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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Mercedes K. Alvarez called the session to order.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Everybody is requested to rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Please remain standing for the Invocation to be delivered by the honorable Rep. Alexandria P. Gonzales from the Lone District of Mandaluyong City.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. GONZALES (A.P.) Loving God, Lord of our life and nation, today we come before You once again, eager to continue our work as the elected Representatives of our respective congressional sectors and districts.

So much has been accomplished in the past weeks, and so much yet needs to be done and accomplished for the greater good of our people.

Through each day, we are all witnesses to the many events that take place in our nation, events that bear impact on the lives of communities; our present and future as a people; and our dignity as a nation.

While there are those among us who are watchful and apprehensive, many are still burning with the hope that in time, all things will work together for good. Yes, we hold on to this hope, for You, dear God, are not indifferent to our aspirations and our plight. Through us, and with us, You show us the way to truth, justice

and peace. Together, we all seek to build a nation that seeks to respect and value one another, different though we may be in thoughts and perspectives.

Sustain our hope and work through the guidance of Your Spirit, O God. Encourage us with Your love, that we may be worthy of our people's trust.

Inspire us to open our hearts that we may truly seek to serve the best interests of our people. Remind us when we stray from the path of righteousness.

Continue to stir in us the courage to do what is right, and not that which is merely popular.

And through the life of our people, prevail upon us Your will for the fullness of life.

All these we ask in the most precious name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the roll call is deferred.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 6 of August 3, 2016.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Journal of August 3, 2016 is hereby approved.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we proceed to the Reference of Business. May we therefore request that the Secretary General be directed to read the same.

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

The Secretary General is directed to read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 1991, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN METRO MANILA, METRO CEBU, METRO DAVAO AND OTHER HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES BY REQUIRING A PROOF-OF-PARKING SPACE OR FACILITY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE BUYERS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND REGISTRATION WITH THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 1992, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING TAGAYTAY - CALAMBA NATIONAL ROAD TO ISAAC TOLENTINO AVENUE”

By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 1993, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING TAGAYTAY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN TAGAYTAY CITY TO ISAAC TOLENTINO MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL”

By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 1994, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 1995, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF

REGULAR PASSPORTS TO TEN (10) YEARS, AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996’ ”

By Representative Tan (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 1996, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE TO FIVE YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 398, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1997, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION, SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF WHISTLEBLOWERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 1998, entitled:

“AN ACT BANNING THE IMPORTATION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION IN COMMERCE OF CHILDREN’S FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS CONTAINING BISPHENOL A, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 1999, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AFFORDABLE DRUG REHABILITATION TREATMENT FOR PHILIPPINE HEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION (PHIC) BENEFICIARIES, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 7875, AS AMENDED”

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

House Bill No. 2000, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD FROM BARANGAY POBLACION AND AROUND ALONG THE COAST, MUNICIPALITY OF

BALABAC, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN,
INTO A NATIONAL ROAD TO BE
KNOWN AS MAYOR MATIAS VICENTE
HIGHWAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2001, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2002, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE DAVAO
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE
FRANCISCO BANGOY INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia-Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION
AND THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2003, entitled:

“AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY PAMPANGA
IN THE CITY OF DAVAO INTO THREE
(3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT
BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS
BARANGAY PAMPANGA, BARANGAY
ALFONSO ANGLIONGTO, SR. AND
BARANGAY HIZON”

By Representative Garcia-Albano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2004, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A STATE UNIVERSITY
IN THE FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
OF QUEZON CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE
NOVALICHES STATE UNIVERSITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2005, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING BENEFITS TO NON-
REGULAR EMPLOYEES OF THE
GOVERNMENT AMENDING FOR THIS
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2006, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE MASSAGE
PRACTICE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2007, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EVERY SCHOOL TO
HAVE AT LEAST ONE PERSON CERTIFIED
IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION
AND FIRST AID WHILE STUDENTS ARE
IN ATTENDANCE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON
HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2008, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION,
SECURITY AND BENEFITS OF
WHISTLEBLOWERS, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Acop
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2009, entitled:

“AN ACT REINSTATING THE CRIMINAL
LIABILITY OF CHILDREN ABOVE NINE (9)
YEARS OF AGE WHO COMMIT HEINOUS
CRIMES”

By Representative Acop
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2010, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE SAGRADA
FAMILIA CAVES IN ZAMBALES AS AN
ECOTOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2011, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL
BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
IBA SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF
ZAMBALES, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSABILANG 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’ AS

AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2012, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES INTO THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, UPGRADING AND MODERNIZING ITS FACILITIES, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2013, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY STO. NIÑO, MUNICIPALITY OF PALAUIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, TO BE KNOWN AS PALAUIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2014, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MT. TAPULAO IN ZAMBALES AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND FOREST RESERVE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2015, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MT. PINATUBO IN ZAMBALES AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2016, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MODERN MASS TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2017, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE GOVIC

HIGHWAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2018, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT AND COLD STORAGE FACILITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MASINLOC, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2019, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Deloso-Montalla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2020, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BATUCAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALACOGON, AGUSAN DEL SUR”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2021, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE NRJ BAYUGAN CITY - MARCELINA - SAN LUIS - MALAYBALAY ROAD, LOCATED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2022, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE CITY OF BAYUGAN, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR, INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE LTO DISTRICT OFFICE OF BAYUGAN CITY, AGUSAN DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Plaza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2023, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING FURTHER THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AIDS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8504, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE PHILIPPINE AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1998’ ”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2024, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE LAOAG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, TRANSFERRING EXISTING ASSETS OF THE LAOAG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE AUTHORITY, VESTING THE AUTHORITY WITH POWER TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE LAOAG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2025, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT FUND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2026, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SACRITAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PINILI, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SACRITAN INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2027, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RAILWAY SYSTEM FROM LAOAG CITY, ILOCOS NORTE TO PORO, SAN FERNANDO, LA

UNION, UNDER THE BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER SCHEME”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2028, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY KNOWN AS ‘JOSEFA LLANES ESCODA DAY’ IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE IN HONOR OF THE WORLD WAR II HEROINE AND FOUNDER OF THE GIRL SCOUT OF THE PHILIPPINES DOÑA JOSEFA LLANES ESCODA”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2029, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BATAC, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSABLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2030, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MALAGUIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAOAY, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MALAGUIP INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2031, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 61 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2032, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BED CAPACITY

OF MARIANO MARCOS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER (MMM&MC) IN BATA CITY FROM TWO HUNDRED (200) TO THREE HUNDRED (300), UPGRADING ITS SERVICE AND FACILITIES AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CARE, AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF ITS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Marcos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2033, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, CREATING FOR THIS PURPOSE THE ILOCOS NORTE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2034, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE POLICY ON THE IMPOSITION OF FEES AND CHARGES ON DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS CONSIDERED AS DORMANT”

By Representative Salimbanon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2035, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF SKILLED WORKERS IN EVERY BARANGAY”

By Representative Roa-Puno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2036, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TESDA) TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ANTIPOLO CITY TESDA TRAINING CENTER AND ACCREDITATION CENTER, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Roa-Puno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2037, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4156, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES’ ”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION
AND THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2038, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ABACA BIOTECHNOLOGY LABORATORY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2039, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 26 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES TO BE KNOWN AS THE FOUNDATION DAY OF CATANDUANES”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 2040, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009, BY EXEMPTING CAPITAL TOWNS OF PROVINCES WITHOUT CITIES FROM THE INCOME REQUIREMENT SET FORTH THEREIN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2041, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT 9497, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ACT OF 2008”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND
THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2042, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A BILL OF RIGHTS OF AIR PASSENGERS”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2046, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING PENSION BENEFITS TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS”

By Representative Montoro

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2043, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE BATAAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN INTO A LEVEL III TEACHING AND TRAINING TERTIARY HOSPITAL, RENAMING THE SAME AS BATAAN GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8561, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Garcia (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2047, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE EXPEDITIOUS ISSUANCE OR RELEASE OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CLEARANCES, PERMITS, AND APPLICATIONS, MANDATING THEREBY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE-STOP SHOP CENTERS IN EVERY CITY, PROVINCE, AND STRATEGIC AREAS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Evardone

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2044, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL MALE STUDENTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES AND SIMILAR LEARNING INSTITUTIONS TO COMPLETE THE RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS COMPONENT OF THE NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM AS REQUISITE FOR GRADUATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9163, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM ACT OF 2001’ ”

By Representative Ungab

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2048, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, PUBLIC OFFICES AND FACILITIES, SCHOOLS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO INSTALL CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS TO DETER THE COMMISSION OF CRIMES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2045, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING THE SEPARATE LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISE TO COTABATO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (COTELCO-PALMA) TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF ELECTRIC POWER TO THE END-USERS IN THE SIX MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO, NAMELY: PIKIT, PIGCAWAYAN, ALOESAN, LIBUNGAN, MIDSAYAP AND ALAMADA (PPALMA) AND ITS NEIGHBORING SUBURBS”

By Representative Sacdalan

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 2049, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING AND MODERNIZING THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY (MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE) IN THE PHILIPPINES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 5527 AND 6138 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NOS. 498 AND 1534”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2050, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE CAMOTES ISLANDS, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PROCLAMATION NO. 2152 DATED DECEMBER 29, 1981, ENTITLED ‘DECLARING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND CERTAIN PARCELS OF

THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS MANGROVE SWAMP FOREST RESERVES' ”

By Representative Durano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2051, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINTANGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE”

By Representative Amatong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2052, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE 4TH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Amatong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2053, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE JALAURO ECONOMIC CORRIDOR”

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

House Bill No. 2054, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUENAS – CARVASANA – CALINOG PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO ANATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Defensor
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2055, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING ESTATE SETTLEMENT COURTS, GRANTING THEM EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER CASES FOR SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF DECEASED PERSONS, AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Defensor
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2056, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TABUCAN - CABATUAN - CONSOLACION - SAN MIGUEL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO ANATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Defensor
TO THE COMMITTEE PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2057, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE BALINGOAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALINGOAN AND THE CLAVERIA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CLAVERIA-BALINGOAN BYPASS ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2058, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE BALIWAGAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALINGASAG AND THE CLAVERIA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, INTO ANATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2059, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE 22ND OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SUGBONGCOGON, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUGBONGCOGON CHARTER DAY IN CELEBRATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY”

By Representative Unabia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2060, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE MEDINA HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEDINA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL FROM THE NORTHERN

MINDANAO MEDICAL CENTER IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, CONVERTING IT INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE MEDINA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2061, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,’ AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Unabia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2062, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE PAYMENT OF ENTRANCE FEE TO RESIDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES WHO PATRONIZE CASINOS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1869, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION”

By Representative Unabia
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Bill No. 2063, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF PASSPORTS, AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996,’ FOR THE PURPOSE THEREOF”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2064, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INDICATE THE BLOOD TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2065, entitled:

“AN ACT ALLOWING THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTH RECORDS AND PRESCRIBING ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 2066, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 2067, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING INCENTIVES FOR UNDERTAKING GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AT NIGHT AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LABOR CODE AND THE TAX CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2068, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2069, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS, AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPON NG TAGAPAMAYAPA, A LUMP SUM GRATUITY PAY EQUIVALENT TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00), AND OTHER NON-MONETARY BENEFITS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 393 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Villar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2070, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ADMINISTER, SUPERVISE, AND REGULATE PRIVATE SCHOOLS OFFERING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2071, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO ADMINISTER, SUPERVISE, AND REGULATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OFFERING TERTIARY EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2072, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL NEWLY LICENSED MEDICINE GRADUATES OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND/OR OTHER PUBLIC COLLEGES TO PRACTICE THEIR PROFESSION IN THE PHILIPPINES FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE TIME OF THEIR OATH TAKING AS DOCTORS OR TO CONDUCT AT LEAST 20 MEDICAL MISSIONS IN DIFFERENT MISSION/ DEPRESSED AREAS AND/OR FAR FLUNG BARANGAYS IN THE COUNTRY BEFORE THEY CAN OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT OR ENGAGE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE OVERSEAS”

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

House Bill No. 2073, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING EARTH HOUR”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2074, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2075, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE ECONOMIC REGULATION OF WATER UTILITIES, CREATING THE WATER REGULATORY COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2076, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DIGON, MUNICIPALITY OF MARGOSATUBIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS DIGON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2077, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TIGUHA, MUNICIPALITY OF LAPUYAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS TIGUHA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2078, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TULTOLAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TABINA, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS TULTOLAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2079, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANTAD, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALINAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS PANTAD NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2080, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LIGUAC, MUNICIPALITY OF PITOGO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS LIGUAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2081, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SACBULAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PABLO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS SACBULAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2082, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TARAKAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DINAS, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS TARAKAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2083, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LUMBOG, MUNICIPALITY OF MARGOSATUBIG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS LUMBOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2084, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL

HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BALONGBALONG, MUNICIPALITY OF PITOGO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS BALONGBALONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2085, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BAGONG OROQUIETA, MUNICIPALITY OF GUIPOS, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS BAGONG OROQUIETA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2086, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BIBILIK, MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALINAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS BIBILIK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2087, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LACUPAYAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS LACUPAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2088, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PUNTA FLECHA, MUNICIPALITY OF PITOGO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS PUNTA FLECHA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2089, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BISWANGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAKEWOOD, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS PRESIDENT DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2090, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PANGPANG, MUNICIPALITY OF LAPUYAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS PANGPANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2091, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DEPASE, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS DEPASE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2092, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY FOUR OF EVERY YEAR AS ‘PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN WAR DAY’ ”

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

House Bill No. 2093, entitled:

“AN ACT WITHHOLDING OPERATIONAL FUNDS OF UNITS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES IMPLICATED IN GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2094, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE AS THE NATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE OF THE FILIPINO DEAF AND THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT IN ALL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE DEAF, AND MANDATING ITS USE IN SCHOOLS, BROADCAST MEDIA, AND WORKPLACES”

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

House Bill No. 2095, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT 6426, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES’ ”

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2096, entitled:

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

By Representatives Tinio and Castro (F.L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2097, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN PASAY CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ‘FOUNDATION DAY OF PASAY CITY’ ”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2098, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE LONE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PASAY”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2099, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY 184, ZONE 19, MARICABAN, PASAY CITY TO BE KNOWN AS PRESIDENT CORAZON ‘CORY’ C. AQUINO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2100, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG
REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE CITY
OF PASAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS
DRUGS

House Bill No. 2101, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
GUIDELINES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2102, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHT
AGAINST FORCED EVICTIONS
AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7279, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 9397, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
ACT OF 1992”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2103, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING A NATIONAL
FRAMEWORK FOR STUDENTS’ RIGHTS
AND WELFARE”

By Representatives Villarín and Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2104, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE THIRD
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN
THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATALAM,
PROVINCE OF (NORTH) COTABATO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2105, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL
BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL

REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MLANG, PROVINCE
OF COTABATO, FURTHER AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA
BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980’, AS AMENDED AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2106, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI)
DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF
NORTH COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2107, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE UPGRADE,
MODERNIZATION AND CONVERSION OF
THE COTABATO PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL
IN THE PROVINCE OF (NORTH) COTABATO
INTO THE NORTH COTABATO REGIONAL
HOSPITAL UNDER THE CONTROL,
MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2108, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION
OF THE MALAPAG, CARMEN -
TINIMBACAN, BANISILAN PROVINCIAL
ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTH
COTABATO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Tejada
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2109, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE DUTIES AND
OBLIGATIONS OF BICYCLIST,
ESTABLISHING A LOCAL BIKEWAYS
OFFICE, PROVIDING INFRASTRUCTURE
IN RELATION THERETO AND
PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2110, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAY 15 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE FOUNDATION DAY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AND A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2111, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING MAINIT FALLS AND HOT SPRINGS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE’S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AS TOURIST DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2112, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 28 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE FOUNDATION DAY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BROOKE’S POINT, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AND A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY”

By Representative Abueg
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2113, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REHABILITATION CENTER FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS USERS IN EVERY PROVINCE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Paduano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 2114, entitled:

“AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT APPROACH AS A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK IN DEVELOPING AND MANAGING THE COUNTRY’S RIVER BASIN SYSTEMS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2115, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION

OF THE CONSUMPTION OF BROWN RICE THROUGH FOOD AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO WHITE RICE”

By Representative Villarica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2116, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE TINUY-AN FALLS AND ITS WATERSHED AREAS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2117, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION AND REFORESTATION OF THE TIMBERLANDS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINATUAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR”

By Representative Pimentel
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFORESTATION

House Bill No. 2118, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MARAWI CITY – KAPAI – TAGOLOAN, LANAO DEL SUR CONNECTING TALAKAG, BUKIDNON INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2119, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BALINDONG AND PIAGAPO IN LANAO DEL SUR TO PANTAORAGAT IN LANAO DEL NORTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2120, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEVENTY-FIVE (75) BED CAPACITY PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN-RAMAIN, PROVINCE OF LANAO DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE

MAMINTAL ADIONG SR. PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Adiong
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2121, entitled:

“AN ACT UPGRADING THE TAMPARAN 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. 2122, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NRRDA) AS THE CENTRAL PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING AGENCY ON THE EARLY RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION OF DISASTER-STRIKEN AREAS IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDE FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2123, entitled:

“AN ACT NATIONALIZING THE ULIP NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - DEPOT EXTENSION IN SITIO DEPOT, BARANGAY UPPER ULIP, MONKAYO, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE, INTO THE DEPOT ANCESTRAL DOMAIN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Zamora (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2124, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE THOROUGH BRED HORSE RACING AUTHORITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ocampo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2125, entitled:

“AN ACT PRESCRIBING THE MECHANISMS TO FACILITATE THE DISPOSITION OF

IDLE GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING”

By Representative Ocampo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2126, entitled:

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

By Representative Salimbangon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2127, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING CERTAIN LANDS OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BANTAYAN, DAANBANTAYAN, MADRIDEJOS AND STA. FE, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU, AS AGRICULTURAL LAND OPEN TO DISPOSITION FOR AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL, TOURISM AND OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTIVE PURPOSES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 2151, ‘DECLARING CERTAIN ISLANDS AND/OR PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AS WILDERNESS AREAS,’ DATED DECEMBER 29, 1981, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salimbangon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2128, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL A TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

House Bill No. 2129, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALUBIJID, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG ALUBIJID’ ”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2130, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAAN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG JASAAAN’ ”

By Representative Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2131, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG CLAVERIA’ ”

By Representative Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2132, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 15 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OPOL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE KNOWN AS ‘ARAW NG OPOL’ ”

By Representative Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2133, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AS STREAMLINED NATIONAL IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ABOLISHING THE IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES, RENAMING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION TO THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2134, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL DYNASTIES”

By Representative Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2135, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE RIGHTS OF PATIENTS AGAINST HOSPITAL DETENTION ON THE GROUND OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS AND MEDICAL EXPENSES AND REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9439, ENTITLED ‘AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DETENTION OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS ON GROUNDS OF NONPAYMENT OF HOSPITAL BILLS OR MEDICAL EXPENSES’ ”

By Representative Fortun

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2136, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FOUR-YEAR PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM”

By Representative Mercado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2137, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS TO DEPENDENTS OF ALL UNIFORMED PERSONNEL OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY AND THE COMMITTEE NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2138, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS NON-WAGE BENEFIT IN THE FORM OF FREE TERTIARY EDUCATION FOR A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN STATE UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2139, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 19TH DAY OF JUNE AS ‘ARAW NG PAGSULAT’, A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY”

By Representative Bataoil

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2140, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 35 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997 TO GIVE HIGHER ADDITIONAL PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS TO TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE DEPENDENTS THAT ARE PERSONS WITH DISABILITY”

By Representative Cuaresma
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2141, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT 7834 AND ESTABLISHING THE CORDILLERA STATE INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION INTEGRATING THE TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTIONS OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS, STRUCTURE AND FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2142, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY LAPAZ – STO. TOMAS - TRES REYES - DIBUL, MUNICIPALITY OF SAGUDAY, PROVINCE OF QUIRINO TO BARANGAY LIGAYA, MUNICIPALITY OF AGLIPAY, PROVINCE OF QUIRINO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2143, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PEOPLE’S BROADCASTING CORPORATION, ABOLISHING THE PEOPLE’S TELEVISION NETWORK, INC., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2144, entitled:

“AN ACT TO REGULATE EQUITY CROWD

FUNDING, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8799, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE’”

By Representative Cua
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2145, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MT. MAYAPAY IN THE CITY OF BUTUAN AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUENAVISTA, AGUSAN DEL NORTE, AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPE, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2146, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIPURPOSE GYMNASIUM IN EVERY MUNICIPALITY AND CITY TO SERVE AS EVACUATION CENTER DURING TIMES OF CALAMITY OR DISASTER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

House Bill No. 2147, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TEACHING SUPPLIES ALLOWANCE FOR EVERY QUALIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2148, entitled:

“AN ACT TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE DELIVERY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 8 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 9485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007’”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2149, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON

THE ACCOUNT OF AGE IN EMPLOYMENT AND IN THE WORKPLACE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2150, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FULL IRRIGATION SERVICE SUBSIDY FOR QUALIFIED FARMERS, CONDONATION OF UNPAID IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2151, entitled:

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

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2152, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF ALL DRIVER’S LICENSES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2153, entitled:

“AN ACT LENGTHENING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT TO TEN (10) YEARS, PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS WHEREBY THE VALIDITY PERIOD MAY BE LIMITED, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2154, entitled:

“AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY FROM THE COMPUTATION OF TAXABLE INCOME AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 32 (8) (7) OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8424, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2155, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE WHO ARE SLAIN IN THE LINE OF DUTY, CREATING THE PNP EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2156, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING A PLAIN LANGUAGE POLICY IN ALL GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS AND PROVIDING ITS DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2157, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY SOCIAL PENSION FOR INDIGENT SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZEN ACT OF 2010, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 9994, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ ”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2158, entitled:

“AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2159, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY BY GENERATION TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION

COMPANIES AND ELECTRICITY COOPERATIVES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTIONS 108 (A) AND 109 (1) OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9337, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2160, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN EVERY PROVINCE AND HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY OF THE COUNTRY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 2161, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, PROVIDING INCENTIVES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Pineda and Romero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2162, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AN AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR TOWN SITE PURPOSE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2163, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS IN THE EXISTING POLICY ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING FROM THE UTILIZATION OF PHILIPPINE GENETIC RESOURCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2164, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO,

INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS CITY OF SAN JOSE”

By Representative Ramirez-Sato
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2165, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY DOMESTIC PROCESSING OF ALL MINERAL ORES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7942 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE MINING ACT OF 1995 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Amante
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2166, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL ACADEMY, ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2167, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FILIPINO IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2168, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FOR CERTAIN NON-VAT TAXPAYERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 109 AND 236 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2169, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTING REFORMS TO FURTHER PROTECT AND DEVELOP MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 81, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE 1986 REVISED CHARTER OF

THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,' AS AMENDED”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

House Bill No. 2170, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED WITHIN THE PAST SIX (6) MONTHS”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2171, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS BY MANDATING THE AUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATIONS AFTER THIRTY DAYS OF INACTION AND EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD THEREOF”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 2172, entitled:

“AN ACT REDUCING THE COST OF ELECTRICITY FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES BY PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION OF SOLAR ENERGY IN ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND OFFICES, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2173, 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 Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 2174, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING AUTOMATIC

PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL WOMEN ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH AND THEIR NEWBORN CHILDREN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7875, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10606, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 2013’, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2175, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE COCONUT LEVY ASSETS BY THE PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE, CREATING THE COCONUT INDUSTRY FUND COMMITTEE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT, AND USE OF PROCEEDS OF SUCH ASSETS FOR AND IN BEHALF OF THE COCONUT FARMERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2176, entitled:

“AN ACT PRIORITIZING THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN THE GRANT OF LOANS BY THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2177, entitled:

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

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 2178, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL

MARICULTURE PROGRAM, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2179, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE UTILIZATION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2180, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Santos-Recto
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2181, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE DAYCARE FACILITIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES’ CHILDREN AGED FIVE (5) YEARS OLD AND BELOW, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLE 157 OF THE LABOR CODE”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2182, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN’S HEALTH”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2183, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2184, entitled:

“AN ACT TO PROMOTE AGRI-TOURISM

IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2185, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT SERVICE CENTER HOUSING SATELLITE OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION, GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, AND SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN”

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

House Bill No. 2186, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS ON THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MEDICAL REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2187, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFW AND SEAFARERS HOSPITAL WITHIN CENTRAL LUZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2188, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL REQUISITE FOR FILING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN RELATION TO THEIR OFFICE”

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2189, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING ARTICLES 217, 218, 219, 220, 221 AND 222 OF ACT NO. 3815, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AS AMENDED”

By Representative Romualdo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2190, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE ILLEGAL USE OF ELECTRICITY, THE THEFT AND DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER LINES, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS, RATIONALIZING SYSTEM LOSS, REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7832, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES/MATERIALS PILFERAGE ACT OF 1994, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Romualdo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

House Bill No. 2191, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996”

By Representative Aragon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2192, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’ ”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2193, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9994, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS ACT OF 2010’ ”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2194, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING GOVERNOR’S DRIVE IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS JUANITO R. REMULLA, SR. ROAD”

By Representative Ferrer (L.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2195, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE BENEFITS OF ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS OF THE LUPONG TAGAPAMAYAPA, THEREBY AMENDING SECTION 393, PARAGRAPH (A) OF

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2196, entitled:

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

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2197, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY IMELDA, MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, TO BARANGAY STA. ANA, MUNICIPALITY OF TAGOLOAN, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2198, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM JUNCTION NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BARANGAY ANE-I, MUNICIPALITY OF CLAVERIA TO BARANGAY APLAYA, MUNICIPALITY OF JASAAN, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2199, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY CANITOAN TO BARANGAY TUBIGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF INITAO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2200, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY IMELDA TO BARANGAY DAYAWAN, MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2201, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY POBLACION TO BARANGAY AMOROS, CITY OF EL SALVADOR, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2202, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF OPOL TO BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF MANTICAO, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2203, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY DULONG TO BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF LIBERTAD, OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2204, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD IN BARANGAY TUBIGAN, MUNICIPALITY OF INITAO, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2205, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY POBLACION, MUNICIPALITY OF ALUBIJID TO BARANGAY POBLACION, CITY OF EL SALVADOR, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2206, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY COGON, MUNICIPALITY OF GITAGUM TO BARANGAY AROMAHON, MUNICIPALITY OF LAGUINDINGAN, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Uy (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2207, 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 Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION

House Bill No. 2208, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM THEREBY AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOCIAL SECURITY LAW’ AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2209, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF
CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2210, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING
FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR THE
TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS
TO OR FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2211, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 27 AND 71
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6657, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE
AGRARIAN REFORM LAW OF 1988
THEREBY LIFTING THE RESTRICTION ON
THE RIGHT OF FARMER-BENEFICIARIES
TO MORTGAGE AND/OR ENCUMBER
THE LANDS AWARDED TO THEM UNDER
THE COMPREHENSIVE AGRARIAN
REFORM PROGRAM AND ALLOWING
THE SUBMISSION OF THE CERTIFICATE
OF LAND OWNERSHIP AWARD AS
SUFFICIENT COLLATERAL FOR LOANS
ENTERED INTO WITH BANKS AND/OR
OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN
REFORM

House Bill No. 2212, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 2213, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ALL
BARANGAY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING
BARANGAY TANODS AND MEMBERS
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By Representative Mangudadatu (Z.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

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By Representative Mangudadatu (Z.)
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House Bill No. 2226, entitled:

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By Representative Mangudadatu (Z.)
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By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2229, entitled:

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By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 2230, entitled:

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By Representative Revilla

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House Bill No. 2231, entitled:

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House Bill No. 2234, entitled:

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By Representative Revilla

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House Bill No. 2237, entitled:

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By Representative Revilla

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House Bill No. 2239, entitled:

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By Representative Treñas

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House Bill No. 2240, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING CUARTERO STREET IN JARO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A

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By Representative Treñas
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House Bill No. 2241, entitled:

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By Representative Treñas
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House Bill No. 2242, entitled:

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By Representative Treñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
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House Bill No. 2243, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING NISA ROAD IN CITY PROPER DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Treñas
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House Bill No. 2244, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING JALANDONI STREET IN CITY PROPER DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Treñas
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House Bill No. 2245, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING FAJARDO STREET IN JARO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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House Bill No. 2246, entitled:

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By Representative Treñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
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House Bill No. 2247, entitled:

“AN ACT ABOLISHING IRRIGATION SERVICE FEES, REPEALING SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH (C) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601; SECTION 1, PARAGRAPH (B) OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1702; SECTION 35 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8435, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Panganiban
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
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House Bill No. 2248, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY SUMPOTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DINAS, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS SUMPOTAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”

By Representative Cerilles
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House Bill No. 2249, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE PROVINCIAL ROAD CONNECTING THE TOWNS OF BAYOG, LAKEWOOD, TIGBAO, KUMALARANG, LAPUYAN, SAN MIGUEL, DINAS, DIMATALING, TABINA, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR PROVINCIAL ROADS INTO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Cerilles
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
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House Bill No. 2250, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING BAYOG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO A TECHNICAL - VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BAYOG TECHNICAL - VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Cerilles
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AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2251, entitled:

“AN ACT REVOKING THE IRRIGATION SERVICE

FEES (ISFs) IMPOSED ON FARMERS BY THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1701 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2252, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF PUTIK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PUTIK, ZAMBOANGA CITY”

By Representative Dalipe
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House Bill No. 2253, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF LUNZURAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY LUNZURAN, ZAMBOANGA CITY”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2254, entitled:

“AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF TUGBUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TUGBUNGAN, ZAMBOANGA CITY”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2255, entitled:

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By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2256, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING POLILLO - BURDEOS PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2257, entitled:

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NAGSINAMO PROVINCIAL ROAD INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

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“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CONVERGENCE STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING THE IMPLEMENTING MECHANISMS THEREFORE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 2259, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR DAY CARE CENTERS REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, CREATING DAY CARE CENTERS REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2260, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING NON-WAGE BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Enverga
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2261, entitled:

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By Representative Enverga
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By Representative Cueva
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By Representative Herreda-Dy
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By Representative Bag-ao
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By Representative Herreda-Dy
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By Representative Herreda-Dy
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By Representative Bag-ao
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By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
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By Representative Bag-ao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 2271, entitled:

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By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
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By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2275, entitled:

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By Representative Kho
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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By Representative Tambunting
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By Representative Tambunting
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By Representative Roque (H.)
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By Representative Evardone
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By Representative Abu
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By Representative Roque (H.)
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By Representatives Rocamora, Lazatin, Villarín and Baguilat

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By Representative Oaminal

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Resolution of Both Houses No. 8, entitled:

"RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES CONSTITUTING THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS, INTO A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO PROPOSE REVISIONS OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION BY ADOPTING A FEDERAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representatives Gonzales (A.D.) and De Vera
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil for House Bills No. 107, 108, 109, 110, 111 and 621;

Rep. Peter John D. Calderon for House Bill No. 2050;

Rep. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo for House Bills No. 11, 15 and 34;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bills No. 1, 2 and 995;

Rep. Maria Carmen S. Zamora for House Bill No. 844;

Rep. Strike B. Revilla for House Bill No. 551;

Rep. Virgilio S. Lacson for House Bill No. 192;

Rep. Nancy A. Catamco for House Bills No. 525, 526, 527, 543, 551, 588; and 605;

Rep. Lawrence H. Fortun for House Bill No. 11;

Rep. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. SyAlvarado for House Bills No. 19, 23, 47, 172, 190, 209, 520, 1036, 1073, 1083, 1170, 1171, 1265 and 1330;

Rep. Roger G. Mercado for House Bills No. 1, 2, 11, 12, 14 and 31;

Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate for House Bills No. 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 1790, 1791 and 1792;

Reps. Sarah Jane I. Elago, France L. Castro, Ariel B. Casilao and Antonio L. Tinio for House Bills No. 371, 372, 373, 374 and 375;

Rep. Mark A. Villar for House Bills No. 78, 79, 80, 312, 353 and 354;

Rep. Francisco Jose F. Matugas II for House Bills No. 122 and 123;

Rep. Cristina "Chiqui" Roa-Puno for House Bill No. 580;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 136, 396 and 810;

Rep. Ruby M. Sahali for House Bill No. 92;

Rep. Melecio J. Yap Jr. for House Bill No. 1213;

Rep. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III for House Resolution No. 142;

Rep. Joseph Stephen S. Paduano for House Bill No. 181;

Reps. Mercedes "Didi" C. Cagas, Ferdinand L. Hernandez and Alberto T. Ungab for House Bills No. 122 and 123;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bills No. 31, 34, 64, 153, 524 and 583;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bills No. 1874 and 1903;

Rep. H. Harry L. Roque Jr. for House Bills No. 1133, 1142, 1182 and 1183; and

Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez for House Bills No. 658, 660 and 661.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated March 24 and April 6, 2015 of Heidi L. Mendoza, Commissioner, Officer-in-Charge, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the 2013 Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

National Government Agencies:

1. Philippine Broadcasting Service-Bureau of Broadcast Services;
2. Climate Change Commission;
3. Early Childhood Care and Development Council;
4. Governance Commission for GOCCs;
5. Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council;
6. National Archives of the Philippines;

7. National Historical Commission of the Philippines;
8. Philippine Information Agency;
9. Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor;
10. Presidential Legislative Liaison Office; and
11. UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines.

Government-Owned and/or -Controlled Corporations:

1. Home Development Mutual Fund-CY 2013; and
2. National Livelihood Development Corporation-CY 2012.

Water Districts in Region V:

1. Del Gallego Water District, Del Gallego, Camarines Sur-CYs 2009, 2010 and 2011;
 2. Bacacay Water District, Bacacay, Albay-CY 2013; and
 3. Gubat Water District, Gubat, Sorsogon-CY 2011.
- TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated January 18, 2016 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the 2014 Annual Audit Reports and Management Letters on the following:

Annual Audit Reports:

1. Bureau of the Treasury- National Government;
2. Bureau of the Treasury- Proper;
3. Cooperative Development Authority;
4. Department of Finance;
5. Municipal Development Fund Office;
6. Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute;
7. Procurement Service; and
8. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Management Letters:

1. Bureau of Customs; and
2. Bureau of Internal Revenue.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated April 27, 2016 of Conchita Carpio Morales, Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman, referring the Affidavit-Complaint of Ferdinand T. Sevilla against Hon. Emmanuel D. Pacquiao, Representative, Lone District, Sarangani.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Letter dated May 24, 2016 of Atty. Shiela U. Villa, Regional Director, Commission on Audit, Regional Office No. IV-B, transmitting copies of the Annual Audit Reports on the following Stand-alone Agencies, National Government Sector, for the year ended 31 December 2015:

1. Occidental Mindoro State College (OMSC);
2. Mindoro State College of Agriculture and Technology (MinSCAT);
3. Marinduque State College (MSC);

4. Romblon State University (RSU);
5. Palawan State University (PSU);
6. Western Philippines University (WPU); and
7. Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated May 26, 2016 of Janet D. Nacion, Director IV, Regional Director, Commission on Audit, Regional Office No. IV-A, transmitting copies of the 2015 Annual Audit Reports and Management Letters on the following:

Annual Audit Reports:

1. Batangas State University;
2. Laguna State Polytechnic University;
3. University of Rizal System;
4. Southern Luzon State University; and
5. Forest Products Research and Development Institute;

Management Letters:

1. Cavite State University-Main Campus;
2. Philippine High School for the Arts; and
3. Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 6, 2016 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the 2015 Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

1. Local Government Academy;
2. Philippine Public Safety College;
3. Department of National Defense;
4. National Defense College of the Philippines;
5. Office of Civil Defense;
6. Veterans Memorial Medical Center;
7. Armed Forces of the Philippines Commissary and Exchange Service;
8. Department of Justice;
9. National Bureau of Investigation;
10. Land Registration Authority;
11. Public Attorney's Office;
12. Office of the Solicitor General;
13. Office of the Government Corporate Counsel; and
14. Philippine Commission on Good Government.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 8, 2016 of Michael G. Aguinaldo, Chairperson, Commission on Audit, transmitting copies of the 2015 Annual Audit Reports on the following government agencies:

1. Caraga State University;
2. Agusan Del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology;

3. Surigao Del Sur State University; and
4. Surigao State College of Technology.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated June 15, 2016 of Robert G. Vergara, President and General Manager, Government Service Insurance System, submitting the report on GSIS Investment Portfolio as of December 31, 2015.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Annual Audit Report on the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority for the year ended December 31, 2015.
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

Annual Audit Reports on the following Water Districts, for the year ended 31 December 2015:

1. Pikit Water District, Pikit, Cotabato;
2. Antipas Water District, Antipas, Cotabato; and
3. Metro Kidapawan Water District, Kidapawan City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we call the roll of Members.

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

The Secretary General is directed to call the roll of Members.

The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 7, dated August 8, 2016:

PRESENT

Abayon	Alonte-Naguiat
Abellanosa	Alvarez (F.)
Abu	Alvarez (M.)
Abueg	Alvarez (P.)
Acharon	Amatong
Acop	Andaya
Agarao	Angara-Castillo
Aggabao	Antonio
Aglipay-Villar	Aragones
Akbar	Arcillas
Albano	Arenas
Alcala	Atienza
Almonte	Bagatsing

Baguilat	Elago
Barbers	Enverga
Barzaga	Erice
Bataoil	Eriguel
Batocabe	Ermita-Buhain
Bautista-Bandigan	Escudero
Belaro	Espina
Belmonte (F.)	Espino
Belmonte (J.)	Estrella
Bernos	Eusebio
Bertiz	Evardone
Biazon	Fariñas
Billones	Fernando
Bolilia	Ferriol-Pascual
Bondoc	Floirendo
Bordado	Flores
Bravo (A.)	Fortun
Bravo (M.)	Fortuno
Brosas	Fuentebella
Bulut-Begtang	Garbin
Cagas	Garcia (J.)
Calderon	Garcia-Albano
Calixto-Rubiano	Garin (S.)
Caminero	Gasataya
Campos	Gatchalian
Canama	Geron
Cari	Go (A.C.)
Casilao	Go (M.)
Castelo	Gonzaga
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.P.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzales (A.D.)
Cayetano	Gonzalez
Cerafica	Gorriceta
Chavez	Gullas
Chipeco	Hernandez
Co	Herrera-Dy
Cojuangco	Hofer
Cortes	Javier
Cortuna	Kho
Cosalan	Khonghun
Crisologo	Labadlabad
Cua	Lacson
Cuaresma	Lagman
Cueva	Lanete
Dalipe	Laogan
Dalog	Lazatin
De Jesus	Lee
De Venecia	Limkaichong
De Vera	Lobregat
Del Mar	Lopez (B.)
Del Rosario	Lopez (C.)
Deloso-Montalla	Lopez (M.)
Dimaporo (A.)	Loyola
Dimaporo (M.)	Macapagal-Arroyo
Durano	Maceda
Dy	Madrona

Malapitan	Salon
Manalo	Sambar
Mangaoang	Sandoval
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Santos-Recto
Marcoleta	Sarmiento (C.)
Marcos	Savellano
Marquez	Sema
Martinez	Siao
Matugas	Silverio
Mercado	Singson
Montoro	Suansing (E.)
Nieto	Suansing (H.)
Noel	Suarez
Nograles (K.)	Sy-Alvarado
Nolasco	Tambunting
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tan (A.)
Olivarez	Tan (M.)
Ong (E.)	Tan (S.)
Ong (H.)	Tejada
Ortega (P.)	Tiangco
Ortega (V.)	Ting
Pacquiao	Tinio
Palma	Tolentino
Pancho	Tugna
Panganiban	Turabin-Hataman
Panotes	Ty
Papandayan	Umali
Pichay	Unabia
Pimentel	Ungab
Pineda	Unico
Plaza	Uy (J.)
Primicias-Agabas	Uy (R.)
Quimbo	Uybarreta
Radaza	Vargas
Ramirez-Sato	Vargas-Alfonso
Ramos	Velarde
Relampagos	Velasco
Revilla	Veloso
Roa-Puno	Vergara
Robes	Villafuerte
Rocamora	Villanueva
Rodriguez (I.)	Villaraza-Suarez
Rodriguez (M.)	Villarica
Roman	Villarin
Romero	Violago
Romualdez	Yap (A.)
Romualdo	Yap (M.)
Roque (H.)	Yu
Sacdalan	Zamora (M.)
Sagarbarria	Zamora (R.)
Sahali	Zarate
Salceda	Zubiri
Salo	

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 243 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 243 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, we take time out to acknowledge the presence of some of our guests in the gallery. First is Vice Mayor Aldrin Sta. Ana of Bocaue, Bulacan, along with Councilor Denise Castro, also of Bocaue, Bulacan. They are the guests of the Hon. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. Sy-Alvarado of the First District of Bulacan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). All guests, please rise. (*Applause*) Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, likewise, we have the guests of the honorable Deputy Speaker Raneo “Ranie” E. Abu, also guests of the honorable Congressmen Romeo M. Acop, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Gary C. Alejano, Rodel M. Batocabe, Eugene Michael B. De Vera, Ron P. Salo, and the Hon. Lito L. Atienza. They are the members of the Duterte Youth Movement and they are here with us in the gallery, Mme. Speaker. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. Thank you for your visit.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, we have guests from Japan. They are Mr. Ito Shingo, Mr. Ariga Kanenori, Mr. Odagi Kakuro, Mr. Kanamori Yumi. We also have former Cong. Anthony Golez. They are the guests of the honorable Representative of the 1-PACMAN Party-List, Hon. Michael L. Romero, Ph. D. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Welcome to the House of Representatives.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, we would also like to greet the guests of the honorable Cong. Jose L. Atienza Jr. of BUHAY Party-List. They are volunteers of the Party-List BUHAY.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the change of referral of the following measures:

1. House Bill No. 7, from the Committee on Transportation to the Committee on Public Works and Highways; and

2. House Resolution No. 65, from the Committee on Rules to the Committee on Public Order and Safety.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, today being a Monday, pursuant to the Rules of the House, I move that we declare a Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion is approved. The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, the first of our colleagues who has registered to avail of the Privilege Hour is the Gentleman from the Second District of Bataan. I move for the recognition of the Hon. Jose Enrique S. Garcia III to speak on the late Rep. Enrique T. Garcia Jr.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Jose Enrique Garcia III from the Second District of Bataan is recognized.

Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. GARCIA (J.)

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, distinguished Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, a very pleasant afternoon.

As a neophyte Member of this House, I thought that it would be fitting that the very first time I take the floor, I should pay homage to a man who had served this House faithfully and well. He was in the Eighth Congress from 1987 to 1992, as well as in the Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Congresses. The next nine years, he spent serving as Governor of the people of Bataan, whom he loved very much. He was back in the Sixteenth Congress and continued to serve up to June 13, 2016 when he met his untimely demise. The man I speak about is Cong. Enrique T. Garcia Jr., fondly known as Cong. Tet, my best friend, mentor, and father.

First, allow me to take this opportunity to extend my family's sincerest apologies to the House leadership for not being able to bring him here for the traditional necrological service. I know my father would have wanted very much to thank his colleagues in this House, the congressional officers and staff for all the wonderful works that are being done here for the good of our country. I can almost sense him urging me to deliver this privilege speech so that I can convey to you his sincerest gratitude.

Early on in Congress, Cong. Tet was referred to with much admiration as a "pit bull" of the House, a moniker given by a former colleague, then Makati Cong. Teddy Boy Locsin, for his ferocious tenacity in pursuing worthy, national causes and issues. As they said, once he latched on an issue, he refused to let go. We know how he once stood alongside known legal luminaries that included the likes of former Senators Joker Arroyo and Wigberto Tañada, and our colleague, Cong. Manong Edcel Lagman, against the first Oil Deregulation Law and the evils of an oil cartel.

Cong. Tet orally argued the case before the Supreme Court though he is not even a lawyer, a first in the history of this country's Judiciary. He did it so well and went on to win the day for the Filipino oil consumers. Once again, before the Supreme Court, but this time singlehandedly, Cong. Tet successfully fought for the retention of the country's petrochemical industrial complex in Bataan. Because of this, the province is now reaping the fruits by way of increased tax revenues and employment opportunities for our constituents.

In his last term as Governor, Bataan was second among the top 10 most self-sufficient provinces in the country, according to the 2013 Tax Watch ranking by the Department of Finance. Self-sufficiency in the shown table is measured by the ratio of locally sourced revenue to annual regular income, which should exceed 20 percent.

Cong. Tet's passion for public service was relentless. This led him to discover and expose what has come to be known as the mother of all revenue scams. Perpetrated by a syndicate of scalawags in the banking system, in the Bureau of Customs, and in the BIR, the scam robbed the country of hundreds of millions of pesos in taxes and customs duties in each and every year that it had gone undetected.

As explained by Mr. Federico D. Pascual Jr. in his column Postscript:

Their modus operandi was simple: Checks paid by big taxpayers were intercepted by key bank officials, deposited in a temporary account opened to catch the diversion. After the amount was withdrawn, the account was closed.

The operation, which ran for years, was possible because of lax rules, and with the connivance of bank managers, some of whom were convicted years after Garcia exposed the scam.

Cong. Tet's simple solution: A new rule was to be imposed so that all check payments bore a coded number to mark and separate them as intended for either the BIR or the Customs Bureau. They were thus automatically credited either without delay and without human intervention.

He was in the Twelfth Congress when he presented his solution to the problem to Malacañang. And once

his proposal was adopted and implemented in October 2002, the massive pilferage stopped immediately and completely.

It was only during the Sixteenth Congress when the Committee on Ways and Means passed Resolution No. 29, acknowledging his efforts. As it was there noted, had he not stepped-in, losses today could have come to several billions of pesos more.

Those were but some of his outstanding accomplishments. I am standing before you today to talk about what may turn out to be his greatest legacy to the Philippines, a legacy that will surely be felt in all of the 81 provinces, 145 cities, 1,489 municipalities, and 42,036 barangays across the entire country.

On August 28, 2013, at the time when he had already suffered from a stroke and could only move about on a wheelchair, Cong. Tet was again back in the Supreme Court on a petition for mandamus: He sought to correct a gross injustice that is being perpetrated most ironically by the national government against the local government units or LGUs. Cong. Tet bewailed that the LGUs are being drastically shortchanged in two significant ways: first, the provisions of the Constitution have not been followed. The Constitution mandates that LGUs shall have a share in the national taxes, but when Congress enacted the Local Government Code, LGUs have been limited to a share only in the national internal revenue taxes; and second, he pointed out that even in the implementation of that erroneous and unconstitutional provision of the Local Government Code, LGUs are getting their Internal Revenue Allotment or IRA in amounts that are much, much less than what the law provides.

For one, the internal revenue taxes being collected by the Bureau of Customs are being excluded in the computation of the IRA. He attributes this to some accounting gobbledygook of the national government's finance people. As shown in the petition, had these collections been included, LGUs should have received an additional P233.1 billion for the period 2009 to 2011 alone.

As we all know, one key aspect in the devolution process is the transfer to the LGUs of the responsibility for the delivery of basic services, which include health, agriculture, environment and natural resources, social services and public works funded by local resources. But to enable the LGUs to perform their role as effective partners in the national progress and development, the Constitution has properly seen it fit to provide them with a broadened taxing power and a just share in the national taxes. After all, national taxes are paid by individual and corporate taxpayers who make their living in cities and municipalities, thereby making LGUs as the source of the national taxes. In fact, the 2013 to 2015 BIR collection in Bataan is more than the whole province's IRA share by almost P1 billion for the same period.

It is therefore in the interest of the national government, the country and its people that the salutary aim and vision of the Constitution to sufficiently empower local government should not be brought to naught. True to form, it was Cong. Tet who saw, heard and felt the crying need of LGUs for empowerment. He sought judicial relief but it is taking much time. He had appealed to the national government to do what is right and just, for the national government to simply follow the law but his plea was ignored. The national government continued to retain the funds for its own use, such as the Disbursement Acceleration Program.

It is by some quirk of fate that just when a new leadership has taken place, has taken over the reins of the government after the last elections, a new leadership that presents a whiff of fresh air and fresh new hope, Cong. Tet had to slip away to be at home with the Lord.

One cannot help but sense the symbolism when President Duterte solemnly stood before my father's coffin during the wake. They were colleagues during the Eleventh Congress. Now, I am compelled to convey my father's unspoken message to President Duterte: I appreciate your aggressive push towards federalism. As President of this country, it is really up to you to provide directions on where you want our people to be. I can understand your frustrations over a centralized government. Yes, our government remains highly centralized despite the Local Government Code and its mandate of devolution.

You want federalism because a centralized form of government tends to neglect areas that are far from the seat of power. You want the rest of the country to break free from what is now being derisively referred to as "Imperial Manila."

In fact, Mindanao is said to produce 60 percent of the gross domestic product but only about 40 percent is returned to it. As bluntly put in a leading daily, a strong argument for federalism is because Manila is stealing the funds. In 2015, 35 percent of the national budget reportedly went to Metro Manila even if it represents only 14 percent of the country's population.

Federalism aims to put an end to all of that. Federalism is seen to lead to an equitable distribution of national wealth across the country.

The shift to federalism, however, is a lengthy and tedious process. As the President himself admitted in his SONA, it may take four to five years of his term if we go the route of a constitutional convention. Because of the length of time and the staggering cost, a constituent assembly is now being considered. Still, that may take as long as two years.

In the meantime, I sincerely believe that Congressman Tet's vision of empowerment for LGUs presents a fast and simple solution to the problem.

So, on behalf of the LGUs, let me address this appeal to President Duterte. Please give this matter serious thought and consideration. Once convinced, all it would take is a clear directive to the DOF, the DBM and the BIR. Compute the IRA strictly in accordance with Section 284 of the Local Government Code. This will immediately achieve the same desired objective, which is the equitable distribution of the national wealth.

With the President's directive, LGUs need no longer wait for the Supreme Court decision on the IRA petition. Funds would then be channeled to the LGUs across the country to enable them to develop and ultimately become self-sustaining and effective contributors to the national economy. The funds would be right where they are needed and put to good use through the Local Development Councils which, according to the Supreme Court in the case of *Belgica vs. Ochoa*, have the legal mandate to help in setting the direction of economic and social development within their respective territorial jurisdictions. This will also solve underspending, which has been cited as the reason for the deceleration of economic growth. The DBM data showed that disbursement for infrastructure and capital outlays in 2015 fell below the target by 20 percent. Out of the programmed P431.6 billion, expenditures amounted to P345.3 billion. In totality, for the same year, the government spent P2.23 trillion, which was 12.8 percent lower than the program.

In Region III alone, the amount of unfunded projects under the 2011-2016 Central Luzon Investment Program, as approved by the Regional Development Council, has ballooned to P430 billion.

According to now Budget Secretary, Dr. Benjamin Diokno, underspending results from the DBM providing government agencies with more money than they actually need or are able to spend. He suspects that past administrations were deliberately making the budget bloated because they wanted to keep the savings. Did they do this because they have too much funds on their hands? Do these funds legally belong to the LGUs?

In closing, may I read Congressman Tet's favorite quotation on the subject. This is from a paper written for the Local Government Center, College of Public Administration of the University of the Philippines and Ford Foundation Philippines, and I quote:

x x x being in the front line, the LGUs are regarded by the citizens as the government. If local governments fail and are unresponsive to the basic needs of the people, then government to these people is a failure, regardless of the grandiose plans, visions x x x the national government has.

Mme. Speaker, distinguished Members, ladies and gentlemen, I deeply appreciate your precious time and attention.

Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, one of our colleagues has registered to interpellate the Honorable Garcia. I move for the recognition of the Hon. Jose Antonio "Kuya Jonathan" R. Sy-Alvarado of the First District of Bulacan.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Gentleman from Bulacan is recognized. Please proceed.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, I would just like to ask the Gentleman from Bataan if he would be courteous enough to allow me, this humble Representation, to ask some questions.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I oblige.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mr. Congressman, did I hear the Gentleman right, that for the period of 2009 to 2011 alone, the local government units have been deprived of as much as P200 billion?

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, to answer the question of the Gentleman from Bulacan, I believe I have a slide which I want to be shown on the screen showing that in the collection—can we show the slide—that in the period 2009 to 2011, the collections from the Bureau of Customs for VAT and excise tax were not included in the computation of the IRA and at the same time, there were also IRA deductions amounting to P27 million, P49 million and P61 million. So, if you add up the IRA shortfall from 2009, 2010 and 2011, which corresponds to P62.9 million, P76.6 million and P93.2 million, sorry, billion, that would total to P232.8 billion. So, correct, in the years 2009 to 2011, more than P232 billion was deprived from the local government units.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mme. Speaker, may I continue my question.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Please proceed.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mme. Speaker, in my case—I represent the province of Bulacan, its First

District—will the Gentleman be able to tell me how much IRA our province should have received during the said period?

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I would like also, again, to show a computation of what would have been the IRA for the different provinces in Central Luzon for the period 2011 to 2014. As you can see, to answer the question of the Gentleman from Bulacan, the total IRA shortfall computed from 2011 to 2014 for the province of Bulacan is more than P3 billion.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. So, Mme. Speaker, if the father of the Gentleman from Bataan wins the case before the Supreme Court, will we be able to get the IRA shortfall?

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, if the pending case with the Supreme Court is granted to the petitioner, the ruling of the Supreme Court will allow that the local government units receive or get what is due them in accordance with the Local Government Code on how actually it should be computed. But, Mme. Speaker, we believe that instead of waiting for the Supreme Court to decide on this petition, we are pleading to the President, the national government, to take a look at this petition because the President, through his powers, may be able to study this petition and, without waiting for the decision of the Supreme Court, instruct the DBM, the DOF and the BIR to compute it accurately and provide or give the IRA that is due to the local government units as indicated in the petition.

REP. SY-ALVARADO. Mme. Speaker, ang tatlong bilyon po na maaaring maibigay sa aming probinsiya, kung mapapatunayan talagang nagkulang iyong aming Internal Revenue Allotment na magmula pa noong 2009, ay tunay namang makapagbibigay ng karagdagang tulong, lalung-lalo na ng pag-asa sa lahat ng mahihirap at mamamayan ng dakilang lalawigan ng Bulacan at ng buong bansang Pilipinas. Ako po ay naniniwala, Mme. Speaker, na kailangan pong suportahan ng Kongreso ng Pilipinas, lalung-lalo na po kung naririnig tayo ng ating minamahal na Pangulo, ang kaso po na ipinasok ng ating nakaraang Cong. Tet Garcia.

Ako po, Mme. Speaker, ay nagpapasalamat sa oras na ibinigay sa akin ng ating Congressman mula sa Bataan, ng pagkakataon na siya ay mabigyan ko ng ilang katanungan na magbibigay ng linaw hindi lamang sa lalawigan ng Bulacan kung hindi sa buong bansang Pilipinas. Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the

recognition of the Gentleman from the Third District of Pampanga, the Hon. Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., for his chance to interpellate the honorable Garcia.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I would just like to ask the Gentleman from Bataan because during the time of his father, I was not in Congress in 2013 up to 2016. We will keep on discussing this matter, Mme. Speaker, and if the Supreme Court will decide on this matter, the beneficiaries will be the 80 provinces all over the country.

And now my question, Mme. Speaker, is: How much is the final monthly Internal Revenue Allotment for LGUs for all regions? Do you have any idea? Do you have any data on this matter, Mme. Speaker?

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, sorry, I do not have the actual value of all IRA for all LGUs in the country.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Yes, Mme. Speaker, I have the figure on my cellphone because I have discussed this with your father. In 2013, for the provinces, cities and municipalities, the budget required was P13,844,142,962 except for the CAR and the three regions.

So, Mme. Speaker, I am also manifesting that the good Gentleman from Bataan, my colleague in Central Luzon, Congressman Garcia, and his brother who is now the Governor of Bataan—we will keep on discussing this matter. So, Mme. Speaker, what is now the status of this issue in the Supreme Court?

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, the case was filed on August 28, 2013, and it is still pending with our Supreme Court. On the death of my father, I filed a motion to substitute him as the petitioner. So, Mme. Speaker, we are still awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court with regard to this petition. But, again, I would like to reiterate that instead of waiting for the decision of the Supreme Court, we would like to plead with the national government, with President Duterte, to consider looking at this petition and act on it by instructing the DBM, the DOF and the BIR to compute the Internal Revenue Allotment accurately. This, Mme. Speaker, will correct what is not being given to the local government units in our country.

REP. GONZALES (A.D.). Yes, Mme. Speaker, that is a good idea. I am also calling on our colleagues in Congress, not only Region III, not only Pampanga or Bataan will benefit from this one. It will benefit the country. All 80 provinces, the 16 regions, the 42,000 plus barangays and 1,400 plus cities and municipalities will benefit on this issue.

So, Mme. Speaker, you know, those previous

years, I think that was 2010 up to 2016, we had a lot of windfall. You know windfall—windfall, we had a lot of savings in our country. We are underspending and every legislator needs augmentation, health for the social services, scholars, mga maysakit at mga farm-to-market road, mga hospital. That is why, Mme. Speaker, with this recommendation of our dear Congressman from Bataan, I am urging this Body also to follow up on this issue in the Supreme Court because the constituents, our constituents, will benefit from this issue. I have a lot of figures on this—I will just submit them to you, Mme. Speaker, or to the Gentleman from Bataan—regarding this issue. The Gentleman's father gave me this one. During the time of the Gentleman from Batangas, we went to Nueva Ecija, we went to Region IV-A, we went to Region IV-B to discuss everything regarding these local government units. This is an augmentation. This is a big help to our local government officials.

So, Mme. Speaker, iyon lang po ang puwede kong sabihin kung puwede. This is P500 billion. You know P500 billion—how much is our proposed budget for the year 2016? I think, more or less, it is P3.3 trillion. This is almost P500 billion. Ang makikinabang po dito is not only your district, not only your province, not only Central Luzon, but the entire country.

So, Mme. Speaker, maraming salamat po sa ibinigay na oras sa aking kaibigan, sa pag-interpellate, and I also want to support this issue, these local government units. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. GARCIA (J.). Mme. Speaker, I definitely agree with the observations and comments of the Gentleman from Pampanga.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Jose Enrique S. Garcia III of the Second District of Bataan and its interpellation to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech of the honorable Gentleman to the appropriate committee is approved.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of some guests: the officials and members of the Board of KABAYAN Party-List; the teachers from the Muntinlupa National High School, headed by Ms. Marlyn B. Latina; the Manila Teachers supporters;

Dr. Jewehl Gay Ramino-Salo; and the family of Rep. Ron P. Salo.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*) The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Cong. Estrellita B. Suansing of the First District of Nueva Ecija for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Suansing is recognized for her privilege speech. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SUANSING (E.)

REP. SUANSING (E.). Mme. Speaker, honorable Members of this estimable Chamber, the House of Representatives, distinguished guests and visitors, ladies and gentlemen, a pleasant afternoon to all of you.

I rise today to speak regarding the irrigation system in the province of Nueva Ecija.

Since time immemorial, my beloved Nueva Ecija has been blessed with rich and fertile lands that have yielded mostly palay, onions and other high-value crops. The produce of rice and other vegetables has fed the bellies of our countrymen through the centuries, earning it the title “Rice Granary of the Philippines.”

Ironically, our farmers, who sow lands and make food available on our tables, whose skin are sunburned and reddish brown from toiling under the scorching heat of the sun, have never really improved their economic condition, much less their social status. Our countrymen in the agricultural sector comprise more than a third of the national workforce, and yet, they contribute less than 15 percent to the country's total economic output.

Indubitably, poverty incidence is much higher amongst agricultural families than the national average, imposing a heavy and burdensome strain on social endowment or assistance programs, if there are any for that matter. Agricultural products will also suffer as well because of low morale and lack of subsistence for our farmworkers.

Mme. Speaker, honorable colleagues, this is not acceptable. Our agricultural industry suffers from price competition in their produce from time to time because of the smuggling of basic commodities such as rice, onion and garlic into our country and of cartels. The miserable and depressing state of the farming sector is further aggravated by the lack of accessible credit and micro-financing, agricultural technology and extension programs, and adequate post-harvest facilities, not to mention the heavy

burden imposed on farmers through the mandatory payment of irrigation service fees.

In the province of Nueva Ecija, the California Energy or CE Casecnan Water and Energy Company, Inc. is apparently operating a 150-megawatt hydroelectric power plant and irrigation control facility along the Casecnan and Taan Rivers located in Central Luzon. It has been functioning under a build-operate-transfer scheme with the National Irrigation Administration or NIA for a period of 20 years from December 11, 2001 to December 10, 2021.

Reliable and impeccable sources say that from 2001 to 2015, the CE Casecnan has delivered water to the Pantabangan reservoir with an average water delivery of 776 million cubic meters at a water delivery fee equivalent to US\$0.0738 or P3.45 per cubic meter at an exchange rate of P45 to a dollar. This means that the government through the National Irrigation Administration pays the CE Casecnan an estimated amount of US\$57,268,800 or P2.58 billion annually for the water that the NIA acquires for irrigation purposes.

In terms of electricity production, the CE Casecnan through its hydroelectric power plant generates 450,000,000 kilowatt-hours with a guaranteed energy delivery of 19,000,000 kilowatt-hours at a rate of US\$0.1596 per kilowatt-hour and an excess energy delivery greater than 19,000,000 kilowatt-hours at US\$0.1509 per kilowatt-hour. In effect, the estimated revenue of CE Casecnan from energy generation is US\$71,820,000 or P3.23 billion paid by the government to the CE Casecnan through the National Power Corporation or the NAPOCOR.

Meanwhile, the National Irrigation Administration—Upper Pampanga River Integrated Irrigation System or UPRIIS collects water fees equivalent to P0.062 per cubic meter from the First Gen Hydro Power Corporation for the generation of energy. The water used by the NIA for irrigation is used by the First Gen for energy generation. This water supply agreement between the NIA and the First Gen has earned the NIA an average annual revenue of P105,400,000 only from water fees paid by the First Gen, but the latter, whose annual energy generation is estimated at 310,218,978 kilowatt-hours, profits an estimated whopping annual revenue equivalent to P1.55 billion.

Mme. Speaker, this is now the crux of the matter. The government, through the NIA, pays water fees to the CE Casecnan at P3.45 per cubic meter, may I repeat, P3.45 per cubic meter, while the NIA sells water to First Gen at a rather trifling and insignificant amount of P0.062 per cubic meter, may I repeat, P0.062 cubic meter. Both the CE Casecnan and the First Gen are earning much from the generation of renewable energy. While I do not question the importance of renewable energy

generation to our country's economic development, I am quite baffled by the rates that the NIA is paying for the water delivered to the Pantabangan Reservoir by the CE Casecnan which they also use for energy generation. Our country is blessed with water that supposedly flows abundantly, not for the exploitation of the few, but for the consumption of all.

Mme. Speaker, this Representation would like to call on this august Chamber to exercise its oversight functions and investigate this obscenely huge disparity between the rates of water fees paid by the NIA to the CE Casecnan and the water fees paid by the First Gen to the NIA, to determine if the national government is losing revenue from the contracts and agreements entered into by the National Irrigation Administration with these two corporations. This is about justice. This is about farmers. This is about change.

If we are ever to improve our agricultural industry, not only do we have to level the playing field for our farmers and farmworkers, but the government has to strengthen its financial support through credit lines and subsidies; and improve the framework of this industry, wherein our population relies heavily on its food supply.

Mme. Speaker, the Filipino farmer is the very backbone on which our formidable economic society rests. In him lies the foundation of this great nation; exhibited in him is the spirit of the persevering nature of the Filipino. Nobody, not even our democratic institutions, has the right to further burden and torment these unsung heroes of our country who already stand in the midst of misfortunes and adversities. We, the elected legislative Body of the Filipino people, have the avowed task and solemn obligation to ensure not just the farmers' well-being, but more importantly, to protect their God-given rights to justice.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, honorable colleagues.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (Silence) The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Suansing to the Committee on Rules is approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Representative of BUHAY Party-List, the Hon. Lito Atienza, for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Lito Atienza from the BUHAY Party-List is now recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ATIENZA

REP. ATIENZA. Salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Majority Leader. With the kind indulgence of my colleagues, we have a message for everyone.

Ang amin pong mensahe sa hapong ito ay napakasimple lang, na ang buhay ay nakaugat sa tubig.

Ang tubig ay buhay. Mapalad po ang ating bansa sapagkat hindi problema ang tubig sa atin, magmula noon, hanggang ngayon. Alam nating lahat na ang tubig ay napakahalaga sa buhay ng tao. Seventy-five percent of our body is actually made up of water. You cannot last without water. You can last for 40 days without eating but you cannot last for more than 10 days without drinking water.

Ang tubig po ngayon ay problema ng mundo. Nakikita po natin na maraming bansa ang wala nang tubig na supply sa kanilang mamamayan kaya sila ay nag-i-import o nag-aangkat ng tubig-inumin para po sila ay mabuhay. Dito sa atin, sobra-sobra ang ating tubig na nagmumula sa kalikasan, sa Panginoong Diyos.

We have more than 470 billion cubic meters of fresh water every year. We are using only about 17 percent of this, 17 percent of 470 billion cubic meters. The rest goes to the floodwaters, the rest goes to the polluted water bodies, the rest is wasted and not benefiting the Filipino people.

Nais ko lamang pong ipaalaala, Mme. Speaker, na ang tubig ngayon sa mundo ay mas mahalaga pa at mas mataas pa ang presyo kaysa sa gasolina. One liter of diesel will only cost you about P24, even cheaper outside of the Philippines. But one liter of fresh water, katulad po nitong boteng ito, isang litro na nito ay aabutin po ng P30. So, you can see water is now more expensive than fuel.

Ang tanong natin dapat sa ating sarili, bakit mayaman ang Middle East? Bakit sila ay nakikinabang sa kanilang langis samantalang tayo, wala tayong pakinabang sa tubig, sa halip ay nahihirapan pa tayo sa ating ekonomiya?

In the Middle East, they do not even collect taxes—wala po silang income tax doon sapagkat sobra-sobra ang kinikita nila sa kalikasan. Dito sa atin, ang bigat-bigat ng dalahin natin sapagkat ang buwis ay napakabigat bayaran samantalang laganap ang salapi kung gagamitin lamang natin nang tama.

Kaya natutuwa po kami sa BUHAY Party-List, mayroon tayong Pangulo ngayon na nakakakita ng pangangailangan—na ang mga katubigan natin, humigat-kumulang ang bilang ay 700 ilog, sapa, lawa—marami dito ay hindi na po pinakikinabangan.

I am talking to my colleagues, while you have rivers, I am sure you are worried of where they are now going to end if we do not attend to them now.

In Pampanga, the Pampanga River is degraded. In Bulacan, the Bulacan River is degraded. In Pangasinan, the Pangasinan River is degraded. Pasig River is almost degraded if not for the efforts of the government.

So the President, in his State of the Nation Address, mentioned Laguna de Bay. Iyan po ang pinakamalaking lawa sa buong bansa—99,000 hectares of fresh water na dati-rati po ay pinakikinabangan ng lahat ng mga nakatira sa paligid nito at ng buong Metro Manila. I remember the days when we could swim in the waters of Laguna de Bay. We could fish in the waters there. The fishermen around Laguna de Bay were some of the richest in those communities. Diyan tayo kumukuha ng marami nating malulusog at masasarap na isda, subalit ngayon, ang Laguna de Bay ay hindi na po pinanggagalingan ng masarap at sariwang isda. Iyong bangus na bibilhin ninyo diyan ay lasang gilik, lasang lason sapagkat ang lawang iyan ay dahan-dahang pinapatay ng mga fishpen. Ang sabi nga ni Pangulong Duterte, pag-aari ng mga heneral, Congressmen, mayors and governors who have taken advantage of our public waters. For what? For their own profits.

Tayo po ay walang pakinabang sa paggamit nitong Laguna de Bay. Isasama ko na po, mayroon po tayong mga Kinatawan sa Batangas, pansinin po ninyo ang Taal Lake, napupuno na rin po ng baklad itong southern portion na kung hindi ninyo papansinin, mapupuno po ng baklad iyan at pagsasamantalahan din ng mga makapangyarihan at mayayaman, mawawalan kayo tuluyan ng tawilis, maliputo at ng lahat ng masasarap na isda sa ating kalikasan.

Mme. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity simply because it has always been my advocacy that we should act decisively—clear the waters of all of this pollution at iyong mga pumapatay na mga sobrang pagkain sa mga palaisdaan na naiiwan po sa ilalim na siyang nagiging sanhi sa unti-unting pagkamatay ng ating mga lawa at katubigan at gawin na natin ngayon. Tulungan natin si Pangulong Duterte. He has shown his determination against drugs, against criminality, against the abusive personalities in our society. Now, we would like to see him with vigor and determination to put an end to all of this illegal use of our public waters. Wala na po tayong maibibigay sa ating mga salinlahi na yaman ng kalikasan kung hindi po natin papansinin ngayon itong problemang ito.

Mme. Speaker, we have no other choice. The world is running out of running water. We do not even see a crisis developing in our country because we are blessed with continuous rainfall. As I mentioned, 470 billion cubic meters fall on us but we do not gather them or even take care of them. We allow them to fall

to the streets, causing a problem for all of us rather than benefitting from this gift from the environment and Mother Nature.

Kami po ngayon ay gumagawa ng mga batas upang pagtibayin pa natin, na ating iligtas ang ating mga katubigan, pakinabangan natin ang ating tubig-ulan sapagkat ito po ay biyaya ng buhay. We would like to urge our colleagues to support our efforts to make it mandatory that all households, structures and buildings be made to provide a water catchment facility so that the waters that fall on us may be used very, very productively by everyone. We would like to make a law and we are seeking the support of our colleagues for this measure, making all local government units responsible for all the water bodies in their area of jurisdiction sapagkat ang mga lawa na binanggit po ng inyong lingkod—Laguna de Bay, Taal Lake, Lake Cebu, Lake Lanao, Lake Buhi in Bicol—are all threatened by degradation and abuse of the powerful and the rich.

Makikinabang po tayo dito, Mme. Speaker, sa ating katubigan, the very blessing that our archipelagic islands are enjoying. Tayo po ay napapaligiran ng tubig, nabubuhusan ng tubig, subalit ang pinakamukha ng kahirapan sa ating bansa ngayon, alam natin ay ang ating mga mangingisda.

The poorest sector of the Philippines, in our society, are the fisherfolk. Ang sabi ni Pangulong Duterte, naiyak siya pag naaalala niya ang paghihirap ng mga taong ito. Dapat lang tayong maiyak sapagkat tayo ay may biyaya sa kultura ng ating pangingisda. Tayo po ay may biyaya sa yaman ng tubig-dagat, tubig-ilog na punung-puno ng buhay sa ating karagatan.

This is the only nation in the world where even the mud have fish moving in the shoreline. Nowhere in the world na mayroon silang isda pati sa lupa. Dito sa atin mayroon tayo. So, tanungin natin ang ating sarili bakit pinakamahirap na sektor ang mga mangingisda? Ang sagot diyan ay nandiyan sa Laguna de Bay. Ang buong lawa ay punung-puno na ng baklad. Hindi na po pinakikinabangan iyan ng mga mangingisdang mahirap. Ni hindi na po makalalapit ang mga ito sa mga baklad na itinayo ng mga makapangyarihan. Mayroon pong mga security guards diyan, may shotgun na dala-dala. Ang sinumang lumapit diyan upang mangisda ay hindi na po lalabas ng buhay.

Iyan ang mukha ng problemang idinudulog namin sa inyo. Iyan ang dapat nating pansinin ngayon sapagkat ito ang magdadala sa bansa natin ng kayamanan at ng ekonomiyang hinahanap-hanap natin. Nagkalat sa ating kapuluan ang tubig-inumin, tubig na pakikinabangan natin, subalit hindi binigyan ng pansin ng mga nakaraang administrasyon.

Now that this government has decided to attend to it, Congress should support the efforts of the President

so that we may all benefit, and the future generation of Filipinos to benefit from fresh water that is now getting scarce all over the world.

Ang sabi po ng mga political scientists, the next world war can even be caused by people searching for drinking water. Hindi po tayo magkakagiyera dito sapagkat marami tayong tubig-inumin, subalit tayo ay papasukin dito ng mga banyaga kung hindi natin ngayon ipakikitang minamahalaga natin ang tubig na napakahalaga.

I appeal to all my colleagues, let us give this problem of saving our bodies of water serious attention. Ngayon, sinimulan ng ating Pangulo ang kaniyang pangako, aalisin niya ang baklad sa Laguna de Bay. Ipinapaalala ko sa kaniya, sana ay makarating sa Malacañang, isama nila ang Taal Lake, sapagkat iyan ay protected landscape. It is not even just a protected area; it is a protected landscape. Dapat diyan walang nakasasagabal sa kagandahan ng Taal Lake sa mata ng tao, sa ating mga Pilipino at mga bisita natin.

But today, it is becoming ugly, Mme. Speaker, because the fish pens that we have been pointing out have not been touched up to this point. We have done our very best. When I was the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources, I did my very best to remove all of these reasons for degradation. Pero masakit po ang katotohanan, ang pumigil sa amin ay ang gobyerno mismo. Ano ang sabi nila? “Huwag mong gagalawin iyan, Sekretaryo, mawawalan tayo ng isda.” Ang sagot ko po ay hindi po isda ang mawawala, korapsyon ang mawawala.

Natutuwa po ako sa sagot ngayon ng ating Secretary of Agriculture nang sinabi niyang, “Mr. President, we may suffer a little dislocation in the supply of fish but I assure you we have a plan, we will solve our problem, we will continue and we will have a bigger harvest of aquaculture, of fishes, in the different parts of the country if you remove all of these illegal fishpens and fish cages which are benefitting only a few and not the rest of the Filipino people.”

Mme. Speaker, I hope that this appeal has touched the hearts of my colleagues so that we will attend to the problem of water today before it gets too late. We have been gifted by the Lord and, as always, I have been reminding everyone, sobra-sobra pong biyaya ng kalikasang ang ibinigay sa ating bansa, subalit tayo na rin po ang sumisira at nagsasawalang-bahala.

So, rather than be involved in other matters, we will try to concentrate, my office, my Party-List, on saving our bodies of water from this problem and threats of extinction.

Ang atin pong mga anak at susunod na henerasyon ay makikinabang dito sa ating pagsisikap na ito. At alam ko naman sa puso at damdamin ninyo, alam natin kung ano ang tama at kung ano ang mali.

Tama na ang pagkakamali. Gumising tayo at gumawa tayo ng tama.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker, for the opportunity to bring the problem to my colleagues, with whom I have full trust and confidence, and are also imbued with the same patriotic sense that we can make a difference today.

Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we refer the privilege speech of the Honorable Atienza to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Atienza to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Rep. Ron P. Salo from the Party-List KABAYAN for his privilege speech. (*Applause*)

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Salo is now recognized for his privilege speech. The Gentleman may proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. SALO

REP. SALO. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, guests, ladies and gentlemen, a pleasant afternoon to all.

Today, I rise to state that it is the primary duty of Congress to craft laws, specifically relevant laws and meaningful reforms that will address widespread poverty and arrest the continued degradation of our society.

Mme. Speaker, in December 2007, I had the privilege of wading through the alps of Switzerland with my gracious Swiss host, as I passed by a village with big beautiful houses, seemingly like the houses in Tagaytay Highlands. I was intrigued and asked my host if it was an exclusive village for the rich and famous of Switzerland. The curt reply was “no,” it is just an ordinary village.

I was more intrigued and I inquired on the source of livelihood of the villagers that they can afford to build large houses and live comfortably. “They are farmers,” was the answer. “They raise cattle and sheep, and make cheese. They also plant grapes in the slopes of the mountain,” my host added.

I was quite stunned, speechless for a moment, and I pondered, “How I wish the Philippines could be like Switzerland, with its villages or barangays like that village I just passed by.”

Yes, Switzerland is one of the most developed countries in the world with a highly skilled labor force, and is ranked among the states in the world with the highest quality of life in terms of the Human Development Index. In that particular village I passed by, the villagers do not depend on the government for survival; neither do they have to leave the village to seek employment opportunities in the cities or outside of their country or elsewhere. The villagers were simply thriving right there.

What I saw was a stark contrast from the ordinary villages or barangays in our country. When I went around during the campaign, the ugly face of poverty stared at me. From almost every nook, from north to south, east to west, poverty was everywhere. Both in the city and in the countryside, the Filipino’s greatest battle since the time of the Republic’s establishment remains; it is all about poverty, poverty, poverty and still poverty. Each day that passes is a struggle to get by or, at worse, to survive for every Juan, Juana, Jose and Josefa.

The thought of the Swiss village never left me. When I went home to the Philippines, I was armed with a new vision for the country and my fellow Filipinos, that the time will come when we will all be thriving, not just surviving. I am convinced that with all the abundant God-given natural resources of our country, and with the hardworking and patient Filipinos, we can all be prosperous, become a highly developed country, and live comfortably too. The big question however is: how?

Mme. Speaker, certainly we do not have to reinvent the wheel. We shall use a tried and tested formula that has worked in other countries, particularly our tiny but economically robust neighbor like Singapore—that of developing human capital through education. Singapore is powered by a small but highly skilled population. We can only just imagine what greatness awaits this country if the minds, hands and hearts of the more than 100 million Filipinos are developed.

Indeed, education is our way out of poverty. Education is our way out of ignorance. Education is our way toward happiness, stability and self-sufficiency. Education is the key to the betterment of our society. But it is not just about any education, because even if all Filipinos earned various degrees and are all considered as educated, we will not prosper if many are still searching for available opportunities. We need an educational system that will teach us not only to be literate, but to be empowered. As such, let us transform our educational system to make everyone a creator of his own opportunity.

At present, the Philippines has a higher rate of enrollment in primary and secondary schools as compared to its neighboring countries, yet, it also has one of the lowest employment rates. The UNESCO notes that universalization of primary education

is nearly attained, with 95.24 percent elementary Net Enrollment Rate in school year 2012-2013. Similarly, the UNDP Human Development Report 2015 shows that the Philippines is among the countries with the highest proportion of population with at least a secondary education, at about 65.9 percent among females and 63.7 percent among males. This is significantly higher than Indonesia's 39.9 percent for females and 49.2 percent for males and Thailand's 35.7 percent for females and 40.8 percent for males. However, the figures that we have for our country have yet to be translated to higher participation in the labor force, as the country has a lower Labor Force Participation Rate or LFPR at 51 percent for females and 79.7 percent for males, as compared to Indonesia's LFPR of 51.4 percent for females and 84.2 percent for males; and Thailand's 64.3 percent for females and 80.7 percent for males. Further, the International Labor Organization or ILO observes that a large proportion of the educated population, particularly those with secondary and tertiary education, remains unemployed.

In the meantime, the Asian Development Bank notes that unemployment among the youth aged 18-24 persists, that youth unemployment rate in 2013 was more than twice the workforce average, and the incidence of poverty remains high. This has led the ADB to conclude that "the Philippines' education system is not well-suited to addressing these labor market issues, nor does it allow the country to take advantage of the demographic dividend its young labor force can provide."

These findings affirm what we have always known all along, Mme. Speaker, that is, there festers a continuing mismatch between the skills taught in schools and the needs of the labor market. They also suggest the failure of the basic educational system to provide the necessary training to equip the students with the right knowledge, skills and values, to enable them to find employment or create their own income-generating options, and ultimately to thrive in this increasingly globally competitive world.

Educational reforms and efforts to improve the curriculum in the past years have not had much impact in helping the youth find employment and livelihood options, and to overcome poverty. This is notwithstanding the previous administrations' policies anchored on investments in human capital, which include the provision of quality basic education, competitive technical vocational skills training, and relevant and responsive higher education crucial for economic growth and development. There have been revisions of the curriculum, specifically on policies to promote the holistic growth of Filipino learners, and enabling them to acquire core competencies and develop proper values. But, the overall aim of the curriculum essentially remains the same, which

is the development of basic competencies to bring about functional literacy. This includes emphasis on Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, or the "3Rs."

There is a dearth of resources that specifically indicate that our basic education curriculum is anchored on the 3Rs philosophy, although it can be inferred in some publications that in general, the curriculum and teaching methods are largely based on developing basic competency skills on Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Generally, assessment of the child's growth as a student is based on examinations that test the child's progress on those three basic competency skills.

Mme. Speaker, esteemed colleagues in this august Chamber, there must be more to the 3Rs of our educational system that seek the development of our young students in the elementary and high school levels.

This Representation is convinced that the current basic education curriculum is inadequate to equip our people with the requisite knowledge, skills and values to improve their lives and to get out from the morass of poverty. While developing skills on Reading, Writing and Arithmetic are certainly important, a curriculum that is aimed at developing critical thinking, craftsmanship and character is vital to enable individuals to attain their highest potential as human beings, and to provide them with life skills that will enable them to thrive, and not just survive in this complex world.

Critical thinking, craftsmanship and character are necessary for us to progress individually and as a nation. Critical thinking is important because it enables the person to carefully analyze, think clearly and provide logical reasoning, as well as think his way out of challenging situations. This skill is necessary in real life because uncertain events will continue to unfold. The use of critical thinking skills helps the person to think of logical steps that will better unfavorable situations. The outcome of critical thinking is a problem-solving skill.

Developing craftsmanship means developing mastery over a set of specialized skills that a person may use to enable him to earn a living that takes into consideration and maximizes the available resources in his environment. Deeper scrutiny will tell us that all professions are skills-based.

Mme. Speaker, I am a lawyer by profession, and my skills are logical reasoning, mastery of the art of argumentation and writing pleadings. My wife is a physician, and her skill is to cure the sick. Architects are skilled in drawing, making designs and translating the same into beautiful edifices. Civil engineers are skilled in applying laws of physics in constructing roads, bridges and buildings. Accountants are skilled in applying mathematics in computing finances. Teachers are skilled in imparting knowledge to mold

the minds of learners. Nurses are skilled in the art of caring for the sick. Yes, all professions are skills-based, yet, what crafts or skills do the rest of our population have?

Today, consumer culture stresses authenticity and quality. Craftsmanship will meet such preferences. Craftsmanship furthermore satisfies every person's desire for meaningful work. Mastery of a craft provides a sense of self-worth to the skilled individual. The training required in developing these special skills also requires critical thinking and creativity.

Finally, developing good character will ensure that the individual will succeed in his or her chosen craft with a frame of mind and a state of heart imbued with empathy, sympathy and compassion. A person of good character does not trample upon the rights of others, but rather protects these same rights while upholding the interests of the present and future generations. Good character shall ensure that our people are equipped with a moral compass directed at the true north, thus, assuring our future with good citizens who are not only law-abiding but are instruments of nation-building as well.

A person with the 3Cs—critical thinking, craftsmanship and character—has life skills. In Filipino, we call it “diskarte sa buhay.” And as I look at this Chamber, I would like to believe that it teems with people blessed to have these 3Cs. In Filipino, “puno ang Kapulungang ito ng mga taong may diskarte sa buhay.” But this is not the norm in Philippine society today, Mme. Speaker. We are the exception, and I long to see that this set of exceptional people become the norm. It can be done if we will do something now about our educational system.

Mme. Speaker, the changes that I propose need not entail a total overhaul of our educational system—just a total change of paradigm. We simply need to enhance the reforms introduced by the previous administration on basic education and to change its primary aim of employability—to developing the 3Cs in every student to equip them with the requisite knowledge, relevant skills, and proper values to be successful individuals and outstanding citizens of this country. Yes, the process is not easy, but certainly doable. The investment is not cheap, but certainly within our means, and the rewards are immense.

Mme. Speaker, I stand before this august Chamber, I also do so as a human rights advocate. As such, I cannot dissociate myself from using a human rights lens—a human rights-based approach in this entire state of affairs.

More than four decades ago, in 1974, the Philippines ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. This landmark treaty demands an obligation from State parties to ensure that the welfare and the standard of living of its citizens, particularly the most vulnerable and marginalized, are addressed

by appropriate social services, policies and programs. Insofar as the Philippines is concerned, this same obligation is reflected in relevant provisions that are found in no less than our Constitution that seek to empower our citizens as instruments of development. But this empowerment must be reliably anchored on a responsive educational system.

As it defined the rights of all state citizens to education, the Covenant, in its Article 13, emphasized, and I quote:

x x x education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and the sense of its dignity; and shall strengthen the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Such an “education,” as the Covenant further elucidated,

x x x shall enable all persons to participate effectively in a free society, promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations and all racial, ethnic or religious groups, and x x x for the maintenance of peace.

Mme. Speaker, this kind of responsive educational system will be realized through the 3Cs. It is now 2016, as I set my sights in the not so distant future, I see the countryside flourishing, with our people maximizing the use of all available resources. I see our cities vibrant as ever brighter and slum areas gone forever. I see empowered people who are creators of their own destinies—people who do not have to depend on available opportunities but who can design opportunities for themselves and for others, people who do not have to leave their families and loved ones behind just to seek greener pastures elsewhere. I see prosperous people who are not begging the government for sustenance, but gladly supporting their government. I see proud Filipinos who go abroad primarily to travel and for leisure, and not to seek employment. I see a great and prosperous nation with its Malay race proudly announcing to the world that we, Filipinos, have finally arrived.

Mme. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, come, join me in this battle and together let us slay the dragon that has been scourging our people for centuries—the dragon of poverty.

Let us lift up Philippine society from the quagmire of poverty and transform it to a nation of prosperity deeply imbued with values. Let us make this generation and the generations that will come after more prosperous and prouder of our Filipino heritage.

Let us therefore now arm our people, particularly this generation and the generations to come, with critical thinking, craftsmanship and character.

Mme. Speaker, esteemed colleagues, along with this speech is my proposed legislative measure to transform the paradigm of our basic education from 3Rs to 3Cs, and I appeal to this august hall for its collective wisdom and support. Let us all champion the full development of our people on the progress of our nation.

Thank you very much and Godspeed. *(Applause)*

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. VILLARIN. Will the Gentleman ...

REP. BONDORC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer ...

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker.

REP. BONDORC. ... the speech of the Honorable Salo to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? Hearing ...

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker, will the Gentleman from KABAYAN be open for an interpellation?

REP. SALO. Thank you very much.

REP. VILLARIN. Okay na. Okay.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDORC. Thank you to our esteemed colleagues.

Mme. Speaker, I reiterate my motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Salo to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

REP. BONDORC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to suspend the Privilege Hour.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDORC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we suspend session for a few minutes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is suspended.

It was 6:06 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:07 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is resumed.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the election of the following Members to the Commission on Appointments:

Rep. Rodolfo T. Albano III

Rep. Benhur L. Salimbangon

Rep. Josephine Ramirez-Sato

Rep. Julieta R. Cortuna

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

The Members so named by the Majority Leader are elected to the Commission on Appointments.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the election of the following Members to the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal:

Rep. Jorge T. Almonte

Rep. Rodel M. Batocabe

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

The Members so named by the Majority Leader are elected to the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunal.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the election of the following Members to various committees:

The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to the various committees, per Journal No. 7, dated August 8, 2016.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

Rep. Roger G. Mercado, as Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON GAMES
AND AMUSEMENTS

Rep. Gus S. Tambunting, as Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Rep. Ferjanel G. Biron, M.D., as Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Rep. Dakila Carlo E. Cua, as Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN
AND GENDER EQUALITY

Rep. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, as Chairperson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBALIZATION
AND WTO

Rep. Christopher S. Co, as Chairperson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

Rep. Alejandro Y. Mirasol, as Chairperson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Rep. Elisa "Olga" T. Kho, as Chairperson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NORTH LUZON
GROWTH QUADRANGLE

Rep. Maximo B. Dalog, as Chairperson

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

The Members so named by the Majority Leader are elected to their respective committees.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we introduce the following amendments to the provisional Rules of the House.

I move that we delete the word and number "six

(6)" preceding the words "Deputy Speakers" that appear in every provision of our Rules and delete the word and number "eight (8)" preceding the words "Deputy Majority Leaders" in the second paragraph of Section 30 of Rule IX.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we amend Section 30 of Rule IX, fourth paragraph, to read as follows: EXCEPT THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, A COMMITTEE OF TWENTY (20) TO THIRTY-FIVE (35) MEMBERS SHALL HAVE FOUR (4) VICE-CHAIRPERSONS; A COMMITTEE OF FORTY (40) TO FIFTY-FIVE (55) MEMBERS SHALL HAVE SIX (6) VICE-CHAIRPERSONS; A COMMITTEE OF SIXTY (60) TO SEVENTY-FIVE (75) MEMBERS SHALL HAVE EIGHT (8) VICE-CHAIRPERSONS; A COMMITTEE OF EIGHTY (80) TO ONE HUNDRED (100) MEMBERS SHALL HAVE TEN (10) VICE-CHAIRPERSONS; AND A COMMITTEE WITH MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED (100) MEMBERS SHALL HAVE SUCH NUMBER OF VICE-CHAIRPERSONS AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Finally, Mme. Speaker, I move that we amend Section 33 of the same Rule IX by changing the name of the Special Committee on Millennium Development Goals to SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

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

REP. FARIÑAS. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

Continuation

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to resume the Privilege Hour is hereby approved.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move to extend the Privilege Hour by another hour.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to extend the Privilege Hour is hereby approved.

Please proceed.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Lady from the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya to speak on issues of mining. I move that we recognize the Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The honorable Lady, Rep. Cuaresma, is hereby recognized for her privilege speech. Please proceed.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CUARESMA

REP. CUARESMA. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker. Distinguished Members of the House of Representatives, ladies and gentlemen, good evening.

I am here today to speak on a matter of great importance to our nation and its children. Though I am a neophyte Member of this Body, unfamiliar with the inroads of this great Chamber, I feel compelled to rise and speak before you in this august hall on a matter that is close to my heart and the hearts of my constituents. I do this for our people.

Today, I bring before the House of Representatives the plight of my constituents in the great province of Nueva Vizcaya. They have suffered far too much and far too long from the destruction brought by irresponsible mining companies—as do, I am sure, other communities in several parts of the Philippines.

The push for responsible and common-sense mining has been my personal advocacy for decades now. Before I became part of this Body, I fought to foster community-responsive mining in our province as a local elective official. Seeing the scale in which irresponsible mining could destroy families, communities, and even the entire ecosystems all over the country, I realized I must bring the battle here to Congress.

The province of Nueva Vizcaya is the “ground zero” for the mining industry in the Philippines. The first-ever Financial and Technical Assistance Agreement, FTAA No. 001, was issued to the Didipio Gold and Copper Project, a large-scale mining project contracted in the year 1991 to then Climax Arimco Mining Corporation and is now being operated by OceanaGold Philippines, Inc., which project is located at Didipio, Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya.

The project was advertised to produce billions of dollars’ worth of gold and copper in its first 5 to 10 years of production. The proponents of the project boasted of multiple benefits to the local community. The pillars of the mining industry saw the Didipio project as the trendsetter for future large-scale mining projects in the country.

True enough, the Didipio project became a trendsetter but not in the way its proponent boasted it to be when they were promoting it. The project became a trendsetter in massive deforestation, human rights violation, abuse of cultural minorities, harassment of community and local leaders, circumvention of the law, tax evasion, and abuse of legal processes that seem to have been designed to ensure that the miners will be able to get what they want, when they want them, and how they want them.

The community and local leaders, like myself, stood seemingly helpless against this giant industry that enjoyed the absolute protection of the law and the national government. For example, aside from their hundreds of security personnel, a military detachment and police checkpoints were deployed at their mining site to provide additional protection, as if they needed it. The roads leading to the project site also have several checkpoints. In spite of their vast financial resources, they still take away much needed military and police personnel from the local communities that need more protection.

The officials of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau of the DENR, the agency assigned by law to regulate the miners, hold office and sleep inside the compound of the mining company. Every now and then, you see the MGB officials attending the activities of the mining company and helping these investors promote their businesses to the community and potential investors. Only a naïve person will believe the story that the MGB is unbiased in its regulation of the mining industry.

When OceanaGold was about to embark on the construction and development phase of their project, and they needed to comply with the requirements of Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Government Code from the Sanggunians, the DENR misinterpreted the law to make sure that miners get their permit to construct and develop, by issuing an administrative order that required the resolution of endorsement of only a majority of the Sanggunians where the mining project is located. This is contrary to the intent of the Local Government Code to require the resolution of endorsement of all levels of Sanggunians.

We will file a bill to amend Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Government Code of 1991 to already clarify that the endorsement of all the levels of Sanggunian will be required for projects that affect the ecological balance of a community.

Under their FTAA, the miners have a five-year income tax holiday, a six-year local business tax holiday, and many other holidays that if you add up

may even exceed the legal holidays in our calendar. They also have the privilege of deducting all of their operating costs before remitting the share of the government, while also enjoying a higher profit share than the national government. Ironically, operating expenses include the legal fees for expensive lawyers they will hire to file cases against anyone who stands in their way.

These contracts are so prejudicial to the government and yet so many FTAA's have been issued to several miners in our country. I hope I am wrong but I can smell the stench of corruption in such a scenario. Miners easily obtained FTAA's because only the DENR and Office of the President are required to approve it. This is why I fully support the call of our Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez for the proposal to require a legislative franchise before an FTAA or any similar mining contract will be approved.

If the telecommunication industry, which does not cause too much environmental impact, which does not cause the displacement of Filipinos from their homes, which does not result in the contamination of water sources, and which does not cause massive deforestation, requires a legislative franchise to operate, then, with more reasons should we impose the same requirement on an inherently destructive industry like mining.

Under their FTAA, miners can also deduct their local tax payments from the operating costs and end up passing the local tax burden to the national government. But, what is worse is that despite their ability to pass the local tax burden, they still refuse to pay local taxes to the LGUs simply because they want to prove a point that they are powerful and they are not cowed by the leaders of the community. They would rather pay their lawyers millions of pesos in legal fees than pay a lesser amount of local taxes to the LGUs.

I will support any bill that will change the financial benefits of this mining industry to make their contracts more beneficial to the Filipino people.

This unfortunate trend set by the Didipio project went on and served as the blueprint of the Philippine mining industry in other areas. Massive deforestation was conducted at the behest of the project development phase of the mining project. Displacement of local residents were implemented upon orders of the Arbitration Board manned by the friends of the miners who were granted authority to issue orders for the miners to forcibly enter and take possessions of lands even though they are not within the immediate impact zone of the project site.

Perhaps they needed more parking spaces for their expensive cars, so they had to demolish the homes of our constituents. Their houses were bulldozed without a court order because the Mining Law supposedly allowed it.

I will support proposed legislation, and if need be, I will file a bill to abolish the Arbitration Board and remove its powers to authorize entry to or possession of lands. Instead, we will make sure that only a court of law will have the authority to order the dispossession of people from their lands, whether it is a mining area or not.

Didipio, Kasibu was once a quiet village of harmonious, peace-loving people. They fell for the promises of development dangled before them, but it turned out to be development in exchange for the high and painful price of dignity. The improved roads that were promised did not come, neither did high-paying jobs promised to the locals. The tribal folk of the Didipio were uprooted from their lands and were displaced to give way to their so-called "development."

During my tenure as governor, my office received endless reports from fearful residents concerned with cases of human rights violations. To perhaps silence us, particularly, myself as the governor then, I, along with the other officials of the province were charged by the mining company before the Office of the Ombudsman with various cases. Grave coercion, they said. Graft and corruption, they said. An administrative case was even filed for what they said was abuse of authority, misconduct, and oppression. They hired one of the biggest law firms in the country to prosecute us. They filed these cases against me after I personally went to their project site to inspect their quarrying activities, which require permits from the governor, and demanded the payment of quarry taxes as provided under the Local Government Code. Thankfully, these cases were all dismissed.

Before my term as Governor ended in 2013, we coordinated with the local BIR officials to seize and confiscate the minerals being transported by OceanaGold when we learned that they were not paying excise and other taxes on these minerals. Again, their lawyers came in and claimed that their company was exempt from paying excise taxes and even showed a BIR resolution exempting them. Thankfully, the Revenue District Officer of our province then was a Novo Vizcayano, whose children stay in our province. With our full support, she fought to reverse the alleged exemption claimed by the mining company and she succeeded.

The BIR Commissioner clarified that there is no exemption from excise taxes for mining companies. From that single seizure that we made together with the BIR, the mining company paid about P40 million of excise taxes, if I am not mistaken. Revenues that would have been thrown out of the window were collected because we did not give in.

I persisted and I continue to do so. As I said then, if compassion is a transgression, and if this is the reward of being right, I am ready to face the costs. Whatever happens, I have to ensure that what happened to our province never happens again.

While we were still reeling from the harsh effects of the Didipio mining project, another large-scale miner, FCF Mineral Corporation completed the exploration phase at Runruno, municipality of Quezon, Nueva Vizcaya, and they were also about to embark on their construction and development phase. Again, I refused to entertain or even talk to them because of my sad experience with OceanaGold at Didipio.

Unfortunately, the law does not require the favorable endorsement of local chief executives before they can proceed to the development stage of their project. It is only the endorsement of the Sanggunian that is required for the miners to proceed. No less than then Chairperson of the Commission of Human Rights, Loretta Ann “Etta” Rosales, as reported in a *Philippine Daily Inquirer* article dated January 18, 2011, stated that OceanaGold Philippines (OGPI) should be kicked out of the country for violating the rights of indigenous people in Didipio, Nueva Vizcaya. CHR, in a report mentioned in the same article, said, and I quote the article, “Oceana’s demolition of houses near its mining site was accompanied by excessive violence and brutality.” The same report also noted that OGPI has set up checkpoints around the village, causing difficulty for indigenous peoples to move around, “resulting in the unjust restriction of their social and economic activities.” In view of these findings, the CHR also recommended considering the probable withdrawal of the license granted to the foreign company in light of the gross violation of human rights it has committed.

Clearly, Mme. Speaker, mining does not only damage the environment, irresponsible companies also violate human rights as well as the social and economic rights of our indigenous peoples. And yet, after all these, just in March this year, Oceana still received a five-year extension for the exploration period of its FTAA. Regrettably, majority of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan members of our province endorsed the mining project of FCF Minerals with only two objections. The Sanggunians never even bothered to ask the opinion of this Representation, who was then the Governor, if she favored mining, despite the fact that majority of the Sanggunian Members were then my political allies, or so I thought.

I will file a bill to amend Section 27 of the Local Government Code so that before a mining or any similar project pushes through, an ordinance instead of a resolution will be required, to give the local chief executive the chance to exercise his or her veto power.

Today, I remain as firm as ever, because lost dignity and destruction should not be the price of development, because pain and suffering cannot bring us true progress and prosperity, because we have a duty and a responsibility to safeguard the future of every generation of Filipinos yet to come, because destructive, illegal and irresponsible mining

simply must stop, and it must stop now. But let me be clear, this does not mean that all mining must stop. As this administration has noted, the government is committed to promoting a robust and dynamic economy with every sector contributing to its growth, and that includes mining. In fact, studies have shown that the mining industry has great potential to be a key growth sector in the country.

We do not call for an indiscriminate blanket ban on mining. What we call for and what I have advocated and will continue to advocate is responsible and common sense mining. That means all mining companies must be regulated in such a way that they strictly comply with the rules and regulations in place. That means that the community should be entitled to substantial and realistic financial benefits from the mining projects and be able to allocate these benefits under their own terms and not upon the dictates of the mining company or the DENR.

Thus, I take heart in hearing the recent pronouncement of President Rodrigo Duterte and Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources Gina Lopez on this matter. As President Duterte mentioned in his State of the Nation Address, the paradigm we will follow in sectors like mining is that the interest of the country and its people must always come first. Mining companies could either, and I quote, “do it right or just go out.” We also welcome the President’s call for a comprehensive review of mining concessions to make sure mining activities all over the country do not operate to the detriment of our environment, and to suspend those that do not comply with government standards. I believe these early steps are very encouraging for all stakeholders involved, and will allow us to find a constructive way forward.

On a more personal note, I wholeheartedly welcome with pleasure and support Secretary Gina Lopez’s promise to ask the Mines and Geosciences Bureau to cancel the permit of a foreign mining company in Nueva Vizcaya—the very same one I led a barricade against some eight years ago. I understand that a special audit team of the DENR is presently at Didipio, Kasibu. That is why I would like to take this opportunity to thank Secretary Gina Lopez of the DENR for their presence in Kasibu at the moment. They are there to evaluate the compliance of OceanaGold with applicable regulations. And it is my hope that the DENR will go further and send additional audit teams to evaluate all mining operations in Nueva Vizcaya. I hope that it should not only be that mining activity in Didipio, but I also appeal to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to include the operations of FCF Minerals Corporation to have a more complete review of the mining operations in my beloved Nueva Vizcaya. And so, by this, to our Madam Secretary Gina Lopez, our people say thank you very much, of course, also to our President.

I throw my full support behind President Duterte and Secretary Lopez in their fight to end destructive and illegal mining and to foster responsible mining in the Philippines. Mr. President, Madam Secretary, you can count me as your partner for change in this fight.

In the course of the Seventeenth Congress, I will craft and support whatever legislation is needed in consultation with my constituents, my colleagues, civil society, the academe and the scientific community, mining companies, industry stakeholders, the Executive branch of the government and the broader Filipino public to ensure that responsible mining is the standard in every island of our country. Through dialogue, we can find and finally walk the middle ground without sacrificing development and without wreaking destruction.

I join President Duterte and Secretary Lopez as they call on mining companies: pay your dues to the Filipino people, the sole and rightful owner of this land and all it contains. Take care of the environment you are working in. Make good on your promises to the communities you enter. Work with us for the betterment of the industry, of the host communities, and of the lives of the Filipino all over the country. We can do more. We can do something great here, something that can vastly improve the lives of all Filipinos on an unprecedented scale. Join us and be partners for change. Be responsible, trustworthy, genuine partners for change.

So, before I end my privilege speech, I would like to present to you some pictures and videos in the mining areas, the one in Didipio. So, may I just request...

Yes, this is how Didipio looks like before the entry of OceanaGold Philippines. That was taken in 1988. And, this was a dialogue with the people of Didipio. I stayed there for 10 days. Sinamahan ko po iyong ating mga kababayan diyan. All of them are indigenous peoples.

Okay, next. And, this is now the dam, the tailings dam that the company, this mining company constructed.

Another one, please.

And then, next, these are the trees planted within the tailings dam. Nagkaroon na ho tayo ng contamination that is why if you look at the trees, namatay na ho sila.

Okay, next. And, I would like also to present, this is how the Didipio project looks like now, from that first picture that we have shown in this video.

Okay. So, this is an open-pit mining. Can we move forward to the video presentation about the harassment by these mining companies to our indigenous people who have been settlers there for so long a time.

(Video presentation)

Ganyan po ang ginagawa sa amin when they want the indigenous people to leave that area—I think, this is in Runruno, Nueva Vizcaya—kaya po galit iyong ating mga indigenous people.

(Continuation of the video presentation)

And there were even some policemen. May mga

baril po diyan ang mga pulis para lang takutin iyong ating mga indigenous people. That is the scenario in one of the mining sites in the province of Nueva Vizcaya. And to think that Nueva Vizcaya is an agricultural province. We contribute so much to the food security program of the national government. We supply vegetables not only to Nueva Ecija but as well as to Manila. These people have been there for so long a time, maybe 30-40 years, pati ho iyong kanilang mga—among ba'ng tawag doon?

(Continuation of the video presentation)

Okay. So, I think the sentiments of our indigenous people in that particular area, even the tombs of their forefathers, are being bulldozed by these mining companies.

Iyon lang po. Maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat. Thank you very much and good evening again.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we refer the privilege speech of the Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, of the Lone District of Nueva Vizcaya, to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Cuaresma to the Rules Committee is hereby approved.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the honorable Rep. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III who are in the plenary right now, namely: Susan “Toots” Ople, Marichu Bontia, Maricris Veloso, Maribeth Enriquez, Oliver Bontia, Jeffrey Bontia, Rosalyn Bontia, Rommel Caparas, and Joseph Sy.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). All guests, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III of the Party-List ACTS-OFW for his privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Bertiz is now recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BERTIZ

REP. BERTIZ. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, OFWs and their families, good evening.

I rise to share with you the good news emanating from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Yesterday, the Philippine Embassy, through the Office of the Labor Attaché Rustico Dela Fuente, received a call from the Ministry of Labor and Social Development, confirming the following royal directives issued by His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz al Saud of Saudi Arabia for the Ministry of Labor to make sure that the rights of foreign workers at Saudi Oger and other similarly situated companies shall be protected.

Specifically for the problems of all foreign workers, including at least 11,000 Filipino workers, the King's instructions to the Ministry of Labor covers the following:

- All stranded overseas Filipino workers who wish to come home could go home;
- Plane fare shall be at the expense of the Saudi government;
- For those who wish to continue working in Saudi Arabia, the Ministry of Labor shall allow their transfer to other companies;
- The Ministry of Labor would also mobilize mega manpower companies to offer jobs to the stranded Filipino workers;
- The Saudi government shall provide foods for all camps;
- Regarding money claims and unpaid salaries of our OFWs, the Ministry of Labor shall send its lawyers to camps to gather complaints for filing at the appropriate venue.

Mme. Speaker, the problems confronting thousands of stranded OFWs did not happen overnight. Many of these workers have not been paid regular wages since over a year ago. In fact, a Filipino welder hanged himself early this year because he could no longer deal with the pressures of not being able to help his family.

Ano ba ang ipinagkaiba noon at ngayon?

Mme. Speaker, it takes that rare combination of compassion and political will to make the wheels of the government work to the advantage of the distressed and the needy, whether they are here or overseas. Kung dati, ang theme song ng ating mga overseas Filipino workers sa ilalim ng nakaraang administrasyon ay "Kahit Konting Pagtingin," ngayon ay iba na. Ang kanta nila para kay President Duterte ay "Labyu, Langga." Dahil sa pambihirang bilis at linaw ng pagkilos ng ating pamahalaan, tunay nga na narito na ang pagbabago. Change is truly here.

For the information of our esteemed Speaker and my fellow legislators, immediately after I filed House Resolution No. 13, urging the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Labor and Employment to form a joint crisis team to help our stranded OFWs in

Saudi Arabia, Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III invited me to join him and his crisis team in touring the camps of our stranded workers in Riyadh. This was three days before the President delivered his SONA.

Since then and up to now, our welfare officers in Riyadh and Jeddah and the OWWA regional offices throughout the country have been distributing financial aid consisting of P20,000 per stranded overseas Filipino worker in various camps in Saudi Arabia and P6,000 to their respective families across all provinces. Equally important, food and water are now being distributed to these camps on a regular basis courtesy of our diplomatic posts and volunteers from our Filipino communities.

Let me quote one stranded OFW, Mme. Speaker, who said, "Kaya naman palang gawin, bakit ngayon lang ito ginagawa? Mabuti na lang nanalo ang Pangulong Duterte."

Tomorrow, the ACTS-OFW Party-List has initiated a dialogue between the families of stranded OFWs and various government agencies to identify the various programs and services of the government that can be used to rebuild the lives of these affected families.

This week, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Labor and Employment will be sending a joint crisis team this time to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to oversee the smooth implementation of the King's decree and the President's directive. I have been invited to join the crisis team as the lone Representative of the OFW sector in the House of Representatives.

Mme. Speaker, ako po ay isang dating OFW. Nag-Saudi po ako noong 1991 para makasama at sundan ang aking tatay na Saudi boy din. Alam ko ang hirap na dinaranas ng isang OFW lalung-lalo na sa disyerto ng Saudi Arabia—iyong lungkot, iyong walang katapusang pakikisama sa iba't ibang lahi, ang paglunok sa pagkain na hindi mo malasahan dahil sa tindi ng pagod at pangungulila. Idagdag mo pa doon iyong ilang buwan kang pinagtatrabaho pagkatapos ay ni isang Riyal, walang matatanggap para maipadala sa aming mga pamilya. Stranded ang ating mga OFWs sa Saudi hindi dahil sa tamad sila o naging pabaya sa trabaho. Stranded sila dahil bumagsak ang kanilang mga kumpanya at hindi na makabayad ng mga suweldo sa lahat ng kanilang mga tauhan, Arabo man o dayuhan.

Thus, the overseas Filipino worker sector feels blessed and thankful to our government under the pro-OFW leadership of President Duterte for coming to the aid of thousands of stranded overseas Filipino workers. Indeed, now our jubilation is complete and indescribable. As an expression of our collective gratitude, Mme. Speaker, I would like to move for a unanimous approval of this humble Representation's House Resolution No. 157 thanking King Salman for his benevolence and compassion towards our stranded OFWs. This Resolution also seeks to honor

and acknowledge with thanks the swift action taken by President Rodrigo Duterte in mobilizing government resources to help our distressed overseas Filipino workers.

Mme. Speaker, I have been invited once again by our friends from the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Labor and Employment to be part of the joint crisis team that will be returning to Saudi Arabia this week to oversee the repatriation of our stranded OFWs. As the lone Representative of the OFW sector, I have accepted this kind invitation.

I have here before you a copy of a resolution that I filed, and which I hope every Member of this august Body would agree to co-author, thanking King Salman for his generous help to our overseas Filipino workers. Once approved, and with the permission of our esteemed Speaker of the House, I hope to be able to formally submit this to the attention of the King as this Chamber's humble token of appreciation in behalf of all our OFW constituents in Saudi Arabia and the rest of the world.

Maraming salamat po and God bless you all. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Cong. Salvador B. Belaro Jr. of Party-List 1-Ang Edukasyon for his interpellation.

REP. BELARO. Good afternoon, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Please proceed.

REP. BELARO. May this Representation ask the Gentleman from ACTS-OFW Party-List if he is open to some interpellating queries?

REP. BERTIZ. Yes, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BELARO. First of all, Mme. Speaker, to the Representative from ACTS-OFW, please allow this Representation to congratulate you on a job well done for such an eye-opening speech.

REP. BERTIZ. Thank you.

REP. BELARO. This shows that there is something irregular in that situation wherein the King of a foreign country has to take the cudgels for our OFWs whom we sing high praises for every now and then for being the heroes of our country. Then, at this time of distress, we are looking forward to a foreign succor, a foreign intervention just to rescue

them when, in fact, they are the reason our economy is recovering right now.

So, my first question, Mr. Witness, is that—I am sorry. I apologize for that lapse. Perhaps it is a hard habit to break. *(Laughter)*

The first question would be, can the Gentleman explain why is it that in this situation, it has to be the King of Saudi Arabia who has to do something for the benefit of the stranded OFWs?

REP. BERTIZ. Mme. Speaker, this has long been our problem, na dapat ang nangangalaga ay ang atin mismong gobyerno sa ating mga bagong bayani. Nakakalungkot, during the first trip po, Mme. Speaker, dapat joint team ng DFA or the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Labor and Employment, pero and um-attend lang po sa pagtugon sa krisis na ito ay ang Department of Labor and Employment. In fact, dapat ang nangangalaga at sumasagot sa mga problemang ito ay ang office ng overseas Migrant Workers Affairs ng Department of Foreign Affairs. Ito ang naging isang inutil na departamento ng ating gobyerno at nagpapasalamat po kami at mayroong Secretary Bello ng Department of Labor and Employment na tumugon sa pangangailangan ng ating mga OFWs. Sa katunayan nga, sa nakaraang administrasyon, P20 billion ang pondo ng OWWA na hindi binibitawan o maitulong man lang sa mga distressed workers na mga OFWs. Ngunit sa isang governing board meeting ay naaprubahan under Secretary Bello ang P500 million kaya po ngayon ay mayroon tayong ipinapamigay na P20,000 at P6,000 para sa mga distressed workers na nasa Saudi Arabia.

Kaya nga po dapat, imbes na kino-congratulate natin ang mga namumuno ng ibang bansa ay dapat magsimula ito sa ating gobyerno, kasi nga po ay \$60 billion annually ang contributions ng mga bagong bayani na nagpapatakbo at nagpapaganda ng ating ekonomiya. At higit sa lahat, itong 12 o 11,000 workers na ito ay mga constituent din ng aking mga honorable fellow Congressmen here dahil alam natin na ang bawat region at bawat probinsiya ay mayroong mga OFWs. Ito rin ang isang ikinalulungkot namin sa sektor ng mga OFW dahil nasa batas na dapat ang bawat local government unit ay mayroon pong mga migrant workers affairs desk, ngunit ito po ay wala at hindi natutugunan. Kaya nga po ito ang dahilan kung bakit maraming nabibiktima ng human trafficking at illegal recruitment activities dito sa ating bansa.

REP. BELARO. Mme. Speaker, before we get lost, before we lose the forest for the trees, I believe that the Honorable Bertiz was saying a while ago that there should be a tandem between the Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Foreign Affairs on one hand. This Representation would just like to zero in on that tandem to pinpoint specific responsibility

for this case, or is it a case of negligence? Will the Honorable Bertiz yield to that question, the clarification of the specific roles, of course, for policy-making purposes in the future? What should be the specific role? What should be the role of the Department of Labor and Employment, in this case, vis-à-vis that of the Department of Foreign Affairs?

REP. BERTIZ. Mme. Speaker, first, the role of the Department of Foreign Affairs, is to make sure that lahat ng ating mga OFWs ay may sapat na legal assistance at proteksyon. Nakakalungkot po, Mme. Speaker, na napakaliit ng ina-allocate ng ating pamahalaan para sa legal assistance tulad nitong ilang libong mga manggagawang Pilipino ang hindi matugunan.

With regard to the Department of Labor and Employment, Mme. Speaker, we have to make sure na lahat po ng mga OFWs na ito ay magkaroon ng sapat na reintegrasyon na programa pagbalik nila.

Ang nakakalungkot po, Mme. Speaker, hindi natin alam kung ano talaga ang kongkretong plano ng Department of Labor and Employment at Department of Foreign Affairs kapag itong mahigit sa 10,000 workers na ito ay umuwi. Mayroon po ba tayong maibibigay na mga sapat na trabaho or tulong-pinansiyal para sa kanila at sa kanilang mga pamilya, Mme. Speaker?

REP. BELARO. Mme. Speaker, furthering the— just to extrapolate the situation that this Representation was wishing to address a while ago, in that case, is the Gentleman, is the Honorable Bertiz suggesting that there is some sort of liability which is sort of in the nature of solidary liability between the Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Foreign Affairs, or is it a case of one agency being more responsible than the other? Which is which?

REP. BERTIZ. Yes, Mme. Speaker, the reason we have the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs just because this will be in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment under the POEA or the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration.

REP. BELARO. So, on the basis of that, the Honorable Bertiz, is it correct for this Representation to deduce that indeed, there is an unholy conspiracy with respect to the negligence resulting to the handling of the stranded OFWs? And in which case, this Representation would just like to say that I agree with the Gentleman that indeed, there is a sorry state of affairs in this country with respect to the handling of these kinds of cases. If this Representation may suggest, the Resolution should not only include the conveying of felicitations to the King of Saudi Arabia but also a Resolution to the effect that the pertinent government officials should be investigated. Does the Honorable Bertiz not think so?

REP. BERTIZ. Yes, Mme. Speaker, I totally agree that the agency, especially the Office of the Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, should be investigated regarding the negligence in regard to the plight of these more than 12,000 workers. Mme. Speaker, this is also the reason why we filed House Bill No. 194 for the creation of the Department of Migration and Development, so that we will have an exclusive department for the OFW, na siya rin pong isa sa mga adyenda ng ating Presidente during the SONA. Kaya po, I seek the support of my fellow Congressmen to co-author this House Bill No. 194, nang sa ganoon po ay hindi na pagpapasa-pasahan ang ating mga milyong OFW kung sino ba ang talagang mangangalaga sa kanila o magmamalasakit sa kanilang mga proteksyon at kapakanan po, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BELARO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BERTIZ. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Bertiz to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Manila, the Hon. Manuel Luis "Manny" T. Lopez, for his chance to avail of the Privilege Hour regarding Filipino Olympians.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Manny Lopez, from the First District of Manila, is hereby recognized for his privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. LOPEZ (M.)

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you.

Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader, colleagues in this august Body, distinguished guests, mga minamahal kong kababayan:

I stand here today to give due honor and recognition to an unsung segment of Filipino society, the Filipino athlete.

Yesterday, while most of us were fast asleep, the

25-year-old Zamboanga native weightlifter, Miss Hidilyn Diaz, better known as Heidi, gave pride and honor to our country as she bagged the silver medal in the 53-kg class in the Women's Division in the weightlifting competition, at the 31st Olympics currently being held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This is our first Olympic medal since Mansueto "Onyok" Velasco also won a silver medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, with the controversial loss on points against Bulgaria's Daniel Petrov Bojilov.

Yes, after 20 years, we have won a silver in the Olympics. Thanks to the valiant, courageous effort of Ms. Diaz and the entire Philippine delegation who showed each one of us that in Olympics, as in life, one of the greatest glories is not in never failing but in rising every time we fall.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I know this Zamboanga weightlifter personally. I walked side by side with Hidilyn in 2012 during the 30th Olympics in London—I, as the *chef de mission* of an 11-athlete team, and her as our anointed flag bearer to carry our colors in front of the whole world. We had high hopes for Hidilyn at the London games, having been a return Olympian, having competed in the 2008 Beijing games as the youngest competitor in her division and the first Filipina ever weightlifter Olympian. Unfortunately, although she broke her personal and national records on the first of two events, the snatch, she could not complete a lift on the second event. I had a front-row seat view of how she carried herself on and off the Olympics battlefield, of how she accepted defeat, graciously reminding each one of us that her loss in London would not stop her from making another stab at Olympic glory. That loss in London was a bitter pill to take for her. You see, Hidilyn got bombed out in her first foray into the Olympics, and that was in 2008 in Beijing.

"Sir," *sabi niya*, "I'll try again. I'll do better next time." I remember Hidilyn telling me a few minutes after her event, her face, a mask of frustration but with the strong determination that she would be back. Yes, Hidilyn did try again, and Hidilyn did a lot better this time.

On her third Olympic try, Hidilyn Diaz made our nation proud. She won for our country our first Olympic medal after 20 long years and the first non-boxing Olympic medal since the 1936 Berlin Summer Games.

Mme. Speaker, allow me to look back where it all began for Hidilyn. Watching her cousins compete, she took up the sports at a tender age of 11 years old. While kids her age played with their peers, Hidilyn would go to the gym and learn the rudiments of the sport.

In 2003, at the tender age of 12, she joined her first competition and it was called the Mindanao Friendship Games. The following year, she became a member of our national pool through the recommendation of her coach and mentor, Antonio Agustin, and the president then, our colleague, former Member of this Body, Congressman Monico Puentevella.

In 2007, in the Thailand Southeast Asian Games, she was breaking national records and began giving honor to our country by bagging a bronze medal. She won numerous medals in other Southeast Asian Games, Asian games and world championships, and yesterday, the biggest of them all, a silver at the most prestigious sporting spectacle on earth, the Olympic games, where the great, the proud, and best congregate every four years.

I know the struggles of Hidilyn and our other Olympians and athletes having been deeply involved in amateur sports since 1987 when I worked as the head of the Manila Integrated Sports Council and until the year 2012 as the first vice president of the Philippine Olympic Committee.

Hidilyn, Onyok, Roel Velasco and Pol Serantes were the last four Olympic medalists. Our other Olympians including our distinguished colleague from Makati, Congressman Monsour del Rosario who is here with us, and all other athletes bravely and proudly representing our country, endured countless hours, days, weeks, months and years of relentless training and the difficult sacrifice of being away from their families so that they could bring glory to our beloved country.

Hidilyn said in an interview and I quote, "I have tried so hard, have stumbled many times, I wanted to quit, *ayoko na po*." But the sentiment of Hidilyn, after winning today, echoes the sentiments of our national athletes, past and present.

In recognition of this well-deserved victory, I filed House Resolution No. 149, together with some of our colleagues who have filed House Resolution No. 145, headed by Congressman Mikey Romero from 1-PACMAN and Congressman Eric Pineda, commending and congratulating Hidilyn Diaz and the Philippine Weightlifting Association headed by former Congressman Puentevella, for bringing pride and honor to our country.

Aside from being the proud Representative of Tondo, Manila, where it is my hope, dream and primary mission to help alleviate the hardships of the people of Tondo, I will also take the cudgels in ensuring that our national athletes have a voice in this august Body.

As one of the Representatives of this grateful and proud nation, I commend all Filipino sportsmen and sportswomen for their dedication and outstanding representation of our nation; who embodied the hopes and aspirations of our people. Their participation in different competitions, especially their victories, represents a clear reminder of the outcome and benefit of hard work, discipline, perseverance and faith. In the journey for greater national development, we as a nation can take inspiration from our athletes who have demonstrated what teamwork and unity can achieve.

May the example of our Olympians continue to be a source of positive transformation in the life journey of our nation and our people.

Again, Mme. Speaker, congratulations to Hidilyn Diaz and know that your country is very proud of you.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, for his chance to interpellate the Honorable Lopez, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Zamboanga City, the Hon. Celso L. Lobregat. I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Lobregat is recognized for his interpellation.

REP. LOBREGAT. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. I would like to ask the Gentleman from Manila if he would be willing to answer a few questions.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Yes sir, to the best of my ability, I will, sir.

REP. LOBREGAT. Thank you very much. The athlete that you were mentioning, Hidilyn Diaz, ...

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Yes.

REP. LOBREGAT. ...actually hails from Zamboanga City. So I would like to thank the distinguished Gentleman from Manila for recognizing the efforts and the feat of a Zamboangeña, Hidilyn Diaz. For the Gentleman's information, there is a pending Resolution that is being filed by Speaker Bebot Alvarez, the Majority Leader Rudy Fariñas and the two Congressmen from Zamboanga City, the First District, being myself and the Second District, Mannix Dalipe. We have already signed and we are just awaiting the Resolution to be read. In fact, I was in the room and when I heard the Gentleman recognize the Zamboangeña athlete, I rushed down to the floor, I am still panting, to thank him for his privilege speech.

So, that is all, and then I would also like, maybe, all our colleagues later on, when the Resolution is read, for all our colleagues to support the Resolution congratulating Hidilyn Diaz of Zamboanga City.

That is all, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you, and if I may just add to the good statement of our good friend and colleague from Zamboanga, I would like to inform

our friend that there are numerous athletes coming from Zamboanga. And that when I was still the head of amateur boxing, we had great and developed boxers in the name of Eric Canoy and a few others. I am sure it was during his incumbency, I think as then Mayor of Zamboanga City, when he was assisting them, those athletes, perform and represent our country in different international forays.

REP. LOBREGAT. Thank you again for bringing that up because really we have a sports program in Zamboanga City. In fact, Hidilyn Diaz is a product of one of our sports programs in Zamboanga City. When I was a mayor, I also would support her in terms of allowances and other benefits. So, we are glad that she is an Olympian. She participated in past competitions, but this time, at least she has gained honor for the country by getting the silver medal. Sayang, it could have been gold, pero, well, we have to settle for silver.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you.

REP. LOBREGAT. Thank you.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, the next of our colleagues who wishes to interpellate the Honorable Lopez is the Gentleman from the Second District of Zamboanga City. I move that we recognize the Hon. Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Dalipe is now recognized for his interpellation.

REP. DALIPE. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker. Will the Gentleman from the First District of Manila yield to some interpellation?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Of course, to the best of my ability, Congressman Dalipe.

REP. DALIPE. Yes. Indeed, like the Gentleman from the First District of Zamboanga who is elated with the Gentleman's statements, being the Representative of the Second District of Zamboanga, the first Filipina Olympic medalist being from Barangay Mampang, Zamboanga City, I, as a Representative, am very happy that a constituent of mine from the Second District would be the first Filipina to earn an Olympic medal.

We, in the provinces, would always say we will be there to strive hard. Indeed, for the past sessions, I have been seeing various House bills which promote for the development of sports in the provinces. If, indeed, we would welcome the development of sports in the provinces, maybe we would be able to see more of people, of women like Hidilyn Diaz. It was mentioned that the various local government units, the various LGUs, would have their own programs. But as such, with the efforts of the national government, would the Gentleman from the First District of Manila agree that we have to give more participation, more programs in developing sports in the grassroots level wherein this lady, coming from the Second District of Zamboanga, has proven that we in the provinces, given the right training, given the right support of the government, can achieve more particularly for our Republic of the Philippines?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you very much for your observation, the good Congressman from the Second District of Zamboanga City. I would like to state for the record that when I was the president of the Amateur Boxing Association of the Philippines from 1986 to 2008, we more or less had the same view on how to develop a sports. I am sure that most of our sports-minded colleagues here would state that the best way to develop these athletes should come at a very tender age.

I remember very distinctly when I mentioned earlier that when I was heading the local sports authority of Manila which was then called the Manila Integrated Sports Council, I would bring brothers at a tender age of 10 and 11 years old to play and box at Plaza Miranda. Their names, I think, are very familiar to you because they gave our country enough reasons to be proud. Those names are: Roel Velasco and Onyok Velasco. So we started them at a tender age of 11 because we always believed that with the proper guidance, training them early, there is no substitute for a clearer victory.

So, makakaasa po kayo na as far as Philippine sports is concerned, I would agree to your observation, Mr. Congressman.

REP. DALIPE. Yes. One last point.

Mme. Speaker, we have another Mindanaoan who is also a national icon, a hero in sports in our country, Sen. Manny Pacquiao. It is quite surprising that this national icon for sports who went through the different levels, the different echelons and high up the pedestal in becoming a world champion was not identified in his younger days as a sports performer. We have various programs like the Batang Pinoy, the Palarong Pambansa and other various programs. A national sports hero like Senator Manny Pacquiao, a world boxing champion, was not identified

in these programs. Would the Gentleman agree that there is a need to check on the programs to be able to identify talents who might have slipped through the process of being able to represent the country and did not have that opportunity, and I am referring to the Hon. Manny Pacquiao who, despite the various programs of the government—Palarong Pambansa, Batang Pinoy, the regional games of the DepEd—the people who handled these programs were not able to identify him? Would the Gentleman from the First District of Manila agree that we might need to amend the programs to be able to identify talents in the provinces who are not given the opportunity to represent the country?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Well, thank you very much for mentioning the good Senator who hails from the Gentleman's province. I would like to make mention that talent identification is one of the factors in identifying these athletes. But being a prerogative of the National Sports Association, sila po ang higit na makapagsasabi at higit po na makakaalam kung sino ang dapat nilang kunin.

I have to admit this and I am not happy at all with what has transpired because Manny Pacquiao, at that time in 1994, when he first tried out in amateur boxing, did not make it. No one knew at that time that Manny Pacquiao would be the Manny Pacquiao of today. When we were in amateur boxing, those years were the glory years of amateur boxing and, per my coaches' recommendation, their eye to see a future Olympian was not seen at Manny Pacquiao's tender age of 15 or 16, if I am not mistaken. If we only knew then that he would become an eight-division world champion, sino po ba naman ang hindi kukuha sa kanya? Palagay ko, it is also part of his destiny to be excelling in the professional ranks, but I do not know if this will be the proper venue to discuss this because technically, amateur is way, way different from professional boxing. During that time, Sen. Manny Pacquiao exhibited the character of a good professional boxer. Ang amateur po kasi medyo technical, paramihan ng suntok and, at that time, si Manny ay paisa-isang suntok lang but with strength. So, Olympic-style boxing is very different from the professional style of boxing, Mme. Speaker.

REP. DALIPE. Mme. Speaker, I also had the opportunity to go with some athletes from the provinces to join the US Open Taekwondo Championship, the Australian Open Taekwondo Championship, through the efforts of the parents.

I can see the Representative, the distinguished Gentleman from Makati.

What I am trying to express here is that, we in the provinces would exert efforts to excel in sports. Just like the issue now being confronted in the Seventeenth Congress, the issue of government—federalism. Just

like the issue of federalism, there is that point where we, in the provinces, would like that all of these programs be brought forth to us, and we are very happy that the distinguished Gentleman from the First District of Manila has acknowledged the efforts of a lady from Mindanao and we appreciate that. Probably, this will give rise to the interest, not only on how our government should be run but also how our government should work through sports. It reflects how we, as a nation, come together and become stronger. It is through sports that we are being looked upon by other countries as to how strong we are as a people or how weak we are as a nation.

I guess, after 20 years of drought for an Olympic medal, this first silver medal from a Filipina would open our eyes that even through sports, this nation can be great again.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, the next of our colleagues who wishes to interpellate the Honorable Lopez is the Gentleman from the First District of Makati.

I move that we recognize the Hon. Manuel Monsour T. Del Rosario III.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Del Rosario is recognized.

REP. DELROSARIO. Mme. Speaker, the Gentleman from the First District of Manila, Cong. Manny Lopez, is a friend. We have been together in several international competitions. I know he has been a leader of Philippine boxing for many years. I would just like to congratulate him and congratulate our Olympian for winning the silver medal in the Rio Olympics.

Being a former Olympian 28 years ago, I know what every athlete goes through preparation, sacrifices, the things they have to give up to remain focused, and hopefully to bring honor to our country. I am very proud of our Olympian. I did not expect her to come out with a medal. I was praying and hoping that at least, out of the 13 Olympians that are fighting for our country, one of them would strike a medal. And today, we are all very happy and very proud, and I would like the Philippines to know that everybody in Congress is very supportive of her and the Philippine sports.

Hindi ganoon kadali para maging Olympian. Alam ninyo, maraming doktor sa Pilipinas, maraming lawyer, maraming engineer, maraming Congressman, maraming Senator, pero to be an Olympian po, napakahirap ma-attain ito. Kakaunti lang ang Olympians at ang kalahati sa kanila ay patay na maski na Olympic medalist ka pa.

Today, I consider Hidilyn Diaz the new hero or the new sports hero or the new action hero of our country. We should invite her one time here in Congress, give her a big round of applause and welcome her as a great Filipina who has broken records for our country.

That is all, Mme. Speaker. I just wanted to contribute to what the Gentleman from the First District of Manila has said.

Pare, thank you. Maganda.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman from the Third District of Camarines Sur, the Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., who wishes to interpellate the Honorable Lopez.

REP. BORDADO. Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Bordado is recognized. He may proceed.

REP. BORDADO. Mme. Speaker, I understand that Congressman Dalipe, I believe, tackled this concern, but let me underscore the fact that I am with the other Congressmen here in heaping accolades, resolutions of commendations to Ms. Diaz. She even deserves the P5-million incentive plus the house and lot. She deserves everything. She has again put the Philippines on the sporting map of the world. But Congressman Lopez, just one question, if you will allow me to pose this question, please.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Yes, please.

REP. BORDADO. In every major international sporting competition, I have observed this cycle. We have for instance the Southeast Asian Games, the Asian Games and the Olympic Games. After such major international competitions, the Philippine sporting bodies will analyze what happened or what caused the debacle. Year in and year out, we have been doing this, Olympic in and Olympic out, we have been doing this.

I understand that the Gentleman is an expert in this particular area. How in heaven's name can we get our acts together in sports?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). In response to the question of the Gentleman from Camarines Sur, the Honorable Bordado, may I speak from my experience in Philippine amateur sports. Alam po ninyo, we have been in amateur boxing for 21 years and we have delivered. The last three Olympic medals prior to Hidilyn's came from the sport of amateur boxing,

and that was during our tenure. But, the problem arises when there are some sports leaders who try to perpetuate themselves into office thinking that it is their fiefdom. In fact, even now it still exists. While we agree that it is a very complex and interesting study on human behavior, I cannot, in good conscience, understand why others who have been there for the past 20 or 30 years still try and profess to say good words and good deeds about their position.

Being a neophyte Congressman, it is my desire to change the system. We have proven it to the Filipino nation even when everybody is claiming that the problem in Philippine sports is funding.

For the record, kami po sa amateur boxing, wala kaming masyadong pera. The past six years, ipinasa ko po ito sa isang taong mapera, sa grupo ni Manny V. Pangilinan, para pamunuan ang amateur boxing. Noong panahon po namin, wala kaming masyadong pera, and yet we could deliver. The point is, if we could deliver, why can the others not do the same?

With the Gentleman's indulgence, I hope to tackle this in detail in the right forum. But for tonight, let us not spoil the victory of our good compatriot, Hidilyn Diaz, who gave so much pride to the hundred million Filipinos who are savoring her victory.

REP. BORDADO. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the Third District of Bukidnon, Hon. Manuel F. Zubiri, for his interpellation.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Zubiri is now recognized.

REP. ZUBIRI. Good evening, Mme. Speaker. To my good friend, Cong. Manny Lopez, just a few questions, if he does not mind.

From the Gentleman's experience, do we have a grassroots sports program at the barangay level?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Thank you, the good Congressman from Bukidnon, Hon. Manuel Zubiri.

The expertise of promoting the different national sports will rise merely on the different national sports associations. If my memory serves me right, your younger brother, Sen. Miguel Zubiri, was promoting the sport of arnis. He tried to do it at the grassroots level. In fact, I think he even

instituted the development of the sport of arnis by passing legendary bills with regard to the sport of arnis. There are some sports which have grassroots development program. Just like what I mentioned earlier, I believe in grassroots development, but there are others who try to perpetuate themselves and just merely sit on their benches and chairs and just let bygones be bygones.

For that matter, I think we should institutionalize sports development by starting on the grassroots level. We adhere and we support that kind of thinking, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ZUBIRI. Mme. Speaker, I am for the promotion of sports on a grassroots level or in the barangay level because at such a young age, from my experience in the provinces, a lot of our young children have gone into vices. Why are we not producing Olympians at the level of Ms. Diaz, whom I commend? She is a champion from Mindanao. Why am I saying this? Kasi po ang ating mga anak o mga bata sa probinsiya, at a young age of 12 or 13 years old, are already either drinking or smoking because we do not have a proper grassroots sports program.

Mme. Speaker, if it is okay, if our colleagues in the House would heed my request, I am clamoring for a grassroots sports program all over the country. Let us start our children young sa sports instead of just letting them go and not making them concentrate as they end up going the other route. That is when they end up with vices on drugs to alcoholism. This is why I am asking that we have a proper grassroots program for our children at the barangay level.

May I also commend our Olympian, Ms. Diaz. I could not sleep last night because I was very happy. I am an avid sportsman as well. I am so happy for our country. After 20 years of starvation, we produced another silver medal. So I commend this lady from Mindanao. Uswag, Mindanao! Let us produce a lot of sportsmen and women from the island of Mindanao and, of course, across the nation.

That is all, Mme. Speaker. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity today.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Lopez and its interpellation to the Committee on Rules.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the motion to refer the speech of the Honorable Lopez to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Privilege Hour is now terminated.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we reconsider the election of Rep. Alejandro Y. Mirasol as Chairperson of the Special Committee on Land Use.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). There is a motion to reconsider the election of Congressman Mirasol to the Special Committee on Land Use.

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we elect the following Members to the following committees:

The Majority Leader read the names of the House Members elected to the various committees, per Journal No. 7, dated August 8, 2016.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VISAYAS DEVELOPMENT

Rep. Alejandro Y. Mirasol, as Chairperson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

Rep. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, as Chairperson

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

The Members so mentioned by the Majority Leader are hereby elected to the said Committees.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, August 9, 2016, Tuesday, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until tomorrow at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 7:38 p.m.