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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Fredenil "Fred" H. Castro called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) Everybody is requested to stand for the singing of the National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer and meditation.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) There is a motion to defer the calling of the roll.

Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal of the previous session.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) There is a motion to defer the approval of the Journal of the previous session. Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.) 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. 1501, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9296 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE MEAT INSPECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES OF IMPRISONMENT AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREFOR AND AMENDING CHAPTER XIV THEREFOR FOR THE PURPOSE”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1502, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION AND UTILIZATION OF THE INCOME DERIVED BY THE NATIONAL MUSEUM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8492, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT OF 1998’”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1503, entitled:

“AN ACT REFORMING THE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE JUDICIARY DEVELOPMENT FUND, MANDATING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF, TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF FROM THE SUPREME COURT TO THE BUREAU OF TREASURY, ENACTING APPROPRIATE AUDIT AND REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1949, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1504, entitled:

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

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1505, entitled:

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

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1506, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE APPLICANTS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 AND 15 OF R.A. 8551 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1507, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1508, entitled:

“AN ACT MODIFYING THE ROLE OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN THE APPOINTMENT OF UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE PHILIPPINE

NATIONAL POLICE, AMENDING SECTIONS 31 AND 91 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE UNDER A REORGANIZED DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1509, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSERVATION, REFORESTATION, AND REHABILITATION OF MANGROVE FORESTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 1510, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9266, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2004”

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

House Bill No. 1511, entitled:

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

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1512, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 1513, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE POSITIONS FOR JUDGES-AT-LARGE, AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT REORGANIZING THE JUDICIARY, APPROPRIATING

FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Loyola
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1514, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS”

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

House Bill No. 1515, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE WAO DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3607, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1516, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY UPPER PUGAAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN-RAMAIN, LANA DEL SUR”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1517, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE AMAI PAKPAK MEDICAL CENTER IN MARAWI CITY, LANA DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1518, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1519, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE AGRI-TOURISM IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1520, entitled:

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

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1521, entitled:

“AN ACT MODERNIZING THE CRIME INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1522, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PERSONAL EXEMPTION FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS WHO TAKE CARE OF THEIR ELDERLY PARENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1523, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING AIR CARRIERS TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR FLIGHT ATTENDANTS AND GATE ATTENDANTS REGARDING SERVING ALCOHOL, RECOGNIZING INTOXICATED PASSENGERS AND DEALING WITH DISRUPTIVE PASSENGERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1524, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMONSTRATION, PERFORMANCE OR EXHIBITION IN PUBLIC OF CERTAIN SEXUAL ACTS, AND THE PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION, SALE OR DISTRIBUTION, OR PUBLIC SHOWING OR DISPLAY OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1525, entitled:

“AN ACT TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT PHILIPPINE PUBLIC FORESTS, MANGROVES AND WILDLIFE THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM OF RENEWAL, REPLANTING AND REFORESTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 1526, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLE 2206 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

House Bill No. 1527, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTER-AGENCY ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE TO DEPLOY COST EFFECTIVE ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES AND TECHNOLOGIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 1528, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE HAZARDOUS AND RADIOACTIVE WASTES MANAGEMENT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1529, 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 Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 1530, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE

IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES”

By Representative Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1531, entitled:

“AN ACT RECOGNIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PURSUANT TO ART. XIV, SECTION 4(3) OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION BY AMENDING SEVERAL PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1158 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

House Bill No. 1532, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING GOOD CONDUCT TIME ALLOWANCE TO PRISONERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN LITERACY, SKILLS AND VALUES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 97 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1533, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DIRECT REMITTANCE TO THE HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF ITS FORTY PERCENT (40%) SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL WEALTH, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 293 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1534, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1535, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL ENGINEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1536, entitled:

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

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1537, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, AMENDING SECTIONS 27 AND 28 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1538, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PULOT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PUNANG EXTENSION IN BARANGAY PUNANG, MUNICIPALITY OF SOFRONIO ESPAÑOLA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE PULOT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS PUNANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1539, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SANDOVAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – ESTRELLA VILLAGE ANNEX IN BARANGAY ESTRELLA VILLAGE, MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE SANDOVAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN

AS ESTRELLA VILLAGE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1540, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NARRA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LAPU-LAPU ANNEX IN BARANGAY LAPU-LAPU, MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE NARRA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS LAPU-LAPU NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1541, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANITIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LABOG ANNEX IN BARANGAY LABOG, MUNICIPALITY OF SOFRONIO ESPAÑOLA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE PANITIAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS LABOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1542, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ARAMAYWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BURIRAO ANNEX IN BARANGAY BURIRAO, MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE ARAMAYWAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS BURIRAO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1543, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SUMBILING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SAPA ANNEX

IN BARANGAY SAPA, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE SUMBILING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1544, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TARUSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – SARONG EXTENSION IN BARANGAY SARONG, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE TARUSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS SARONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1545, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SOUTHERN BATARAZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BULILUYAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY BULILUYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE SOUTHERN BATARAZA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS BULILUYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1546, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CANDAWAGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – PANALINGAAN EXTENSION IN BARANGAY PANALINGAAN, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FROM THE CANDAWAGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, TO BE KNOWN AS PANALINGAAN NATIONAL HIGH

SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1547, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING 20 BILLION PESOS THEREFOR FROM THE FUNDS OF PAGCOR AND PCSO”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 1548, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY
ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 1549, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF FOOD SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1550, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY COMMONWEALTH INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS COMMONWEALTH EAST AND COMMONWEALTH WEST”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1551, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING DULY APPOINTED REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDGES AN INCENTIVE TO BE CALLED A HAZARD PAY EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THEIR MONTHLY BASIC SALARY/PAY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1552, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING PENSIONS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING SECTION 12 OF RA 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE RA 1161, AS AMENDED AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1553, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING DISCOUNTS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS AND INCENTIVES THEREFOR”

By Representative Abayon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1554, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BAGUIO CITY, LA TRINIDAD, ITOGON, SABLAN, TUBA AND TUBLAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BLISTDA), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 1555, entitled:

“AN ACT REVISING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BAGUIO REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE CHAPTER 61, ACT NO. 2711, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1917 AS AMENDED”

By Representative Go (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1556, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF ETHNICITY, RACE, RELIGION OR BELIEF, SEX OR GENDER OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, LANGUAGE, DISABILITY, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE PURPOSE”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 1557, entitled:

“AN ACT SUPPORTING THE PRODUCTION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENT FILMS BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO FILMMAKERS WHO ARE GIVEN HONORS IN NOTABLE INTERNATIONAL FILM COMPETITIONS”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1558, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING A FREE NUTRI-MEALS PROGRAM TO CHILDREN ENROLLED IN ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS INCLUDING KINDERGARTEN AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTOR, PROVIDING FRAMEWORK FOR ITS MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1559, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BARANGAY ROAD FROM BARANGAY BUHANGIN TO BARANGAY CALLAWA, PASSING THROUGH BARANGAYS TIGATTO AND MANDUG, ALL IN DAVAO CITY, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia-Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1560, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BARANGAY ROAD FROM BARANGAY BUHANGIN TO THE BARANGAY BUNAWAN JUNCTION OF THE DAVAO – AGUSAN ROAD, PASSING THROUGH BARANGAYS CABANTIAN, INDANGAN, ACACIA AND MAHAYAG, ALL IN DAVAO CITY, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia-Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1561, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE WALINGWALING

AS THE NATIONAL FLOWER OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Garcia-Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1562, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN BRGY. MALABOG, PAQUIBATO DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF DAVAO CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia-Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1563, entitled:

“AN ACT PREVENTING THE CIRCUMVENTION OF THE EMPLOYEES’ RIGHT TO SECURITY OF TENURE, THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLE 280 OF THE LABOR CODE ON REGULAR AND CASUAL EMPLOYMENT”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1564, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE AN ACUPUNCTURE BOARD”

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

House Bill No. 1565, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENIOR CITIZENS HOSPITAL IN NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, TO BE KNOWN AS THE NOVALICHES SENIOR CITIZENS HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1566, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8551”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1567, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING FOOD ESTABLISHMENT TO COMPLY WITH SANITATION STANDARDS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1568, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE USE OF SAFE CLEANING PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF STUDENTS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1569, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA) FOR ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1570, entitled:

“AN ACT SUPPORTING THE PRODUCTION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENT FILMS BY PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO FILMMAKERS WHO ARE GIVEN HONORS IN NOTABLE INTERNATIONAL FILM COMPETITIONS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1571, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING LOCAL ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY BY PROVIDING THE LOCAL MOVIE AND FILM INDUSTRY CORPORATE TAX BREAKS AND EXEMPTING VENUE OPERATORS FROM THE PAYMENT OF AMUSEMENT TAX WHEN SHOWING LOCALLY PRODUCED FILMS AND MUSIC EVENTS FEATURING FILIPINO ARTISTS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1572, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING A REPORT REGARDING THE EFFECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS HAVE ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN’S HEALTH”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1573, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUPER HEALTH CENTER AND LYING-IN CLINIC IN BARANGAY NOVALICHES PROPER, QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1574, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUPER HEALTH CENTER AND LYING-IN CLINIC IN BARANGAY SAN AGUSTIN, QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1575, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUPER HEALTH CENTER AND LYING-IN CLINIC IN BARANGAY SANTA MONICA, QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
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House Bill No. 1576, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE NOVALICHES DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY SAN BARTOLOME IN QUEZON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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House Bill No. 1577, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING TRICYCLE DRIVER TRAINING AND MOTORIST AWARENESS PROGRAMS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1578, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FOR BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
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House Bill No. 1579, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING THE YOUTH LEGISLATORS PROGRAM”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1580, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 10TH OF FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR AS NATIONAL SAFER INTERNET DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Vargas
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COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 1581, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING THE HOSTAGING OR DETAINING OF CADAVERS IN FUNERAL PARLORS, MORGUES, MORTUARIES OR ANY ENTITY UNDERTAKING SIMILAR SERVICES ON GROUNDS OF NON-PAYMENT OF EMBALMMENT, CREMATION OR ANY OTHER FUNERAL SERVICES”

By Representative Vargas
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House Bill No. 1582, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE NOTICE ON ANY CHARGES OF CONVICTION AGAINST THEM TO THEIR DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY HEAD”

By Representative Vargas
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AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1583, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FULL TUITION SUBSIDY FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1584, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES TO MARGINALIZED PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 1585, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ALLOCATE ONE PERCENT (1%) OF THEIR INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT (IRA) FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND 1% OF IRA FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1586, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LIFETIME VALIDITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT (R.A.) NO. 7277, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED PERSONS, AS AMENDED BY R.A. NO. 9442”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 1587, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY OFFICER OR ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) ON ANY CHARGE BEFORE THE PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE, COURT, ADMINISTRATIVE OR ANY COMPETENT BODY ARISING FROM AN INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS RELATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 1588, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SAN ISIDRO – NATO ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAÑGAY, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fuentesbela
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1589, entitled:

“AN ACT RESTORING THE TAX EXEMPTION PRIVILEGE GRANTED TO THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM ACT OF 1997, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27(C) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337”

By Representative Fuentesbela
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1590, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TO LEGITIMATE DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF FARMERS AND FISHERFOLKS ATTENDING STATE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fuentesbela
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1591, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING BEIGE OR SIMILAR HUE AS THE UNIFORM PAINT COLOR ON ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1592, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THAT PENSION FUNDS OF SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM AND THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE SERVICE SYSTEM ARE SUBJECT OF A CULTURE OF TRANSPARENCY AND INTERNAL SYSTEM OF DISCLOSURE IN ALL ITS BUSINESS OR CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1593, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY TO SHIFT CONTAINER TRAFFIC TO BATANGAS AND SUBIC PORTS THEREBY PUTTING A CAP ON THE VOLUME OF CONTAINERS AT THE MANILA PORT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1594, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE TO EVERY FILIPINO CITIZEN WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD AND ABOVE FUNDED FROM EARNINGS OF PAGCOR AND PCSO”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1595, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FREE PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1596, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING COST OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE PER INMATE FROM P50.00 TO P100.00 A DAY AS WELL AS STRENGTHENING TIE UP BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY AND CONCERNED LGU FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECONDARY JAILS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1597, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE TO RENEW OR REPLACE LICENSE PLATES OF MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION ONLY AFTER EVERY TWELVE (12) YEARS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1598, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE’S ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE TO ACCESS GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND FOR THE SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR THE USE OF THESE FUNDS”

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1599, entitled:

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

By Representative Baguilat

TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 1600, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MAPPIT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIANGAN, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO”

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1601, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE LEVEL OF NET TAXABLE INCOME AND NOMINAL TAX RATES FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTING THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX, AMENDING SECTION 24(A)(2) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1602, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO TO COMMEMORATE THE ‘PHILIPPINE NATIONAL VICTORY AND LIBERATION DAY’”

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1603, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE EIGHTEENTH OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF IFUGAO TO COMMEMORATE THE ‘IFUGAO FOUNDATION DAY’”

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1604, entitled:

“AN ACT ADJUSTING THE LEVEL OF NET TAXABLE INCOME AND NOMINAL TAX RATES FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTING THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX, AMENDING SECTION 24 (A) (2) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

KNOWN AS THE 'JUVENILE JUSTICE
AND WELFARE ACT OF 2006', AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Cagas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1605, entitled:

"AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE PRE-HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE PROFESSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1610, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE TIBOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (FIRST AND SECOND YEAR LEVELS) IN BARANGAY TIBOLO, MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, DAVAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cagas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1606, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE SACUB NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HAGONoy, DAVAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cagas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1611, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE MAGSAYSAY – HAGONoy – MATANAO PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Cagas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1607, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING THE POSSESSION OF SINGLE AMMUNITION FROM THE COVERAGE OF UNLAWFUL ACQUISITION OR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10591, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'COMPREHENSIVE FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION REGULATION ACT' "

By Representative Cagas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1612, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN, FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE
ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1608, entitled:

"AN ACT LOWERING THE COMPULSORY RETIREMENT AGE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) FROM SIXTY-FIVE TO FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OLD, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997' "

By Representative Cagas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1613, 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' "

House Bill No. 1609, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9344, OTHERWISE

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1614, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE IN THE
CURRICULA OF ELEMENTARY AND
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL A SUBJECT
ON ROAD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC
EDUCATION”

By Representative Cagas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1615, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING INDUSTRY
CLUSTER-BASED PROGRAMS AND
PROJECTS THROUGH INTER-LOCAL
COOPERATION AND PEOPLE’S
PARTICIPATION”

By Representatives Salon and Lee
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE’S
PARTICIPATION

House Bill No. 1616, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SYSTEM LOSS
CHARGE COMPONENT IN THE SALE
OF ELECTRICITY BY DISTRIBUTION
COMPANIES AND ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES FROM THE COVERAGE
OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 109(1)
OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 9337 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10378,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 1617, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING CERTAIN RIGHTS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
THEREOF IN IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE 1998 U.N. DECLARATION ON THE
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANS
OF SOCIETY TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT
UNIVERSALLY-RECOGNIZED HUMAN
RIGHTS OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
UN DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
DEFENDERS”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 1618, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AS CLOSED TO
MINING APPLICATIONS THOSE AREAS
DECLARED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNITS AS NOMINATING ZONES, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7942 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1619, entitled:

“AN ACT SETTING THE STARTING MONTHLY
SALARY OF NURSES TO TWENTY-
FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P25,000)
AND PROVIDING FOR BENEFITS FOR
NURSES”

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

House Bill No. 1620, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY
TANODS, MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG
TAGAPAMAYAPA, BARANGAY HEALTH
WORKERS AND BARANGAY DAY CARE
WORKERS, A LUMP SUM RETIREMENT
PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE (1) YEAR
HONORARIUM, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE OF 1991’ ”

By Representative Alvarez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1621, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)
DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE CITY OF
SIPALAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS
OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Alvarez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1622, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PRACTICE
OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING IN THE

PHILIPPINES AND INSTITUTING FOR THE PURPOSE HIGHER STANDARDS OF REGULATION IN THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING PRACTITIONERS”

By Representative De Vera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

THEREBY MOBILIZING COGNIZANT GOVERNMENT UNITS TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT SUCH BAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIGHER PENALTIES/FINES IMPOSED FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1623, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT THEREBY IMPOSING CRIMINAL PENALTIES AGAINST VIOLATIONS OF THE 1978 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1627, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 THEREBY INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS BY ANOTHER TWO YEARS THEREBY MAKING FIVE (5) YEARS THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1624, entitled:

“AN ACT DIRECTING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A STUDENT’S GRIEVANCE ACT MECHANISM TO CUSHION OFF ARBITRARY/ADVERSE DISCIPLINARY CASES AFFECTING GRADUATING STUDENTS IN PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1628, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE POSTPONEMENT AND RESETTING OF THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1625, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE AGGRESSIVE REGULATORY POWERS AGAINST TRADERS, DEALERS, OR BUSINESSES INVOLVED IN FAKE FOOD PRODUCTS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO FAKE RICE, FAKE NOODLES, AND THE LIKE AND IMPOSING HIGHER FINES AND HEAVIER PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1629, entitled:

“AN ACT LEGALIZING CHURCH ANNULMENT OR DISSOLUTION OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1630, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTEEN, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1626, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING MANUFACTURE AND/OR SALE IN STORES OF UNSAFE FIRECRACKERS/PYROTECHNICS

House Bill No. 1631, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE INCOME REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CREATION OF A MUNICIPALITY, THE DECLARATION OF HIGHLY URBANIZED STATUS IN THE

CASE OF COMPONENT CITIES AND THE CREATION OF A PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 442(a), 452(a) AND 461(a) AND (c) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' ”

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

House Bill No. 1632, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PROVINCES A SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED BY COMPONENT CITIES, AMENDING SECTION 271 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991' ”

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

House Bill No. 1633, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SPEEDY AND EFFECTIVE PERPETUATION OF THE TESTIMONY OF A VITAL WITNESS IN THE PROSECUTION FOR A CRIMINAL OFFENSE SO AS TO PREVENT ITS SUBSEQUENT RECANTATION OR SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION”

By Representative Garcia (G.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1634, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PACKAGING, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISEMENT OF HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (G.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1635, entitled:

“AN ACT DESIGNATING SECURITY GUARDS OF DULY ACCREDITED AGENCIES AS AGENTS OF PERSONS IN AUTHORITY WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, AMENDING ARTICLE 152 OF ACT NO. 3815 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE REVISED PENAL CODE' ”

By Representative Garcia (G.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1636, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 24 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7916, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE ACT OF 1995”

By Representative Garcia (G.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1637, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 6 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF TOLEDO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN CELEBRATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY”

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

House Bill No. 1638, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MALE CITIZENS OR SUBJECTS OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY DESIRING TO MARRY A FILIPINA THEREBY AMENDING ARTICLE 21 OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

House Bill No. 1639, entitled:

“AN ACT EMPOWERING PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADMINISTER LAND RECLAMATION IN THEIR AREA OF JURISDICTION, MAXIMIZE THEIR UTILIZATION AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT CONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC INTEREST AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Garcia (G.)
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

House Bill No. 1640, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL (PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DON BOSCO EXTENSION) IN BARANGAY DON BOSCO, CITY OF PARAÑAQUE FROM THE PARAÑAQUE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DON BOSCO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

ADEQUATE FOOD AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1641, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOCATING A PORTION OF
EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOL AND
TOBACCO FOR THE MAINTENANCE
AND OPERATION OF STATE-RUN DRUG
REHABILITATION CENTERS, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
10351”

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

House Bill No. 1646, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE REGULATION
OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES
IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4226,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE HOSPITAL
LICENSURE ACT AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1642, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AFFORDABLE
DRUG REHABILITATION TREATMENT
FOR THE PHILIPPINE HEALTH
INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC)
BENEFICIARIES, FURTHER AMENDING
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875 AS AMENDED”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 1647, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POWERS
AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MOVIE
AND TELEVISION REVIEW AND
CLASSIFICATION BOARD (MTRCB),
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1986
CREATING THE MTRCB”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1643, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE
ROADS CONNECTING THE MANILA
INTERCHANGE TO THE MARILAO
INTERCHANGE, PARALLEL TO THE
NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1648, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE
PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BY
INSTITUTIONALIZING THE FRAMEWORK
AND PLAN AND ESTABLISHING THE
NATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
AND MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1644, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY
LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED (100)
DAYS FOR FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE
GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND IN THE
PRIVATE SECTOR, AND GRANTING AN
OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL
THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND
GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 1649, entitled:

“AN ACT REFORMING THE NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND
PROVIDING STANDARDS FOR THE
TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF
APPRENTICES, AND REGULATORY
STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1645, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A FRAMEWORK
FOR THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD,
ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE
A COMMISSION ON THE RIGHT TO

House Bill No. 1650, 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. 1651, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF WORKERS IN INFORMAL ECONOMY, INSTITUTIONALIZING MECHANISMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1652, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM TO ENABLE POOR FILIPINO FAMILIES TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE COLLEGE GRADUATE BY INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED STUDENT GRANTS-IN-AID PROGRAM FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION (ESGP-PA) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1653, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1654, 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 Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1655, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1656, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1657, entitled:

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

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1658, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, AMENDING SECTIONS 27 AND 28 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1659, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE BEHNHAM RISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BRDA), DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1660, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR FAMILY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING PAYMENTS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION TUITION AND ALLIED EXPENSES AS WELL AS INTEREST PAYMENTS FOR A

FIRST HOME MORTGAGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 34 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1661, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps) TO REDUCE POVERTY AND PROMOTE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 1662, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROTECT FILIPINO MOTHERS AND CHILDREN FROM MALNUTRITION BY ESTABLISHING A MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE PROGRAM APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1663, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG CAMPAIGN AND RESEARCH PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Angara-Castillo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 1664, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTIONS 32 AND 151 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, TO EXCLUDE FROM GROSS INCOME AND EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF EXCISE TAX THE SALE OF GOLD BY SMALL-SCALE MINERS TO THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7076”

By Representative Cosalan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1665, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REVITALIZE THE MINERAL

RESOURCE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY, REGULATE THE RATIONAL EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, ENSURE THE EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS FOR THE STATE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cosalan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1666, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING URGENT RELATED MEASURES NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE CRISIS IN GREATER MANILA AREA AND OTHER URBAN CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1667, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FREE AND SUITABLE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR DIFFERENTLY-ABLED CHILDREN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1668, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ITS PREMIUMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1669, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING INCENTIVES AND OTHER BENEFITS TO RURAL HEALTH UNIT DOCTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1670, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SUBSIDIES FOR THE LOCAL MUSIC INDUSTRY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1671, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE MANDATORY
RETIREMENT AGE OF GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES, AMENDING FOR THIS
PURPOSE SECTIONS 13 (B) AND 13-A OF
R.A. 8291, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
EXPANDED GOVERNMENT SERVICE
INSURANCE ACT OF 1997”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1672, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL HOSPITAL
FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS
(OFWS) AND THEIR DEPENDENTS,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1673, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 2 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8187, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE ‘PATERNITY LEAVE ACT
OF 1996’ ”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1674, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE RECYCLING
AND THE UTILIZATION OF RECYCLED
MATERIALS BY EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1675, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING BACOR NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL GEORGETOWN ANNEX
TO CITY OF BACOR NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL – GEORGETOWN AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1676, entitled:

“AN ACT TO RATIONALIZE THE
ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT
OF ALL LAWS ON OCCUPATIONAL

SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1677, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ELDERLY
CARE AND NURSING COMPLEX IN
EVERY PROVINCE AND CITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1678, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A ONE HUNDRED-
BED HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY HABAY
2 IN THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE
OF CAVITE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE
BACOR DISTRICT HOSPITAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1679, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGH SCHOOL
IN BARANGAY SALINAS 2, CITY OF
BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE
KNOWN AS CITY OF BACOR NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL – SALINAS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1680, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BACOR
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – VILLA
MARIA ANNEX IN BARANGAY MOLINO
II, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF
CAVITE INTO THE BACOR NATIONAL
SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL – VILLA MARIA
ANNEX SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE
BACOR NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH
SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1681, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTEGRATED
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS
3, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF

CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS CITY OF BACOR INTEGRATED SCHOOL (GREEN VALLEY) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1682, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN PROGRESSIVE 15, BARANGAY MOLINO 2, CITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE KNOWN AS PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1683, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE TAX ON IDLE LANDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTION 236 OF R.A. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1684, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AGRICULTURE EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1685, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DOMESTIC AIRPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE KNOWN AS THE PARTIDO DOMESTIC AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fuentesbella
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1686, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE AND MODERNIZATION OF THE J.R.

BORJA CITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AS AN EXTENSION HOSPITAL OF THE NORTHERN MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER (NMMC) IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1687, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1688, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CITY PUBLIC COLLEGE IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY PUBLIC COLLEGE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 1689, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PHILIPPINE MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY”

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

House Bill No. 1690, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE MANUFACTURE, ASSEMBLY, AND IMPORTATION OF ELECTRIC, HYBRID AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1691, entitled:

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

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 1692, entitled:

“AN ACT IDENTIFYING OTHER PERSONS

CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR ELECTION OFFENSES AND INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ELECTION-RELATED OFFENSES, AMENDING SECTIONS 263 AND 264 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881, AS AMENDED OR THE 'OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES', AND SECTION 46 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8189 OR 'THE VOTER'S REGISTRATION ACT OF 1996' "

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1693, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE NURSING LAW TOWARDS A QUALITY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9173, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'PHILIPPINE NURSING ACT OF 2002' "

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1694, entitled:

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

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 1695, entitled:

"AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1696, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 1697, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE COMMISSION

ON IMMIGRATION, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, EXPANDING, RATIONALIZING AND FURTHER PROFESSIONALIZING ITS ORGANIZATION, UPGRADING THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1698, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

House Bill No. 1699, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Nograles (K.) and Nograles (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1700, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS THE RIGHT TO EQUAL PROTECTION ON MONEY CLAIMS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FIFTH PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10022"

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 1701, entitled:

"AN ACT STANDARDIZING THE BASE PAY, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS OF ALL UNIFORMED LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL RENDERING GOVERNMENT SERVICE"

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1702, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REWARDS

PROGRAM FOR INFORMATION ON POLITICAL KILLINGS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1703, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REWARDS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING TERRORISM PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1704, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ARTICLES OF MILITARY JUSTICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES REPEALING FOR THAT PURPOSE COMMONWEALTH ACT NUMBERED FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ARTICLES OF WAR, AS AMENDED, OTHER SPECIAL LAWS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1705, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAX ALL ALLOWANCES AND BENEFITS GRANTED TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 1706, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING RATES OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) WHILE ON OVERSEAS DUTY WITH A PHILIPPINE EXPEDITIONARY OR PEACEKEEPING CONTINGENT PURSUANT TO A PHILIPPINE COOPERATIVE COMMITMENT TO A UNITED NATIONS SANCTION OR POLICY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1707, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN ADVANCED

STUDIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1708, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN ZAMBOANGA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1709, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE (1) SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) CENTER FOR EACH SCHOOL DIVISION AND AT LEAST THREE (3) SPED CENTERS IN BIG SCHOOL DIVISIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (CSN), PROVIDING GUIDELINES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1710, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE EDUCATION TRUST FUND FOR CHILDREN OF GSIS AND SSS MEMBERS”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1711, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, THE REGISTRATION OF FILIPINO CITIZENS UNDER SUCH SYSTEM, THE ISSUANCE OF FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romualdo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1712, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN EXPENSES OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7166, ENTITLED, ‘AN

ACT PROVIDING FOR SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS AND FOR ELECTORAL REFORMS, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES' ”

By Representative Oaminal
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1713, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION, SALE, DISTRIBUTION, USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF HYBRID AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES BY GRANTING TAX EXEMPTIONS AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1714, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY IMPOSED AGAINST POLLUTERS OF NAVIGABLE WATERS BY AMENDING SECTION 7 OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 979”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1715, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC FOOD SECURITY RICE RESERVE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY

House Bill No. 1716, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MAGNA CARTA FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WORKERS”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1717, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AGRICULTURE EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES BY ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1718, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY GENERATION AND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1719, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE MICRO-CREDIT FINANCING, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3844, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE CODE OF AGRARIAN REFORM IN THE PHILIPPINES,’ APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 1720, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY, STABILIZE PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, RATIONALIZING AND RESTRUCTURING FOR THE PURPOSE, ALL EXISTING GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, MARKETING AND OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1721, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE VISION AND POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTOR, CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DEFINING ITS MANDATE, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1722, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A LOCAL HOUSING BOARD IN ALL CITIES AND FIRST TO THIRD CLASS MUNICIPALITIES, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1723, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO BUYERS OF REAL ESTATE ON INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS BY REQUIRING SUBDIVISION OR REAL ESTATE OWNERS TO HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL TITLE ON EVERY LOT AVAILABLE FIRST BEFORE OFFERING THE SAME FOR SALE, PROHIBITING ANY MORTGAGE, LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE ON THE SAME, MAKING THE ANNOTATION ON THE TITLE OF THE CONTRACT TO SELL OR SALE MANDATORY, MAKING IT COMPULSORY FOR THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE AND THE DELIVERY OF THE TITLE TO THE BUYER UPON COMPLETION OF INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS, AND PROVIDING OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1724, entitled:

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

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1725, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1726, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A MARITIME COURT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJUDICATION OF ADMIRALTY DISPUTES OCCURRING WITHIN PHILIPPINE WATERS”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1727, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHTY-FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-TWO, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM ACT”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1728, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING FRANKING PRIVILEGES TO SANGGUNIANG BARANGAYS”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1729, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING ITAAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – NBP ANNEX IN BARANGAY POBLACION, CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA, FROM ITAAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS POBLACION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1730, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TUNASAN, CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA, TO BE KNOWN AS TUNASAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1731, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ALABANG, CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA, TO BE KNOWN AS FILINVEST ALABANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1732, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING MUNTINLUPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NBP ANNEX IN BARANGAY POBLACION, CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA, FROM MUNTINLUPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS POBLACION NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1733, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING MUNTINLUPA BUSINESS HIGH SCHOOL – ANNEX IN BARANGAY SUCAT, CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA, FROM MUNTINLUPA BUSINESS HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SUCAT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1734, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1735, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1736, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1737, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1738, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ATIMONAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE
AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1739, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL HOSPITALS, CLINICS, HEALTH CENTERS AND OTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS RENDERING MATERNITY SERVICES TO ESTABLISH LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR ALL EXPECTANT PARENTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 1740, entitled:

“AN ACT ACCREDITING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AS THE INTEGRATED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 1741, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING TAX CREDIT TO PHYSICIANS RENDERING PRO BONO SERVICES TO INDIGENT PATIENTS”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1742, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PROVISIONAL RELIEF TO CERTAIN VICTIMS OF TYPHOONS, EARTHQUAKES, VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS OR OTHER SIMILAR DISASTERS BY GRANTING SPECIAL DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES IN THEIR FAVOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 1747, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1743, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CANCER PATIENTS AND ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE A CANCER ASSISTANCE FUND”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1748, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1744, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF A NUTRITION OFFICER IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES OF THE COUNTRY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE XXI, SECTION 491 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1749, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1745, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PROVINCES AND CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO ACQUIRE PORTABLE WATER FILTERS TO ENSURE POTABLE WATER SUPPLY DURING DISASTERS”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1750, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY FOR THE PRODUCTION AND MULTIPLICATION OF CRABS AND SHRIMPS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1746, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING

House Bill No. 1751, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1752, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1753, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1754, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ATIMONAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1755, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1756, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEREZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1757, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1758, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1759, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COCO COIR TUFTING PLANT FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1760, entitled:

“AN ACT RENATIONALIZING PETRON CORPORATION”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 1761, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, PROHIBITING THE FILING THEREOF, PROVIDING MEASURES FOR ITS DISMISSAL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1762, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION,

SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1763, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN EVERY TWO TO THREE CONTIGUOUS BARANGAYS A PERMANENT EVACUATION CENTER (PEC) THAT IS BIG ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THE TARGET POPULATION, STRONG ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND NATURAL CALAMITIES AND SITUATED AWAY FROM WATERS AND LANDSLIDE-PRONE AREAS, WHICH SHALL LIKEWISE SERVE AS THE CENTRAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT INSTITUTION PER RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1764, entitled:

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

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1765, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1766, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING PERSONAL TRAINING AND GROUP FITNESS INSTRUCTION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1767, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO POST TRANSACTION FEES FOR EACH AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE TRANSACTION AND RESTRICTING TRANSACTION FEES FOR AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 1768, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS OF THEIR STUDENTS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1769, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE ANTIPAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – MALIRE ANNEX IN BARANGAY MALIRE, MUNICIPALITY OF ANTIPAS, PROVINCE OF COTABATO FROM THE ANTIPAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MALIRE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1770, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MAGPET NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – LEONARDO ROMERO SR. ANNEX IN BARANGAY BINAY, MUNICIPALITY OF MAGPET, PROVINCE OF COTABATO FROM THE MAGPET NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS LEONARDO ROMERO SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1771, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE KISANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – BATASAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY BATASAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MAKILALA, PROVINCE OF COTABATO FROM THE KISANTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BATASAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1772, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MALIBATUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – GANATAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY GANATAN, MUNICIPALITY OF ARAKAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO FROM THE MALIBATUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS GANATAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1773, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PRESIDENT ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – DATU INDA ANNEX IN BARANGAY DATU INDANG, MUNICIPALITY OF PRESIDENT ROXAS, PROVINCE OF COTABATO FROM THE PRESIDENT ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS DATU INDA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1774, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE PRESIDENT ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – IDAOMAN ANNEX IN BARANGAY IDAOMAN, MUNICIPALITY OF PRESIDENT ROXAS, PROVINCE OF COTABATO FROM THE PRESIDENT ROXAS NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS IDAOMAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1775, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VEGETABLE GARDEN IN EVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY ALLOCATING FUNDS

THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1776, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY SHARING AMONG PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO ATTAIN THEIR FULLEST DEVELOPMENT AS SELF-RELIANT COMMUNITIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 1777, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIGENOUS TRAINING CENTER IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, NORTH COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1778, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE UNIT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 35 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6975, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1990, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1779, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, NORTH COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 1780, entitled:

“AN ACT LOWERING THE RETIREMENT

AGE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 8291 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM ACT OF 1997' AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1781, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 1782, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER IN EVERY REGION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 1783, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE COTABATO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN KIDAPAWAN CITY, NORTH COTABATO INTO THE NORTH COTABATO REGIONAL HOSPITAL UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Catamco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1784, entitled:

"AN ACT REQUIRING MANDATORY SECURITY INSPECTION AND USE OF OTHER SAFETY MEASURES IN SHOPPING MALLS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY"

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1785, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROADS FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TO BARANGAY POBLACION, NAMELY LAPU-LAPU, OSMEÑA, MALVAR, ESTRELLA, MAGSAYSAY, QUIRINO, MANGA, DALANDAN AND G.P. CRUZ STREETS, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO NATIONAL ROADS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1786, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE TWO-KILOMETER (2-KM.) PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM SITIO TAPSAN TO SITIO ROLLING OF BARANGAY PANITIAN, MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1787, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TO BARANGAY BAGONG SIKAT CENTER, MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1788, entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY ESTRELLA VILLAGE PUBLIC MARKET TO ESTRELLA VILLAGE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, MUNICIPALITY OF NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1789, entitled:

"AN ACT MAKING THE BARANGAY SECRETARY AND THE BARANGAY TREASURER REGULAR PLANTILLA POSITIONS AND ENTITLING THEM TO

SECURITY OF TENURE AND OTHER
BENEFITS”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1790, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A FULL CONSULAR OFFICE
IN ALBERTA, CANADA AND PROVIDING
FOR THE FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 1791, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRESSED OVERSEAS
FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs)”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 1792, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SUPREME
COURT TO DESIGNATE SPECIAL COURTS
FROM AMONG EXISTING REGIONAL
TRIAL COURTS IN EACH JUDICIAL
REGION TO EXCLUSIVELY TRY AND
HEAR CASES INVOLVING ILLEGAL
RECRUITMENT, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8042,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MIGRANT
WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS
ACT OF 1995’, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives De Jesus and Brosas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 1793, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES”

By Representative Tambunting
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND
ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 1794, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK
FOR FILM AND TELEVISION TOURISM
IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING
TAX INCENTIVES, MARKETING THE
INDUSTRY GLOBALLY AND PROVIDING
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SECTOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1795, entitled:

“AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION,
CONSERVATION AND REHABILITATION
OF WATERSHEDS SUPPORTING THE
NATIONAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM (NIS)
TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS SUPPLY
OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY
IN FOOD AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR
THE PURPOSE”

By Representative Villafuerte
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 1796, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING HOLY SPIRIT DRIVE
(FORMERLY INTER-NEIGHBORHOOD
STREET) IN QUEZON CITY INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1797, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING REDUCED RATES
OF INTERCONNECTION CHARGES FOR
VOICE CALLS AND FOR TEXT MESSAGES
AMONG TELECOMMUNICATION
OPERATORS/NETWORKS/ CARRIERS
WITHIN THE NEXT THREE (3) YEARS IN
ORDER TO BENEFIT OVER EIGHTY-FIVE
MILLION MOBILE PHONE SUBSCRIBERS
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 1798, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING REGULAR
REGULATORY AUDIT OF MERALCO
BY THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT AS
PRINCIPAL BASIS FOR VALIDATION OF
RATES AS MAY BE GRANTED BY THE
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
ON SUCH POWER UTILITIES AND
DISTRIBUTORS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 1799, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING GRAND MALLS
IN THE METROPOLIS TO PROVIDE
‘FREE INTERNET ACCESS OR SERVICE’
TO SHOPPERS AND CUSTOMERS
THROUGHOUT THE TIME OF THEIR

BUSINESS HOURS AND PROVIDING
GUIDELINES THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND
INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1800, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING A LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNIT TO CREATE
A CORPORATE ENTITY AND/OR
AUTHORITY TO ATTRACT DOMESTIC AND
FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO GENERATE
ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF REVENUE
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 1801, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THIRTY PERCENT
(30%) INCREASE IN BASIC SALARIES
OF EVERY OFFICER-PILOT OF THE
PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE FOLLOWING A
CONTRACT OF SERVICE ADJUSTED TO
A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) YEARS AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1802, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE TO ADOPT
A STRATEGIC POLICY AGAINST
CRIMINALS RIDING IN TANDEM
ON MOTORCYCLES THEREBY
RATIONALIZING MORE AGGRESSIVE
INTERDICTION OPERATIONS AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1803, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 35,
PARAGRAPH B (4) OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 8424, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE OF 1997”

By Representative Gasataya
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS

House Bill No. 1804, 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 Eriguel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1805, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL
AND LOCAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION
PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT AND
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House Bill No. 1808, entitled:

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By Representative Vargas
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House Bill No. 1809, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, ALSO KNOWN AS ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF 1998, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANIMALS FOR MARKETING MEDICAL DEVICES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1810, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDIES IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND NUCLEAR ENGINEERING”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1811, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CIGARETTE SMOKE EXPOSURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2911, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003, SECTIONS 6 AND 29”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 1812, entitled:

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

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1813, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE ADMISSION TO ALL PUBLIC MUSEUMS AND NATIONAL HISTORICAL SHRINES AND LANDMARKS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1814, entitled:

“AN ACT ASSIGNING ONE REGISTERED NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1815, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KALIGAYAHAN, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS ALFREDO D. VARGAS SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1816, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING THE PRIVILEGES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1817, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL JUNIOR POLICE IN EVERY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1818, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, ARTICLE 1032, ON UNWORTHINESS TO SUCCEED”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1819, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1820, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING RECIPROCITY AS A REQUIREMENT BEFORE ALLOWING FOREIGN NATIONALS TO PRACTICE THEIR PROFESSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN PREPARATION FOR THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY INTEGRATION”

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

House Bill No. 1821, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NURSING HOME FOR ABUSED, ABANDONED, AND HOMELESS SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1822, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES FOR THE STEALING OR VANDALIZING OF GOVERNMENT ROAD SIGNS AND OTHER RISK REDUCTION DEVICES, ACCESSORIES AND OTHER FACILITIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 1823, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TIRES AGED OVER SIX YEARS AND REQUIRING THE STATING OF MANUFACTURE DATE, AND THE MANDATORY POSTING OF THE DANGERS OF AGED TIRES AT THE POINT OF SALE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 1824, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY PERMITTING A MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY HIM TO BE DRIVEN BY A PERSON WHO IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DRIVE UNDER THE LAW”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1825, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPENING

OF NIGHT CLASSES USING EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FACILITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1826, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM MONTHLY NET TAKE-HOME PAY FOR ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AFTER AUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1827, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 46 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8749 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999’ TO SHIFT LIABILITY FOR SMOKE BELCHING FROM THE DRIVER TO THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1828, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PREVENT THE HARASSMENT OF TOURISTS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 1829, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CRIME DATABASE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1830, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 1831, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE TO ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA

CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY',
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL
SERVICES

House Bill No. 1832, entitled:

"AN ACT EXPANDING THE BENEFITS
AND PRIVILEGES OF BALIKBAYANS,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6768, AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9174, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS
WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 1833, entitled:

"AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.
8439, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT
PROVIDING A MAGNA CARTA FOR
SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, RESEARCHERS
AND OTHER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PERSONNEL IN GOVERNMENT"

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 1834, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING
CRIMINAL NEGLECT OF A VULNERABLE
ELDERLY PERSON OR A PERSON WITH
DISABILITY"

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1835, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS HIGH
SCHOOL IN BARANGAY HULONG-DUHAT,
CITY OF MALABON, METRO MANILA
TO BE KNOWN AS MALABON CITY
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Sandoval
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1836, 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 Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1837, entitled:

"AN ACT DEFINING AND CLASSIFYING
EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE ARTICLES
279, 280 AND 281 OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 442, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
AS AMENDED"

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1838, entitled:

"AN ACT TO CALL FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION TO BE COMPOSED OF
ELECTED DELEGATES FROM EACH
PROVINCE AND HIGHLY URBANIZED
CITIES, AND OF APPOINTED DELEGATES
TO BE CHOSEN BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF
AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO PROPOSE
AMENDMENTS AND/OR REVISION
OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Leachon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1839, entitled:

"AN ACT ORDAINING THE PROMOTION
AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL
ENTERPRISES IN ORDER TO ENSURE
POVERTY REDUCTION, PROVIDING THE
MECHANISMS THEREFOR, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY
ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 1840, entitled:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEVELOPMENT,
PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND
USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS,
PROVIDING FOR THEIR DESTRUCTION,
IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS
THEREOF"

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1841, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE DAY OF
VALOR FROM APRIL 9 TO SEPTEMBER 3
OF EVERY YEAR AND DECLARING IT AS
A LEGAL HOLIDAY”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 1842, entitled:

“AN ACT EXPANDING AND STRENGTHENING
THE MILITARY SHRINES SERVICE AND
RENAMING IT TO MILITARY HISTORY
AND SHRINES BOARD”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 1843, entitled:

“AN ACT PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING
POLLUTION FROM SHIPS AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Alejano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 1844, entitled:

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

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1845, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF
ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION IN THE
FORM OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCES BY
MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL
COMMISSIONS AND THE OMBUDSMAN,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 1846, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE NARRA MUNICIPAL
HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
NARRA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN,
INTO ONE HUNDRED-BED CAPACITY
TO BE KNOWN AS THE GOVERNOR

ALFREDO M. ABUEG, SR. MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1847, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE FIVE-
KILOMETER (5 KM.) PROVINCIAL ROAD
FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY, KNOWN
AS CONTRERAS STREET, PASSING
THROUGH SITIO RACUB LEADING TO
SITIO BUKID-BUKID IN BARANGAY RIO
TUBA, MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA,
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1848, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF
THE WELFAREVILLE PROPERTY LOCATED
IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG
OPEN FOR DISPOSITION TO BONA FIDE
RESIDENTS WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Gonzales (A.P.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 1849, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY
COMMUNITY PEACE AND ORDER
COUNCIL FOR THE UTILIZATION
OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND ITS
CONSTITUENTS FOR CRIME PREVENTION
AND OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER
AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 1850, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING STIFFER PENALTIES
FOR FALSIFICATION OF CERTIFICATES
OF LAND TITLE OR ANY APPLICATION,
DEED, INSTRUMENT OR SUPPORTING
DOCUMENT, REASONABLY CONNECTED
WITH AND CALCULATED TO CAUSE THE
ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF LAND
TITLE, CLASSIFYING THE SAME AS A
HEINOUS OFFENSE INVOLVING ECONOMIC
SABOTAGE IF THE VALUE OR AGGREGATE
VALUE OF THE LAND IS AT LEAST
TEN MILLION PESOS (P 10,000,000.00),

AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 171 AND 172 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 1851, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE COVERAGE IN THEIR MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR A MINIMUM HOSPITAL STAY FOR MASTECTOMIES, LUMPECTOMIES, AND LYMPH NODE DISSECTION FOR THE TREATMENT OF BREAST CANCER AND COVERAGE FOR SECONDARY CONSULTATIONS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 1852, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CIGARETTE SMOKE EXPOSURE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 2911, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003, SECTIONS 6 AND 29”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 1853, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING 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 SYSTEM ACT OF 1997’ ”

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

House Bill No. 1854, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 1855, entitled:

“FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 1856, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A TWO THOUSAND (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. 1611, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 1857, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REINFORCE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST LABOR-ONLY CONTRACTING, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 442, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 1858, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1859, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL SENIOR VISION SERVICES PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY PERSONS WITH FUNCTIONAL VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 1860, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING MOBILE SERVICES PROVIDERS AND MOBILE DEVICE MANUFACTURERS TO PROVIDE THEIR CONSUMERS THE CAPABILITY TO REMOTELY DELETE DATA FROM THEIR MOBILE DEVICES AND RENDER SUCH DEVICES INOPERABLE”

By Representative Aragoes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

PAGBILAO GRANDE ISLAND, QUEZON
PROVINCE”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 1861, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL
COURTS OF LABOR RELATIONS
(RCLR) UNDER THE SUPERVISION
OF THE SUPREME COURT, THEREBY
ABOLISHING THE NATIONAL LABOR
RELATIONS COMMISSION (NLRC)”

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

House Resolution No. 86, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE AND THE
INSURANCE COMMISSION TO EXPEDITE
THE INSTITUTION OF REFORMS IN THE
COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY LIABILITY
INSURANCE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES
BY ADOPTING AS A MODEL THE ‘TWO
MANAGEMENT GROUP SYSTEM’ OF
THE PASSENGER PERSONAL ACCIDENT
INSURANCE PROGRAM OF THE LAND
TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND
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House Resolution No. 83, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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DUTERTE TO IMMEDIATELY ELEVATE
THE PHILIPPINES’ CLAIM ON THE ISLAND
OF SABAH TO THE INTERNATIONAL
COURT OF JUSTICE”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

By Representative Castelo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 84, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES HONORING AND
COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE LEGAL
CONTINGENT FOR ITS HAGUE VICTORY,
PARTICULARLY FORMER SOLICITOR
GENERAL FLORIN HILBAY, FORMER
DFA SECRETARY ALBERT DEL ROSARIO,
FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL AND
NOW SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE
JUSTICE FRANCIS JARDELEZA, AND
SUPREME COURT SENIOR ASSOCIATE
JUSTICE ANTONIO CARPIO”

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 87, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND
CONGRATULATING THE PHILIPPINE
DELEGATION TO THE PERMANENT
COURT OF ARBITRATION (PCA) AT THE
HAGUE FOR OFFERING AN AIRTIGHT
MARITIME CASE TO DEFEND THE
PHILIPPINE’S EXCLUSIVE SOVEREIGN
RIGHTS OVER THE WEST PHILIPPINE
SEA AND FINALLY CLINCHING FOR THE
NATION THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL’S
DECISION IN ITS FAVOR”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 88, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT
TERROR ATTACK IN NICE, FRANCE
WHICH KILLED EIGHTY-FOUR PEOPLE
AND INJURING HUNDREDS, AND
CONDOLING WITH THE FAMILIES OF
THE VICTIMS”

By Representative Batocabe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 85, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN
INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION
BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE 650
MW NATURAL GAS-FIRED POWER
PLANT AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL
GAS (LNG) HUB TERMINAL PROJECT
BEING CONSTRUCTED BY ENERGY
WORLD CORPORATION (EWC) IN

House Resolution No. 89, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND
CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEMISE
OF THE 84 VICTIMS OF A RECENT
TERRORIST ATTACK BY THE ISLAMIC
STATE IN NICE, FRANCE”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 90, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ELYSHA DINN RASAY FOR WINNING THE PRINCESS OF THE WORLD PAGEANT 2016 HELD IN BULGARIA”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 93, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REVIEW CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE PHILIPPINE COMPETITION COMMISSION ON THE ACQUISITION OF VEGA TELECOM INC., BOW ARKEN HOLDING COMPANY AND BRIGHTSHARE HOLDINGS CORPORATION BY THE PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND GLOBE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 94, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 22 (C) AND 37 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9710, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN’”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 95, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE BASIS OF MERALCO IN INCORPORATING IN THE CONSUMERS’ MONTHLY ELECTRIC BILLS, ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, SYSTEM LOSS AND OTHER CHARGES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROVIDING THE PUBLIC A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHARGES AND TO PROVIDE CONGRESS AN INSIGHT TO GUIDE IT IN CRAFTING RESPONSIVE LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM OF HIGH ENERGY COST”

By Representative Barbers
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 96, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN TO LOOK INTO THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF CHARACTER-BASED VIDEO GAMES ON CHILDREN AND PRESCRIBE COUNTER MEASURES TO CURB, IF NOT DISCOURAGE YOUNGSTERS FROM ENGAGING IN SUCH CHARACTER-BASED VIDEO GAMES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 97, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING YOUNG FILIPINO INVENTORS TO CONTINUE BRINGING INTO BEING INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS AND IDEAS IN ORDER TO HELP BOOST THE NATIONAL ECONOMY BY PROVIDING THEM WITH MEANINGFUL AND REWARDING INCENTIVES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACADEMIC CITATIONS, FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GUARANTEED GOVERNMENT POSTS”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Resolution No. 98, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON BASIC EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO LOOK INTO THE DEMAND OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR A WAGE HIKE AND RECOMMEND THE SAME AS SOON AS RATIONALIZATION FOR IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 99, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO CONTAIN AND/OR COMBAT THE ISSUE ON THE LIST OF ‘25 CITIES WITH EXTREMELY HIGH HOMELESS POPULATIONS’ POSTED BY LIST25.COM ON ITS WEBSITE ON APRIL 29 SHOWING THE 22.8 MILLION PEOPLE, INCLUDING 1.2 MILLION CHILDREN, ARE RESIDING IN SLUMS IN METRO MANILA”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 100, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ALL PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES ON THE NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF MANY SUBSCRIBERS ON MASSIVE LOSS OF PRE-PAID LOADS EVEN BEFORE THEY COULD CONSUME THEM”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 101, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL (HUDCC) AND THE HOME GUARANTY CORPORATION (HGC) TO REVIEW THE FRAMEWORK PLAN OF THE COMMONWEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONE AT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CENTER WEST IN QUEZON CITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ORGANIZED PEOPLE’S ORGANIZATIONS THEREAT WHOSE MEMBERS ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Resolution No. 102, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO EXPLORE THE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE AS ALTERNATIVE ACADEMIC AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 103, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO R. DUTERTE REJECTING THE PARIS CLIMATE CHANGE ACCORD AND CALLING FOR ITS NON-RATIFICATION”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

House Resolution No. 104, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE REVENUES BEING COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) FROM ENERGY RESOURCE AND GENERATING FACILITIES AND COMPANIES AND BEING SET ASIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BARANGAY, MUNICIPALITY OR CITY, PROVINCE AND REGION HOSTING SAID ENERGY RESOURCE AND GENERATING FACILITIES AND COMPANIES AS MANDATED BY ENERGY REGULATION (ER) NO. 1-94 AS AMENDED”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 105, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF DRUG SYNDICATES AT THE NATIONAL BILIBID PRISON”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Abu, Duavit, Acop, Nograles (K.), Suarez, Treñas, Tolentino, Leachon and Martinez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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ROLL CALL

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

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). 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. 5, dated August 2, 2016.**

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 273 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). With 273 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR *Continuation*

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we resume the Privilege Hour.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) There being no objection, the Chair declares the resumption of the Privilege Hour.

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker.

I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session for a few minutes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is suspended.

It was 5:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:05 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The session is resumed.

The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary status is that we have declared a Privilege Hour. The Hon. Tomasito S. Villarín of the Party-List AKBAYAN rose to make a manifestation to speak on a matter of personal and collective privilege on matters regarding the party-list system. This Representation prevailed upon him to follow the order of registrants for the Privilege Hour, to give way to our colleagues who have been waiting

for their chance to speak, and he so graciously agreed. So we would like to thank the Honorable Villarín for letting us follow our administrative procedure and we assure him of his chance to speak on a matter very important to him.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The manifestation of our Dep. Majority Leader is noted.

REP. BONDOC. With that Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the Party-List ANAKPAWIS, the Hon. Ariel B. Casilao, to speak during the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The Gentleman from the Party-List ANAKPAWIS is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Dep. Majority Leader, honorable Speaker, fellow lawmakers, good afternoon.

I was supposed to deliver this speech last week, a few days after the SONA of Pres. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, especially when delegates of the Manilakbayan ng Mindanao were present at the plenary. I was not able to do so because of certain circumstances.

This Representation from the ANAKPAWIS Party-List would like to take this opportunity to formally send our greetings to Pres. Rodrigo Roa Duterte who recently delivered his first State of the Nation Address. I would like also to commend the honorable Speaker Pantaleon “Bebot” Alvarez, a fellow Mindanaoan, the House leadership, and the various staff and employees of the House of Representatives for successfully hosting last Monday’s simple, non-lavish but meaningful and even historic State of the Nation Address.

I reserve my highest salute, however, to our countrymen who mobilized across the country for the President’s first SONA, especially the 3,000-strong Lumad, Moro, and farmers contingent from Mindanao who joined the week-long caravan to Manila and participated in the giant mobilization along Batasan Road in support of the progressive policies promised by the new President.

Mr. Speaker, my speech today revolves around the issue of the resumption of the peace talks between the National Democratic Front of the Philippines and the government. We, in Anakpawis, have long been pushing for this, even during the previous administrations, especially as we anticipate in this deliberation of matters pertaining to social economic reforms crucial in solving the root causes of the armed conflict in the country.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, ang armadong pakikibakang isinusulong ng New People's Army ay pangunahing bunsod ng kawalan ng lupa. Ayon sa Communist Party of the Philippines, ito ay isang digmaang magsasaka na nagsusulong ng rebolusyong agraryo, o ang pakikibaka para maipamahagi sa mga magsasaka ang lupang matagal nang monopolisado—monopolisado ng mayayamang asendero o ng mga panginoong may lupa at dayuhang agrikorporasyon.

In relation to this Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, umaasa akong yakap natin ang mga aral ng kasaysayan ng ating bansa, partikular na ito ay kalakhang binubuo ng mga armadong paglaban ng mamamayang Pilipino mula pa noong kolonyalismong Espanyol—Rebolusyong Pilipino na pinangunahan ni Gat Andres Bonifacio noong 1896, Philippine-American War, Resistance Against Japanese Occupation and Fascism, and Huk Rebellion—at mula noong dekada sitenta hanggang sa kasalukuyan, ng New People's Army.

I would like to stress, Mr. Speaker, na sa lahat ng bahagi ng kasaysayang ito, kami ay naniniwalang nakabatay ito sa usapin ng karapatan o sino ang may kontrol sa lupa na magpasahanggang ngayon ay hindi napapasakamay ng mga Pilipinong magsasaka.

With more than four decades of armed conflict between the government and the CPP-NPA-NDF, I seriously hope that it is clear among my fellow lawmakers that the root cause must be seriously addressed. At present, an effective forum is the forthcoming formal peace talks between the NDFP and the government.

As I come from Davao City, Mr. Speaker, I have, many times over, personally witnessed how past administrations violently repressed and violated the rights of the farmers and Lumads who have long been struggling for their rights to their land. I hope that my fellow lawmakers are informed of the Lumad situation in Mindanao, of how the previous administration, the Aquino regime, implemented its counterinsurgency operations that led to massive militarization, extrajudicial killings, evacuation, and other forms of human rights violations.

Since the visit of the Secretary of the DSWD, Judy Taguiwalo, last June 2016, about 700 Lumad evacuees remained in the UCCP Haran Compound in Davao City as they could not return to their communities because of the continuing militarization.

On the last day of the Aquino regime—there were brutal violations reported—there were about 4,000 Lumad evacuees still staying in Tandag City, Surigao City, Surigao del Sur, since the brutal killing of ALCADDEV school leader Emerito Samarca, Lumad leader Dionel Campos, and Juvello Sinzo in September 2015.

Mr. Speaker, mga kasamahan kong Mambabatas,

sana ay maunawaan natin kung bakit sila nag-bakwet. Ito ay dahil tinutulan nila ang mga mining operations, plantations, at iba pang umaagaw sa kanilang lupang ninuno o ancestral lands.

Tens of thousands from different Lumad communities are fighting for their right to ancestral lands and are being violently repressed by State agents in the process. I sincerely hope that we in Congress can join them in calling for the immediate pullout of military units in Lumad areas.

From July 2010 to December 2015, under the Aquino presidency, according to a human rights group, the number of victims of extrajudicial killings have reached 307; enforced disappearances, 30; torture, 215; forced evacuation, more than 105,000; and harassments, nearly 200,000.

Mr. Speaker, fellow lawmakers, all these have been the extremely high cost of President Aquino's counterinsurgency operational plan, Oplan Bayanihan.

Noong January pa lamang po, bago pa ang presidential campaign season, ipinangako na ni Presidente Duterte ang resumption ng peace talks, at noong Mayo inalok niya ng puwesto sa gobyerno ang CPP-NPA-NDF at nangako din siyang palalayain ang mga political prisoners.

Noong Hunyo, tumungo sa Norway ang mga kinatawan ng Pangulo sa preliminary talks kung saan nagsilbing observer ang inyong lingkod para sa government side. However, regarding the President's lifting of his declared ceasefire last Saturday, we intend to remain on the positive outlook of expressing our utmost support of being hopeful of the resumption of the formal peace talks set on August 20 in Oslo, Norway. While we urge the President to fully push with the formal talks, we would like to remind him that the AFP effected no change in carrying out its counterinsurgency operations in the countryside.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapuwa Mambabatas, noon pa lamang Enero ay paulit-ulit nang ipinapahayag ng Presidente ang kanyang intensyon na ituloy ang peace talks. Ang AFP ay nagpapatuloy pa rin sa pang-aabuso sa mga mamamayan katulad ng ginawa nito sa ilalim ng Oplan Bayanihan. Ang ilan dito ay naiulat ng iba't ibang media outlets at mga NGOs:

1. July 8 and 9, aerial bombing in Barangay Pitson, Caraga, Davao Oriental ng 60th IBPA kasama ang paramilitary group na Mandaya Ancestral Defense Unit MANADU;

2. July 15, extrajudicial killing ng isang lider ng mga Lumad at wounding sa isa pa sa Tugbok District, Davao City ng mga hinihinalang miyembro ng paramilitary group na Alamara;

3. July 24, harassment ng mga ahente ng militar sa isang administrator ng isang Lumad school sa kanyang pamilya na pumasyal sa regional hospital ng Tagum City, Davao del Norte;

4. July 26, torture ng sundalo sa isang manggagawang bukid ng abaka sa San Miguel, Catanduanes. Itinali siya, pinagsisipa, itinali sa puno at nilagyan ng plastik ang kanyang ulo;

5. July 29, tinukoy ng 39th IBPA na ang limang barangay sa Kidapawan City ay stronghold umano ng NPA kung kaya't tina-target ito para sa PDOP o Peace and Development Outreach Program; at

6. July 30, bago pa ang lifting ng ceasefire ng Pangulo, pagpatay sa isang buntis at pagsugat sa pito pa na kasama ang limang kabataan sa Barangay Kawayan, San Fernando, Bukidnon ng paramilitary group na New Indigenous People's Army or NIPAR.

Mr. Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, habang abala ang Pangulo at ang kanyang negotiating panel para sa paghahanda ng formal peace talks, ang AFP naman ay tuloy-tuloy lamang sa pag-atake. Kahit noong magdeklara ng ceasefire ang Pangulo, nagpatuloy lamang ang AFP sa mga operasyon nito. Kaya, kung mayroon mang tutol sa kapayapaan sa bansa, lumalabas na ito ay walang iba kung hindi ang AFP dahil patuloy nitong dinadahas ang mamamayang naninindigan para sa kanilang mga karapatan.

Mr. Speaker, while there is already a change in government leaders, how come there is no change in the fascist outlook of the AFP? Militarization and abuses against the people continue. Worse, these paramilitary groups remained to wreak havoc among Lumads and farmer communities. Kaya, in the light of the taking the road to a just and lasting peace, hinihikayat ko ang aking mga kapwa Mambabatas na suportahan ang napagkasunduan ng NDFP at ng gobyerno, tulad ng 1992 The Hague Joint Declaration, ang 1995 Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees, ang 1998 Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, at ang susunod na isasalang sa negosasyon na Socio-Economic Reforms Agenda. Sa agendang ito, mayor na usapin ang agrarian reform, national industrialization, wage, at ang karapatan sa lupang ninuno ng mga IPs at iba pang mga socio-economic rights ng mga mamamayan.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my fellow House Members fully appreciate that this time, the administration can play an active and significant role in the pursuit of peace in our country, or, in the words of the President himself, "peace of the living." It is a paramount challenge thus for the House of Representatives to legislate measures that will lead the nation to the path of peace, even as the various sectors of the people, especially the toiling masses, continue to struggle for a just and lasting peace, peace that is based on social justice.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I call on my fellow House Members to support every effort to release all political prisoners—including the NDFP consultants protected

by JASIG, the elderly, the sickly—as this is a very important factor in fact in building a more favorable condition for the success of the peace negotiation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. Daghang salamat. Maayong hapon kanatong tanan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Casilao to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Gentleman from the Party-List ANAKPAWIS is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our next colleague who wishes to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the Third District of Camarines Sur. I move that we recognize the Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BORDADO

REP. BORDADO. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am a neophyte Representative from the Third District of Camarines Sur, ang pinanggalingan po ng dating Kinatawan at ngayon ay Vice President Leni Gerona-Robredo.

After listening to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's first ever State of the Nation Address during the inaugural session of the Seventeenth Congress last July 25 and the erudite argumentations propounded by some of our brilliant colleagues during the two succeeding sessions, I mustered enough courage to avail myself of this Privilege Hour.

I rejoiced when the President declared his firm resolve to intensify the crusade against the purveyors of illegal drugs and to overhaul the Philippine railway system, among other things. Indeed, the drug menace is systematically destroying the very foundation of our nation. We must, by all means, support the President to nip the menace in the bud. However, Mr. Speaker, the spate of killings in recent days has triggered pained and alarmed reactions from various sectors. In fact, right here in the House, I was riveted to the compelling discourses on the matter last night. There is a need, I believe, Mr. Speaker, to raise the alarm, so to speak. I am, therefore, appealing to our President and to the

outstanding legal minds here in Congress to put in place systems and mechanisms aimed at protecting the innocent and the helpless without necessarily affecting the momentum and the traction of the current all-out war against illegal drugs.

As for the Philippine National Railway system, the President's call for an overhaul is definitely a step in the right direction. For decades, the economic development of my region, Bicol, had been, as pointed out by my kahimanwa, the very intelligent and articulate Rep. Edcel C. Lagman of Albay, dependent, in no small measure, Mr. Speaker, on an efficient and effective railway system. Yet, despite the millions of pesos poured into its rehabilitation, the Philippine National Railways seems to have been trapped in a veritable limbo. That is why in Bicol, some critics say that the PNR stands for "Pirmi Nang Raot" or as roughly translated in English, "in a perpetual state of disrepair."

Meanwhile, I commend President Duterte for "walking the extra mile" as Secretary Dureza puts it. Although, there was a misstep on the part of Dureza as some quarters aver, this must not deter the President from continuing to pursue all avenues and leeway to end, once and for all, what is supposed to be Asia's longest running insurgency problem. Let us all give "peace of the living"—to use the President's own words—a fighting chance.

Mr. Speaker, I belong to the Majority and I wish to reiterate my position of supporting President Duterte's administration in the Herculean task of nation-building through the crafting of legislative measures in conformity with the President's development agenda as spelled out in the SONA. This does not, however, Mr. Speaker, preclude me from voicing out, from time to time, concerns regarding the issues affecting the nation in general and my district in particular.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that under your leadership, under the leadership of Speaker Alvarez, we will continue having an open and healthy exchange of ideas in this House regardless of political affiliations.

To paraphrase the famous remarks of an Asian leader, "Let a thousand flowers bloom; let a hundred schools of thought contend" to promote progress and peace of the living in our beloved nation.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Bordado to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none;

the speech of the Honorable Bordado is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, next to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the Party-List 1-Ang Edukasyon, the Hon. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. I move for the recognition of the Honorable Belaro.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the distinguished Member or the distinguished Belaro is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BELARO

REP. BELARO. Mr. Speaker, my dear colleagues in this august Body, guests in the gallery, particularly those from 1-Ang Edukasyon Party-List, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon.

Last week, I requested that this Representation be allowed to deliver a privilege speech regarding President Rodrigo Duterte's State of the Nation Address in relation to education. However, a disturbing development transpired towards the weekend which made me change the slant of my speech and to morph it into one of personal privilege. That development is the unfortunate comment of the President regarding party-lists, that the party-list system has been, among others, abused and that it has become a mockery of the law.

This was followed, Ladies and Gentlemen, by acerbic bashings of the party-list system on Facebook and the social media, prompting our supporters from different parts of the country to urge us to issue a statement in our defense. After all, it is a basic rule in evidence that whenever there is an opportunity to object and one does not state it, he is forever barred to do so. As an active practicing lawyer for the past 20 years and as a former Dean of a college of law, this Representation feels that he should be one of the very first in this august Body to assert it.

In making this speech, I do not mean to speak for the entire 59 party-list groups in Congress today. This Representation only speaks for our party. Neither do we mean that we are withdrawing our unqualified support for the sweeping reforms being made by the President as we remain ready to complement his reforms with matching legislative action in the field of education.

For the record, Ladies and Gentlemen, our party, 1-Ang Edukasyon, wishes to take exception to the comment of the President and to state that our presence in Congress is not a mockery of the law. We are a first-term, first-try Party-List in the Seventeenth Congress.

While we started applying for accreditation only in 2013, we were only allowed to participate in the party-list elections during the elections of May 9, 2016. We are actually, Ladies and Gentlemen, a group of ragtag educators, mostly college professors, who dream of making a real difference in this country by stepping down from our ivory towers to try our luck in the electoral process, believing that Congress would be a more effective venue to translate our ideas into realistic legislative actions.

We campaigned hard. Despite our meager resources, we crossed the seas, we trekked hills and climbed mountains, literally and figuratively, just to convey our message across to voters that “ang tunay na pag-asa ay nasa edukasyon.” We campaigned to work for the eradication of the education gap, the annual phenomenon of 600,000 graduates of our schools with no jobs or mismatched jobs. We campaigned for the democratization of access to education to extend to the underprivileged and those on the fringes of society. We battled for globalization of our education standards and for the teachers’ and students’ welfare. We all did that with fiery passion and commitment. Whatever we lacked in resources, we made up for it with the zeal and unceasing enthusiasm of our supporters who were armed with nothing but mimeographed flyers containing our mission and vision as well as our intended program of action.

The President’s comment, Ladies and Gentlemen, is highly unfair and does not do justice to the efforts of our supporters who staked blood, sweat and tears just to ensure a representation in this august Body.

It is not just about money, Ladies and Gentlemen. The past elections would show that not only a big war chest can make you win. We campaigned on a shoestring budget, in fact. While the law allows a maximum expense of P10 per voter for the country’s around 50 million voters for national positions like that for party-lists, we only spent a very meager amount. In contrast, we know of other party-list groups whose election expenses reached already P50 million and above but still did not make it. Some of them even had costly television advertisements. We never had any. We were voted by 278,693 of our countrymen. This speech is a tribute to them as they believed that we can do something for them and who reposed trust in the party-list system as an avenue for effecting meaningful changes in our country. We do not wish to frustrate them nor do we want them to be disheartened by the unfortunate remarks of the President.

We are citing this to prove that more than money, platform also counts in the party-list elections. I repeat, Ladies and Gentlemen, platform also counts in the party-list elections. Our victory is an eloquent testimony that at the very least, a portion of our electorate is mature enough to go beyond the usual election rhetoric in determining the best candidates of their choice.

Our victory only affirms the intent of the party-list system to catapult to Congress groups which can in no way win in district elections but which have a substantial national constituency so as to deserve a seat in Congress. That is a very noble intent, Ladies and Gentlemen, as it would pave the way for a new breed of Congressmen who need not spend a lot to secure a seat in Congress. Thus, the party-list system is an equalizing measure, one of the recent praiseworthy legal innovations in recent history that is in sync with the democratization of power and the promotion of social justice.

Ladies and Gentlemen, look at me right now. Were it not for the party-list system, this Representation who is the son of a farmer and a public school teacher from the boondocks of Camarines Sur, born in the side streets of Iriga City, and raised in the ricelands of Goa, Camarines Sur, would never have stood a chance to stand before you today.

Yes, we trust that our electorate also possess the maturity in determining candidates with credible credentials from those with shallow ones. For our nominees in the last elections, we chose only the most qualified and the most committed from our ranks. Not only that, we chose nominees who exemplify what they preach, nominees who are self-made persons, whose lives mirror our vision that you can change your life through education. Thus, we have as our nominees Dr. Nestor Dela Cruz who is one of the pillars of tertiary education in the country and is one of the most outstanding educators ever produced by the University of Santo Tomas; Atty. Dexter Francisco who is a professor of Constitutional Law and one of the country’s top election lawyers; Dr. Edith Bonuan who is one of the respected faculty members of Far Eastern University, having been a teacher for the past 35 years; while Eunice Gicana is a multi-awarded youth community organizer.

And, of course, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have this Representation who, begging your kind indulgence, is an honor graduate of the University of the Philippines, a class president at the UP College of Law and a holder of a Master of Laws degree from Cornell University where he was elected class representative of the LLM Class of 2004.

With these qualifications, Ladies and Gentlemen, this Representation respectfully submits that our nominees more than substantially comply with the requirements in the Party-List Law that nominees should be able to contribute to the enrichment of the legislative agenda. In fact, with all due respect, we submit that the credentials of our nominees typify no less than the ideal credentials for those entering the government service.

It is rather unfortunate that the President’s remark disparaged our initial efforts to do our best in the performance of our legislative tasks as we are very serious in doing good work in the Seventeenth Congress.

To show proof of our intent, this Representation, in his very first day in office, filed 30 bills and resolutions all relating to education, and all of which breathe life to our advocacy of fostering and empowering education in our country. Because of the coincidence in the number, Ladies and Gentlemen, we refer to them as the “Du30” bills and resolutions, because just like the President, we also want pressing reforms done in the field of education. Some of these bills seek to democratize access to education and include the bill for the creation of community colleges, the College Loan Act, and the establishment of a National Center for Scholarships. Some bills are meant to improve the quality of our education such as the Research Incentives Act, the Online Library Act, and the Computer and Internet Access Act. Some bills are intended to improve the welfare of teachers including the Teachers’ Dependent Act, the minimum salary increase for teachers, the Teachers’ Non-Discrimination Act, and the Teachers for the Barrios Act.

For our students, we offer the School Nutrition Act, the Dorm Rent Control Law, the Teachers and Students Insurance Act, and the School Accessibility Act. We also wish to facilitate the transition of our graduates in making their education economically useful by proposing the Job Fair Act of 2016, the Barangay Employment Act, the employability of graduates of senior high schools and the granting of first level civil service eligibility to graduates of TESDA courses.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, we are seeking a congressional investigation in aid of legislation of the education gap. We are also seeking an investigation of the unliquidated P1 billion scholarship fund by the Commission on Higher Education. This is hot issue right now, Ladies and Gentlemen.

We are also calling for a congressional investigation on the status of the implementation of K to 12 by the Department of Education.

At this juncture, Ladies and Gentlemen, we are happy to find out that we have kindred spirits among the 59 other Party-list Members in the present Congress, as my colleagues in the party-list bloc in their own right, because this Representation can vouch for their credentials and accomplishments that entitle them to be worthy of this august Body. We may not agree with each other on a lot of matters, but we certainly cannot deny that with respect to the advocacies they are pushing for in this august Body, their competence and expertise cannot be denied. We have amongst us in the party-list bloc an expert in international law, many experts in labor, cooperatives, education, consumer rights, youth and sports development, advocates of the welfare of the regions they represent and those with unquestionable track record in employment generation and uplifting the plight of the marginalized sectors of our society.

I am especially proud, Ladies and Gentlemen, that I am a part of the party-list bloc in the Seventeenth Congress as this represents right now, the highest stage of evolution of the party-list system in the Philippines which started 21 years ago. As in the case of many organizations, each one follows a learning curve through the years. The party-list system is not an exception to this. It has withstood the test of time and so far, this batch of party-lists in the Seventeenth Congress is the best so far, not because this Representation belongs to them but because of their verifiable credentials and accomplishments.

In rising to the defense of our honor, begging the kind indulgence of the Majority where this Representation belongs, as well as that of the party-list system in general, this Representation reiterates that we do not mean to denigrate our party’s respect for the President to whom we express our unwavering and unqualified support. We still remain to have utmost faith in the sweeping reforms he is implementing all over the country and as a Filipino, we cannot but have a sense of pride in his accomplishments in so short a time. Thus, his comment on the party-list system notwithstanding, we remain his staunch supporter who is willing to match his sweeping reforms by corresponding legislative reforms in the field of education that we hope to initiate.

That is why, Ladies and Gentlemen, when the President was criticized for not mentioning much about education in his State of the Nation Address, this Representation was one of the very first to cite, during media interviews, that while what he said in his State of the Nation Address on education was only very brief, he nevertheless cited magic words which for educators like us, already state mouthfuls. When the President spoke of expanding the ALS or the Alternative Learning System, it is an express recognition of the limitations of our educational system and the need to expand its coverage to those in the fringes of society. When the President spoke of installing wi-fi facilities in schools, we were thrilled by the idea because putting up wi-fi will open up a whole new world for even those students and teachers in far-flung areas. It will definitely revolutionize not only instruction, communications and the administration of schools all over the country. No other President in previous State of the Nation Addresses has spoken on this and if realized, the President’s policy directions on education conveyed in his SONA will herald a revolutionary democratization of our educational system.

It was once said that “In every crisis, there is an opportunity.” Indeed, the unfortunate comment of the President on the party-list system has cast doubts on the credibility of the members of the party-list bloc in the Seventeenth Congress, resulting in what may be referred to as a crisis in the image of the party-list system in general.

Ladies and Gentlemen, particularly those who are members of the party-list bloc, may I respectfully and humbly request that we consider three opportunities by such crises, which I challenge all my fellow party-list Members in the Seventeenth Congress to respond accordingly as I am very sure you are all capable of surmounting the challenge.

First is the opportunity of education. This is the best time for us to educate the general public on the importance of the party-list system.

Second is the opportunity of projection. This is also the time when we can showcase the accomplishments of the party-list system thus far through the years that it went through its learning curve.

Third is the opportunity of raising the bar of what the party-lists which went before us have done, of correcting mistakes from the past and learning from them.

Once again, we are one with the President in his efforts to institute sweeping reforms in the country and we are hoping that, at least, in the field of education, we can be considered as worthy partners who are willing to match his reforms with corresponding legislative actions.

Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, the reforms being conducted by the President, the sweeping reforms at that, can be likened to housekeeping and house cleaning. In this regard, let all the dirt, the stains and the cobwebs go. Let also all the rodents, the insects and the wasps go. But by analogy in the government, in the party-list system, let us also evaluate our actions, identify our mistakes and correct them. In the same manner, we shall also learn from them and treasure the gains.

Ladies and Gentlemen, that is the prudent way, the best way, the only way to ensure the continuance of the vibrancy of our democracy and not the way which would bring the House down, demolish it and destroy the very structure of the government which supports it.

Thank you. God bless you. God bless the Seventeenth Congress. God bless the Republic of the Philippines. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the honorable Rep. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. of Party-List 1-Ang Edukasyon to the Committee on Rules. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the speech of the Gentleman from the Party-List 1-Ang Edukasyon is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the distinguished Representative from the First District of Bulacan, Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the Representative from the First District of Bulacan is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SY-ALVARADO

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, honorable Members of the House of Representatives, constituents from Bulacan, ladies and gentlemen, I rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege regarding the implementation of Republic Act No. 10586 also known as the “Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act of 2013” and the current state of it.

I rise today in line with the increasing reports on our road safety and the reported road accidents due to drunk driving or driving under the influence of drugs and similar substances. Here are some of the statistics:

The Philippine National Police-Highway Patrol Group recorded vehicular accidents involving drunk drivers nationwide: 375 in the year 2012, 390 in the year 2013; 498 in the year 2014. And last year, there were 95,615 recorded incidents of accidents that killed 519 persons and injured 17,103 persons in the NCR alone, according to the MMDA.

Moreover, the World Health Organization, on its Global Status Report on Road Safety last 2015, reported the following:

- Worldwide, the total number of road traffic deaths has plateaued to 1.25 million per year, motorcyclists comprised 23 percent of deaths and with the highest road traffic fatalities rates in low-income countries.

- In the last three years, 17 countries have aligned at least one of their laws with the best practices on seatbelts, drunk driving, speed, motorcycle helmets, of child restraints.

The Philippines, grouped as one of the middle-income countries, has aligned its laws with the said best practices. However, on WHO’s report, our country received the following rating:

- As to the implementation of the enforcement of the Speed Limit Law and Seatbelt Law, the Philippines was given a rating of five out of 10; and, six out of 10 in the implementation of Motorcycle Helmet Law. But, the WHO noted that the law does not require the helmet to be fastened correctly.

• In the enforcement of Drunk-Driving Law, the Philippines got a dismal one out of 10 rating.

Even more alarming are the reports in our newspapers recently that also concern road safety and road rage. Like in the case of *Leonardo Ander, Elmer Ignacio, Jerome Galasinao, Malito Manalo vs. Florida Bus Line*, a tricycle collided with a bus that killed four people last May 21, 2016 in Iligan City, Cagayan Province.

Also, a bike rider named Mark Vincent Garalde, allegedly shot dead by Army Reservist Vhon Tanto last July 25, 2016 in Quiapo, Manila.

Mr. Speaker, it is quintessential for this country to ask if these similar incidents are caused by driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or similar substances.

Mr. Speaker, kung inyo pong natatandaan, ako po ay nagpakilala sa Kongresong ito ng Pilipinas na nakasuot pa ng neck brace. Dahil po noong nakaraang February 28, 1:30 ng madaling araw, habang ako po ay pauwi sa aking tahanan sa Calumpit, Bulacan, galing po ng Malolos City, ako po ay nabangga, head-on collision ng isang pulis. Wala pong dalang OR, walang dalang CR, wala ring lisensya at sabi sa police report ay amoy-alak.

Mr. Speaker, dahil po dito, nabasag po iyong aking eye socket. Nabasag po iyong aking ilong, na ako ang personal na nagbalik, dahil kung hindi ko ibabalik, baka hindi ako makapangampanya. Nabasag din po iyong aking pisngi, ilang pirasong tadyang at ilang buto sa likod kasama na po ang aking mga cervical spine (C3, C4 at C5), pare-parehas pong nagkaroon ng linear fracture kaya sabi ko nga po kinailangan kong isuot ito sa loob daw lamang ng dalawang buwan. Ngunit, sa susunod ko pong checkup, sinabing gawin ko na raw limang buwan para ako ay makasiguro.

Dahil po sa insidenteng ito, Mr. Speaker, akala ko po ay hindi na ako mabubuhay. Ngunit sa awa po ng Panginoon, pinagbigyan Niya ako sa aking kahilingan na magkaroon pa ng mahabang buhay. Ito po siguro, Mr. Speaker, ay isang buhay na hindi na para sa aking sarili. Ito po, Mr. Speaker, ay isang buhay para mapagsilbihan ang ating mga mahihirap at inaaping mamamayan. Ito pong neck brace na ito ang nagsisilbing paalala sa akin kung gaano kaliit ang pagitan ng buhay at kamatayan.

We should always persevere to keep in mind that history will repeat itself if we will do nothing to change it. I strongly believe that this Congress will brave great lengths of challenges in order to improve the lives of our Filipino citizens.

Ako po ay namamanhik sa ating mga kinauukulan na ipatupad nang maayos ang ating mga batas pangkaligtasan upang magsilbi itong matibay na pader na sasawata sa mga nagbabalak na sumuway sa mga reglamentong mayroon ito. Sabi nga ni Robert Frost, “Good fences make good neighbors.”

Tayo na nagmamaneho ng mga sasakyang pribado o pampubliko ay dapat matutong maging responsable sa ating paggamit ng kalsada upang hindi tayo makadulot ng perhuwisyo sa iba, at makaiwas sa anumang sakuna o aksidente na makakitil ng buhay.

I call, Mr. Speaker, for a much more responsible citizenry in order that lives can be eventually saved on a much safer road by faithfully adhering to the road safety laws.

Nais ko rin pong kunin ang pagkakataong ito upang paalalahanan ang ating mga law enforcement agencies na gawin ang kanilang mandato na ipatupad ito nang naaayon sa titik ng batas, parehas, at walang kinikilingan. Sa pamamagitan ng Representasyong ito, ako po ay magsisimulang bumalangkang ng mga batas na magpapataw ng parusa sa mga taong hindi magpapatupad nito. Ang buhay po ng bawat mamamayang Pilipino—matanda man o bata; mahirap o mayaman; nag-aaral o hindi; lalaki, babae o LGBT—ang nakataya sa araw-araw na pagdaan sa mga tawirang ito.

Mr. Speaker, tungkulin po nating tiyakin na ang bawat isa sa kanila ay makakarating nang ligtas at walang sakuna o anumang aberya na masasalubong sa kanilang daraanan, papunta at pabalik. sa kanilang mga tahanan. Pakatandaan po natin na ang kaligtasan ng ating lansangan ay kaligtasan din po ng ating buong sambayanan.

With this personal accident, and in relation to the passing of the Bill on stiffer penalties to persons driving under the influence of alcohol, dangerous drugs, and similar substances, I personally seek higher penalties for violators.

Ako po ay sumusuporta sa panukalang batas ng ating kagalang-galang House Speaker Bebot Alvarez; Majority Leader Manong Rudy Fariñas; Minority Leader Danilo Suarez; Representatives Andaya, Duavit, Cojuangco, Kho, Abu, Salimbangon, Batocabe, Bravo at Nograles. Payagan din po sana ninyo akong maging coauthor ng House Bill No. 5 na magdaragdag ng mas mataas na parusa at aamyenda sa Republic Act No. 10586 para po makapagdalawang isip at hindi na magpadalos-dalos ang sinumang maaaring lumabag dito.

Ang sabi nga ng batas, “*Dura lex, sed lex*”; “The law is harsh, but it is the law.” Ang batas ay batas at wala pong sinuman ang makakahigit o nakakataas dito sapagkat ang ating lipunan ay isang lipunang pinapatakbo ng kapanginoonan ng batas.

Nais ko din pong idagdag kung maaari ay makapag-community service din ang mga indibidwal na mapaparusan sa ganitong gawain bilang pagpapakita ng paggalang sa ating komunidad na siyang unang naaapektuhan ng kanilang pagiging pasaway sa pagmamaneho. I would move that we amend the penalty to six months imprisonment, whichever is higher, or a probationary period of 180 days of community service

within three years, or whichever is higher, in the barangay of the aggrieved party, under the supervision of the BJMP and the corresponding barangay officer.

With the reported increase in the number of accidents related to alcohol intoxication and drugs, indeed, our government needs to strengthen its advocacy on road safety to lessen deaths attributed to drunk or drugged-driving.

Mr. Speaker, I earnestly appeal to pursue this course of action, together with the Members of this august Chamber, to give support to this advocacy for the safety of our fellow countrymen. Nawa po ang aking mapait na karanasan ay magsilbing mitsa para sa maayos na implementasyon ng batas na ito. Matagal ko na pong napatawad ang bumangga sa akin, ngunit kipkip ko pa rin po ang dalangin na sana ay wala nang sinuman ang makaranas na magsuot ng neckbrace na gaya nito dulot ng iresponsableng pagmamaneho ng mga lasing o sabog sa droga sa ating mga lansangan.

Patnubayan po tayo ng Panginoon. *Ora et labora!*
Maraming salamat po. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Sy-Alvarado to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Honorable Sy-Alvarado is hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we acknowledge the presence of some guests of the Makabayan bloc. We have the Salinlahi Alliance for Children's Concerns; Children's Rehabilitation Center; Philippine Action for Youth Offenders; Association for the Rights of Children in Southeast Asia; Parents' Alternative on Early Childhood Care and Development; Batibot Early Learning Center; Juvenile Justice & Welfare Council; and the UNICEF.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Representative from Party-List BAYAN MUNA, the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none;

the distinguished Representative from the Party-List BAYAN MUNA is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

G. Ispiker, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, magandang hapon.

Noong ika-26 ng Hulyo, inilabas ng Korte Suprema ang naging desisyon nito sa Motion for Reconsideration na inihain ng BAYAN MUNA at iba pang makabayang organisasyon at indibidwal para sana ipabasura ang Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement or EDCA.

Sa botong 10-4-1, tila naipako na na ang EDCA—ang sa tingin kong pinakamasahol na di pantay na kasunduang pinasok ng nakaraang administrasyon—parang ito ay mananatili na at magiging dagdag na pundasyon sa tuloy-tuloy na panghihimasok ng gobyernong Amerika sa ating bansa. Subalit naisantabi man ng naging desisyon ng Korte Suprema ang kataksilan ng dating Presidente “Noynoy” Aquino sa Konstitusyon ng ating bansa, hindi nito maitatago sa mamamayan ang katotohanan na sa loob ng dalawang taon ay ginawang lihim ang negosasyon ng EDCA hanggang sa ito ay nilagdaan noong taong 2014 nang dumalaw sa bansa si Barack Obama. Maliban sa lihim na usapan o negosasyon sa EDCA, inalisin din ng poder ang Senado at ang mamamayan na mabusisi ang isang usaping napakahalaga, ang panunumbalik ng mga base militar ng Kano dito sa ating bansa.

G. Ispiker, ang EDCA ay nagdudulot ng walang hanggang saklaw at access sa ating bansa. Una sa lahat, ang EDCA ay malubhang lalabag sa soberenya at integridad ng teritoryo ng ating bansa. Sa ilalim ng EDCA, ang buong Pilipinas ay puwedeng maging pinakamalaking base militar ng Amerika sa buong mundo. Talagang mapanlinlang ang EDCA, Mr. Speaker. Sa halip na tawaging military bases, ang tawag dito sa EDCA ay “agreed locations” o mga pasilidad na itatayo at pupuwestuhang mga lugar ng Estados Unidos dito sa ating bansa.

Sa unang basa, tila hindi magkakapareho ang tinatawag na “agreed locations” sa EDCA at military bases sa nabasurang 1991 Military Bases Agreement dahil ang kapangyarihan umano na magtukoy kung saang lugar ang sasakupin at gagamitin ng Estados Unidos ay nasa kamay naman ng Pilipinas.

Ngunit, G. Ispiker, wala sa nilalaman ng EDCA ang paglilimita kung saan lamang maaaring magtayo ng base ang mga Kano. Malala pa rito, unlimited, unli ang bilang ng mga lokasyon, ang laki ng mga sasakuping lugar, ang bilang ng tropang maaaring pumasok at kung ano ang maaaring itayo at ipasok ng Amerika sa ating teritoryo. Bukod pa rito, laman din ng EDCA ay samu't saring mga probisyon para mas lalong humigpit ang pagsakal nito sa ating bayan.

Mula sa pahintulot sa paggamit ng mga kalsada, paliparan at daungan, inoobliga pa ang Pilipinas na tayo mismo ang magpapadali ng kanilang paggamit ng mga imprastrakturang ito, pampubliko man o pribado. Samakatuwid, walang habas din na binubuksas ang buong Pilipinas bilang malawak na teritoryong maaaring gamitin ng Amerika sang-ayon sa kanilang kasunduan.

Ang EDCA ay panunumbalik ng base militar, G. Ispiker. Ang nakaambang panunumbalik ng mga base militar ng Amerika sa ating bansa ay parang isang panunumbalik din ng isang pambansang bangungot. Tila nabawi sa atin ang binunga ng pakikibaka ng mamamayan na tuluyang nagpalayas sa mga base militar ng Kano noong 1991. Ito na marahil, G. Ispiker, ang pinakamasahol na pagkatalo ng mamamayan sa naging desisyong ng ating Kataas-taasang Hukuman.

Ayon sa EDCA, nabibigyan ng kapangyarihan ang tropang militar ng Kano na permanenteng manatili sa mga agreed locations sa batayang rotational. Walang binanggit ang EDCA na paglililaw sa rotational presence, ngunit makikita sa ilalim ng Rotational Deployment ng Visting Forces Agreement. Isa pang hindi pantay na kasunduang pinasok ng ating bansa ang VFA na ang pagpapalit lamang ng indibiduwal na mga US personnel ang rotasyong ito, habang nananatili ang permanenteng presensya ng tropang militar sa ating bansa. Halimbawa, G. Ispiker, sa Mindanao pa lamang, 600 US Special Forces ang may permanenteng rotational na pamamalagi simula pa noong 2002. Dagdag pa rito ang mga “balikatan exercises” at iba’t iba pang joint military operations ng US at Pilipinas sa iba’t ibang panig ng ating bansa. Mas lalong malala pa, gagawin pa tayong malaking imbakan ng Amerika ng kanilang mga kagamitang pandigma, maging armas nukleyar at gawing lunsaran o launching pads ng kanilang giyerang agresyon sa Asya-Pasipiko at buong daigdig.

Sa kasaysayan, G. Ispiker, ng mga hindi pantay at mapang-alipin na kasunduang pinasok ng Pilipinas, lalung-lalo na sa usapin ng ugnayang panlabas, ang Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement na yata ang pinakamasahol. Isang napakalaking kabalintunaan na sa kabila ng walang habas na pagbubuyangyang ng Pilipinas sa kaniyang teritoryo at rekurso, wala ni isang kusing na ibabayad sa renta o buwis ang Amerika dito sa EDCA. Sa katunayan, ang mga gastusing dapat na sinisingil sa Amerika ay papasanin pa ng mamamayang Pilipino. Unlimited na, libre pa. Libre at walang pakundangang isinusuko ang ating soberenya sa EDCA.

Sa kabila ng ating ibinigay, isinuko at ibinuyangyang, isang malaking delusyon ang maniniwala na isasangkalan ng Amerika ang kaniyang tropa at kanilang interes para tayo ay ipagtanggol laban sa pananakop at

panghihimasok. Halimbawa na lamang, G. Ispiker, sa hidwaan natin at ng bansang Tsina sa mga katubigang kanilang inaagaw sa Pilipinas, inihayag mismo ng Presidente ng Amerika na si Barack Obama na wala silang balak ipahamak ang “enormous trade and enormous business” sa pagitan nila ng bansang Tsina.

Kaya naman, hanggang sa kasakuyan, hindi kumikibo ang ating huwad na alyado sa ginagawang reklamasyon, pagbabakod, pagpasok ng mga barko at eroplanong pandigma, pagbabawal na pumalaot ang mga namamalakaya sa mga katubigan ng Pilipinas, at iba pang mga pang-aalipusta ng bansang Tsina sa ating teritoryo at soberenya. Ni hindi man lang gumalaw o nagbuhat ng daliri ang Amerika para hadlangan at biguin ang pananakop na ito ng bansang Tsina, gaya halimbawa ng nangyari sa Scarborough Shoal.

Maling-mali, G. Ispiker, na iasa natin sa dayuhang kapangyarihan ang pagtatanggol ng ating kasarinlan, teritoryo at exclusive economic zone. Tanga lamang ang maniniwala sa buladas ng Amerika na gigyerahin nito ang Tsina dahil sa Pilipinas. Uulitin po natin, hindi lang pinakamalaking trading partner ng Amerika ang bansang Tsina, ito rin ang pinagkakautangan nito ng malaki, na tinatayang aabot na sa \$1.243 trillion nitong nakaraang Abril. Ang totoo, G. Ispiker, ang EDCA ay kasunduan ng amo at ng kaniyang tuta, at hindi ng dalawang magkapantay na bansa. Kaya ito ay malaking hamon sa administrasyon ni Pangulong Digong Duterte.

Tulad ng ating kolektibong pagkakapoot sa tahasang pagyuyurak ng bansang Tsina sa ating teritoryal na integridad at pag-aangkin sa ating mga katubigan, ganitong galit din ang dapat nating maramdaman sa panghihimasok ng Amerika sa ating bansa. Habang tayo ay nagagalak sa pagkapanalo ng Pilipinas laban sa Tsina sa Permanent Court of Arbitration, tayo ay may malaking hamon na igiit at depensahang muli ang ating soberanya sa pag-iral ng EDCA.

Kaya naman sa kabila ng pagkabigo na mapawalang bisa ang EDCA at panagutin ang mga sangkot dito sa Korte Suprema, ang BAYAN MUNA at iba pang makabayang organisasyon at mamamayan ay hindi natitinag sa aming posisyon na tuloy-tuloy na ikampanya ang pagbaklas ng kasunduang ito.

Ang EDCA, uulitin po natin, G. Ispiker, ay tahasang pagyurak sa ating pambansang soberenya at ang maglalagay sa kapamahakan sa sambayanang Pilipino kaya nararapat itong ibasura. Kaya naman sa pagpasok ng bagong administrasyon ni Pangulong Digong Duterte, nauna nang nagsabi na kikilalanin at ipatutupad lamang niya ang mga tratadong sang-ayon sa kapakanan ng mamamayan.

Isang malaking hamon ang kagyat na pagbabasura sa EDCA at iba pang hindi mga pantay na kasunduan—na sa isang pambihirang pagkakataon ngayon, ang bagong pamahalaang Duterte ay dapat kumalasa sa mapang-aliping relasyong panlabas na tinahak ng mga nakaraang administrasyon; na sa isang pambihirang pagkakataon, ang pamahalaang Duterte ay magbalangkas at lumikha ng patakarang panlabas na ang pangunahing isinasaalang-alang ay ang kapakanan ng ating bansa at ng mamamayang Pilipino; na sa isang mainam na posisyon ngayon, si Pangulong Digong Duterte na lumikha ng isang malaya, nagsasarili, pantay at may mutual na kapakinabangan sa bawat panig; hindi ang maging kasangkapan at biktima ng agawan ng teritoryo at dominasyon ng dalawang nagbabanggaang malalaking bansa.

Bilang pagtatapos, G. Ispiker, napakainam ng mga linyang ito mula sa pelikulang *Heneral Luna* sa ating haharapin na hamon dahil sa EDCA.

Sinabi po sa pelikula ng *Heneral Luna*:

Alam ng mga Amerikano kung bakit natin ipinaglalaman ang ating kasarinalan dahil buong tapang at buong bangis rin nilang ipinaglaban ang sa kanila.

Iba-ba tayo sa kanila? Wala ba tayong karapatang mabuhay nang malaya? Isang malaking karangalan ang ipaglaban ang inang bayan. Huwag tayong magdalawang isip. *Adelante compatriotas!* Ang magtagumpay o mamatay.

Salamat at magandang hapon po, G. Ispiker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Zarate to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Gentleman from BAYAN MUNA is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Representative from DIWA Party-List, the Hon. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, to deliver her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the distinguished Lady from the Party-List DIWA is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

We are a nation built on the backs of those who have the least. What prosperity our nation has achieved was wrung from the efforts of those with the least rights, the most vulnerable and invisible.

Mr. Speaker, Members of this House, good afternoon.

Yesterday, I was at the oath-taking of appointees at Malacañang and Pres. Rodrigo Duterte spoke strongly against contractualization in order to protect the rights of workers on whose backs this nation was built. He said, and I quote:

You do not help the people without security of tenure. Stop labor contractualization or I will close you down. Stop contractualization, it will do no good to our country.

Today, as the Representative of DIWA Party-List, I join the President in his fight to end contractualization schemes that rob our workers of the rights we promised them under the Constitution and under the Labor Code. I am here to continue the fight against rampant exploitative contractualization, the 5-5-5 and end-of-contract or “endo” schemes that undermine the dignity of workers.

Six years ago, at the start of my first term as the Representative of DIWA Party-List, I made it my priority to end contractualization that is used as a means to circumvent the constitutionally enshrined right to security of tenure. I filed a bill in both the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congress to correct the loopholes in the Labor Code in order to put an end to this unconstitutional practice. But the farthest that it has gotten was to get approved at the committee level. It pains me that I must speak once more about contractualization and file for a third time a bill to address it, because it means that little has changed for the better—the guarantees of our Constitution to working men and women, the promise of security of tenure remain woefully unfulfilled.

I speak here of unwarranted contractualization, both labor-only contracting and clearly exploitative arrangements. I must note that there are instances and there are industries where fixed-term employment is necessary. In fact, in my proposed Security of Tenure Act, it lists more than 10 cases of legitimate fixed-term contractualization. But these are the exceptions and not the rule, and the rule once more is security. There is no security in a man being fired and rehired every five months so that he never becomes regularized. There is no security when a corporation in the retail industry treats their salespersons as non-essential.

This is not flexibility of employment. It is a ridiculous sleight-of-hand, a legal terminology used as a smokescreen to validate injustice. This is an injustice that has afflicted our labor force for far too long. Contractual employees frequently perform tasks that are just as essential to the business as regular employees, but they do not receive the benefits that the regular employees are entitled to. Many of these benefits are monetary and can be essential to transforming the compensation received by regular employees into a living wage, like SSS and PhilHealth benefits, separation pay, and even the possibility of promotion and upward mobility. Other benefits to regularization are safeguards necessary to protect the worker—the right to collective bargaining, for instance, or the right to be terminated only for the causes and via the procedure found in the Labor Code, or else be entitled to reinstatement and back wages, among others.

The necessity of regular employment to the Filipino family cannot be overemphasized. It is regular employment that guarantees that if you do your job well, then as long as that job is there, you have a claim on it. Without such guarantee, how can a Filipino be expected to plan for the future—to prepare for marriage or children or for retirement—when his or her income is so frequently, so regularly put at risk, regardless of the diligence or excellence of the worker? Even regular employees face constant challenges to their tenure—a lion's share of labor cases filed allege illegal dismissal. How much worse is it for those who do not even have the basic protection of the Labor Code?

None of this is meant to impute malice to any party—a business is, as many employers have taken pains to point out, not a charity. A business is primarily created to make a profit for those who own it. Hence, it is only natural for business to find means to maximize the potential profit within a given legal framework by taking advantage of legal loopholes and ambiguities. The duty to find an ethical and profitable equilibrium between the rights of employers and employees lies within the State. That equilibrium must be one that is grounded in the Constitution.

The Constitution is clear. Workers are entitled to security of tenure, humane conditions of work, and a living wage. Security of tenure is guaranteed by our basic law but its implementation has left much to be desired. Statutes and regulations, while at times motivated by the best of intentions, have created ambiguities that have been and continue to be exploited, as methods to legally deny regularization to workers who, otherwise, would deserve it.

Under the Labor Code, a regular employee performs work that is necessary or desirable to the business of the employer. This is a broad, inclusive characterization, and it is textually intended to be so, but it has been steadily whittled down to almost nothing in practical

terms. Where a factory essential to a business can be legally, if not morally, run by a workforce where only 35 percent are regular employees, then we have spit upon the spirit of the Labor Code. In some industries, contractualization has become the rule, and not the exception. According to the 2014 Integrated Survey on Labor and Employment, there are more than 1.3 million non-regular workers in our labor force. In industries such as manufacturing, accommodations, and food services, more than a third of their labor force are not regular employees.

At present, there are three forms of exploitative contractualization that demand redress: labor-only contracting; fixed-term employment; and the abuse of the probationary status of workers.

Job contracting is not labor-only contracting or at least it should not be. According to DOLE DO No. 18-A, and I quote:

x x x in job contracting, a principal agrees to put out or farm out with a contractor the performance or completion of a specific job, work or service within a definite or predetermined period regardless of whether such job, work or service is to be performed or completed within or outside the premises of the principal.

The DO also defines as illegal the labor-only contracting where the purported contractor does not have substantial capital or investments, or does not exercise the right to control over the performance of the work of the employee.

Labor-only contracting is clearly prohibited. Of the three types of exploitative contractualization, labor-only contracting is the one explicitly prohibited by law, and yet, labor-only contracting is everywhere. In a 2014 report by the Institute of Labor Studies, more than 60 percent of the contractual workers polled were supervised by an employee of the principal and not the contractor, and a similar percentage was assigned tasks directly by the principal and not the agency. In short, the right to control was lodged with the principal in 60 percent of the cases, a telling indication of the essential nature of the jobs performed. This means that instances of legitimate job contracting took place less than half of the time. I said earlier that job-contracting is not labor-only contracting, but as it turns out, more often than not, it is. This is unacceptable. It is unjust.

The second form of contractualization is fixed-term employment. This is where the “end of contract” or “endo” scheme comes into play. Under this scheme, the employer binds the employees to a contract of employment for less than six months, which is the point in time whereby the employees are deemed

regularized, after which they are terminated at the end of their contract. Then they are either made to wait for some time and get rehired or they are passed on to a different employer, again for another period of less than six months. This second employer sends them to perform the same work for the original principal, but without the benefit of their previous service, and so on in an unending cycle made precisely to circumvent a worker's right to security of tenure.

Yes, there are types of work where a fixed term is fair. But in many cases, this practice is nothing but the worst sort of opportunism, a betrayal of the promises of the law. For when our law mandated automatic regularization at six months, what it sought to provide was a means of acknowledging the worker—to make it clear that if your services have been in demand for six months, the service you provide is necessary to your employer, and your employer must in turn give you the security you are due. It was never meant to allow employers to strip the dignity of workers away, to reverse that promise of security, by the mathematical expedient of terminating the employee before the six month period comes to pass.

Unwarranted fixed-term employment undermines the purpose of the very provision it hides behind for legitimacy. It takes what a worker is entitled to—which is security and dignity—and turns it into an impossible dream, a constantly moved goal post meant as nothing more than a lure. This is unacceptable. It is unjust.

The third form of exploitative contractualization is through the abuse of the probationary employment mechanism. Probationary employment in itself is a necessary and important way for employers and employees alike to gauge, respectively, competence and fitness before making their working arrangement permanent. It is an acknowledgment of the benefits of a trial period, and of the fact that certain characteristics and qualifications may only be observed through actual work, as opposed to being read on a paper. But the probationary period only achieves these goals if it is entered into in good faith, if employers are legitimately assessing qualification and not merely counting down the days they have before an employee must be regularized. But again and again, I have spoken to workers, to DIWA members, and they have told me of companies where probationary workers are cycled in and out as disposable labor, few to none making the cut before an entire batch is terminated to make room for a fresh set of probationary workers, with another six months of tenure-free labor to offer. What is meant to be a testing and training period turns into nothing more than a revolving door for cheap, expendable labor. This is unacceptable, it is unjust.

As legislators, we must seek the statutory defect which allows these injustices to persist, which creates the environment that allows them to thrive. Clearly,

the fact that contractualization has remained a concern for employees for more than a decade shows that the current legal framework is inadequate at dealing with the issue.

I am happy that contractualization was an issue brought up during the last election, with our President declaring several times that he is against the practice of “endo” and wishes to see the end of it during his term. In order to do this, the legal framework must change.

We must: first, establish that regular employment is the rule and jobs that are necessary to the core business of the employer may not be contracted out; second, we must limit fixed-term contracts or automatic termination to instances determined by law and further defined by department order; third, we must make invalid the termination of probationary employees when done to prevent the acquisition of security of tenure; and fourth, we must create a rebuttable presumption that the termination of a probationary employee was invalid if made under suspicious circumstances: when all or substantially all of probationary employees are terminated in favor of a new set of probationary employees; and when there are disproportionately high number of probationary employees in a workforce.

I make these proposals not from a position that is antagonistic to the concern of employers. I am aware of the need for a certain level of flexibility in the tenure of our workers. And that certain industries and certain types of work require arrangements that are different from traditionally practiced regular employment. This is why I do not intend to do away with fixed-term employment or to job-contracting, but I want to clarify which jobs may be legitimately contracted out and which ones should be done by regular workers.

Activities that are necessary to the core business of the employer may not be contracted out, unless clear exception has been made into law. Clear definitions would bring stability to the relationship between employers and employees and help prevent law-abiding businesses from being undercut by the quasi-legitimate employment practices of those that would exploit labor.

A worker with security of tenure costs more because that worker is an investment, and because that worker is invested in his or her work. What incentive does an employee have when they know that they will be released after five months regardless of their performance? A worker with security of tenure can plan for the future, make investments of his or her own, in himself or herself, in family, in the education and health of his or her children and those children; in turn, will go further than their parents, do things their parents could only dream of.

To build that kind of nation, it is not enough for workers to simply be employed. They must be employed

in a manner that allows them to reasonably depend on the continuity of that employment.

What the Constitution promises, what we promise, when we swear to serve it is full protection, not protection when convenient, not protection when affordable. To do nothing in the face of the plight of our workers is to say that we can do no better, that this is the best we can do: to have an environment where hard work guarantees nothing, where good work rewards you with nothing, where we ask more than a million of our countrymen to be satisfied that they simply have a job today, even if the law does nothing to ensure that they will still keep having that job tomorrow.

The effects of contractualization are complex, and creating a better legal framework will take time and input from many resources. I am willing to listen. I am willing to learn. But we must act now, act for those who are not in a position to create the changes they seek. We are a nation built on the backs of those who have the least. When we uplift them, all of us rise. If we secure their jobs, we secure their future, we secure our own.

Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Aglipay-Villar to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hearing none; the motion is approved.

The speech of the Lady from the Party-List DIWA is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the distinguished Representative from the Party-List GABRIELA, Rep. Emmi A. De Jesus, for her privilege speech.

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

The distinguished Lady from the Party-List GABRIELA is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DE JESUS

REP. DE JESUS. Magandang gabi po, G. Ispiker, at ikinagagalak ng Representasyong ito na muling magbigay ng katumbas na state of the women sa

balangkas ng pagkilala sa bagong pamahalaan sa ilalim ni Presidente Digong Duterte.

Isang katotohanan na ang kalagayan ng kababaihan ay sumasalamin sa tunay na state of the nation. Sa nakalipas na mga taon, sa panunungkulan ng mga dating gobyerno na pumapabor sa interes ng mga dayuhan at lokal na malalaking negosyante, dumanas ang ating kababaihan ng ibayong hagupit mula sa mga patungpatong na programang pang-ekonomiya, pampulitika, pangkultura na anti-mamamayan at anti-kababaihan. Naging saksi tayo sa kakarampot na P300 pasahod sa babaeng contract worker. Mas marami ang kababaihang walang trabaho at hindi mapagkasya sa araw-araw na gastusin ang kaunting kita mula sa kung ano-anong gawain tulad ng pagtitinda o pamumulot ng kalakal. Sa mga sentrong lungsod, naging buong patakaran ang walang habas na demolisyon na kulang o walang relokasyon, walang programang pangkabuhayan at serbisyo para sa mga pamilyang inilipat sa maraming relocation centers. Sa kabila ng ipinagmamalaki ng nakaraang gobyerno na nakamit na ng Pilipinas ang solid growth at sound economic fundamentals, maliwanag na ang state of the women ngayon ay isang larawan ng state of crisis pa rin.

G. Ispiker, matingkad na ang batayan ng kapayapaan ay pagkakapantay-pantay sa kabuhayan, karapatan at katarungan. Walang kapayapaan kung ang kababaihan ay nabubuhay sa araw-araw na pakikidigma sa kagutuman, sakit at kawalan ng serbisyo. To quote ang sinabi ni Pangulong Duterte sa kanyang SONA,

There can never be real, tangible and felt development without making our people feel secure. And it is our duty to uplift our people's welfare.

Sa bahagi po ng GABRIELA Women's Party, ang mga lider ng kababaihan mula sa iba't ibang sektor ay aming hiningian ng konsultasyon, at noong June 24, nagbuo kami ng Women's Summit na ginanap sa Davao. Ito ay nagluwal ng isang komprehensibong agenda para sa kababaihan na ipinakete namin sa salitang CHANGE.

Ang mga titik sa CHANGE ay binubuo ng mga sumusunod: Ang unang titik na "C" ay para sa "Comprehensive social services." Ito ang kahilingan ng kababaihan na mabawi na ang patakaran privatization, liberalization at deregulation na siyang ugat ng pagkawala ng libheng batayang serbisyo para sa maralita. Dahil na rin sa patuloy na patakaran ng Department of Health ukol sa pribatisasyon ng serbisyong medikal, halos hindi na nagpapagamot sa ospital ang mga may sakit na maralita lalo na ang mga bata, mga buntis, at mga senior citizen. Dahil sa deregulasyon, dumoble na ang singil sa tubig at kuryente ng mga serbisyo na ibinenta na sa mga dayuhang korporasyon. Dapat magarantiyahan na abot-kaya na ng maralitang kababaihan ang tubig, kuryente,

pagpapagamot at transportasyon. Mainam na pasimula ang puntong ito sa State of the Nation Address:

To strengthen the delivery of social services, the government will intensify its protection programs, so it can use its resources, expertise to make a dent in the country's poverty levels. What we want is genuinely to reduce the vulnerabilities of our people, build resiliency and empower individuals, and families and communities.

Panahon na para irepaso ang mga programang pantawid at itakda kung totoo nga bang nakatawid na mula sa karukhaan ang maralita sa kabila ng bilyon-bilyong pondo na dapat sana ay wastong nagamit sa iba pang programa.

“Human rights and social justice” ang pangalawang titik ng CHANGE. Kailangang mabigyan ng katarungan ang mga kababaihan at mamamayan na nagdusa sa mga malupit na programang kontra-insureksyon na Oplan Bantay Laya at Oplan Bayanihan. Sa muling pagbubukas ng negosasyong pangkapayapaan ng gobyerno at ng National Democratic Front, dapat nang pabilisin ang pagpapalaman ng Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic and Reforms at tiyakin na marami at malaman ang mabubuon mga probisyon para sa kababaihan at bata.

Kaakibat nito ang pagpapalaya sa mga detenidong pulitikal at, higit sa lahat, ang papapatuloy lalo na iyong mga kasama sa peace negotiation. Mayroon pa rin tayong 35 na kababaihan—mga batang ina, katulad ni Miradel Torres, isang matandang babae, katulad ni Moreta Alegre, Concha Araneta—na itinatala namin na dapat sana ay palayain na.

Ang titik “A” naman ay para sa “Anti-diskriminasyon,” at “Anti-violence against women and children.” Sabi nga sa SONA ng Pangulong Duterte, dapat ang lahat ng ahensya ay i-implement ang Magna Carta for Women. By doing so, we will ensure that man and woman will be partners in the pursuit of the country's economic, social, cultural, and political developments. Dahil ang Kongreso ay isa ring oversight body, kailangan talaga nating pahigpitan ang pagpapatupad ng Magna Carta for Women.

Noong Ikalabing-anim na Kongreso, ilang ulit ding naghain ng mga resolusyon ang aming partido para sa pagrepaso ng mga katuparan, program targets, indicators at pondo sa mga programa ng lahat ng ahensya at sangay ng pamahalaan, ngunit mukhang kapos at hindi pa nalulubos ang pagbibigay ng pansin dito. Isang paalala sa dalawang Kamara ng ating Batasan na paulit-ulit ding nabibitin ang mga bills na dapat sana ay nagbibigay na ng pantay na karapatan sa mga kababaihan.

Matitiyak lamang ang mga panukalang programa ng administrasyon sa pagpapalakas ng protection

programs, education, energy, patubig at agrikultura kung ipagtatanggol ang ating economic sovereignty. At ang dalawa pang titik ng CHANGE, ang “National sovereignty” at “Genuine agrarian reform” na magkaugnay ay dapat tiyakin.

Matitiyak ang sapat at murang pagkain kung maisasabatas ang tunay na repormang agraryo at itatag ang makabansang programa sa pagsasaka na pangunahing agenda ay food security at paglikha ng hilaw na materyal para sa lokal na industriya.

Ang pagbibigay ng regular na trabahong may sapat na sahod at benepisyo ay nakabatay pangunahin sa pambansang industriya na lilikha ng mas marami pa ring industriya. Tiyakin natin na mabibigyan ng proteksyon ang lokal na kapital laban sa panghihimasok ng imports para buhayin muli ang ating manupaktura, katulad ng industriya ng pagsasapatos sa Marikina. Ipawalang bisa din natin ang mga hindi pantay na kasunduan ng bansa sa ASEAN Free Trade Agreement, WTO, at iba pa. Huwag nating pahintulutan na maging bahagi ang Philippine State sa Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement at iba pang panukalang amyenda na lalong magpapairal ng neoliberal na relasyon ng Pilipinas sa mga higit na makapangyarihang bansa.

Ang huling titik sa CHANGE ay “Environmental protection.” Dagdag sa pagkakansela ng mga permits sa mapanirang mining firms, dapat ding tiyakin ng administrasyon na ipahinto ang mga mapaminsalang infrastructure at ecotourism projects na nagrerresulta lamang ng pagpapalayas ng mga magsasaka at maralita sa kanilang lupaing ninuno at pangisdaan. Malaking ginhawa sa mga pamilya ng mga katutubo ang pagbasura sa Mining Act of 1995 kung mapapalitan ito ng makabansang batas na magtitiyak ng pambansang patrimonya at pangangalaga sa karapatan ng katutubo at maralita.

Mandato ng mga botante sa nangungunang tunay na partido ng kababaihan sa Batasan na isulong ang agenda ng kababaihan at mamamayan sa loob at labas ng Kongreso. Hamon sa atin and panawagan na labanan ang abuso. Mahigpit naming tatanggapin ang hamon na ito na makisangkot sa agenda ng tunay na pagbabago.

Patuloy din ang paghamon at paghimok sa ating bagong luklok na pamahalaan at sa mga progresibo at makabayang seksyon ng kanyang gobyerno na laging kumonsulta at makinig sa tinig ng mamamayan. Ang talumpating ito ay may vision na sana ang mga susunod na State of the Nation Address, lalong-lalo na sa darating ng paglalahad ng State of the Women Address, madadagdagan pa ang mga pakinabang ng kababaihan, bata at bayan sa usapin ng paglaya mula sa pakikialam ng mga dayuhan, korupsiyon, at paghahari ng mga iilan. Sama-sama tayong hindi lang sa pag-usal o pagsigaw ng islogan na “Change is coming.” Dapat din nating ipatupad ang mga deliverables sa ating nasasakupan.

Magandang gabi sa ating lahat. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable De Jesus to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Lady from the Party-List GABRIELA is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Representative of the Party-List GABRIELA, Rep. Arlene D. Brosas, for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Representative, the Lady from the Party-List GABRIELA, is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BROSAS

REP. BROSAS. Good evening, Mr. Speaker. Good evening, my dear colleagues.

I rise today on a question of personal and collective privilege. I raise my concern along with mothers from the poorest communities.

Mr. Speaker, I am a child rights advocate who has spent years of my life in poor communities where mothers can barely send their children to school or even give them decent meals three times a day. A profile of an average youth offender would show a child who has not finished or attended school, who come from low income, even destitute families with parents who do not have regular employment or the means to properly care for their children.

A survey conducted towards the end of 2015 revealed that more than 2.6 million families have experienced involuntary hunger. If each family experiencing such hunger has at least three children, this would translate to 7.8 million hungry Filipino children. It is thus not surprising that the National Nutrition Council has placed the number of malnourished children at four million, with 3.4 million stunted children and at least 300,000 categorized as “wasted” or “severely malnourished.”

The number of out of school Filipino children is estimated at four million. Salinlahi Alliance for Children’s Concerns reports that with the implementation of K to 12, this number is expected to soar.

Forced to help their parents find meager resources to buy even just a kilo of rice, more than 5.5 million Filipino are victims of child labor. Children are forced to work in factories, plantations, haciendas and mines. Worse, children are becoming involved in petty crimes, including drug peddling and prostitution. In fact, the Philippine National Police has reported an increase in the number of children forced into cyber pornography and prostitution, from 87 in 2014 to 136 in 2015.

Many of these youth offenders are children left to cope on their own amid a harsh, even heartless environment where dog eats dog. They walk among thieves, drug traffickers and syndicates who teach them that there is no other way to survive and they are forced to toughen up or be eaten alive. Who teaches them otherwise?

Sa aking palagay, maling-mali na ituring ang isang batang siyam na taong gulang na nasa lubos at wastong kakayahang mag-isip at mapag-iba ang tama sa mali, at samakatuwid ay marapat na mabigyan ng kaparusahang tulad ng ipinapataw sa mga higit na nakatatanda. Mr. Speaker, ang batang siyam na taong gulang na mapalad na makapag-aral ay nasa Ikatlong Baitang lamang sa elementarya.

Nais ko pong sabihin na ang panukalang ilagay sa siyam na taon ang edad ng pananagutan ng batang nagkasala sa batas ay walang malinaw na pagtatangi ni pagkilala o kahit katiting na konsiderasyon sa kalagayan ng nakararaming mga bata na nagkakasala sa batas o mga children in conflict with the law.

Sadya nga bang maituturing na pagkakasala lamang ng mismong bata kung sila man ay lumabag sa batas, magnakaw, maging tagahatid ng ipinagbabawal na droga o sa pinakamalala pa ay makapatay sa edad na siyam na taong gulang?

It may be easy for many among us in this Chamber to say that these children should be in school. Yet, we overlook the fact that education is never free, even in public schools. Education is costly and it is not something that can be accessed by 100 percent of our school-age children and their families.

It may also be easy for many among us in this Chamber to say that young recidivists, juvenile offenders with repeated offenses, are proof that the system of having social workers, welfare officers and institutions attend to youth offenders has failed.

It may also be easy for many among us in this Chamber to look at youth offenders and say that this early in their lifetime they have lost all hope of leading productive and fruitful adult lives.

Huwag naman po sana at nakakalungkot naman. Ang mga batang nagkakasala at lumalabag sa batas ay dapat nating ituring na mga biktima at hindi mga kriminal.

Mr. Speaker, fellow Legislators, allow me to cite an earlier position by the Psychological Association of

the Philippines on proposals to lower the minimum age of criminal responsibility, and so I quote:

The developmental immaturity of juveniles mitigates their criminal culpability. Although they may be able to discern right from wrong action, it is their capability to act in ways consistent with that knowledge that is compromised by several factors at this stage:

1. Deficiencies in decision-making capacities;

x x x

2. Heightened vulnerability to coercive circumstances;

x x x

3. The disadvantaged environment and profile of the Filipino child in conflict with the law.

The position paper further states:

Research indicates that most youth abandon antisocial behavior at the time that they exit adolescence, and that only a minority persists in criminal behavior as a function of pervasive neurological and environmental risk factors. In fact, exposure to the criminal justice system, where the child will be labeled a criminal and where he or she is exposed to criminal models, will more likely establish the "criminal identity" of the young person.

Salinlahi Alliance for Children's Concerns and the Philippine Action for Youth Offenders echo this concern. Allow me to also quote from their position paper which states:

Lowering the age of criminal responsibility will result in negative consequences for children and the public. It will increase the number of children detained for long periods of time, making them more likely to become hardened offenders.

Detention may also increase the likelihood that young people will recidivate, compromising public safety. Incarcerating children goes against established principles of proportionality and fair treatment and contradicts the best interest of the child and the rights of children to maximum survival and development.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, by treating youth offenders as criminals, by incarcerating them and allowing the society and the environment to label them as such, we are almost sealing their fate—that of spending the rest of their adult life as a criminal.

I could not agree more with the Speaker of the House and the President himself that indeed, the increased involvement of the youth in criminal activities is cause for alarm. However, in proposing to lower the age of criminal responsibility, we may be making the situation worse and creating a far bleaker and darker future for the generations to come.

The Philippines is signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We have long inked our commitment to undertake all appropriate measures towards the protection of children and the implementation of the rights enshrined in the UNCRC to the extent of all available resources. It is our commitment to take into consideration, with every step, the best interests of the Filipino child. Thus, let us all take a look at the bigger picture and address the roots of the problem at hand.

Let the Seventeenth Congress be a catalyst towards ensuring that children have access to basic social services—that children and their families do not go hungry, that their parents have regular jobs with living wages, that we attain a 100 percent-enrolment of all school-age children in this country.

Iminungkahi ng GABRIELA Women's Party na bigyang pansin natin ang lubusang implementasyon ng Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act. Una nang nakita ang kakapusan sa implementasyon nito noong nakaraang maamyendahan ito noong Ikalabinlimang Kongreso. Hindi na binago ang minimum age of criminal responsibility sapagkat nakitang kapos sa implementasyon sa usapin ng pagbibigay ng restorative at rehabilitative justice.

Kung papansinin po natin at malalim natin itong pag-aaralan, makikita nating hindi pa maayos at lubos na naipapatupad ang Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act. Ilan nga ba sa ating mga barangay sa buong bansa ang may Barangay Council for the Protection and Welfare of Children na aktibong kumikilos at nag-iimplementa ng batas? Sa hanay ng ating mga kapulisan, mga opisyal at volunteers sa barangay, ilan ang nakagagagap ng kanilang tungkulin sa ilalim ng Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act at may sapat na kaalaman sa wastong pamamaraan ng pagtugon sa mga kaso ng mga batang nasasangkot sa krimen?

Maganda ring masilip natin, ilan nga ba ang pasilidad ng Department of Social Welfare and Development na nakahandang tumugon sa pagpapanibagong-hubog ng mga kabataang nasasangkot sa krimen at gaano nga ba kalaki ang kapasidad nito? May sapat ba tayong bilang ng mga social workers para tumugon?

Dati nang kinilala ang pangangailangan para sa karagdagang pasilidad, mga Bahay Pag-asa, subalit sa datos mula sa Department of Social Welfare and Development, aabot lamang sa lima, mula sa kabuuang 46 na pasilidad, ang para sa mga kabataang nasasangkot sa krimen o mga tinaguriang children in conflict with the

law. May karagdagang 11 pang pasilidad na pinatatakbo ng iba't ibang lokal na pamahalaan. Kapos na kapos ito sa gitna ng nakababahalang mga datos ng paparaming mga batang nasasangkot sa krimen.

I enjoin all of you into calling for a probe in the implementation of the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act and I enjoin the Seventeenth Congress to muster all resources to help strengthen our capacity to respond to the problem of youth offenders by establishing more halfway homes and empowering our social workers on the ground.

Mr. Speaker, fellow Legislators, let us look into how well we, the government, have responded or not responded to the growing problem of youth offenders before putting the blame on children themselves—children, who are victims, and definitely not criminals. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Brosas to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the speech of the Lady from the Party-List GABRIELA is referred to the Committee on Rules.

The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Representative of AKBAYAN Party-List, Cong. Tom S. Villarin, for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the distinguished Representative from the Party-List AKBAYAN is hereby recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. VILLARIN

REP. VILLARIN. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, last week, President Rodrigo Duterte was quoted by media to have said that he will abolish the party-list system of representation in Congress.

Later, the Speaker himself was, again, quoted by media to have supported the position of President Duterte. We hope that the good Speaker can enlighten us on his position.

Mr. Speaker, the party-list system in the Philippines constitutes one of the major political and electoral reforms introduced after the ouster of the Marcos dictatorship and enshrined in our 1987 Constitution. It was the best hope to transform our traditional politics

into one with more programmatic parties, more responsive and proactive to the needs and issues of the majority of the people.

The framers of our Constitution wanted our electoral democracy to be an improvement of the past. It provided for a multi-party system over a two-party system so as to encourage that “a hundred flowers bloom and a thousand thoughts contend.”

While eventually opting to have a majoritarian electoral system or a plurality of votes in a “first past the post” elections for local and national posts, it also adopted the party-list system of proportional representation. This in itself is a unique combination of a majoritarian and a proportional system of elections.

As such, the PL system is provided under Article VI, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution, and I quote:

a party-list system of registered national, regional, and sectoral parties or organizations” whose “representatives shall constitute twenty per centum of the total number of representatives including those under the party list.” Sectors include “labor, peasant, urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, women, youth, and such other sectors as may be provided by law, except the religious sector.

The Constitution allows Congress to define the process of seat allocation of the party-list system through law; thus, Congress enacted Republic Act No. 7941 or the Party-List System Act of 1995. And we have here our distinguished colleague, Hon. Edcel C. Lagman from the First District of Albay, who is one of the major authors of the party-list system. But later, Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court in the so-called Banat case provided an interpretation of the law with four major features, to wit:

First, it provides for a full 20-percent allocation for party-lists from the total number of seats in the House of Representatives;

Second, it provides for a two-percent threshold to qualify for the first seat or the so-called guaranteed seat;

Third, it provides for a three-seat cap or limit for each qualified party regardless of the number of votes it obtained, thus, remaining a valid statutory device that prevents any party from dominating the party-list elections;

And, fourth, the system of proportional representation in allocating additional seats which a qualified party is entitled to, thus effectively doing away with the two-percent requirement for the additional seats as being unconstitutional.

Mr. Speaker, where majoritarian systems emphasize

governability, proportional systems focus on the inclusion of minority voices. Advocates of proportional system argue that other considerations are more important such as fairness of the outcome for minor parties who are sidelined by the traditionally dominant parties, the need for checks and balances, and the representation of minority social groups. Therefore, debates about electoral reform have often produced conflict about the means (that is, what would be the effects of the party's electoral chances in such a system) but even more fundamentally about the end (that is, what will be the primary objective of an electoral system) if there is a majoritarian system and a proportional representation system.

Mr. Speaker, ideally, proportional systems like the party-list can promote a process of conciliation and coalition-building within the government. Party-list groups reflect the main divisions in the social composition of the electorate so that all citizens have a voice and a vote in the legislature. In this view, majoritarian systems are like a winner-take-all contest that over-rewards the winner, producing "an elected dictatorship" where the government can implement its programs without the need for consultation and compromise with other parties in parliament. Without programmatic political parties and strong political institutions, Mr. Speaker, the rewards system is overly centralized to whoever occupies the top executive position in the government.

The proportionality principle is an essential requirement in the party-list system. It is considered by the Supreme Court as an inviolable parameter for having the system of representation. I daresay, Mr. Speaker, that there is much to be desired upon which the principle is being applied in recent elections. Clearly, there is a need to revisit the formula in allocating seats based on the principle of proportionality.

On the issue of sectoral representation, Mr. Speaker, our Constitution identifies the sectors that need representation, namely: the workers, farmers, indigenous cultural communities, women, youth, among others, and it is the avowed State policy that these sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation can participate in governance and decision-making.

But the basic question, Mr. Speaker, is: Who can represent these marginalized and underrepresented sectors?

On this matter, Mr. Speaker, the Supreme Court, in a recent decision in 2013 in the *Atong Paglaum* case, stated that any Pedro, Maria, Juan, or Jose can be their representative on the basis of one's advocacy for the sectors. In the *Atong Paglaum* case, Mr. Speaker, it stated that sectoral parties can have two groups, two kinds of party-list representatives: (1) the marginalized and underrepresented sectors, and (2) those lacking a well-defined political constituency.

Clearly, Mr. Speaker, this interpretation of the Supreme Court is not found in our existing Party-List Law. Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, in an election, it is the voter who has the power to choose. With more than a hundred party-list groups vying for one single vote, the voter then has the right to be informed to be knowledgeable and discerning as to what party-list group to choose.

So, you might ask, Mr. Speaker, why am I saying all these. Well, the President sees a problem within a system but that does not mean that the system as a whole is the problem. Neither does it follow that abolishing an entire system of representation will solve the problem. Doing so means doing away with the gains of the EDSA People Power Revolution. It will set back the hands of time, negate the people's struggle against the Marcos dictatorship, and send a warning signal to those who believe in defending democracy and fighting inequality.

Who can represent the marginalized and underrepresented sectors? I think this is the bone of contention by which President Rodrigo Duterte has spoken. And this is the problem before us. Then by all means, Mr. Speaker, let us fix it. Notwithstanding this, the facts remain that party-lists are where the basic sectors can actively participate; party-lists give life to the social justice provisions embedded in our Constitution by fleshing them into law; party-list groups provide the hope to transform our traditional politics into one that is programmatic, responsive and transparent.

The issue on the party-list being raised now is not about its essence but how it is being practiced. Unfortunately, there is a big difference between its intrinsic nature and the political realities of elections. Mr. Speaker, imperfect as the party-list system is, has the nation and have our people benefitted from it? My answer, Mr. Speaker, is a resounding "yes."

Of the bills and resolutions filed that are of national in scope, most of them came from the party-list groups that have nationwide and sectoral constituencies. We have laws that provide for sectoral representation in the national government like the SRA, the National Irrigation Administration, the NEDA, and the LandBank. The party-list groups likewise actively supported the passage of the Clean Air Act that strengthened environmental laws and regulations. We struggled to pass the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law Extension with reforms for our landless farmers. The Reproductive Health Law was a collaborative effort that involved primarily party-list groups that even defended the law up to the Supreme Court. It was also through the efforts of party-list groups that made voting by overseas Filipinos possible.

Recently, we passed the Philippine Competition Commission Law that provides oversight over monopolistic tendencies of corporations that affect ordinary consumers. Party-list groups are likewise very active in sectoral advocacies for workers, farmers, fisherfolk, women, overseas Filipino workers,

indigenous peoples and even pushing for an anti-discrimination bill.

Mr. Speaker, party-list groups have even dared to venture to seek representation in the Senate. Now, Mr. Speaker, after several tries, we now have two Senators who come from the ranks of party-list groups.

Over the years, we have seen the rise of new party-list groups and of the threshold needed to get in to the winning circle. It has also become increasingly costly to campaign in the party-list as one has to reach a bigger audience and constituency. Thus, what is needed is for Congress to look into the merits of enacting a comprehensive campaign-finance law. Experience worldwide suggests that regulation of party funding can be effective if well-designed and implemented by effective sanctions and accompanied by institutions with appropriate ethics and norms. How our party-list system could evolve over the next years would spur interesting insights and developments in our democratic system of governance. After seven party-list elections, with the COMELEC making its own rules and interpretation as well as with various Supreme Court pronouncements on the party-list, it is clear and very crucial that we amend R.A. No. 7941 or the Party-list System Act.

Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to the President, sa atong dakong pagtahud kay Presidente Duterte, to abolish the party-list system is simply out of the question. But it is imperative for any individual who inspires and aspires for true change, a change that comes from within, to institute reforms that will improve the representation of the most vulnerable sectors of our nation. I think, Mr. Speaker, the party-list groups represented here in this august Chamber are one with me in saying, "Let us fix and improve the party-list law."

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Cong. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, with the indulgence of the Honorable Lagman, may I just refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Tom. S. Villarín to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Before we do that, Mr. Speaker, the interpellation is part of his speech, so the referral should be after the interpellation.

REP. TUGNA. I withdraw my motion, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). We will ask the distinguished Dep. Majority Leader, Congressman Lagman, to file the necessary motion for the interpellation.

REP. LAGMAN. Am I recognized, Mr. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, we move for the recognition of the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman for his interpellation of our colleague.

I so move, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Upon the motion of the distinguished Dep. Majority Leader, the distinguished Cong. Edcel C. Lagman is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Will the distinguished Gentleman from the Party-list AKBAYAN yield to a very few questions?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be interpellated by the author of the Party-List Law.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, this Representation was one of the first to oppose the President's announcement that he would like the party-list system to be abolished. Later, I said that the party-list system should not be consigned to the killing fields, so to speak. But the party-list system should be strengthened and perfecting amendments should be introduced to the Party-List Law in order that we could really put premium to the original concept that the marginalized and underrepresented sectors should be able to participate in the exercise of political power to representation in the House of Representatives.

If there is any aberration, it is in the implementation of the party-list system by the COMELEC and the ambivalent as well as differing decisions of the Supreme Court. Would you agree to that, the honorable Gentleman from the Party-List AKBAYAN?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, I fully agree with your comment, Honorable Lagman.

REP. LAGMAN. The distinguished Gentleman from AKBAYAN referred to a number of Supreme Court decisions. Actually, this started from Veterans Federation Party, a decision rendered in 2000, followed by the *Ang Bagong Bayani* ruling in 2001, and the *Banar* ruling in 2009, and now, the *Atong Paglaum* ruling in

2013, and all of these decisions would not be consistent with each other. Would you agree to that, Your Honor?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, I would agree with that, Mr. Speaker. In fact, these conflicting positions and decisions of the Supreme Court have also rendered many conflicts within the party-list groups vying in the elections.

REP. LAGMAN. Now, let me go to the latest decision, the *Atong Paglaum* case. Here, the Supreme Court said that there are two groups entitled to representation in the party-list system. One is the marginalized and underrepresented sectors and two, what the Supreme Court called, through its *ponente*, “the groups lacking in well-defined political constituencies.” Would you agree, Your Honor, that the second group known as “lacking in well-defined political constituencies” is not actually a separate group because this phraseology, “lacking well-defined political constituencies,” refers to the marginalized and underrepresented sectors?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, I would agree, Mr. Speaker, and in fact, I would like to quote a pertinent provision or paragraph of that decision wherein it states that: “Sectoral parties or organizations may either be marginalized or underrepresented or lacking in well-defined political constituencies,” thus, referring to the sectoral parties or organizations that participate in the party-list elections.

REP. LAGMAN. In other words, there is only one group entitled to party-list representation and these are the marginalized and underrepresented sectors which do not have well-defined political constituencies.

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Well, thank you, distinguished Gentleman from Party-List AKBAYAN, and I think that instead of abolishing the party-list system, we should really introduce perfecting amendments to the existing law and review the decisions of the Supreme Court which are ambivalent and conflicting. Would you agree to that proposition?

REP. VILLARIN. Yes, Mr. Speaker, I fully agree and would support that proposition.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you so much for this opportunity to interpellate the distinguished Gentleman.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the honorable ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Before I recognize the Gentleman from Camarines Sur, I will first give the Dep. Majority Leader the opportunity to make the proper motion.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Tom S. Villarín and the interpellation thereon to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of the Gentleman from the Party-List AKBAYAN is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mr. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Privilege Hour is terminated.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). The distinguished Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. I move for the election of the following Members to their respective committees:

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

The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to the various Committees, per Journal No. 5, dated August 2, 2016.

COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

Rep. Antonio R. Floirendo Jr., as an additional member

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Rep. Jose T. Panganiban Jr., as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Rep. Evelina G. Escudero, as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Rep. Arthur C. Yap, as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Rep. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Rep. Jesus N. Sacdalan, as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D., as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Rep. Pedro B. Acharon Jr., as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Rep. Deogracias B. Ramos Jr., as member no. 1

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang, as member no. 1

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BASES CONVERSION

Rep. Emi G. Calixto-Rubiano, as member no. 1

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY

Rep. Ruby M. Sahali, as member no. 1

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

Rep. Noel L. Villanueva, as member no. 1

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN TAGALOG DEVELOPMENT

Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez Jr., as member no. 1

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 4, dated August 1, 2016.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hearing none; the motion is approved.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I have one more manifestation, Mr. Speaker.

In the interest of the people of the Lone District of Las Piñas, in view of the appointment of its Representative, Mark A. Villar, as Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways, I move that we designate Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar of Party-List DIWA as caretaker of the Lone District of Las Piñas.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, Wednesday, August 3, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Castro, F.H.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned and to resume tomorrow, August 3, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 7:29 p.m.