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLE’S  
RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES OF FULL  
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND HONESTY IN  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC  
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 121, entitled:  
“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING  
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO PUBLIC  
SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 122, entitled:  
“AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO POWER

CORPORATION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 123, entitled:

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

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 124, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PASONANCA WATERSHED FOREST RESERVE LOCATED IN ZAMBOANGA CITY AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT”

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 125, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF COMPENSATION IN THE FORM OF ADDITIONAL HONORARIUM TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 126, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO SUSPEND THE MANDATORY WEARING OF MOTORCYCLE HELMETS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10054, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MOTORCYCLE HELMET ACT OF 2009’”

By Representative Lobregat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 127, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE PEOPLE’S RIGHT TO INFORMATION”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 128, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL COURT TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘DANGEROUS DRUGS COURT’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 129, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE-STOP SHOP THEREBY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE COORDINATION OF TRANSPORT INDUSTRY AGENCIES RESULTING IN THE STRICT AND ORDERLY ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF ROAD WORTHINESS OF PUBLIC CONVEYANCES”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 130, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DEMOLITION AND EVICTION OF HOMELESS AND UNDERPRIVILEGED CITIZENS”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 131, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE IN DISTRICT 2, PARAÑAQUE CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 132, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN EVERY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTRY, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 133, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS), PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT, AND REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 134, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PARTY-LIST  
SYSTEM, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 7941, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
‘PARTY-LIST SYSTEM ACT’ ”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 135, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF CREMATORIES IN  
EVERY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE  
COUNTRY, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
AND DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING  
FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL  
SERVICES

House Bill No. 136, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE OPTIONAL  
RETIREMENT AGE TO 56 YEARS OLD”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 137, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 24 AND 27 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL  
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997”

By Representative Noel  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 138, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY  
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BACK-UP AREAS, VESSEL TRAFFIC  
SYSTEM (VTS), STORAGE LIGHTING  
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By Representative Aglipay-Villar

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By Representative Aglipay-Villar

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AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OR  
PUNISHMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR  
IMPLEMENTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER  
THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE  
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OR DEGRADING TREATMENT  
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APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”  
By Representative Belmonte (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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GOVERNMENT TO EXPROPRIATE LANDS  
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DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF  
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By Representative Belmonte (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
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SERVICES AND LIVELIHOOD  
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RECIPIENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
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By Representative Belmonte (J.)  
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By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
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“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COCONUT FARMERS AND INDUSTRY TRUST FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
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House Bill No. 165, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PARCELS OF LAND IN BARANGAY KRUS NA LIGAS, QUEZON CITY TO ITS LEGITIMATE AND QUALIFIED RESIDENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9500, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES CHARTER OF 2008’ ”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
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House Bill No. 166, entitled:

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By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND  
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 167, entitled:

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By Representative Velasco-Catera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

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By Representative Velasco-Catera

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TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 169, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL CELLPHONE NETWORK SERVICE PROVIDERS TO EQUIP ALL MOBILE PHONES THEY PROVIDE TO POSTPAID USERS WITH A ‘KILL SWITCH’ SOFTWARE TO ENHANCE SECURITY AND PRIVACY OF THEIR CUSTOMERS”

By Representative Velasco-Catera  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND  
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House Bill No. 170, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF TENURE OF WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 171, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND  
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 172, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NEW GRADUATES BY WAIVING GOVERNMENT FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

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By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 174, entitled:

“AN ACT FOR THE CREATION OF LOCAL BIKEWAYS OFFICE (LBO), ESTABLISHING INFRASTRUCTURE IN RELATION THERETO AND PROVIDING FOR BICYCLE RIGHTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 175, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING GOVERNMENT INTERVENTIONS IN LABOR DISPUTES BY ADOPTING THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES CRITERIA IN THE EXERCISE OF THE ASSUMPTION OR CERTIFICATION POWER OF THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, AND DECRIMINALIZING VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES 263, 264 AND 272 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 176, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES ON ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE ARTICLE 254 OF TITLE VIII, CHAPTER ONE OF ACT 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 177, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE PRESERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM ACT OF 1992”

By Representative Ramirez Sato  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 178, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING CASINO OPERATORS AS COVERED PERSONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2001’, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Ramirez Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 179, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING PUBLIC SOLICITATIONS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1564, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLICITATION PERMIT LAW”

By Representative Ramirez Sato

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 180, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING COMPASSIONATE AND RIGHT OF ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS AND EXPANDING RESEARCH INTO ITS MEDICINAL PROPERTIES”

By Representative Albano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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“AN ACT INSTITUTING FREE COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR INDIGENT STUDENTS”

By Representative Crisologo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION, ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, GRANTING INCENTIVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 183, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE BRACKET OF THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

CONSIDERED AS DEPENDENTS OF A TAXPAYER FROM 21 TO 23 YEARS OLD, AND FOR THAT PURPOSE, AMENDING SECTION 35, ITEMS (A) AND (B) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 184, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING VOTERS’ EDUCATION MANDATORY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 185, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM TO DECLARE DIVIDENDS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161 ACCORDINGLY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 186, entitled:

“AN ACT GIVING THE PERSONS AFFECTED BY TYPHOONS AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS IN AREAS DECLARED TO BE IN A STATE OF CALAMITY A MORATORIUM, FORBEARANCE OR GRACE PERIOD IN THE PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 187, entitled:

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

(NFA) AND THE QUEDAN AND RURAL CREDIT GUARANTEE CORPORATION (QUEDANCOR)”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 188, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF A COOPERATIVES OFFICER IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991’ ”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 189, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING THE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES (ISF) IMPOSED ON FARMERS BY THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1702”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 190, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 191, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING CITIZENS PARTICIPATION IN THE BUDGET PROCESS”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 192, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,

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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bertiz

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ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

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GOVERNMENT TOWARDS A WELL-  
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By Representative Lopez (M.)

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FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS BY  
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By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS  
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House Bill No. 198, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH  
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BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF  
BAYBAY, FURTHER AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14,  
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BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS  
‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION  
ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED, AND  
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By Representative Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 194, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE COVERAGE OF  
THE ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT  
OF 1995, TO INCLUDE OFFICERS AND  
EMPLOYEES OF OUR DIPLOMATIC  
AND CONSULAR ABROAD, THEREBY  
AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7877”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 199, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BANAHAO, CITY  
OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE  
KNOWN AS BANAHAO NATIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 195, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FIFTEEN  
THOUSAND PESOS (P15,000) ACROSS THE  
BOARD INCREASE TO THE SALARIES OF  
PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND OTHER  
BENEFITS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
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By Representative Quimbo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 200, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HAMPANGAN,  
MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS,  
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AS HAMPANGAN NATIONAL HIGH  
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 196, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
9645, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
‘COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING  
ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO  
ACT’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Quimbo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
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House Bill No. 201, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR  
THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT  
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AIM OF ENHANCING, REHABILITATING  
AND IMPROVING THE COUNTRY’S  
COASTAL MARINE RESOURCES”

By Representative Cari

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
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NETWORKS, RADIO STATIONS,  
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AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS  
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ADVERTISE PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR  
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House Bill No. 202, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE UTILIZATION OF OFFSHORE NATURAL RESOURCES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE PROVINCIAL OFFSHORE NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 203, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE SOUTHERN PALAWAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 204, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PALAWAN STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7818”

By Representative Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 205, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GOV. ALFREDO ABUEG SR. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL – ARIBUNGOS EXTENSION IN BARANGAY ARIBUNGOS, MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE’S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE GOV. ALFREDO ABUEG SR. NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS INIL U. TAHA MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 206, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE GRANT GIVEN TO SENIOR CITIZENS FROM TWENTY PERCENT (20%) TO THIRTY PERCENT (30%) DISCOUNT, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representative Abueg

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 207, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Violago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 208, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A TWO THOUSAND PESO (P2,000) ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION WITH CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT OF THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Violago

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 209, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Violago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL  
SERVICES

House Bill No. 210, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL  
DIABETES CENTER AND FOUNDATION  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Violago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 211, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING ROBBERY IN  
BANKS, GOVERNMENT FINANCING  
INSTITUTIONS, PAWNSHOPS AND  
OTHER ENTITIES OR FACILITIES  
OFFERING LOANS OR CREDIT AND  
OTHER FINANCE-RELATED SERVICES A  
HEINOUS CRIME, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE THE REVISED PENAL CODE OF  
THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Violago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 212, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLANDS OF  
SIARGAO AND BUCAS GRANDE AS  
A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE  
CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE  
AND SEASCAPE AND PROVIDING FOR  
ITS MANAGEMENT”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 213, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 15 OF EVERY  
YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING  
HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF  
SURIGAO DEL NORTE TO BE KNOWN  
AS ‘ADLAW NAN PROBINSYA NAN  
SURIGAO’ AND REPEALING FOR THE  
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7553,  
ENTITLED ‘AN ACT DECLARING JUNE  
NINETEEN OF EVERY YEAR AS A  
SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY  
IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL  
NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ADLAW NAN  
SURIGAO DEL NORTE’ ”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 214, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE

KNOWN AS BARANGAY DON ALBINO  
T. TARUC IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL  
NORTE”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 215, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SIARGAO  
MANPOWER LIVELIHOOD AND SKILLS  
TRAINING CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF DAPA, SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 216, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
10600 ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING  
THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE STATE  
UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF  
SURIGAO DEL NORTE BY INTEGRATING  
THE SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF  
TECHNOLOGY IN SURIGAO CITY, THE  
SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN AND  
THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE  
OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, ALL  
LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO  
DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR’ THEREBY EXTENDING THE  
DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION  
ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR  
CONVERSION TO JANUARY 1, 2021”

By Representative Matugas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 217, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING INCLUSIVE  
EDUCATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION LEARNING  
RESOURCE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN  
AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS  
IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS,  
PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND  
GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarica  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE



House Bill No. 218, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF SEXUAL INFIDELITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 333 (ADULTERY), ARTICLE 334 (CONCUBINAGE) AND ARTICLES 344 AND 345 OF TITLE ELEVEN, BOOK II OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Villarica  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 219, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDAMENTAL EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW OF WOMEN AND MEN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 14, 96, 124, 211 AND 225 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Villarica  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 220, entitled:

“AN ACT INTEGRATING HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE INTO THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarica  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 221, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarica  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 222, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND PENALIZING THE ACTS OF ARBITRARY INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 223, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 224, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN GUARANTEED UNDER SECTION SEVEN, ARTICLE THREE OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL ITS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER SECTION TWENTY-EIGHT, ARTICLE TWO OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 225, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL FILIPINOS”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 226, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10368, PROVIDING REPARATIONS FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, CREATING A PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS CLAIMS BOARD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 227, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (DOFW), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 228, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MECHANISMS TO FACILITATE THE DISPOSITION OF IDLE GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING”

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 229, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A FULL CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE TO QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9700, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM EXTENSION WITH REFORMS’ ”

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 230, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE BESSANG PASS NATURAL MONUMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CERVANTES, ILOCOS SUR AS A PROTECTED AREA, AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT”

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 231, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE GRANT AND ADMINISTRATION OF FISCAL INCENTIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Singson  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 232, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF THE POOR”

By Representative Marcoleta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 233, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FREE BASIC MEDICINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN ALL GOVERNMENT HEALTH FACILITIES NATIONWIDE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcoleta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 234, entitled:

“AN ACT 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 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcoleta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 235, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY ENVIRONMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE TO PROMOTE ECOLOGICAL PROTECTION FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY-CRITICAL BUSINESSES”

By Representative Marcoleta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 236, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE RIGHT OF REPLY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Marcoleta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 237, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Almonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 238, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P250,000,000.00) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANS-AXIAL HIGHWAY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘GOVERNOR WILLIAM CHIONGBIAN NATIONAL HIGHWAY’ FROM BARANGAY POBLACION TRAVERSING BARANGAYS VILLAFLOR, BUNGA, TOLIYOK, MIALEN AND SEBUCAL, ALL IN THE CITY OF OROQUIETA, TO BARANGAY MANSAWAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DON VICTORIANO, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND CONNECTING TO A NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JOSEFINA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR”

By Representative Almonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 239, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BARANGAY

LANDING – LUSOT – MAGSAYSAY  
– DEL PILAR PROVINCIAL ROAD IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALIANGAO,  
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL  
INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD  
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Almonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 240, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAPANG  
DALAGA PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF SAPANG DALAGA  
AND CONCEPCION PROVINCIAL  
ROAD, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
CONCEPCION, ALL IN THE PROVINCE  
OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INTO A  
NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Almonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 241, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MISAMIS  
OCCIDENTAL STATE COLLEGE (MOSC),  
INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE  
OROQUIETA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
(OAIS) IN BARANGAY VILAFLO,   
OROQUIETA CITY, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Almonte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 242, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR  
NEW GRADUATES OF COLLEGES,  
UNIVERSITIES AND ACCREDITED  
INSTITUTIONS OFFERING TECHNICAL-  
VOCATIONAL COURSES, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE ‘BILL OF RIGHTS FOR  
NEW GRADUATES’ ”

By Representative Angara-Castillo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 243, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING AND  
RATIONALIZING THE CAREER SERVICE  
OF THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES  
BY ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE

CAREER SERVICE, PROVIDING BENEFITS  
FOR ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE  
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 244, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 6728, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED  
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO  
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN PRIVATE  
EDUCATION ACT’ TO PROVIDE FOR AN  
EXPANDED VOUCHER IN SECONDARY  
AND TERTIARY EDUCATION,  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 245, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE  
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS TO  
UNDERPRIVILEGED PUBLIC HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS BELONGING TO  
THE TOP TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE  
GRADUATING CLASS”

By Representative Angara-Castillo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 246, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SCHOOL  
NUTRITION PROGRAM AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 247, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM OF FOOD  
DISTRIBUTION FOR ADDRESSING THE  
NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE  
PROVIDING FOR ITS PROCUREMENT  
PROCESS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bordado  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD  
SECURITY

House Bill No. 248, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAY

UNIT THROUGH SUPPORT FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND BARANGAY VOLUNTEER WORKERS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bordado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 249, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A SYSTEM OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEOPLE’S COUNCIL IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS”

By Representative Bordado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 250, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4156, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATIONS,’ AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6366 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 741”

By Representative Bordado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 251, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO INFORMATION HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Bordado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 252, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING FULL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FROM ALL ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING GOVERNMENT FUNDS”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 253, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE

COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON HIV AND AIDS PREVENTION, TREATMENT, CARE AND SUPPORT, AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HIV AND AIDS PLAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998’ ”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 254, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR SHARING OF ORGANS FROM DECEASED DONORS”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 255, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF HUMAN ORGANS, TISSUES, OR PARTS OF LIVING PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATIONS, AND ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE BOARD OF ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION AND A NATIONAL TRANSPLANT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 256, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK FOR THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD”

By Representative Roque (H.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 257, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE POPULATION AND THE LAND AREA REQUIREMENTS THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS A LOCALLY GENERATED AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION PESOS (P250,000,000.00), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Loyola  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 258, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING ANY PERSON PROVIDING OR POSSESSING CONTRABAND AND THOSE WHO SHALL AID OR ABET THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SAME INSIDE ANY PRISON FACILITY ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Loyola  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 259, entitled:

“AN ACT MAKING THE APPOINTMENT OF COOPERATIVES OFFICER IN ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS MANDATORY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Loyola  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 260, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO BARANGAY CAPTAINS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Loyola  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 261, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING MARGINAL INCOME EARNERS FROM INCOME TAX, VALUE ADDED TAX AND OTHER PERCENTAGE TAXES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 22, 24, 51, 109 (1) AND 236 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Loyola  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 262, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE E-GOVERNMENT, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 263, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND INTEGRATE BICYCLE LANES IN THE PHILIPPINE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 264, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 265, entitled:

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

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 266, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAMPLONA IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BICOL WOMEN’S AND CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villafuerte  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 267, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI) AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Roman  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 268, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CANCER TREATMENT CENTER IN EVERY REGION IN THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roman  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 269, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF CAREGIVERS IN THE PRACTICE OF THEIR PROFESSION”

By Representative Roman  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 270, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF SENIOR VETERANS THEREBY AMENDING RA 6948, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Roman  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE

House Bill No. 271, entitled:

“AN ACT EXCLUDING WITHDRAWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY AS A GROUND FOR SUBSTITUTION OF A CANDIDATE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 77 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 881, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE”

By Representative Roman  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 272, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL ELECTRIC, CABLE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES TO CONDUCT PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE UTILITY LINE INSTALLATIONS TO ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS PROVIDED UNDER THE PHILIPPINE ELECTRICAL CODE”

By Representative Roman  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 273, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT (LRT) OR MONORAIL OR BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE MODERN MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN CEBU CITY AND METRO CEBU”

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 274, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD FROM CEBU CITY’S FIRST DISTRICT (NORTH) TO THE SECOND DISTRICT (SOUTH)”

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 275, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERSEA TUNNEL OR BRIDGE FROM CEBU CITY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORDOVA – AND A COASTAL ROAD – EXPRESSWAY TO THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Del Mar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 276, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, AND BARANGAY EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 277, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 40, 41, AND 42 OF TITLE II, BOOK ONE OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 278, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE RAINFED AGRICULTURE INSTITUTE (PhilRAI) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 279, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING TRICYCLES TO PLY  
ALONG THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND  
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION  
THEREOF”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 280, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CUMADCAD  
– MACALAYA PROVINCIAL ROAD IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA,  
PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A  
NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 281, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE  
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL – SORSOGON  
CAMPUS IN THE PROVINCE OF  
SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 282, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED  
CAPACITY OF THE LUIS HORA  
MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL  
IN THE PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN  
PROVINCE, FROM ONE HUNDRED (100)  
BEDS TO TWO HUNDRED (200) BEDS,  
UPGRADING THE SERVICE FACILITIES  
AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE  
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By Representative Romero  
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By Representative Abayon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)  
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House Bill No. 294, entitled:

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By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

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House Bill No. 295, entitled:

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By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 296, entitled:

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House Bill No. 297, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

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House Bill No. 298, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE BARANGAYS THROUGH SUPPORT FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS”

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 299, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING HEALTH CARE, RETIREMENT, AND DEATH BENEFITS TO PROFESSIONAL FILIPINO ATHLETES



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By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 300, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE GRADING, PACKING, MARKING, INSPECTION AND EXPIRATION OF EGGS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TRADE, PROVIDING SAFEGUARDS THERETO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Suansing (H.) and Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 301, entitled:

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By Representative Rocamora

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 302, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING A GOVERNMENT PROTECTION AND SECURITY SERVICE (GPSS)”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 303, entitled:

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By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 304, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND

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By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 305, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE FLORENCIO L. VARGAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas-Alfonso

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 306, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CALAYAN AIRPORT IN THE CALAYAN GROUP OF ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas-Alfonso

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 307, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BULANAO JUNCTION – DAGUPAN – PINOCOC – MALALINTA ROAD CONNECTING THE CITY OF TABUK AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF PINUKPUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUAO, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 308, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TABUK – BANAUE ROAD VIA TANUDAN – BARLIG ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 309, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIOS OF GUINA-ANG, MADOPDOP MALLANGO, LANLANA AND SAN PABLO FROM BARANGAY LACNOG, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND

CONSTITUTING THEM INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LACNOG WEST”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 310, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIOS OF ILEB, NEW COLAYO VILLAGE, KINAMA AND NAMBARAN DAYA FROM BARANGAY NAMBARAN, CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND CONSTITUTING THEM INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NAMBARAN EAST”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 311, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE SITIO OF ANONANG FROM BARANGAY LIWAN WEST IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND CONSTITUTING IT INTO A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY ANONANG”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 312, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ELECTION OF ITS DELEGATES AND FOR THE BUDGET OF ITS OPERATION”

By Representative Garcia (G.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 313, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF HYBRID NATIONAL, LOCAL AND ARMM ELECTIONS, THROUGH MANUAL VOTING AND COUNTING AT THE PRECINCT LEVEL, AND AUTOMATED TRANSMISSION AND CANVASSING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (G.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 314, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME REQUIREMENT FOR A MUNICIPALITY CLUSTER OF BARANGAYS TO BE CONVERTED INTO A COMPONENT CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009 AND SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Garcia (G.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 315, entitled:

“AN ACT 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”

By Representative Garcia (G.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 316, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANCHEZ MIRA, CAGAYAN AS A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG, CAGAYAN, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas-Alfonso  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 317, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

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“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 319, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ESTABLISHMENTS TO

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By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 320, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTERS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 321, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF CHILDREN’S TOYS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, CHILDCARE ARTICLES AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 322, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCREASE AND AN AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IN THE PERSONNEL ECONOMIC RELIEF ALLOWANCE (PERA) GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 323, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF EXTENDING NO-COLLATERAL, LOW-INTEREST LOANS TO GRADUATES OF ANY COURSES OFFERED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS AUTHORITY OR DULY ACCREDITED LEARNING INSTITUTIONS WITH APPROVED OVERSEAS JOB CONTRACTS”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 324, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA

CARTA OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 325, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS ALONG NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 326, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA OF WORKERS IN THE INFORMAL SECTOR, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 7160 AND 8282”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 327, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION ON IMMIGRATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, EXPANDING, RATIONALIZING, AND PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romualdo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 328, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS AND PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE”

By Representative Romualdo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 329, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, AS WELL AS FOR THE REVOCATION THEREOF, DEFINING AND PENALIZING OFFENSES RELATING TO PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romualdo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 330, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN AND THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS AND IMPLEMENTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL POLICY OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL OF THE STATE’S TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romualdo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 331, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM THREE YEARS TO FIVE YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 43 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Romualdo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 332, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES”

By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, De Jesus, Castro (F.L.), Brosas and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 333, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING THE INCOME BRACKETS AND RATES OF TAX IMPOSED ON TAXABLE INCOME OF

INDIVIDUALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 24, 32, 33, 34 AND 35 OF THE 1997 NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Zarate  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 334, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO OFFICIAL RECORDS, DOCUMENTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION OF PUBLIC CONCERN”

By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, De Jesus, Castro (F.L.), Brosas, Casilao, and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 335, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COURT TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU OF IMPRISONMENT FOR THE PENALTY OF ARRESTO MENOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER 5, TITLE 3, BOOK I OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 336, entitled:

“AN ACT EXCLUDING FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW THOSE CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES AGAINST A MINOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ACT NO. 4103 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 337, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM, INCREASING COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS (BHW), APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 338, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE REFUSAL OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATASPAMBANSABILANG 702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES’ AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8344, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 339, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING AERIAL SPRAYING AS A METHOD OF APPLYING CHEMICALS AND SIMILAR SUBSTANCES ON AGRICULTURAL CROPS”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 340, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ENHANCED SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR THE WORKING POOR AND THE NEAR POOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE FUND THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 341, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF TENURE OF WORKERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 248, 279, 280, 281 AND 288, AND INTRODUCING NEW ARTICLES 106, 106-A, 106-B, 106-C, 106-D, 106-E, 280-A AND 280-B TO PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Villarín  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 342, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CANCER CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINES NATIONAL CANCER CENTER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romualdez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 343, entitled:

“THE BUDGET IMPOUNDMENT CONTROL ACT”

By Representative Romualdez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 344, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Romualdez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 345, entitled:

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

By Representative Romualdez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 346, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE TACLOBAN CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romualdez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 347, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A NATIONAL LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT POLICY, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 348, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 349, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING/ADVOCATING MENTAL HEALTH, PROMULGATING A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY TOWARDS THE ENHANCEMENT OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF PERSONS UTILIZING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHILIPPINE MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 350, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9417 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 351, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING SOCIAL WELFARE ATTACHES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 352, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING TAX DEDUCTIONS TO PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF  
CHILDREN

House Bill No. 353, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REVISED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTERS I AND II OF TITLE II OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 354, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6971, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PRODUCTIVITY INCENTIVES ACT OF 1990’”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 355, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CREATION OF TYPHOON CODE OF PRACTICE IN EVERY OFFICE AND ESTABLISHMENT WHERE EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO A PLACE OF WORK”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE  
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 356, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT PRESCRIBED MINIMUM WAGES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION-12 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6727, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE WAGE RATIONALIZATION ACT, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8188, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aglipay-Villar  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND  
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 357, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MINDANAO POWER CORPORATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND  
THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 358, entitled:

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

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 359, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CAGAYAN  
DE ORO SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE  
IN BARANGAY BALUBAL, CAGAYAN  
DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS  
ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND  
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 360, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUMMARY  
TITLING OF REAL PROPERTIES USED  
AS SITES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NATIONWIDE, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 361, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE MANDATORY  
RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT  
EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTIONS 13(b) AND 13-A OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE  
INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zamora (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 362, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER VII, SECTION  
35(B) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL  
REVENUE CODE (NIRC), AS AMENDED,  
BY INCREASING THE AGE CEILING FOR  
A QUALIFIED DEPENDENT, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zamora (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 363, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE ADDITIONAL  
INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR EACH  
QUALIFIED DEPENDENT FROM TWENTY-  
FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000) TO

FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000),  
AMENDING CHAPTER VII, SECTION  
35(B) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL  
REVENUE CODE (NIRC), AS AMENDED,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zamora (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS

House Bill No. 364, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SECOND  
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN  
COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 365, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10598 ENTITLED ‘AN  
ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA,  
PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY  
TO BE KNOWN AS COMPOSTELA  
VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, INTEGRATING  
THEREWITH AS REGULAR BRANCHES  
THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTERNAL STUDIES CENTERS IN  
THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MONKAYO,  
MARAGUSAN, MONTEVISTA, AND  
NEW BATAAN, ALL LOCATED IN THE  
PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

By Representative Zamora (M.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 366, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE  
PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO  
PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY  
AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL  
DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representative Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY  
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House Bill No. 367, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH  
COTABATO STATE COLLEGE IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH,  
PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO,  
INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE  
SURALLAH NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL

SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SURALLAH, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 368, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 369, entitled:

“AN ACT REORGANIZING THE LAND REGISTRATION AUTHORITY, REVISING, AMENDING, CODIFYING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1529, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PROPERTY REGISTRATION DECREE’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 370, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE POWERS OF THE SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7227, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1992, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Hernandez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 371, entitled:

“AN ACT TO MAKE THE NATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY A NON-WORKING HOLIDAY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6949 OR ‘AN ACT TO DECLARE MARCH EIGHT OF EVERY YEAR AS A WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS NATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY’ ”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 372, entitled:

“AN ACT TO CREATE A NATIONAL WOMEN’S MUSEUM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 373, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING TITLE VI OF E.O. NO. 209 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE BY REMOVING AND/OR ERASING CLASSIFICATION BETWEEN LEGITIMATE, ILLEGITIMATE AND LEGITIMATED (FILIAION OF) CHILDREN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 374, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 96 AND 124 OF THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 375, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 14, 211, AND 225 OF THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representatives Brosas and De Jesus  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 376, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL AT BARANGAY MILAGROSA, CASTILLA, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MILAGROSA INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 377, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE CRIME OF THEFT AND ROBBERY OF PORTABLE COMMUNICATION DEVICES AND PORTABLE COMPUTERS”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 378, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE LA UNION – DANCALAN – POBLACION ROAD



IN CASTILLA, SORSOGON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 379, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF STALKING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE SAME”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 380, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUNONG BARANGAY AND THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL MAYOR TO REMOVE ILLEGAL DWELLING UNITS OR STRUCTURES FROM DANGER AREAS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THEIR LOCALITIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 30 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7279, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING ACT OF 1992’ ”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 381, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE CHICO RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 382, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE APAYAO – KALINGA – ABRA PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 383, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BULANAO NORTE IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 384, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY IPIL IN THE CITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 385, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES-SANTOR EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SANTOR, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF KALINGA FROM RIZAL NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ARTS AND TRADES, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SANTOR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Mangaoang  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 386, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR GERIATRIC HEALTH INTO A CORPORATE BODY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL CENTER FOR GERIATRIC HEALTH AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE’, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ocampo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 387, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO GIVE LEGAL CHILD SUPPORT WITHOUT JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE”

By Representative Ocampo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 388, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO SOLO PARENTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOLO PARENTS WELFARE ACT OF 2000’ ”

By Representative Ocampo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 389, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM

MONTHLY NET TAKE-HOME PAY FOR ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AFTER AUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Ocampo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 390, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING RETIREMENT GRATUITY BENEFITS TO ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Ocampo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 391, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AFFECTED BY MINING OPERATIONS IN ANCESTRAL DOMAINS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7942, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995’ ”

By Representative Panganiban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 392, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 29 AS A SPECIAL NATIONAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN RECOGNITION AND PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AS PROVIDED IN THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES RIGHTS ACT OF 1997, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Panganiban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 393, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT(S) TO ALLOCATE TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THEIR TWENTY PERCENT (20%) DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INTENDED FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION”

By Representative Panganiban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 394, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MANDATORY REPRESENTATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Panganiban  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 395, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD NETWORK LINKING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN GUILLERMO TO THE MAHARLIKA NATIONAL HIGHWAY, CONSISTING OF THE PROVINCIAL ROAD PASSING THROUGH THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALICIA, ANGADANAN, SAN GUILLERMO AND CITY OF CAUAYAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Panganiban and Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 396, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSN)”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 397, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING THE INCLUSIVENESS AND STRENGTHENING THE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION-CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION LINKAGES, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121, OR THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010, INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 398, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR HIGH

SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TANDANG SORA, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS TANDANG SORA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 399, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 400, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASONG TAMO, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS EMILIO JACINTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Belmonte (J.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 401, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE 15TH DAY OF EVERY MONTH AS CIGARETTE HOLIDAY, PROHIBITING THE USE AND SALE OF CIGARETTES DURING ITS OBSERVATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Abellanos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 402, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL EMPLOYERS TO PAY THEIR EMPLOYEES A 14TH MONTH SALARY”

By Representative Abellanos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 403, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTRUCTURING INCOME TAXES IMPOSED ON INDIVIDUALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abellanos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 404, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMONG FILIPINO YOUTH”

By Representative Abellanos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 405, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF R.A. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW”

By Representative Abellanos  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 406, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Vargas-Alfonso  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 407, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABULUG IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Vargas-Alfonso  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 408, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN JUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE FLORENCIO L. VARGAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas-Alfonso  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 409, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF MAGAPIT-LASAM ROAD IN THE

MUNICIPALITY OF LASAM, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas-Alfonso  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 410, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD WHICH STARTS FROM LUCBAN (SITIO AYAGA JUNCTION) – BANGUIAN – ALINUNU – ABULUG (CENTRO) TO BALLESTEROS (CENTRO) – (ZITANGA JUNCTION) IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ABULUG AND BALLESTEROS, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD”

By Representative Vargas-Alfonso  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 411, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 24 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tiangco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 412, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A ‘NO WORK, NO PAY’ POLICY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS”

By Representative Tiangco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 413, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE AND USE THE NUMBER ‘8’ PROTOCOL LICENSE PLATES ON VEHICLES OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tiangco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 414, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A TWO THOUSAND PESO (P2,000.00) INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY PENSION, WITH CORRESPONDING ADJUSTMENT OF THE MINIMUM MONTHLY PENSION UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF REPUBLIC ACT 1161 AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Tiangco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 415, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE CORPORATION”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 416, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING HOME ECONOMICS GRADUATES TO TEACH HOME ECONOMICS SUBJECTS AND HOME ECONOMICS-RELATED TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS IN ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, RESPECTIVELY, CONSISTENT WITH SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT 10533 OR THE ENHANCED BASIC EDUCATION ACT OF 2013”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 417, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 418, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS”

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

House Bill No. 419, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DR. FERNANDO B. DURAN, SR. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (FORMERLY SORSOGON PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL) IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON FROM SECONDARY TO TERTIARY LEVEL HOSPITAL UNDER THE FULL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL

SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, INCREASING ITS BED CAPACITY FROM ONE HUNDRED (100) TO TWO HUNDRED FIFTY (250) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 420, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TINANOGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DONSOL, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON TO BE KNOWN AS THE TINANOGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 421, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISSEMINATION OF FALSE INFORMATION ON THE PRESENCE OF BOMBS, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER INCENDIARY DEVICES IN HIGH DENSITY OR SENSITIVE PLACES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 422, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL REGIME AND REVENUE SHARING ARRANGEMENT FOR LARGE-SCALE METALLIC MINING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 423, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TUMANA, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF MARIKINA, TO BE KNOWN AS TUMANA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 424, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TUMANA, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT,

CITY OF MARIKINA, TO BE KNOWN AS TUMANA NATIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 425, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY CONCEPCION DOS, IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF MARIKINA, TO BE KNOWN AS SSS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Quimbo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 426, entitled:

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

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 427, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 5 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9225, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘CITIZENSHIP RETENTION AND REACQUISITION ACT OF 2003’ ”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 428, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE REVISED PENAL CODE PENALIZING THE ROBBERY OF CEMETERY ARTICLES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 429, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE COLLATERAL ENTITLEMENT OF UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES WHO DIRECTLY ENGAGE IN ACTUAL COMBAT AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE DIFFERENT NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT GROUPS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE  
AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 430, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING PIO MODEL  
COMMUNITY IN BARANGAY PIO,  
MUNICIPALITY OF PORAC, PROVINCE  
OF PAMPANGA, INTO A BARANGAY,  
NAMING IT AS BARANGAY ADELINA,  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 431, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A JUST  
AND EQUITABLE DISPOSITION OF THE  
PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES  
OFFICE CHARITY FUND, AMENDING FOR  
THAT PURPOSE SECTION 6 OF REPUBLIC  
ACT NO. 1169, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND  
AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 432, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC OFFICIALS  
AND EMPLOYEES TO SUBMIT A  
WRITTEN PERMISSION OR WAIVER IN  
FAVOR OF THE OMBUDSMAN TO LOOK  
INTO ALL DEPOSITS OF WHATEVER  
NATURE WITH BANKS OR BANKING  
INSTITUTIONS BOTH WITHIN AND  
OUTSIDE THE PHILIPPINES INCLUDING  
INVESTMENT BONDS ISSUED BY THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND  
INSTRUMENTALITIES AND PROVIDING  
PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND  
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 433, entitled:

“AN ACT REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL  
GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE OF  
BASIC AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT UNITS AND AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 434, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE VETERINARY  
QUARANTINE SERVICES OF THE BUREAU  
OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 435, entitled:

“PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION ACT”

By Representative Escudero  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 436, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE  
PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE  
CORPORATION (PCIC), AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL  
DECREE NO. 1467, AS AMENDED,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER  
OF THE PHILIPPINE CROP INSURANCE  
CORPORATION”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 437, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE IMPORTATION,  
MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND  
SALE OF CHILDREN’S TOYS, SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES, CHILDCARE ARTICLES  
AND OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS  
CONTAINING HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS  
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR  
VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF  
CHILDREN

House Bill No. 438, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE  
SYSTEM FOR REGISTRATION AND  
LICENSING OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND  
ACCREDITATION OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR”

By Representatives Bravo (A.) and Canama  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL  
SERVICES

House Bill No. 439, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF  
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By Representative Tugna  
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By Representative Abu  
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By Representative Abu  
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By Representatives Zarate, Tinio, De Jesus, Castro (F.L.), Brosas, Casilao and Elago  
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By Representative Villar  
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TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 14, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO INQUIRE IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 8, SERIES OF 2014, ISSUED BY THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (MIAA) INTEGRATING THE PHP550 AIRPORT TERMINAL FEE IN THE AIRLINE TICKETS OF ALL INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS, INCLUDING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs)”

By Representative Bertiz  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 15, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ENSURE A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE BY REQUIRING ALL MEMBERS THEREOF, LEGISLATIVE STAFF, CONSULTANTS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS TO SUBMIT TO A MANDATORY DRUG TEST”

By Representative Barbers  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 16, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE TO VIGOROUSLY PURSUE THE ALREADY JUMPSTARTED PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES (GPH) AND THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDFP) AND CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF DETAINED NDFP PEACE TALKS CONSULTANTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE JOINT AGREEMENT ON SAFETY AND IMMUNITY GUARANTEES PREVIOUSLY SIGNED BY THE GPH AND THE NDFP”

By Representatives Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

House Resolution No. 17, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE FOR THE

IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, INCLUDING THE ELDERLY, THOSE WITH ILLNESSES, THE WOMEN, THOSE IMPRISONED FOR MORE THAN TEN (YEARS), AND, DETAINED COUPLES, FOR JUST AND HUMANITARIAN REASONS, AS WELL AS THE RELEASE OF DETAINED CONSULTANTS OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF THE PHILIPPINES (NDFP) IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE JOINT AGREEMENT ON SAFETY AND IMMUNITY GUARANTEES SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE AND THE NDFP”

By Representatives Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

House Resolution No. 18, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR EXPANSION OF ALL COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT PROJECTS”

By Representatives Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Resolution No. 19, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEES ON ECOLOGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSED LAGUNA LAKESHORE EXPRESSWAY DIKE, APPRAISING ITS POSSIBLE INIMICAL EFFECTS ON THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITIES LIVING ALONG ITS SHORES, AS WELL AS ON THE BIODIVERSITY AND ECOLOGICAL BALANCE OF LAGUNA DE BAY, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE PROJECT IS BENEFICIAL OR DETRIMENTAL TO THE INTERESTS OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE”

By Representative Zarate  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 20, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMMINENT TRANSFER AND ABOLITION OF DR. JOSE FABELLA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHICH MAY RESULT TO

DISLOCATION, DISRUPTION, AND REDUCTION OF HEALTH SERVICES INTENDED FOR POOR PATIENTS”

By Representatives Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.), Casilao and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 21, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES URGING THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS TO ENJOIN THE PHILIPPINE CLEARING HOUSE FROM IMPLEMENTING CLEARING HOUSE OPERATING MEMO (CHOM) NO. 15-460 A”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Resolution No. 22, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARMEST FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO ON ITS 102ND FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 23, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT ERNESTO MACEDA FATHER OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD MACEDA, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 4TH DISTRICT OF MANILA”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 24, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF BATAAN 2ND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE HONORABLE ENRIQUE ‘TET’ GARCIA JR.”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 25, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ATENEO DE MANILA HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS FOR WINNING THE 2016 ASIAN SCHOOLS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 26, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A FEDERAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT THROUGH A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO AMEND, OR REVISE THE 1987 PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION”

By Representatives Canama and Bravo (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Resolution No. 27, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM’S ALLEGEDLY BOGUS IMPLEMENTATION FROM 2011 TO 2016 OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION TO DISTRIBUTE HACIENDA LUISITA TO FARMWORKER-BENEFICIARIES”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 28, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE APRIL 1 BLOODY DISPERSAL BY THE POLICE OF THOUSANDS OF PROTESTING FARMERS IN KIDAPAWAN CITY, NORTH COTABATO, OR WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS THE ‘KIDAPAWAN MASSACRE’ THAT LEFT TWO VICTIMS DEAD AND MORE THAN A HUNDRED INJURED”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 29, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES, THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECOLOGY, AND THE COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN

TAGALOG DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE LAGUNA LAKE EXPRESSWAY DIKE PROJECT ON THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES OF FISHERFOLK, WORKERS, URBAN POOR AND OTHER SECTORS”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 30, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPACT OF REPUBLIC ACT 8550 OR THE PHILIPPINE FISHERIES CODE OF 1998 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 10654, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT TO PREVENT, DETER AND ELIMINATE ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED FISHING’ ON THE LIVELIHOOD OF SMALL FISHERFOLK, FISH WORKERS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 31, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ABROGATION OF THE ENHANCED DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES (US-PH EDCA) AS THIS VIOLATES PHILIPPINE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, IMPERILS THE GEO-POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA, AND ENDANGERS THE LIVELIHOOD OF FARMERS, FISHERFOLK AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ COMMUNITIES”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, De Jesus, Tinio, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Resolution No. 32, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO STUDY HOW THE 1987 CONSTITUTION CAN BEST BE REVISED



CONSIDERING THE CLAMOR FOR A SHIFT TO FEDERALISM AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION'S ECONOMIC PROVISIONS"

By Representative Tambunting  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Resolution No. 33, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S ELECTRICITY RATE SETTING PRACTICES AND OF THE EPIRA LAW, AS WELL AS URGE THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT TO CONDUCT A FULL RATE AUDIT, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENFORCING EMPIRICALLY SOUND METHODOLOGY FOR SETTING TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION WHEELING RATES, AS WELL AS RETAIL RATES, UNDER THE REQUIREMENT THAT RATES AND FEES SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) PERCENT ON A RETURN ON RATE BASE (RORB) IN LIGHT OF PERTINENT SUPREME COURT RULINGS"

By Representative Herrera-Dy  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 34, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON HOW TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF BENEFITS GIVEN TO FIXED TERM EMPLOYEES AND TO ENACT GUIDELINES IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF"

By Representative Lanete  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Resolution No. 35, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE PROPER COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATE OF FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY AND PERSISTENT MALNUTRITION SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES"

By Representative Albano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 36, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REASON WHY THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS STOPPED ITS NORTH LUZON ROUTE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF THE REHABILITATION AND RESUMPTION ITS SERVICES IN NORTH LUZON"

By Representative Bataoil  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 37, entitled:

"RESOLUTION COMMENDING DR. DONNA MARIE CARONONGAN CAMAGAY-CALIMA FOR HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FILIPINO DENTISTS IN AMERICA"

By Representative Bataoil  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 38, entitled:

"RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION FOR ITS ADVOCACY AND COMMITMENT IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS, RESPECTING THE RULE OF LAW AND UPHOLDING PUBLIC SAFETY"

By Representative Bataoil  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Resolution No. 39, entitled:

"RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BUSINESS MODELS OF PRE-NEED PLANS AND THEIR CORPORATE OFFICERS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS"

By Representative Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 40, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE MASS SHOOTING IN ORLANDO WHICH KILLED FORTY-NINE PEOPLE AND CONDOLING WITH THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS"

By Representative Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 41, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MINING REHABILITATION FUND"

By Representative Batocabe  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 42, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION TO CRAFT A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM TO MINIMIZE, IF NOT TOTALLY ERADICATE, THE SOCIAL COSTS OF MIGRATION AMONG FILIPINO OVERSEAS WORKERS”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 43, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO ORDER MINING COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE PHILIPPINES TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THEIR RESPECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS AND MEASURES TO ADDRESS SILTATION AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS”

By Representatives Batocabe, Garbin and Co  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 44, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APEX ORGANIZATION OF ALL COOPERATIVES AS A UNIFYING BODY OF THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT”

By Representatives Bravo (A.), Canama and Geron  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 45, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF A MAPPING SURVEY TO IDENTIFY THE BOUNDS AND METES OF THE AREA, EAST OF LUZON KNOWN AS THE ‘BENHAM RISE’, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA (UNCLOS) AS PART OF THE PHILIPPINE TERRITORY, INCLUDING THE MARINE EXPLORATION FOR MINERAL DEPOSITS WHICH MAY BE USED AS ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF ENERGY AND OTHER RESOURCES THAT WILL BE FOUND THEREIN”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 46, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE INCIDENT OF MIGHTY CORPORATION ATTEMPTING TO TECHNICALLY SMUGGLE IN SALOMAGUE PORT, CABUGAO, ILOCOS SUR TOBACCO CIGARETTES, VIS A VIS THEIR REPORTED UNDERVALUED DECLARATION OF IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CIGARS AND CIGARETTES, AS THIS AFFECTS COLLECTION OF FEES, CHARGES AND EXCISE TAXES, UNDERMINING THE SHARE OF THE TOBACCO PRODUCING PROVINCES TO THE PROCEEDS OF RA 7171 AND RA 8240”

By Representative Savellano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 47, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ON THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF CERTAIN POLICE OFFICIALS IN THE ILLICIT DRUG TRADE AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 48, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION’S (NIA’S) UNFINISHED IRRIGATION PROJECTS, DISPOSITION OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS, PROCEEDS OF LOANS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND CAPABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE IRRIGATION NEEDS OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 49, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE

ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED AGRARIAN DISPUTE-RELATED EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLING OF FARMER LEADERS AND COUPLE ROGER AND LUCILA VARGAS ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 IN SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY, BULACAN”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 50, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A JOINT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LAND GRABBING ANOMALY AND DISPLACEMENT OF FARMERS COVERED BY THE DEFUNCT YULO KING RANCH IN CORON AND BUSUANGA TOWNS, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN”

By Representatives Casilao, Zarate, Brosas, Castro (F.L.) and Elago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 51, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340”

By Representative Barbers  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Resolution No. 52, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO CONVENE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING PROPOSALS TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION, UPON A VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS”

By Representative Barbers  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Resolution No. 53, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND WELFARE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8220 IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE ALLEGED DISCREPANCIES

IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE COMPUTATION OF THE PENSION OF OUR RETIRED CHIEF MASTER SERGEANTS (CMS) AND SENIOR MASTER SERGEANTS”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 54, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL LIBRARY”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 55, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TO ESTABLISH A CITIZEN’S VIGILANCE DESK BY CREATING AN APPROPRIATE AND DEDICATED WEB PORTAL SOLELY FOR THE UPLOADING AND STORAGE, FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, OF RECORDED PHOTOS AND/OR VIDEOS BY CONCERNED CITIZENS, WHICH MAY NOT BE ALTERED OR EDITED, OF CRIMINAL ACTS AND OTHER QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR PERPETUATED BY MEMBERS OF THE PNP”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 56, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE TO APPOINT A QUALIFIED CIVILIAN HEAD OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS SERVICE (IAS) OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AS MANDATED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551 IN ORDER TO INSTILL PROFESSIONALISM AMONG THE RANKS OF THE PNP PERSONNEL AND THUS REGAIN THE TRUST OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO OUR PNP ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 57, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONGRATULATING

AND COMMENDING DIRECTOR BRILLANTE MENDOZA FOR RECEIVING THE ECUMENICAL JURY PRIZE-SPECIAL MENTION IN THE 68TH CANNES FILM FESTIVAL FOR HIS FILM ‘TAKLUB’”

By Representative Olivarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 58, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED LACK OF REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.A. 9165”

By Representative Gatchalian  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 59, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DEMANDING THE MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (MARINA) AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (DOTC) TO ESTABLISH THE OIL POLLUTION MANAGEMENT FUND AND TO PROMULGATE IMMEDIATELY THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION ACT OF 2007 (R.A. 9483)”

By Representative Umali  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Resolution No. 60, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE HONORABLE TUPAY T. LOONG, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF SULU IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION OF MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)”

By Representative Mangudadatu (Z.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 61, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE SPATE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS AND/OR SUMMARY EXECUTIONS OF SUSPECTED VIOLATORS OF LAWS ON ILLEGAL DRUGS AND OTHER SUSPECTED CRIMINALS”

By Representative Baguilat  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Resolution of Both Houses No. 1, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE REVISIONS TO THE 1987 PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION”

By Representative Alvarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Resolution of Both Houses No. 2, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES PARTICULARLY ON ARTICLES XII, XIV & XVI”

By Representative Belmonte (F.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Resolution of Both Houses No. 3, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO, OR REVISION OF, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Resolution of Both Houses No. 4, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS PROPOSING TO IMMEDIATELY CONVENE THE JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE HUMAN SECURITY ACT OF 2007 IN ORDER TO REVIEW AND ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9372 TO EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE BETTER SECURITY AND PROTECTION FOR OUR PEOPLE FROM ACTS OF TERRORISM”

By Representative Alejano  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

Resolution of Both Houses No. 5, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES FOR CONGRESS TO CALL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO PROPOSE REVISION OR REFORM OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A FEDERAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Abu  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE  
AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONVENTION TO PROPOSE REVISIONS  
TO THE 1987 CONSTITUTION”

By Representatives Macapagal-Arroyo and  
Pichay  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, entitled:

“CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
RECONVENING THE JOINT  
CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE CREATED UNDER SECTION  
74 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9184 OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT  
PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT, FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF FORMULATING THE  
NECESSARY IMPLEMENTING RULES  
AND REGULATIONS (IRR) FOR FOREIGN-  
FUNDED PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES OF  
THE GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Abaya  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Joint Resolution No. 1, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONVENE THE  
CONGRESS INTO A CONSTITUENT  
ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING  
THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A  
FEDERAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT”

By Representative Violago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS

House Joint Resolution No. 2, entitled:

“A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONVENE THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
THE SENATE INTO A CONSTITUENT  
ASSEMBLY TO INTRODUCE REVISIONS  
AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE 1987  
CONSTITUTION”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENTS

House Joint Resolution No. 3, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION ORDAINING A

GLOSSARY OF SIGNIFICANT HOUSING  
TERMINOLOGIES FOR ADHERENCE  
BY THE KEY SHELTER AGENCIES,  
OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
OF GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
STAKEHOLDERS”

By Representative Benitez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The  
Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Yes,  
the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. I rise on a question of personal  
and collective privilege regarding the status and  
recognition of the Minority Leader, subsequent to  
yesterday's election for the speakership.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The  
Gentleman may proceed.

#### QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. LAGMAN

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, honorable Members  
of this august Chamber, colleagues both from the  
Majority and Minority.

Tri-media and social media, as well as interested  
parties, are puzzled as to why the Hon. Teddy  
Brawner Baguilat, Jr. of the Lone District of Ifugao,  
up to now, has not been officially recognized as the  
Minority Leader. The House of Representatives of  
the Seventeenth Congress cannot democratically  
function without a Minority Leader. Moreover, the  
Rules Committee cannot also function with only the  
Majority represented. Our Rules provide that the  
Minority Leader and five Deputy Minority Leaders  
shall be automatic Members of the Committee on  
Rules.

It is indubitable and uncontestable that Representative  
Baguilat Jr. is the new Minority Leader for the following  
overriding reasons:

Number one, as the runner-up candidate for  
Speaker, by tradition and practice, he is automatically

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)

the Minority Leader having garnered more votes than the other candidate for Speaker, the Hon. Danilo E. Suarez.

Lehr Fess, an American parliamentarian, posited that, and I quote:

Like the common law, parliamentary law is largely based upon the customary practices regulating procedure in group action as developed throughout the centuries.

It has been the customary practice or tradition of the House of Representatives to officially consider the runner-up or the candidate for the position of the Speaker garnering the second highest number of votes as the Minority Leader. The validity of this practice has never been questioned. The practice has been invariably adopted and acquiesced in from one Congress to another that it has acquired the character of law or binding rule on the Majority, the Minority or the independent Members of the House of Representatives.

Number two, Representative Suarez has disqualified himself from seeking the position of Minority Leader because he unequivocally voted for Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez. During the voting yesterday, Representative Suarez said, and I quote:

Mme. Presiding Officer, I cannot vote for myself. I am casting my vote for Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez.

In the first place, Mr. Speaker, the premise of Representative Suarez' statement is incorrect. He is not prohibited from voting for himself.

In the Sixteenth Congress, the Hon. Ronaldo B. Zamora, a contender for the speakership, voted for himself and the Hon. Martin G. Romualdez, another contender, also voted for himself.

When Representative Suarez categorically voted for Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez, he joined the ranks of the Majority pursuant to Section 8 of Rule II of the Rules of the House which provides, and I quote:

Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority in the House x x x.

The seven votes cast for Representative Suarez can even be eventually declared invalid because he subsequently aligned himself with the Majority by voting for the eventual winner for Speaker.

Number three, the Majority Leader must perforce recognize Representative Baguilat Jr. as the Minority Leader. He is in estoppel because he recognized Rep. Harry L. Roque to nominate Representative Suarez for Speaker and also recognized Rep. Raul A. Daza to

nominate Representative Baguilat Jr., also for Speaker. He was then fully aware that there were two contenders for the position of Minority Leader because the victory of the Hon. Pantaleon D. Alvarez was a foregone conclusion. When Representative Baguilat Jr. bested Representative Suarez, it is clear and unmistakable that Representative Baguilat Jr. is now the Minority Leader.

Number four, the 20 Members of the House who abstained, with the exception of the Honorable Alvarez, the overwhelming winner for the Speaker, are neither with the Majority or the Minority. Under the last paragraph of Section 8 of Rule II, they are considered as independent Members of the House. The pertinent provision of the Rules unequivocally provides, and I quote:

Members who choose not to align themselves with the Majority or the Minority shall be considered as independent Members of the House. They may, however, choose to join the Majority or Minority upon written request to and approval thereof by the Majority or Minority, as the case may be.

Verily, those who abstained did not choose to align themselves with either the Majority or the Minority. They are considered independent Members of the House. With due respect, the opinion of the Majority Leader that those who abstain are members of the Minority find no anchorage in the Rules of the House. Such interpretation is virtually compelling those who abstain to belong to the Minority. This construction violates both the spirit and phraseology of the Rules. Under the foregoing factual setting, with only 15 Members of the House constituting the Minority, eight for Rep. Teddy Baguilat Jr. and seven for Representative Suarez, an election for the Minority Leader is now an exercise in futility. The victory of Representative Baguilat Jr. is certain, as eight is more than seven by any mathematical computation.

Like in the Sixteenth Congress when Representative Zamora won by three votes over Representative Romualdez, Representative Zamora was automatically recognized as the Minority Leader, and there was no need for an election among the Minority Members even with the existence of the provision under Section 8 of Rule II that, and I quote:

The Minority Leader shall be elected by Members of the Minority x x x.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. The ...

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Yes, the Gentleman still has the floor.

REP. LAGMAN. Can I finish my ...

REP. DAZA. Yes, would the Gentleman ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Gentleman is still ...

REP. DAZA. Would my distinguished colleague from Albay yield to an interpellation after he finishes his privileged statement?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Chair recognizes the Gentleman whom I think is still ...

REP. LAGMAN. Willingly, Mr. Speaker, to the Honorable ...

REP. DAZA. Well, I can see...

REP. LAGMAN. ... Daza, after I finish my question of privilege which is about to end.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Honorable Lagman, please continue your speech.

REP. LAGMAN. This provision will only apply where there is no clear-cut winner for the position of Minority Leader, like when two or more contenders are tied with the same number of votes.

Moreover, Mr. Speaker, the Minority Leader had already been elected by the members of the Minority when they cast their votes for the contenders for the speakership. Accordingly, the Hon. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr. must perforce be recognized forthwith as the current Minority Leader. It is utterly suspicious if not downright anomalous. Why is there an undue procrastination in recognizing Minority Leader Baguilat Jr?

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity to ventilate this crucial issue.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Yes.

REP. DAZA. May I now proceed to interpellate the distinguished Gentleman from Albay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Honorable Daza, you may proceed.

REP. DAZA. Thank you. I assume that the Gentleman, like the other Members of the House, found time to read the Journal that was distributed and approved shortly after we had a resumption of the session when a quorum had been determined. Did the Gentleman from Albay have that opportunity to read the Journal that was approved?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor. On page 18 of the Journal for yesterday, July 25, 2016, it was recorded that the Honorable Suarez voted for the eventual winner as Speaker, the Hon. Pantaleon D. Alvarez. Also recorded on page 18 of the Journal were the eight Members of the House who voted for Rep. Teddy Brawner Baguilat Jr. and the seven Representatives who voted for Rep. Danilo E. Suarez. This Journal has been approved by the House without any objection from any Member of this august Chamber.

REP. DAZA. I shall go back to that point, Mr. Speaker. Did the Gentleman take notice of page 14 in the Journal where the House adopted, without objection, on motion of the distinguished Majority Leader, the rules of the Sixteenth Congress, as the provisional rules of the House to govern its proceedings until the adoption of the rules for the Seventeenth Congress, except for an amendment that he proposed on the matter of attire?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor, I am fully aware of that.

REP. DAZA. In other words, given the adoption yesterday of the rules of the Sixteenth Congress, is it correct to say that the determination of who belongs to the Majority and who belongs to the Minority must be in accordance with the rules of the last Congress?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor, not only in accordance with the written rules but also with the customary practice of the House which is part of the rules.

REP. DAZA. Now, did the Gentleman refer to the rules of the last Congress that we adopted as provisional rules, and did he notice that there are only six paragraphs of Rule II, Section 8, which is the section that defines in clear and unmistakable terms who belongs to the Majority and who belongs to the Minority and who are not falling within the two categories and deemed to be independent Members?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor.

REP. DAZA. Just six paragraphs only are in this provision, is it not?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor, that is Section 8 of Rule II..

REP. DAZA. That is correct.

REP. LAGMAN. ...wherein you could determine that there are three kinds of Members of the House: one, those belonging to the Majority; two, those belonging to the Minority; and the three, those considered as independent Members of the House.

REP. DAZA. Now, do the six paragraphs not encompass these three categories of Members as a result of the voting for the Speaker? The first paragraph defines who the Members of the Majority are and I quote:

Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority in the House and they shall elect from among themselves the Majority Leader. The Majority Leader may be changed at any time, by a majority vote of all the Majority Members.

That is the paragraph that defines who the members of the Majority are. Is that not correct?

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Your Honor.

REP. DAZA. All right. The second paragraph delineates in clear terms who constitutes the Minority, and I quote:

The Minority Leader shall be elected by the Members of the Minority and can be changed, at any time, by a majority vote of all the Minority Members.

Is that also precise in the way I read it and I quoted it?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor. The members of the Minority are determined from the results of the voting for Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Now, the subsequent paragraphs under the same section allow Members to move from one group to the other and the procedure is defined and I do not want to go into it because it has no bearing on the subject of the speech made by the Gentleman from Albay. So, I will not go into that. In substance, it says, you belong to the Majority, you want to move into the Minority, you file an application in writing. It has to be approved in writing. Then you are taken in from the Majority to the Minority, Minority to the Majority.

The sixth paragraph to me indubitably defines the third group and it says, let me quote:

Members who choose not to align themselves with the Majority or the Minority shall be considered as independent Members of the House. They may, however, choose to join the Majority or Minority upon written request to and approval thereof by the Majority or Minority, as the case may be.

In other words, if you do not vote because you abstained and you opted out of the process of the election, or you cast no vote just like the distinguished Gentleman from Malabon, then you are considered an independent Member of the House with the option to apply in writing to be with the Majority or with the Minority. Is my interpretation correct, Gentleman from Albay?

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Your Honor, because if you are considered part of the Minority, then there is no more option for you to apply to be a member.

REP. DAZA. Kung baga sa Tagalog at hindi naman natin binabahiran ng kasalanan ang hindi bumoto o ang nag-abstain, e kung baga sa kasabihan sa usapang pang-kanto, hindi ka nagpatala sa langit, hindi ka rin nagpatala sa impiyerno, e nasa purgatoryo ka. Para pagdating ng panahon ibig mong mapunta ka sa langit, magpatala ka. Gusto mo sa impiyerno, magpatala ka.

Though I am not saying that being in the Majority is just like heaven although I noticed from the smiles of those who voted for the Speaker, those were angelic smiles of angels that seem to show that they have reached heaven; whereas the Minority, those who voted for the Minority especially those who voted for the distinguished Gentleman from Ifugao, ay nakita ko mistulang malungkot para bang sila nga ang mapupunta sa impiyerno.

In any event, Gentleman...

REP. LAGMAN. Malungkot kahit na nanalo.

REP. DAZA. ...let me put on record that I just received five minutes ago a document that I would request to be inserted in the Record.\* You know, I would look at these things as matters of transcendental importance because we are a lawmaking Body. This seems to be a comedy of errors.

You know, Mr. Speaker, a few minutes ago, I was

\* See ANNEX (printed separately)



approached by a Page, he was handing me a piece of communication, and I quote:

HONORABLE COLLEAGUES,

Pursuant to Rule II, Section 8 of the Rules of the House of Representatives, 16th Congress, that were adopted as the provisional Rules of the 17th Congress in yesterday's opening session, we are inviting you to a meeting of all the members of the Minority for the purpose of electing the Minority Leader tomorrow, Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at the VIP Conference Room, North Wing, House of Representatives.

Twenty names were listed. Many of them had signed. I was being asked to sign that I received this. I said to myself, "How can the independent Members of the House constitute themselves into a Minority and arrogate unto themselves the prerogative to elect a Minority Leader?"

Well, maybe these Members of the House are in a fine sense of humor, but I did not think it was humorous, because they are independent Members of the House, under the provisions of Rule II, Section 8, and they have no right or privilege to convene a meeting of the so-called Minority. E, hindi naman sila sa langit. Wala naman sila sa langit, wala naman sila sa impiyerno. E, nasa purgatoryo lamang sila, bakit sila tatawag ng miting ng mga nasa langit o mga nasa impiyerno? I think it is funny. I think it is ridiculous. I think it is presumptuous.

Now, before I go to my next question, I agree with the Gentleman's hypothesis that when the distinguished Gentleman from Quezon, the Hon. Danny Suarez, cast his vote for the winning Speaker, he became a member of the Majority. That is in the first paragraph of Rule II, Section 8. So, when the seven Members of the House voted for him to be, in effect, Minority Leader, all those votes are strayed. I think it is fundamental that when you vote for a disqualified candidate, the votes are null and void, they are stray. So, for heaven's sake, how can anyone stand on the floor, and with all aplomb—I would not say temerity—and with all aplomb say that the Gentleman from Quezon has some claim to being Minority Leader? Ang totoo nga, pangatlo siya e.

Now, this morning, I reviewed the transcript of the proceedings. Binasa ko iyong ginintuang palitan ng ating magiting na Diputado o Kinatawan ng BUHAY Party-List at ng ating pinagpipitagang Majority Leader. Para akong tinamaan ng kidlat nang ang ating kasama, ang Majority Leader, ay nagsabi, and I would quote—ito ay kasagutan niya sa tanong ng magiting na Kinatawan ng BUHAY—"Lahat ng hindi bumoto, whether kontra o hindi siya bumoto, ayaw niyang bumoto, Minority pa sila." E, kahit ano namang gawin mo, pagbali-baligtarin

mo ito sa Tagalog at itatapat mo doon sa nakasulat sa Rule II, Section 8 na Ingles, imposibleng mangyari.

Sabagay, Bisaya ako. Hindi ako magaling managalog pero papaano naman iyong hindi bumoto, iyong mga nag-abstain at saka iyong bumoto ng no vote sa ilalim nitong maliwanag at tahasang nakalagay sa Rule II, Section 8, sasabihin mo ay bahagi sila ng Minority?

Alam po ninyo, dito sa ating rules, kung gusto mong maiba ka sa nakasulat sa rules natin, kailangan mayroon kang sasandigan, may pader kang sasandigan. Ako, ginagalang ko ang ating kaibigan na Majority Leader pero sinasabi naman dito sa supplementary rules, ipagpalagay mo na malabo ang Rule II, Section 8. Pero hindi malabo e, maliwanag. Kung malabo, ano ang supplementary sources?

Section 161. Supplementary Provisions. The parliamentary practices of the Philippine Assembly, the House of Representatives, the Senate of the Philippines and the Batasang Pambansa shall be supplementary to these rules.

E saan po naman, Mr. Speaker, ang pinagsasandalan ng ating kaibigan, ang pinakapipitagang Majority Leader? On the contrary, if you go to the precedents of the House, hindi po ba, G. Kinatawan ng Albay, ang precedent ay iyong nangyari noong nakaraang Kongreso. Tatlo ang tumakbo: iyong una, ang pinakamarami ang boto ang Speaker; ang iyong pangalawa, ang Minority Leader; iyong pangatlo, independent. Nandiyan sa Section 8, maliwanag e.

Ngayon, ito po ang akin—alam po ninyo, mga kasama, Mr. Speaker, at ito ay ibig kong ipahantong sa ating kaibigan, kasamahang taga-Albay. Alam po ninyo, natatandaan pa po ba ninyo kahapon nang magtalumpati ang ating Pangulo, nag-ukol siya ng panahon tungkol sa ancestral lands? Para bang ipinapahiwatig niya, bigyan natin ng pag-aruga itong mga buhat sa cultural minorities, di ba? E, imbes na bigyan natin ng pag-aruga itong ating kasamang si Teddy Baguilat na buhat sa cultural minority sa Ifugao, nasa kanya na ang pagiging Minority Leader. Papahirapan pa ba natin siya? Tayo ba ay sasalungat sa napupuso ng ating Pangulo? Ako, hindi ko kilala ang Pangulo, ni hindi ko pa nakamayan ang ating Pangulo kailanman, pero pinagmasdan ko po ang ating Pangulo, may puso sa mga tao. I believe he is sincere and when he is talking of the ancestral lands, he was showing his compassion for the cultural minority.

Binabanggit ko po ito, Mr. Speaker, para huwag tayong magkamali dito. Huwag tayong magkamali dito sapagkat ito ay magkakaroon ng epekto sa pananaw ng mga tao sa cultural minority sa ating Pangulo, lalung-lalo na, nasa front page ng *Inquirer* kanina, sinasabi doon na ang isang nakapagkumbinsi sa Presidenteng tumakbo sa pagka-Pangulo ay ang ating Speaker. Ako, hindi sana naniniwala sa isang bumoto ng abstention

kahapon dito. Nagulat ako, sinabing nag-a-abstain daw siya kasi iyon daw ang utos ni Speaker. Aba, sabi ko, hindi biro lang ito. Dahan-dahan tayo, Mr. Speaker. Huwag nating babaluktutin ang tuwid. Katulad din naman na kung tuwid, huwag nating babaluktutin. E maliwanag, si Teddy Baguilat ang napili.

Iyong mga sulat, independent Members—hindi ako naniniwala. Iyong sulat na binasa ko, which I am going to insert into the records, hindi ba iyon dumaan sa liderato? Dumaan iyon sa liderato. Mga kaibigan, pang-anim na Kongreso ko na po ito. Walang nangangahas na tumawag ng miting ng Minorya kung hindi nagpasabi muna sa liderato, sa leadership nitong ating bahay batasan. Kaya pakiusap ko, pakiusap ko po sa mga kasama, huwag na nating patagalin ito.

Is it not a fact that unless the Committee on Rules is constituted with the Majority and the proper Minority, there will be a legislative paralysis?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, ...

REP. DAZA. Do you agree with that?

REP. LAGMAN. ... I said that in my speech.

REP. DAZA. Pag hindi natin na-resolve ito, Mr. Speaker, we will be in a state of legislative paralysis, hindi ba? Sayang itong mga araw. Gusto ni Presidente Duterte, full speed ahead. Gusto ni Speaker, full speed ahead.

Kaming nasa tunay na Minorya, sang-ayon kami, napakarami ng problema. Ibig naming makatulong sa administrasyong ito. Kaya pakiusap ko, tayong magkakasama rito, huwag na nating gawin iyong mga palusot.

Natatandaan ko iyong ating Majority Leader, kasamahan ko sa impeachment, inupakan niya si Chief Justice dahil sa mga palusot. Itong ginagawa natin ngayon ay palusot ito, e. Maliwanag. Huwag tayong magbiruan dito.

We are responsible lawmakers elected by our constituencies to be serious, responsible and constructive. We are not a gathering of schoolchildren. We are not a debating club. We are not here to draw lines of technical distinction, to split technical hairs. We are here to legislate and help the President with his legislative agenda.

Pakiusap ko sa liderato ay tapusin na ito. Tanggapin na natin si Congressman Teddy Baguilat na siya ang talagang Minority Leader natin.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. Maraming salamat po sa Ginoo, sa ating kasamahang taga-Albay. Maraming salamat po, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, there is a list of our colleagues who have registered to interpellate the Honorable Lagman. Before we recognize them, I give way to the honorable Gentleman from Albay for his reply to the Honorable Daza.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, ...

REP. LAGMAN. Well, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, ...

REP. ATIENZA. ... before we continue with the debate, ...

REP. LAGMAN. ... I have made my position very clear in my main speech. I confirm the absolute correctness of what the Honorable Daza had said.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. May I be recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we beg the indulgence of the Gentleman from the Party-List BUHAY. The Honorable Tiangco and the Honorable Roque have previously registered, and then after, it is the honorable Gentleman's turn.

REP. ATIENZA. Precisely, Mr. Speaker, for proper appreciation of the issues being discussed, gusto ko pong tumulong by manifesting something which is very, very dear and personal to me because it was mentioned that this rule on electing the Minority Leader has never been contested. I would like to ...

REP. TIANGCO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. In deference to everybody's issues being raised on the floor, which is further confusing the issue, I would like to manifest ...

REP. TIANGCO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. ... something very critical and relevant.

REP. TIANGCO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. So, may I be able to just clarify ...

REP. TIANGCO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. ... one important point, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TIANGCO. Mr. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Hon. Tobias "Toby" M. Tiangco.

REP. TIANGCO. Mr. Speaker, I am willing to yield to the Honorable Atienza, as long as there is an assurance from the Dep. Majority Leader that after I yield to the Honorable Atienza, I will be the next one to interpellate.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Congressman Tiangco.

REP. BONDOC. We thank the Honorable Tiangco for his indulgence, Mr. Speaker. Will the Honorable Roque also waive his reservation?

REP. ROQUE (H.). Yes.

REP. BONDOC. Likewise, he has waived. I move for the recognition of the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. of the Party-List BUHAY. I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Thank you, Mr. Dep. Majority Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). You may proceed.

REP. ATIENZA. In deference to the two Gentlemen on the floor, Congressman Daza and Congressman Edcel Lagman, who are both my seniors not only in age but in legislative work experience, ginagalang ko po ang dalawang ginoong ito. Subalit nasabi kanina na iyong ating supposed rule on electing the Minority Leader has never been questioned in the past. I beg to disagree with that. In the Sixteenth Congress, I started questioning that particular interpretation or misinterpretation of our rules. I questioned that but sad to admit, we were overruled by the interpretation of then Majority Leader at that point, supported by the Majority of the House.

Yesterday, I took it upon myself to again raise the same issue. Who will elect the Minority Leader? That was clarified very, very clearly by the acting Majority Leader then, who is now the elected Majority

Leader, Congressman Fariñas. Ang sabi po niya, iyong Majority ang maghahalal ng Speaker. Iyong Minority ang maghahalal ng kanilang leader. In other words, in effect, he interpreted the rules now in favor of my proposal even then in the Sixteenth Congress. Ang sabi po niya, lahat ng mga hindi bumoto sa winning Speaker will be considered Minority members, kasama na po ang mga nag-a-abstain who will be considered outside of the Majority. Noong tinanong ko kung sino po ang maghahalal ng Minority Leader, ang paliwanag ng ating acting Majority Leader then, ang sabi niya ay magmimiting ang mga Miyembro na hindi bumoto sa Speaker at mga nag-abstain. E tinanggap ko po iyon, at dahil wala po namang sumagot sa sinuman sa ating Kapulungan, tinatanggap ko rin na iyon ay aprobado ng kabuuan.

Therefore, the call for a meeting to elect the Minority Leader tomorrow is in order. We cannot just go by the traditional process which was followed in the past, which has always been questionable. Ngayon, maghahalal na po kami ng lider namin bukas. So, I cannot understand, much less appreciate, the point of my senior, Congressman Daza, and another senior, Congressman Lagman, when they say that the Minority Leader has already been settled under the old, misinterpreted rule which has prevailed in this Body. Kahapon po, natuwa ako na ngayon tama na ang gagawin natin. Maghahalal ng lider ang mga Minority members, kasama ang mga nag-abstain, sa meeting which has been scheduled for tomorrow.

Therefore, I am disagreeing with the position of my senior, Congressman Daza, whom I respect in every way in his political thinking, but in this case, we are talking about rules of the House, we are not talking about the minority of the country, we are not talking about President Duterte here, we are talking about our own rules. Therefore, I will assert the point raised, what this Representation did yesterday, that the Minority members, together with those who abstained, will elect our Minority Leader. Now, who will that be will now depend on the desire of the majority, those belonging to the Minority, not necessarily our colleague who came in second or for that matter, who came in third. Puwede po naman sila ay kumandidato rin bukas, sa pag-uusap natin, sa pagpupulong ng kabuuan ng Minoriya. So, there is no automatic succession, assumption or arrogation of the position of the leader without due process interpreted by the Majority Leader, concurred in by the Majority of the House which, in effect, interprets the rules correctly, hindi po katulad ng dati.

So, I differ, with due respect to my good friend Congressman Daza who has taught me a lot in politics, and Congressman Lagman, when they say that we have now a Minority Leader. No, I beg to disagree. We will

elect our leader tomorrow in the scheduled meeting of all Minority members.

Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. The manifestation of the Honorable Atienza is well taken, Mr. Speaker.

I move for the recognition of the Gentleman.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. BONDOC. The Honorable Lagman, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Honorable Lagman may proceed.

REP. LAGMAN. I beg to disagree, Mr. Speaker. That manifestation should not be said to be well-taken.

Mr. Speaker, the 20 Members of this House who abstained yesterday and placed their position in limbo had the opportunity to elect a Minority leader. They did not because they abstained and now they do not have any moral ascendancy to set a meeting for the election of a Minority Leader.

I am now ready to be interpellated by the next Member of the House.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker. To continue this very healthy discussion, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Honorable Atienza is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. ... to say that the Gentleman from Albay is not in agreement with the rules enunciated by the Majority Leader yesterday, I would say that that should have been expressed in yesterday's discussion on the issue that I raised. Malinaw po—wala pong sumagot, wala pong nagtanong, wala pong nag-react noong sinabi ng Majority Leader, "Ito ang interpretation ng ating alituntunin." The rules of the House say this, and nobody complained, nobody even questioned. So, to me, it is too late to question the rules in the middle of the game.

A meeting of the Minority is scheduled for tomorrow. So, we would insist that we elect our leader in the meeting tomorrow. As defined by the Majority Leader, those who abstained and those who did not vote for a Speaker yesterday are considered automatically participants in tomorrow's meeting. Sana po ay igalang natin ang ating sariling rules sapagkat tatlong taon tayo magtatrabaho. Kailangan po meron tayong

sinusunod na rules of the House and the Majority Leader, whatever he says on the floor, this can be contested by anyone who so desires. If he is not contested in his position and definition, then we have to take it as the rule prevailing to cover our legislative work. Kung hindi, magkakagulo-gulo po tayo kung babalik-balikan natin ang sa tingin natin ay tama, ay hindi naman sinasang-ayunan nang Mayorya ng Kapulungang ito. For that matter, the Body can change any portion of the rules if we so desire; but yesterday, there was no such dissent, there was no such disagreement. Therefore, we would insist that we follow the interpretation of the rules by the Majority Leader stated very clearly in our Journal, page 16, citing Section 8 of our rules. Kung hindi po, maliligaw tayo ng landas.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, would the Gentleman from Manila yield to a few questions?

REP. ATIENZA. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is still my time.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary status is that we are in the period of interpellation on the question of privilege of the Honorable Lagman. It is his prerogative to respond to the manifestation of the Honorable Atienza.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, with due respect to the honorable Dep. Majority Leader ...

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, point of order. Ilagay natin ito sa order. We are still ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Your Honor, ...

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, there cannot be three Members on the floor simultaneously. When the Gentleman from Albay, with due respect, took his seat, his time ended. When the distinguished Gentleman from Manila sought recognition, he was recognized. It is still his time. I requested and I asked the Gentleman from Manila whether on his time, I can interpellate him, and he agreed.

So, with due respect to the Gentleman from Albay, may I proceed to interpellate.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is still my time.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader will please respond.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I will not lend my time until I relinquish it.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Yes, yes.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. It is, indeed, still the time of the Gentleman from Albay, the Honorable Lagman. With due respect to our colleague, the Honorable Daza, he yielded the floor in interpellating the Honorable Lagman. Taking the place of the Honorable Tiangco for interpellation was the Honorable Atienza. We are still in the period of interpellation and it is now the time of the Honorable Lagman to reply to the Honorable Atienza.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, may I respond?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Honorable Lagman is recognized to answer the request.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker, when I asked the Gentleman from Manila, on his time, whether he was open to interpellation, the Gentleman from Manila agreed. So, may I proceed, with due respect to the Gentleman from Albay, to interpellate the distinguished Gentleman from Manila.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is still my time but I could lend my time to the distinguished Congressman Daza.

REP. DAZA. All right, Mr. Speaker, let us not fight over time. You know, there is all the time in the world to debate on this point. Would the distinguished Chair then rule that it is still the time of the Gentleman from Albay?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). It is still the time of the Gentleman from Albay...

REP. DAZA. I will accede to the ruling, and then ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson)... and that is why I am asking the ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. DAZA. ... have the two Gentlemen debate on the floor because ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). ... Dep. Majority Leader to ...

REP. DAZA. ... you cannot have, as I said, three Members on the floor. Sasamahan pa ng pang-apat ng Rules ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, kami po, nakikiusap ...

REP. DAZA. ... you know because ...

REP. ATIENZA. ... na pabayaang nating magtanong ...

REP. DAZA. ... parliamentary procedure ...

REP. ATIENZA. ... ang Kagalang-galang na Raul Daza ...

REP. DAZA. ... does not allow that.

REP. ATIENZA. ... upang maliwanagan ang ...

#### SUSPENSION OF SESSION

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The session is suspended.

*It was 6:26 p.m.*

#### RESUMPTION OF SESSION

*At 6:31 p.m., the session was resumed.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The session is resumed.

The Chair would like to make a ruling. The Chair recognizes the Honorable Lagman as still the Member who will proceed to answer questions from other Members who have manifested their desire to ask questions.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we extend the time of the Honorable Lagman by an additional 10 minutes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Lone District of

Navotas City, the Hon. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco, for his chance to interpellate the Honorable Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Hon. Tobias “Toby” M. Tiangco is recognized.

REP. TIANGCO. First of all, Mr. Speaker, the paper that the Honorable Daza was mentioning, was being given to me but I refused to sign because for me, it is a scrap of paper. Based on our rules, Section 8, those who did not vote for the Majority or the Minority cannot claim to be with the Minority. They are just independents until such time that they are accepted by the Minority or the Majority. Is that right, Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Lagman?

REP. LAGMAN. The Gentleman is absolutely right, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TIANGCO. What I am surprised about is, the Honorable Erice received a paper from someone from the Committee on Rules at ang sabi sa kanya, “Pinapa-receive lang ho ng Committee on Rules” and the Committee on Rules now is just composed of the Majority. So, why is the Majority distributing this kind of paper, Representative Lagman, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, that is just consistent with the reports which we have disclosed earlier, that it is very possible that the Majority, the super majority is lending some Members in order to elect a co-opted Minority whom I call as the Majority’s Minority Leader.

REP. TIANGCO. Okay. Representative Lagman, Mr. Speaker, I will read from Journal No. 1, Monday, July 2013, Congressional Record—this is page 19, the Honorable Lagman—“With 244 Members voting for Representative Belmonte, 19 Members voting for Representative Zamora, 16 Members voting for Representative Romualdez and two abstaining, the number one, the one who garnered 244 votes, who was Representative Belmonte, was declared Speaker.”

Is that right?

REP. LAGMAN. The Gentleman is reading from what Journal, Mr. Speaker?

REP. TIANGCO. It is from Journal 2013, Volume 1. Anyway, it is not anymore from the Journal.

REP. LAGMAN. Okay, I would assume that that is a correct reading of the Journal. I do not have a copy of that Journal.

REP. TIANGCO. Okay. The second placer in that

election was automatically ruled as the Minority Leader. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. TIANGCO. So that means that the ruling during the Sixteenth Congress becomes part of the rules of the House. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, because the rulings of the Chair are considered part of the rules of the House.

REP. TIANGCO. Yesterday, the Honorable Atienza made an inquiry from the acting Majority Leader and, of course, our esteemed colleague, a good friend of mine, gave his opinion. Can the opinion of the Majority Leader be construed as a ruling, or is it just a mere opinion, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, the statements of the distinguished Majority Leader are not cast in stone. It is not the ruling of the Chair. That is his own personal opinion. I might even submit that there is no need to make any interpretation or construction of the rules because the rules are clear. It is settled that when the rules are clear, when the provisions of law are clear, there is no need for any interpretation or construction.

REP. TIANGCO. Yes, I agree with that. I just want to clarify. Was there a motion to state that that opinion would be a ruling? The Journal does not say that there was a motion and therefore, if there was no motion, there was no ruling. Therefore, that is a mere opinion that cannot supersede the ruling that happened during the Sixteenth Congress. Does Your Honor agree with me, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker. With due respect to the Majority Leader, the Gentleman is absolutely correct.

REP. TIANGCO. Mr. Speaker, may I read this provision:

Members who choose not to align themselves with the Majority or the Minority shall be considered as independent Members of the House.

So, they cannot say that 20 of them are now the Minority, do you agree with me, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker.

That provision is crystal clear. It does not need any interpretation or construction.

REP. TIANGCO. They may, however, choose to join the Majority or Minority upon a written request to and approval thereof by the Majority or the Minority, as the case may be. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is a verbatim quotation.

REP. TIANGCO. Yes. So now, for the independents to be able to participate, they must write to the Minority Leader. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, but they have not written. What they did was to make this so-called notice of meeting purportedly to elect a Minority Leader.

REP. TIANGCO. So, based on Section 8 of our rules, is it not obvious that the Minority Leader is the Honorable Baguilat, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have said that repeatedly, that he is the Minority Leader, having garnered the second highest number of votes. Definitely, eight is more than seven.

REP. TIANGCO. So why are we not recognizing the Honorable Baguilat as the Minority Leader if it is that simple, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. That is why I said that it is a puzzle. While there is a procrastination in recognizing the Honorable Baguilat as the Minority Leader, there might be a hidden agenda to elect another Minority Leader, which should not be the case and which should not be allowed. That is bastardizing the process of selecting a Minority Leader.

REP. TIANGCO. Anyway, Mr. Speaker, all my clarifications have been very much cleared up by the Honorable Lagman. Thank you very much, Congressman Lagman, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Party-List KABAYAN, the Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr., for his chance to interpellate the Honorable Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. is recognized.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

My first point of interpellation to the learned and honorable Gentleman from Albay is a confirmation that pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of this august Chamber, the officers that should be elected at the commencement of each Congress consist only of the Speaker, six Deputy Speakers, Secretary General and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Speaker, can the honorable Gentleman from Albay confirm that this is found in Rule III, Section 11 of our rules?

REP. LAGMAN. Is the honorable Party-List Representative of KABAYAN asking that he interpellate me?

REP. ROQUE (H.). I am sorry, Your Honor. Will the Gentleman from Albay yield to a few points of interpellation?

REP. LAGMAN. Willingly, Your Honor, to the Representative from KABAYAN Party-List.

REP. ROQUE (H.). My first point of interpellation is precisely whether or not under Rule III, Section 11 of our Rules, the officers whom we should elect at the commencement of our session include only the Speaker, Deputy Speakers, Secretary General and Sergeant-at-Arms.

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Your Honor. In fact, that was in the Order of Business in yesterday's proceedings.

REP. ROQUE (H.). In fact, therefore, Mr. Speaker, may I ask again the honorable Gentleman from Albay to confirm that the Minority Leader need not be elected at the commencement of each Congress.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, that is not expressed in the rules, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, under that provision you are reading, but it is found in another portion of the rules where the Minority Leader is the one who gets the second highest number of votes after the elected Speaker.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, I will go to that point but for now, would the honorable Gentleman from Albay confirm that the post of Minority Leader is not amongst those mentioned in Section 11, Rule III of the Rules of this House?

REP. LAGMAN. I have confirmed that already. I said that is even part of the Order of Business in yesterday's proceedings.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now, Section 8 was mentioned also by the learned Gentleman from Albay, and will the Gentleman from Albay confirm that, again, pursuant to the text of Section 8, what is provided is that the Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority and they shall, among themselves, elect the Majority Leader.

It also provides, and again, I ask for confirmation, that the Minority Leader shall be elected by the members of the Minority and can be changed at any time by a majority vote of all Minority members.

REP. LAGMAN. Your Honor, with respect to the first paragraph of Section 8, there is no question about that. All those who voted for the eventual winner as Speaker will constitute the Majority, and that would include the Honorable Suarez. Now, with respect to the second paragraph of Section 8, that is virtually a dead provision because it has not been followed by the House.

When I was elected as Minority Leader in the Fifteenth Congress, I automatically assumed that position without any election from the members of the Minority. In the same token when the Honorable Zamora assumed the position as Minority Leader in the Sixteenth Congress, there was no election between him and the Honorable Romualdez. He was readily recognized by the winner in that contest, the former Speaker Sonny Belmonte Jr.

As I have said, Your Honor, we should know the reason for this rule and the reason is that, if there is no clear cut second-placer, then this rule would operate. But if there is a clear-cut winner like in yesterday's election, this rule should not operate. As a matter of fact, this provision is a surplusage because the members of the Minority had already chosen the Minority Leader when they voted for the Speaker. In other words, something which is a surplusage should be considered as virtually not existing.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, the learned Gentleman from Albay cited the practice of this honorable chamber of Congress but the fact remains, and I ask the honorable Gentleman from Albay to, again, confirm, that only yesterday, this House again adopted these Rules of this House of Representatives. May I ask the good Gentleman from Albay to confirm this.

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Your Honor, but this particular provision which the distinguished Gentleman is citing has been obliterated by consistent practice.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, my question to the learned Gentleman from Albay is, if this is the case,

why did we not omit this from the rules of this Chamber, from this House of Representatives?

REP. LAGMAN. Well, Your Honor, it is there. There are some provisions which are dead provisions. They are not buried, but I suppose that a dead provision should not be resurrected.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, we seem to have a problem here because the Gentleman from Albay would like us to ignore the written provisions of our rules simply because he says that in the past, they have done away with the rules. How can we do this, Mr. Speaker, when precisely, only yesterday, a unanimous vote of all Members of this Chamber adopted anew these rules and contrary to the statement of the Gentleman from Albay, this provision was not "obliterated"?

REP. LAGMAN. Your Honor, there is such a thing as an exercise in futility. Why is there a need to elect a Minority Leader when he has been elected already? The Minority is constituted by 15 Members of this House, eight belonging to the group of the Honorable Baguilat and seven belonging to the group of the Honorable Suarez.

You let them meet, there will be the same result because eight is more than seven by any mathematical computation. The strange thing here is the attempt of those who abstained to become members of the Minority. They are barred, Your Honor, by the last provision of Section 8 of Rule II because they are considered independent Members of the House. They can only become Minority if they apply for membership in the Minority and their application is approved by the Minority Leader.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, then I wonder why, when yesterday there was an exchange between the Majority Leader and the Honorable Atienza of Party-List BUHAY on who shall constitute the members of the Minority. It was very clear from the statement of the honorable Majority Leader that all those who did not vote for the Majority shall belong to the Minority. Mr. Speaker, will the good Gentleman from Albay confirm that he did not object to this particular ruling by the honorable Majority Leader?

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Your Honor, because that is not— yesterday was not a proper forum for this.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Nonetheless ...

REP. LAGMAN. Yesterday was the election of the Speaker, and the statements of the Honorable Fariñas, according to the Journal are only "Remarks



of Representative Fariñas.” We should not waste time debating on mere remarks.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, nonetheless, if the good Gentleman from Albay considers that statement as being contrary to the rules, then, perhaps, he should have made the corresponding point of order because that is the remedy for an unprocedural statement or act of any Member of Congress.

REP. LAGMAN. Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, in the same manner that the distinguished Gentleman did not rise to affirm the remarks of the Honorable Fariñas, in the same token, we did not rise to contradict the remarks of the Honorable Fariñas because they were mere remarks, they will not be controlling to the House, and the proper forum is today, not yesterday.

REP. ROQUE (H.). I am now confused, Mr. Speaker, because earlier, the Gentleman from Albay wanted us to consider a provision of our rules obliterated. Instead, the good Gentleman from Albay would want us to adopt a construction on whether or not those who abstained should be considered part of the Minority or part of the independent bloc.

In this regard, may I inquire from the good Gentleman from Albay, under Section 8 now, it provides again that Members who vote for the winning candidate shall constitute the Majority. Now, it is implied that those who do not vote for the winning Speaker, do not form part of the Majority. Is this a correct construction, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, in the first place, the distinguished Gentleman is quoting me out of context. I did not ask for the obliteration of the second paragraph of Section 8. I said that by practice, it has been obliterated. Now, Mr. Speaker, the provisions of Section 8 are very clear. There is no need to make any construction or interpretation unless there is a hidden agenda.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Well, Mr. Speaker, may I know from the honorable Gentleman from Albay whether, if the provisions of Section 8 are very clear, he can point to this Representation where it is mentioned that “Abstain” votes do not form part of the Minority.

REP. LAGMAN. That is the last sentence of Section 8 which reads, and I quote, “Members who choose not to align themselves with the Majority or the Minority shall be considered as independent Members of the House.” So, they are neither members of the Majority or the Minority. If they want to change their status, the provision is clear: “They may, however, choose to join the Majority or the Minority upon written request to

and approval thereof of the Majority or Minority, as the case may be.”

REP. ROQUE (H.). Even then, Mr. Speaker, on the basis of what has just been read by the honorable Gentleman from Albay, there is no mention about Members of the House abstaining.

REP. LAGMAN. There is no need to say that, Mr. Speaker, because in a votation, in voting, one may either vote for the proposition or motion, or vote against the proposition or motion, or may abstain. An abstention is a resolution on the part of the one abstaining that he is not going to make a stand or a vote.

REP. ROQUE (H.). May I inquire from the good Gentleman from Albay, Mr. Speaker, if there is even any precedent, any decision of the honorable Supreme Court, ruling that an abstention is not a vote for the Minority.

REP. LAGMAN. Definitely, I would say, I have not reviewed the Supreme Court decisions but I do not think the Supreme Court would say that. If the Gentleman is saying that, then most probably he should wait until he becomes a Justice of the Supreme Court.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, because the Gentleman from Albay is—I acknowledge him as my mentor and very much my senior. Well, the point that I would like to raise, in fact, by way of my final point of interpellation is, in the absence of a ruling, a construction by the highest tribunal that a vote of abstention is or is not a vote for the Minority, the issue should be resolved by this august chamber of Congress because all matters affecting organization of the House are internal matters for this honorable House to be resolved. Therefore, my final, final point of interpellation is, may I know from the Gentleman from Albay, what is the party affiliation of the person who may claim to be, in fact, the Minority Leader?

REP. LAGMAN. He is a member of the Liberal Party with the status of Minority member.

REP. ROQUE (H.). So, he is a member of the Liberal Party and unless I am wrong, Mr. Speaker, will the Gentleman from Albay confirm that the Liberal Party has entered into a coalition agreement with the ruling party, PDP-Laban?

REP. LAGMAN. It is not the Liberal Party which entered into a coalition. What that coalition agreement covered were members of the Liberal Party in the House, some members but not all. It was not an official

authorization from the Liberal Party. The Liberal Party members in the House were the ones who joined the coalition but not all of them joined. Some refused to join and opted to be Liberal Party members in the Minority.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Nonetheless, Mr. Speaker, and by way of clarifying the matter, it is the wish of the Gentleman from Albay to elect as Minority Leader a member of the Liberal Party that is in coalition with the ruling party and the Majority in this august Chamber of Congress.

REP. LAGMAN. I did not say that, Your Honor. The distinguished Gentleman should not speak for me. I did not say that. I said that the Honorable Baguilat is a member of the Liberal Party but with the status of Minority in the House.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, may I know from the Gentleman from Albay, where do you find this so-called status of his alleged Minority Leader, Representative Baguilat?

REP. LAGMAN. That was discussed in the meeting of the Liberal Party members in the House, that some would remain as Minority members even if they are still Liberal Party members.

REP. ROQUE (H.). So to clarify, Mr. Speaker, such a status is not found in our rules.

REP. LAGMAN. You do not have to make that status definition in our rules. Not everything should be in the Rules.

REP. ROQUE (H.). My question, Mr. Speaker, is to clarify whether or not that status is found in the rules of the House, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. My answer is clear, Your Honor.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, honorable Gentleman from Albay.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the First District of Camarines Sur, the Hon. Rolando G. Andaya Jr., for his opportunity to interpellate the Honorable Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Hon. Rolando G. Andaya Jr. is recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Will the Honorable Lagman, the Gentleman from Albay, give this Member of the Majority an opportunity to join the fray in the discussions of selecting the Minority Leader?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, but that is actually a post-mortem because the Minority Leader has already been elected and he is the Hon. Teddy Baguilat.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, Mr. Speaker. Actually, I chose to rise and ask a few clarificatory questions to the Gentleman, precisely, on Section 8, a much debated section of our rules. Being in the Majority, after reading the provision, it seems that any Member of the House has an inchoate right, shall we say, to be a member of the Minority. Any member of the Majority can, according to the rules, by written permission, be a part of the Minority, as provided, and then join in the processes of the Minority. That is why I rose. I feel that I have an inchoate right to rise and this discussion is not purely for the members of the Minority per se, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. That right is inchoate.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, inchoate.

REP. LAGMAN. The Minority or the Majority Leader approves the application.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, that is an inchoate right, not yet ripened into a vested right. Thank you very much.

Section 8, to be clear, Mr. Speaker, talks about the Majority and Minority. It does not talk about purely the election of the Majority Leader or the Speaker or the Minority Leader.

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, it talks about the Majority, the Minority, and the third class of Members, the independent Members of the House.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, we agree on that, Mr. Speaker. Would you also agree that this Section 8 applies to old Members during the three-year term and not only in the opening of the Congress? Meaning to say, it is not just for the purpose of electing a Speaker and a Minority Leader, but it also applies to all our dealings everyday. Meaning to say, this provision can apply even to the last day of our session when we choose to exercise our

right from transferring from one side to another, shall we say, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker. That would govern the status of the Members of the House with the provision that any member of the Majority or any member of the Minority can apply as a member of the other group, but there should be a written application and the application should be accordingly approved.

REP. ANDAYA. That is correct, thank you. So let us now go to the first paragraph in which, as we have all discussed, those who vote for the winning candidate as defined in the first paragraph:

Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority in the House and they shall elect from amongst themselves the Majority Leader. The Majority Leader may be changed, at any time, by a majority vote of all the Majority members.

This particular provision, I am sure the honorable Gentleman from Albay would agree, defines in clear terms the members of the Majority, and it states, if you vote, in that particular case, for Congressman Alvarez, you are a part of the Majority. Would the Gentleman agree, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Likewise, if you apply that simple rule of statutory construction, in which what is not included is necessarily excluded, then you could also say, the first paragraph also clearly delineates who are the members of the Minority. It is basically saying, if you do not vote for Congressman Alvarez or if you do not vote for anybody, as the case may be, you are now part of the Minority, applying the rule of statutory construction.

REP. LAGMAN. It is subject to the qualification of the last paragraph of Section 8 which says that Members who choose not to align themselves with the Majority or the Minority shall be considered as independent Members of the House. These would cover Members who cast an abstention.

REP. ANDAYA. I confirm that particular provision, Mr. Speaker, but maybe if we could go backwards a little bit, as we have agreed a while ago, this particular provision does not merely pertain to our opening day in Congress. This particular provision pertains to our everyday proceedings, Mr. Speaker. If we go straight to

the last paragraph of this particular provision, I fear that this does not apply squarely to the situation at hand.

If you look at the first paragraph, where it is defined who the members of the Majority are, it talks about Members who vote for the winning candidate. If you look at the last paragraph, it talks about Members who choose to align themselves—not vote, but align. We are talking here of three years, so I can choose to align myself anytime. Maybe tomorrow I can align myself with the Minority, or maybe the Gentleman from Albay can choose to align himself with the Majority tomorrow.

What I am trying to say, Mr. Speaker, is, these two paragraphs are not on equal footing. The provision on—the paragraph referring to Members who are independent does not apply to the situation when opening the session, when we are voting for the Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it applies because under the last paragraph, with respect to the right of alignment, those who abstained yesterday exercised their right to align, and they decided not to align with either the Minority or the Majority. This provision is the last provision in Section 8. According to the rules of statutory construction, the last provision qualifies the preceding provisions and this provision qualifies the previous provisions in Section 8.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, it qualifies who are the members of the Majority and Minority, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. It is right, correct. That is correct, Mr. Speaker, and this final proviso excludes from the Majority or the Minority those who did not align themselves with either the Minority or the Majority. In other words, they are considered independent Members of the House.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, again, not to—let me now go to our next topic, Mr. Speaker, I am not here to ...

I heard awhile ago that the second paragraph was—I will not use the term “obliterated,” but as I heard it correctly a while ago, “surplusage,” in which the Minority Leader shall be elected by members of the Minority and can be changed at any time by a majority vote of all the Minority members. I beg to disagree, Mr. Speaker, that this is a surplusage. I would agree it is if there are only two candidates, in which the losing candidate automatically becomes the Minority Leader. That is correct when there is no other candidate to choose from but in a situation when you have three candidates, I would agree that this provision would apply because, specifically in this situation, you have a score of eight and seven, so between the two losing candidates, if they are to run against each other without that first candidate who won, the result would not necessarily be the same.

I am sure you all have heard of the concept “runoff elections.” This is a runoff election situation in which there is no clear winner between the two because you take out one major factor in this situation, the winner, the Speaker, and between the two remaining losing candidates, necessarily, there should be another round of elections to clearly see or determine who the Minority Leader should be.

REP. LAGMAN. Your Honor, this provision becomes a surplusage if after the election for Speaker there is a clear runner-up or one who got the next highest number of votes. In yesterday’s election, this happened. There was a clear cut runner-up because in the case of Congressman Baguilat, he got eight votes. In the case of Congressman Suarez, he got seven votes. I would like to reiterate that by any mathematical computation, eight overwhelms seven, and there is no need for a runoff election because that is not provided for in the rules.

Let me just again emphasize that the members of the Minority already made their selection, already voted for the Minority Leader when they voted for the aspirants for Speaker. So, in that sense, indeed, this provision could be considered as surplusage unless there is no clear-cut winner for the second position.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, my right being a merely an inchoate right on this matter, I would like to thank the Gentleman for giving me his time in answering some clarificatory questions.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you so much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, may we recognize the Gentleman from the AKBAYAN Party-List, Cong. Tom S. Villarín.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Hon. Tom S. Villarín is recognized.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, will the good Gentleman from Albay be willing to answer some interpellations?

REP. LAGMAN. Willingly, Mr. Speaker.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen, the reason I am asking these questions is because I am a neophyte lawmaker and I defer to the wisdom and experience of our colleagues in the House. My first question, Mr. Speaker, is it by tradition that a Speaker is elected from the party of the winning administration or the winning President?

REP. LAGMAN. Well, historically, invariably, the Speaker of the House comes from the party of the incumbent President.

REP. VILLARIN. If that is so, Mr. Speaker, has there been an instance in the past that the party of the President, including its allies, dominates the House of Representatives in terms of representation in the Majority?

REP. LAGMAN. Well, I think, Mr. Speaker, history will tell us that that is the occurrence. In the Eighth or Ninth Congress, when President Ramos won as President, at that time the LDP was the dominant party but when the election for Speaker was held, it was Lakas-NUCD which won and that was the party of the President.

REP. VILLARIN. If that is so, Mr. Speaker ...

REP. LAGMAN. When President Aquino won as President, the dominant party was then the Lakas-NUCD but when the election for Speaker was held, the dominant Lakas-NUCD was annihilated by the Liberal Party. So, that is our history, that is why we are calling to stop this practice of turncoatism because it is not good for our democratic process. That is why we are saying that the super Majority should not meddle in this election of the Minority Leader because that is a violation of the precepts of checks and balances.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, assuming, but not claiming, that a super Majority would undermine the independence of the Minority, will there be adverse effects in fulfillment of the mandate of Congress as a democratic institution?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, definitely, because Congress is a deliberative assembly. It should not be a rubber stamp parliament. The process of enacting laws and formulating policies should be the result of an extensive deliberation where differing views are synthesized. It should never be the result of an orchestrated soliloquy.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, would the Gentleman then agree that this is vital for the Body to respect the choice of the Minority and the rules that it made as such because these rules were put in place not to undermine, but to preserve and respect the individuality and variety of our choices which is essential to any democracy?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, the Gentleman is perfectly correct.

REP. VILLARIN. In such case, Mr. Speaker, where the democratic tradition itself is being challenged in this very halls, where our Constitution, the foundation of our statehood as a democracy was written, would our own credibility as a lawmaking institution not be put into question?

REP. LAGMAN. Not only our credibility, Mr. Speaker. If this sinister plot is not aborted, the image of the House will be besmirched.

REP. VILLARIN. Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, we heard the speech of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte and in it, he said that he would practice democracy, he would practice the rule of law. Would it then be proper that in this institution, in this democratic institution, we should be practicing that practice, Mr. Speaker?

REP. LAGMAN. I think, Mr. Speaker, everyone, but most importantly, members of the super Majority should follow that exhortation of the President. Even before the SONA, Mr. Speaker, in his inaugural address, the President said that the erosion of the people's faith in our leaders must be stopped. He also said that a change has to be permanent and substantial, and that it must come from us, in us. This sinister enterprise of meddling in the selection of the Minority Leader is repugnant to the very exhortation of the President. I think the members of the Majority should be the first to follow this prescription of President Duterte.

REP. VILLARIN. On a personal note, Mr. Speaker, as I have said earlier in my statement, when I joined this Congress, when I joined this institution, when I decided to side with the seven others who voted for Congressman Teddy Baguilat, I had no illusions that we would win. But because we are in a democracy and there would be winners, and there would be losers even in the selection of the Minority, Mr. Speaker, for me, it was very telling that I joined a contest, a democratic contest. I believe that the eight votes overwhelm the seven votes, as what was stated by our distinguished colleague from Albay.

So, Mr. Speaker, again, I implore this House that we go back again to the vision, to the mission of our institution. To make this a healthy institution, we should respect, recognize and even promote the rights of the Minority.

As we can see earlier, there was a manifestation that there is a paper that is calling for an election of the Minority Leader tomorrow, and based on what we had experienced yesterday, there was already an election, and I myself am confused as to why there would be a call for election. Citing the results, Mr. Speaker, of yesterday's voting, it said 252 voted for Speaker Bebot Alvarez and there were 21, including Congressman

Alvarez, now Speaker, who abstained. May I ask if that vote for abstention by Congressman, now Speaker Bebot Alvarez, is still considered that he is or he has no option or decision whether to be in the Minority or the Majority?

REP. LAGMAN. Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, that abstention cannot prevail over the overwhelming vote for Speaker Alvarez that he is the Speaker of the House.

REP. VILLARIN. Now, Mr. Speaker, again, reading from the Journal, it says here that those who voted for Rep. Danilo E. Suarez were Congressmen Atienza, Campos, Del Rosario, Lee, Harry Roque, Salon and Villaraza-Suarez. Now, I heard earlier that Congressman Atienza and Congressman Harry Roque are supporting the move of having an election for the Minority Leader when both, they themselves already made a choice yesterday. So, I am just wondering, Mr. Speaker, what would be the motive of such pursuit?

REP. LAGMAN. Well, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, the answer to that question is between the honorable Members you have mentioned and the MERALCO lamppost.

REP. VILLARIN. There are no more questions, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you, Gentleman from Albay.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker, for remaining steadfast in sustaining the democratic process in this august Chamber.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. With due indulgence of the Honorable Marcoleta, if he could just make a manifestation, then I would appreciate it. I had a bilateral simultaneous knee joint replacement and I could not stand for a long period of time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Party-List 1-SAGIP, the Hon. Rodante D. Marcoleta, for his manifestation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Hon. Rodante D. Marcoleta is recognized.

REP. MARCOLETA. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Of course, I cannot refuse the request of the Honorable Lagman. I prepared a few questions and an interpellation, but now I am requested to just make a manifestation.

May I manifest, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, that I have intended to ask a few questions. For example, I was supposed to ask him, when somebody abstained, did he vote for the Majority? When somebody abstained, did he effectively vote for the Minority? I do not think so. Mr. Speaker, if somebody chose to abstain, he actually did not want to vote and therefore, there was no vote. So, where do we classify them? I think we can classify them under the last paragraph of Section 8 that for the moment, they opted not to choose either the Minority or the Majority, the reason being that it is between themselves and their own conscience, Mr. Speaker. So, they chose to be neutral. It is neither here nor there. It is not correct to interpret that they are already automatic members of the Minority simply because they chose to be neutral.

Mr. Speaker, I think it was Dante Alighieri who said in one of his writings that those who chose to be neutral at the time they were asked to act, to them is reserved the hottest corner of hell. Why do we have to give them now the highest premium of privilege, co-opting them or asking them to again enforce an election in the Minority? The golden opportunity for them to classify themselves to being either in the Majority or the Minority is to vote. They did not vote, Mr. Speaker, and so, what is the basis of the other group to call a meeting purportedly to elect the Minority Leader? We just did, Mr. Speaker.

As a matter of fact, it was not even a mathematical equation. It was purely an arithmetic computation, Mr. Speaker. Even my youngest grandchild, Mr. Speaker, would readily recognize that eight is more than seven and he is only a grade one pupil, Mr. Speaker. Is this the kind of issue that this august hall is supposed to resolve? That is not probably what we are elected for. This is a very simple issue, Mr. Speaker.

Somebody asked the Honorable Lagman whether or not he can equate the word “voting” with the right to align for the time being. I think so. It is just a matter of saying that I cannot yet vote but sometime later I can. But how can we now distinguish whether he is a Majority or a Minority if he does not want to vote?

Kahit po sa isang kumpanya, Mr. Speaker, iyon pong unyon sa isang corporation, ang sabi ng Labor Code, management has nothing to do with the election of the employees’ union. Management is a disinterested bystander. Somebody here yesterday asked the good Majority Leader, “What happens if somebody abstains?” The good Majority Leader expressed his honest opinion. That was his opinion, and everybody

is entitled to his own opinion. I would have to ask the Honorable Lagman, “Is the Majority Leader’s opinion, no matter how noble, will it have the effect of overriding or superseding or rendering inoperative the last paragraph of Section 8?” I do not think so.

Somebody said that we are talking here of the rules—only the rules—only the rules are important here, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, nothing else. Why are we being asked now to again vote? We have just voted yesterday and the result is eight and seven. If we will vote again tomorrow, is somebody speculating that those who voted for the Honorable Baguilat will somehow vote for the Honorable Suarez or vice versa? We are not children, Mr. Speaker.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, in voting for the Majority Leader, there was a clear opportunity to vote for the Majority Leader. It was in the agenda. There was no agenda to vote for the Minority Leader. Why? Is not the sauce for the goose the sauce for the gander? Why are we being pressured to vote again for the Minority Leader? There is no basis. We just did, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker. The Honorable Baguilat was voted with eight votes. There was an overwhelming vote of one in favor of Mr. Baguilat, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

When I was in the Thirteenth Congress, in the Fourteenth Congress, in the Fifteenth Congress, there is that tradition that the candidate who gets the second number of votes automatically becomes the Minority Leader. I think, Mr. Speaker, this is part of parliamentary practice that this House still upholds at this time.

Under Section 161, page 80 of the Rules of the Sixteenth Congress which we adopted yesterday, the parliamentary practices of the Philippine Assembly—can you imagine, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, even the parliamentary practices of the Philippine Assembly which date back, I think, to the 1940s, if not in the 1930s, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines, and the Batasang Pambansa shall be suppletory or shall be used suppletorily with these rules. We cannot erase those precedents, Your Honor, Mr. Speaker. So I ask, Mr. Speaker, what is the authority of the other group in calling for another election tomorrow when we just did because there is now an elected Minority Leader in the person of Cong. Teddy Baguilat? Will somebody please tell me the authority on which that call for an election is based? If we are governed by our rules, Mr. Speaker, let somebody tell me where that authority is.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our honorable esteemed colleague, the Honorable Lagman has taken his seat not out of a refusal to answer further questions

but because of the constraints of his physical condition. With that, our other colleagues who have wished to interpellate him, have manifested that they will, indeed, instead make a manifestation. For that, I move that we recognize once more the Gentleman from the Part-List KABAYAN, the Hon. H. Harry L. Roque Jr., to make a short manifestation.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Honorable Roque is recognized.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, earlier, in his interpellation, the good Gentleman from Party-List AKBAYAN asked what could be our motivation for insisting that those who did not vote for the current Speaker should vote for their own Minority Leader. My motivation, Your Honor, first and foremost, is to ensure that no individual from a party already part of the Majority should become Minority Leader because if this happens, we sacrifice the system of checks and balances for which we have established the post of Minority Leader in the first place. Secondly, Your Honor, we insist that those who did not vote for Speaker Bebot Alvarez should vote for their Minority Leader because that is the essence of democracy.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Party-List BUHAY. For the last manifestation on this topic, I move for the recognition of the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Salamat po, Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Dep. Majority Leader.

With due respect to the Members of Congress now remaining, may we all learn from this exchange and discussion, and debate on the issue of who should be electing the Minority Leader. The reasons mentioned by Congressman Lagman, to me, are not reasons that we should perpetuate, something which are not coherent with democracy. The point raised by Congressman Marcoleta is also not in relation to defending the democratic and parliamentary rules followed by all Congressional bodies. Na-mention nila iyong Batasang Pambansa. I am very, very fortunate to have been a Member of the Regular Batasang Pambansa and as I see, Congressman Zamora was also a Member of the

Batasang Pambansa. During those days, we were doing the right things.

The Majority Leader is elected by the Majority and the Minority Leader is elected by the Minority. Iyon po ang naliwanagan kahapon noong sinabi ng ating Majority Leader that, indeed, this time we will correct the malady, the abnormality of what was practiced before and perpetuated by Congresses thereafter. Now is the time to change this rule or rather, to interpret the rules properly. The Minority Leader should be elected by the Minority members. According to our own rules, the Minority members comprise those who did not vote for the Speaker and those who abstained. Malinaw po iyong rules e. Iyon ang ating huwag baguhin sapagkat we should all be governed by our own rules and therefore, the meeting called for electing the Minority Leader is in order.

We, who belong to the Minority, as defined by our rules, should meet, indeed, and elect a Minority Leader. Iginagalang ko po si Congressman Baguilat. Iginagalang ko rin po si Congressman Suarez. This is not about personalities but this is about our rules. We should not be influenced one way or another by our friendship or loyalty to any one of them, too.

I would really insist, Mr. Majority Leader and Mr. Speaker, that a meeting tomorrow to elect the Minority Leader be held as scheduled so that we may elect our leader at the soonest possible time. We have debated on this issue for long, and to insist that a Minority Leader was elected yesterday, again, is a misrepresentation, to say the least. We did not vote for a Minority Leader. We elected a Speaker. As defined, iyong ibinoto po nating Speaker ay ibinoto ng Mayorya. Sabi nga po ng Majority Leader kahapon, ang Minority Leader, paulit-ulit ko pong itinanong iyon, ay iboboto ng mga Minority members. I was very, very ecstatically elated hearing that because that is really a big, big shift towards the right direction. So, to insist that we elected a Minority Leader yesterday is a falsehood. We should elect our leader tomorrow as scheduled and called for by the Minority members. According to our rules, Minority members are those who did not vote for the Speaker, Speaker Alvarez, and those who abstained. It would be the height of injustice to the Members of this Body to deprive those who abstained from their right to choose now and to participate in this election of a Minority Leader.

With that, we would like to close our arguments that everything has been set forth correctly and it should not be fair and it will not be just. If we talk about defending democracy, we should defend it in the right manner following the rules of the House. Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, as a final manifestation, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Second District of Caloocan, the Hon. Edgar R. Erice.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Hon. Edgar R. Erice is recognized.

REP. ERICE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is a manifestation and a parliamentary inquiry.

First, the manifestation. I received an invitation for a meeting to elect a Minority Leader tomorrow, Wednesday, July 27. I was surprised to receive this particular invitation from Representatives whom I have known as the very first who signed the coalition agreement with our Speaker, the very first Representatives who expressed their support for the Speaker. Now, they are calling themselves “part of the Minority.”

So, Mr. Speaker, my parliamentary inquiry since I received this particular invitation from the members of the staff of the Committee on Rules, gusto ko lang pong malaman, saan po ba talaga galing ang invitation na ito?

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. I thought the Gentleman was going to interpellate the Gentleman who has the floor. Now, he is making a parliamentary inquiry. We are following the wrong procedure here. May I first move to terminate the time of the Hon. Edcel Lagman.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). There is a motion to terminate the time of the Hon. Edcel Lagman. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the time of the Gentleman is now terminated.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Lagman to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). The speech of the Honorable Lagman will be committed to the Committee on Rules.

REP. FARIÑAS. Now, I think the Gentleman wants to rise ...

REP. ERICE. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. FARIÑAS. ... on a question of parliamentary... but before he does that, may the Majority Leader react

because his name was dragged in the exchange of debates between our colleagues in the Minority.

The Gentleman from Northern Samar even used the word “palusot,” and alluded to the impeachment proceedings. Ironically, he is the one making the palusot. Yesterday, as cited by the Gentleman representing Party-List BUHAY, there was a very clear inquiry here. When the first nomination was about to be made, he wanted already to rise and make questions but we prevailed upon him for us to finish the nominations. After the nominations were closed, very clearly, the position that was being aspired for was the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Hindi po pinagbobotohan dito ang Minority Leader. Baguilat did not run for Minority Leader, he ran for Speaker, the same with Suarez. Natalo nga ho sila. We were electing the Speaker, that was the only question on the table. When they asked nga dahil—aba, tatlo ito, what will happen? Heto na nga ho iyong Journal na na-aprub natin ngayon. Ni wala naman hong nag-complain. Heto iyong Journal, first Journal of this Congress which we just approved earlier. Nakalagay dito:

“PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY OF REP. ATIENZA

Recognized by the Chair, Rep. Atienza inquired as to who would elect the Minority leader of the House of Representatives.” So tinanong niya. Sino ang mag-elect sa Minority Leader? Sinagot, heto:

“REMARKS OF REP. FARIÑAS

In reply, Rep. Fariñas referred to Section 8 of the Rules of the House on membership to the Majority and the Minority.” This is on page 16. “He explained that the Members who voted for the winning candidate for the Speaker shall constitute the Majority and shall elect from among themselves the Majority Leader, while those who voted against the winning Speaker or did not vote at all shall belong to the Minority and would thereafter,” alam ninyo ba ibig sabihin ng “thereafter”? Katapusan noon, “would elect their Minority Leader.” So, mayroon pa ring susunod na eleksiyon. Hindi iyong eleksiyon ng—kasi ang pinagbobotohan doon Speaker e. Ano ba kayo, ang liwa-liwanag e.

At saka, you were here yesterday, you should have objected to what you now call the opinion of the Majority Leader which was adopted by the Body. What subterfuge is this or palusot—that you participated in the election for Speaker under the rules that all those who will not vote for the Speaker will be constituted as the Minority and they will thereafter elect their Minority Leader? Nakipag-eleksiyon kayo sa Speaker e, noong natalo kayo sasabihin ninyo kayo ang Minority Leader. Hindi naman—iyong 20 did not vote because they were not participating in the election for Speaker, but if we said that this is the election of the Minority Leader, e ‘di nag-participate sila. Hindi nga e.

Maliwanag na ang pinagbobotohan lamang ay



iyong Speaker at pagkatapos nito, lahat ng hindi boboto doon sa nanalong Speaker—kung gusto ninyo basahin ko po iyong exchange, e, na ang liwa-liwanag. Kaya, tuwang-tuwa si kasamang Lito Atienza dahil sa unang pagkakataon, ngayon lang masusunod ang rules dito, sabi niya. Tapos, ngayon, i-invoke ninyo, kasi hindi sinusunod ang rules na iyan. Ituloy-tuloy natin huwag sundin ang rules na iyan.

A law or a regulation is not repealed by non-observance. It can only be repealed by express repeal. Kung hindi sinusunod iyan, batas pa rin iyan. Under the Constitution, each House of Congress shall promulgate its own rules which shall become part of the rules of the land.

Iyon pong mga traditions, customs, usage, e nag-a-apply lamang po iyan kapag walang batas. Kapag sabihin mo, “Kasi ang usage dito e jaywalking kami lahat, kaya wala na iyang law on jaywalking. Ang usage dito, lahat kami dupang dito. Humihitit kami lahat kaya wala na iyang drug law na iyan.” Hindi puwede iyan.

Kapag ini-invoke mo ang law, the law must be followed. Ito na nga ho ang exchange pero napakaliwanag naman po nito. Tinanong po ni—sabi po ni Cong. Atienza, “E deklarado po ba tayo kung sino ang Majority and Minority rito?” Sagot ni Representative Fariñas, transcript po ito, “Malalaman po natin pagkatapos ng halalan dahil ang nakalagay po sa ating regulasyon, sa ating rules kung sino ang boboto doon sa nanalong Speaker, iyon ang magiging Majority. So, lahat po ng hindi boboto sa panalo, Minority po sila. So, iyong matitirang iyon, sila ang mamimili ngayon kung sino ang kanilang magiging pangulo dahil iyon ay ayaw po nilang sumama sa Majority. So, sila po, sila na ho ang bahalang magsasabi kung sino ang Minority Leader.” E di sana nag-object na ho kayo. Hindi dapat kung sino ang second place, siya na ang magiging Minority Leader. Hindi kayo nag-object, nakipagpartisipasyon nga kayo sa halalan. Pagkatapos, pagkatapos na hindi manalo, sabi po ni Manong Edcel, eh, “Eight is more than seven.” E pagsamahin mo iyong eight at seven po, mas marami iyong 30 o 20. Hindi po ba mas marami iyong 20 kaysa eight plus seven? Magsama na ho iyong eight plus seven, 15 lang po. E iyong 20, ayaw doon sa dalawa. Kahapon hindi siya—at saka very clear naman po na hindi po pinagbobotohan kahapon ang Minority Leader. Paano naman po mauuna iyong Minority Leader kaysa Majority Leader?

Kaya nga ho after na-elect iyong Speaker, tumayo po at pina-recognize ko po si kasama nating si Ronnie Zamora para i-nominate niya iyong Majority Leader at ang sabi ng Speaker “Seconded. Mayroong objection? Wala, unanimous kami.” E di kayo rin sana sa Minority, nag-nominate din kayo kung mayroon kayong gusto. E wala ho dahil mag-e-election pa kayo, e hindi pa kayo decided kaya wala nga kayong ni-nominate. E pero

ngayon, magpapalusot kayo na iyong nakakuha ng walo, demokrasya pa po iyan. Is that democracy where you have 21 who did not vote for the Speaker and eight who voted for a losing candidate for Speaker, and seven who voted for another losing candidate for Speaker? Then, all of a sudden you say, “Voila, member two is our Minority Leader.” E magic na po iyon.

Napag-usapan ba natin doon sa botohan na iyon kung sino ang magiging Minority Leader? Hindi po. Speaker lamang po ang pinagbobotohan doon kaya huwag ho kayong magpalusot na iyong natalong Speaker ay siya na ang Minority Leader. E di naman po parang niloko na—we would have fooled the 20 because before they voted, the Majority Leader expressed his opinion that anyone who will not vote for the Speaker, whether he abstains or not, will constitute the Minority. So, iyon po ang kanilang paniniwala. So, hindi sila bumoto. And now, bumoto rin kayo, e di sana, huwag ninyo na—bakit ninyo kasi ni-nominate si Congressman Baguilat kung gusto ninyong maging Minority Leader? Gusto ninyong maging Speaker siya, e. Was Baguilat nominated for Minority Leader in this Hall? No, he was nominated for Speaker. How can he become the Minority Leader when the rules clearly say that those in the Minority shall elect their Minority Leader in the same manner that kami sa Majority elected our Majority Leader?

Iyong opinyon ko po was supported by everybody here. Iyong opinyon ninyo, wala namang nagsu-support. We are all entitled to our own opinions. I happen to be the Majority Leader and you happen to be a Member here who is—I do not even know, you are not even representing the Minority, you are only representing yourself. I represent the Majority here of 251 Members. So, I think, my opinion matters. I am the Chairman of the Committee on Rules. So, iyong opinyon, opinyon na rin ninyo—but nakaupo ako dito ng matagal, mayroong opinyon lang ni Majority Leader, opinyon lang—kayo rin naman, opinyon lang din ninyo iyan.

Then, tomorrow, they said—how come it is the Majority distributing the invitations of the Minority? Yes, because nothing happens in this Plenary Hall without my permission. I am the Majority Leader. I am the Chairman of the Committee on Rules. Nagpaalam sila e, “Mr. Majority Leader, puwede po ba naming ipa-distribute sa Page ito?” “Of course, ipa-distribute ninyo”—because we honor the Minority like we honor everybody here.

If you came to me also and you ask me, puwede ho ba—bakit natatakot po kayong mag-eleksiyon? Has there been an election for Minority Leader? No, we only elected the Speaker. Noong nakaraan po, ginawa ninyo iyon at nakalusot, di okay lang po iyon but that was not proper, katulad na nga ng sinabi ni Hon. Lito Atienza. Mali po iyon. Wrong procedure po. Very

clear iyong rule, and we only adopted it yesterday again. Di sana sinabi ninyo, when the Honorable Atienza asked me, and I clearly defined the position of the Majority, temporary, albeit, Majority Leader na iyong—mangyayari po dito, iyong hindi bumoto sa nanalong Speaker, sila ay magsasama-sama at pipili ng kanilang lider ng Majority, e di sana nag-object po kayo.

Alam ninyo naman po maski first year lang in College of Law, sa statutory construction, alam na po natin iyan. Ang tawag po natin diyan, estoppel by silence. Naririnig ninyo na may opinyon na hiwalay doon sa paniniwala ninyo, hindi kayo nagsasalita. Lalo na ito, deliberative Body. You were there. You were sitting there. I said, “Lahat ng hindi boboto doon sa panalong Speaker, they will be Minority and they will elect their leader.” After that, hindi kayo nagsasalita. O, di sana nag-object kayo, “Hindi, mali iyan, opinyon mo lang iyan.” Then we would have let the Body decide, and the Body would probably side with me naturally. I am their leader e. I am the leader of the Majority here. That is the essence of the democracy, the will of the Majority.

Ang problema po, Minority kayo e nirerespeto namin kayo, respetuhin naman ninyo kami. Ilan kayo sa Minority na hindi bumoto sa aming minamahal na Speaker? Twenty iyong nag-abstain, karapatan nila iyon, ayaw nilang pumili dahil wala naman silang kandidato for Speaker. Ang kandidato nila for Minority Leader, dahil wala pa naman iyong kandidato nila, bakit sila boboto? Ayaw nilang bumoto.

Now, you refer to a last paragraph of the rule, step-by-step po iyan. Bakit tumatalon po kayo? Ang first paragraph defines who is the Majority. Ang Majority ay lahat ng boboto doon sa nanalong Speaker at sila ngayon ay pipili ng kanilang Majority Leader. Sinabi ko pa dito, binigyan ko pa kayo ng Latin words dito. What is not included is excluded since those who did not vote for the Speaker are not included in the Majority; necessarily, they are the Minority, whether they voted for Suarez, whether they voted for Baguilat, whether they did not vote at all because they did not want to vote for Speaker, that was their right, but they are now the Minority and they will now elect their leader.

So, after they elect their leader, we will look, the Majority po maski sa Minority, seven plus eight, 15 plus 20, 35 kayo, kunin ninyo iyong majority noong 35 na iyon, iyon ang magiging lider ninyo na Minority. How can seven be the leader of 35? Or eight, how can eight be the leader of 35? How can eight votes lead 35? So, ganoon po iyon, once they elect the Minority, so clearly defined na ang Majority and Minority. Now if you do not want to belong there, do not go to the Minority, do not go to the Majority, you can be an independent. Kasi after that election ng Minority, tingnan po ninyo, kasi

you are confusing yourselves for your own purpose, but do not confuse us because we are clear.

First paragraph, define si Majority—babasahin ko na po para maliwanag:

Members who vote for the winning candidate for Speaker shall constitute the Majority in the House and they shall elect from among themselves the Majority Leader. The Majority Leader may be changed, at any time, by a majority vote of all the Majority members.

Even if I were elected yesterday, if they do not want me here now, another person can move that we have this as our Majority Leader, I can be changed anytime. First paragraph.

Second paragraph:

The Minority Leader shall be elected by the Members of the Minority and can be changed, at any time, by a majority vote of all the Minority members.

Sino po ang hindi nakakaintindi ng English na ito? Na ang Minority Leader, kailangang ihalal ng mga bumubuo ng Minority, napakaliwanag na English po ito. Siguro maski elementary maiintindihan ninyo ito e. Hindi naman sinasabi na iyong—saan po ba sinasabi dito na iyong matatalo, siya iyong magiging Minority Leader. Wala. Iyon ang naging interpretasyon ng Majority Leader noon na mali at tinanggap ninyong lahat, pasensiya na lang kayo. Pero ngayon, you have a Majority Leader who knows his rules, I have to invoke the rules and you have to follow. Wala na iyang “E Majority Leader, dati pwede itong ganito.” Dati, hindi naman ako Majority Leader ngayon but ngayon, ako ang Chairman ng Committee on Rules. Let us follow the rules and you tell me if I am not following the rules, then you can appeal my position to the Chair.

So, after that, third paragraph:

The Majority and Minority shall elect such number of Deputy Majority and Minority Leaders as the rules provide.

Fourth paragraph, para buo po, step-by-step:

A Member may transfer from the Majority to the Minority, or vice versa, at any time:

Kasi nga na-define na, naka-elect na ng Majority Leader, may Minority Leader na. Ngayon kung hindi ka kuntento, pwede kang umalis, you can transfer at any time provided, subject to three conditions. So, sabi niya:

a. The concerned Member submits a written request to transfer to the Majority or Minority, through the Majority or Minority Leaders, as the case may be. The Secretary General shall be furnished a copy of the request to transfer.

b. The Majority or Minority, as the case may be, accepts x x x.

So, kung gusto mong lumipat, magpaalam ka doon sa grupo mo. Maski nga ho iyong mga nasa Minority ngayon na 35, kung gusto nilang sumama sa Majority, magpa-paalam sila pero saan ho sila magpa-paalam, wala dahil wala pa silang leader. So, kailangan mag-elect pa sila. So, after mag-elect sila bukas at ayaw nila iyong leader nila, pwede na silang magpaalam. So, magpa-paalam sa Minority Leader.

Ngayon, kapag tinanggap naman namin sa Majority, magiging Majority na siya. Or vice versa, kung iyong Majority naman hindi natutuwa sa akin, lipat na ako sa Minority, e di pagagan namin, tanggapin ninyo doon, magiging Minority.

Then, next paragraph:

In case the Majority or Minority declines such request to transfer, the concerned Member shall be considered an independent Member of the House.

Ngayon, halimbawa iyong nasa Minority, e gusto nilang pumunta sa Majority, nagpaalam na, ayaw na siyang tanggapin ng Majority, e independent na siya dahil wala na siyang bahay or vice versa.

Then, the last paragraph, sabi niya, or second to the last:

In any case, it refers to committees, “whether or not the request to transfer is accepted, all committee assignments and memberships given the concerned Member by the Majority or Minority, as the case may be, shall be automatically forfeited.”

Ito na po yong last paragraph na ini-invoke ninyo:

Members who choose not to align themselves with the Majority or the Minority  
x x x.

So, clearly defined na kayo bukas. May Minority Leader na kayo, may Majority Leader na, e ayaw niya pareho, “shall be considered as independent Members of the House.” Ayaw na niyang sumama sa Minority, ayaw na niyang sumama sa Majority, kaya independent.

Pero ngayon, pinipilipit po ninyo ang interpretasyon ninyo by saying na ang mga hindi bumoto ng Speaker, eh independent na sila, hindi po. Hindi po sila bumoto ng Speaker dahil wala silang kursonadang Speaker. So hindi sila bumoto. We cannot force somebody to vote for a Speaker if they do not want to. But if he does not vote for the winning Speaker, he will be a part of the Minority. Very clear po ang rule. Iyan po ang nangyari, and the Journal has been approved.

Mr. Speaker, I have said my piece.

REP. MARCOLETA. Mr. Speaker.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, July 27, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Singson). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until tomorrow at four o'clock in the afternoon, Wednesday, July 27, 2016.

*It was 8:00 p.m.*