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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 now 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.

PRAYER

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Please remain standing for a minute of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, I move that we defer with the calling of the roll. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.) Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the approval of the Journal of the previous session is deferred.

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

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 2282, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 2283, entitled:

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

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2284, entitled:

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

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2285, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE

MANDATORY APPOINTMENT OF COOPERATIVES IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 487 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991', AS AMENDED"

By Representative Marquez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2286, entitled:

"AN ACT REPEALING SECTION 20 REPUBLIC ACT 8749, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999' AND AMEND PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2000"

By Representative Marquez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY

House Bill No. 2287, entitled:

"AN ACT GRANTING SECURITY OF TENURE TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHOSE NATURE OF APPOINTMENT IS EITHER TEMPORARY, CONTRACTUAL AND CASUAL AND WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF TEN (10) YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE"

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 2288, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN PASIG CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH D, AND SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Eusebio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2289, entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER IN THE CITY

OF PASIG AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

By Representative Eusebio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 2290, entitled:

"AN ACT DECLARING JULY 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN PASIG CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE 'ANNIVERSARY DAY OF PASIG CITY' "

By Representative Eusebio
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2291, entitled:

"AN ACT NAMING GUADALUPE PORT IN MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE AS THE SOLEDAD DUTERTE PORT"

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2292, entitled:

"AN ACT NAMING MAASIN AIRPORT IN MAASIN CITY, SOUTHERN LEYTE AS THE VICENTE DUTERTE AIRPORT"

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2293, entitled:

"AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM INCOME TAXATION EXCEPT FOR SENIORS WHO ARE INTO BUSINESS"

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 2294, entitled:

"AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE' "

By Representative Acop
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2295, entitled:

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PERIODS OF VALIDITY OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE' "

By Representative Acop
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2296, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORT FROM FIVE (5) YEARS TO TEN (10) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996’ ”

By Representative Acop
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2297, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING PRIVATE ELECTRIC UTILITIES FROM COLLECTING SYSTEM LOSSES FROM THE CONSUMERS AND REDUCING THE CAP OF RECOVERABLE SYSTEM LOSSES OF RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES TO A MAXIMUM OF FIVE PERCENT (5%), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PUBLIC ACT NO. 7832, AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2298, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING PARAGRAPH (J) SECTION 47 OF PUBLIC ACT 9136 OR THE ‘ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001’ ”

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

House Bill No. 2299, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ESCALANTE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATA SPAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,’ AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2300, entitled:

“AN ACT STRICTLY IMPLEMENTING A SET OF SIMPLE RULES TO PROPERLY PASS A CYCLIST CONSISTENT WITH ‘SHARE THE ROAD’ CAMPAIGN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2301, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE POSTING OF SIGNAGE OR NOTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF INDOOR CCTVs IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRESCRIBING FINES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2302, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN INCREASE IN RETIREMENT PAY OF ALL CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 2303, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS ENSURING THEIR SAFETY AND WELFARE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2304, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING DANGEROUS DRUGS COURTS TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC ACT 9165 OR THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002 AND TO EFFECT A REDUCTION OF DRUG-RELATED CASES, DECLOGGING OF THE SAME IN COURT’S DOCKETS, AND STREAMLINING THE FIVE PILLARS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS DRUGS

House Bill No. 2305, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING OPERATORS OF PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES IN METRO MANILA TO INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN THEIR BUSES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2306, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SYSTEM OF EFFECTIVE FUND ADMINISTRATION OF

CASH DONATIONS OR HUMANITARIAN AID FROM LOCAL OR FOREIGN DONORS AND SPONSORS DURING NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTERS, CRISES, TRAGEDIES, OR EMERGENCIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

House Bill No. 2307, entitled:

“AN ACT ORDAINING THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISES TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY, ESTABLISHING FOR THE PURPOSE THE POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP (PRESENT) PROGRAM AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS THEREFOR”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION

House Bill No. 2308, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘AN ACT REORGANIZING THE JUDICIARY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’ TO CREATE THE POSITIONS FOR JUDGES-AT-LARGE”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2309, entitled:

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

By Representative Montoro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2310, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE BOARD OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2311, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE SORSOGON STATE COLLEGE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE SORSOGON STATE

UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Escudero, Ramos and Bravo (A.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2312, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A ‘NO PERMIT, NO EXAM POLICY’ OR ANY SUCH POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS IN ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM TAKING THEIR PERIODIC, PRELIMS, MIDTERM OR FINAL EXAMINATIONS DUE TO UNPAID TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2313, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING DISCOUNTS ON BASIC AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO UNDERPRIVILEGED HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION STUDENTS”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2314, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS, THEREBY CREATING A CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2315, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FREE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS TO UNDERPRIVILEGED PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS”

By Representative Escudero
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2316, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION

ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10583, ENTITLED: AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TADIAN, BAUKO, PARACELIS AND BARLIG, ALL LOCATED IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE”

By Representative Dalog
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2317, entitled:

“AN ACT TO EXCLUDE FROM THE OPERATION OF PROCLAMATION NO. 217, SERIES OF 1929, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CENTRAL CORDILLERA FOREST RESERVE, A CERTAIN PORTION OF LAND EMBRACED THEREIN AND DECLARE THE SAME ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE UNDER SECTION 4 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10023, (RESIDENTIAL FREE PATENT ACT) DATED MARCH 9, 2010, IN FAVOR OF THE LUIS HORA MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL LOCATED IN ABATAN, BAUKO, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES”

By Representative Dalog
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 2318, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE LAKE LANAO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, DEFINING ITS POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Papandayan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2319, entitled:

“AN ACT ENHANCING PROTECTION FOR WOMEN INMATES HELD IN JAILS AND CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES”

By Representative Papandayan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2320, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF

MICROBIOLOGY IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2321, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JUNE NINETEEN OF EVERY YEAR A NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE KNOWN AS ‘THE NATIONAL HERO’S DAY’ IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH OF OUR NATIONAL HERO DR. JOSE P. RIZAL”

By Representative Chipeco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2322, entitled:

“AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED, EXPANDING AND INCREASING THE COVERAGE AND BENEFITS OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM TO INCLUDE ELECTED AND APPOINTED BARANGAY OFFICIALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Chipeco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 2323, entitled:

“AN ACT PENALIZING PRANK CALLERS TO EMERGENCY HOTLINES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2324, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE PRESCRIPTIVE PERIOD FOR THE RECTIFICATION OF SIMULATED BIRTHS THEREBY AMENDING OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8552, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘DOMESTIC ADOPTION ACT OF 1998’”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2325, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR AS FRANCISCO DAGOHOY DAY, A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 2326, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INSTITUTE POLICIES TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL DEALINGS IN HUMAN ORGANS, TISSUES AND/OR PARTS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR FOR ITS VIOLATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

CONSTITUTIONAL POLICIES OF FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AND HONESTY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Cojuangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 2327, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX IN BARANGAY PALALE, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TINIO, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PALALE HIGH SCHOOL ANNEX AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2332, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING CURFEW HOURS FROM TEN IN THE EVENING (10:00 PM) TO FIVE IN THE MORNING (5:00 AM) FOR PERSONS BELOW EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

By Representative Cojuangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 2328, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL USERS OF PREPAID SUBSCRIBER IDENTITY MODULE (SIM) CARDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2333, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES FROM IMPOSING AN EXPIRATION PERIOD ON THE VALIDITY OF PRE-PAID CALL AND TEXT CARDS AND THE FORFEITURE OF LOAD CREDITS THEREOF”

By Representative Cojuangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 2329, entitled:

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE SYNCHRONIZED SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2018, AND EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER”

By Representative Ferrer (J.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2334, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 2330, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULAR PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ISSUED TO ADULT APPLICANTS TO TEN (10) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OR THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2335, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY ANNUAL INSPECTION OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL BUILDINGS BY THE CITY OR MUNICIPAL ENGINEER OR BUILDING OFFICIAL AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2331, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PEOPLE’S RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND THE

House Bill No. 2336, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING COMPULSORY INSURANCE FOR TEACHERS AND OTHER PERSONS WHO SERVE AS

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION INSPECTORS (BEI) IN NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

House Bill No. 2337, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10054 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT MANDATING ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS TO WEAR STANDARD PROTECTIVE MOTORCYCLE HELMETS WHILE DRIVING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR’ OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘MOTORCYCLE HELMET ACT OF 2009’”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2338, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Espino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 2339, 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. 2340, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT FROM FIVE (5) TO TEN (10) YEARS AND AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239 ALSO KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Bill No. 2341, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF GENERAL TRIAS THEREBY REAPPORTIONING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE”

By Representatives Ferrer (L.), Loyola and Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2342, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE ALCOY - ALEGRIA PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representatives Caminero and Calderon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2343, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

House Bill No. 2344, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE CARPOOL IN ORDER TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2345, entitled:

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

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

House Bill No. 2346, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BUENAVISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BUENAVISTA, CITY OF ZAMBOANGA, INTO AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS BUENAVISTA INTEGRATED SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2347, entitled:

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

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

House Bill No. 2348, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING ANGELES CITY FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE DISTRICT OF ANGELES CITY”

By Representatives Lazatin and Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 2349, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TOY AND GAME SAFETY LABELING, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2350, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING A SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND INNOVATION PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2351, entitled:

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

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 2352, entitled:

“AN ACT TO INCLUDE TRADITIONAL GAMES AND SPORTS IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.) COURSES IN ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND SPORT ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2353, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE YOUNG FARMERS PROGRAM, PROVIDING

FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2354, entitled:

“AN ACT AUTHORIZING HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND GRADUATE TRAINING IN ADVANCE ENERGY AND GREEN BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 2355, entitled:

“AN ACT TO HELP PERSONS AFFLICTED WITH RARE DISEASES BY CREATING AN OFFICE OF RARE DISEASES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ENCOURAGING THE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ON RARE DISEASES, AND PROVIDING FOR FISCAL AND REGULATORY INCENTIVES FOR THE MANUFACTURE OR IMPORTATION OF HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS FOR USE BY SUCH PERSONS”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 2356, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING BARANGAY JUSTICE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1155 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 386, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

House Bill No. 2357, entitled:

“AN ACT DEFINING THE CRIME OF ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

House Bill No. 2358, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS AND CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE NATIONAL PARENT COUNCIL”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 2359, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE ISLET OF MINALAYO AS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER THE CATEGORY OF PROTECTED LANDSCAPES AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 2360, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MATANG-TUBIG A NATURAL BIOTIC AREA AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 2361, entitled:

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By Representative Bravo (M.)
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House Bill No. 2363, entitled:

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By Representative Bernos
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House Bill No. 2364, entitled:

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House Bill No. 2365, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD WHICH TRAVERSES AND CONNECTS THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PILAR AND LUBA IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN EMILIO IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos
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House Bill No. 2366, entitled:

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By Representative Bernos
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By Representative Bernos
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By Representative Bernos
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House Bill No. 2371, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD WHICH CONNECTS THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA AND BURGOS IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 2372, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE ROAD WHICH TRAVERSES AND CONNECTS THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PIDIGAN, SAN ISIDRO, VILLAVICIOSA AND PILAR IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. MARIA IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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House Bill No. 2373, entitled:

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House Bill No. 2374, entitled:

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By Representative Bernos
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House Bill No. 2376, entitled:

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By Representative Bernos
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PLANTS BY GENERATION COMPANIES,
AND DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE
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By Representative Castelo
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“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TO STEP UP VISIBILITY AND VIGILANCE IN METRO MANILA IN ORDER TO CURB RANDOM CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 140, entitled:

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By Representative Castelo
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House Resolution No. 141, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO INVESTIGATE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) IN LIGHT OF AN UNDATED FOOTAGE ON FACEBOOK DEPICTING THE MISERABLE AND DISTURBING

PLIGHT OF FILIPINO SOLDIERS IN THE WAKE OF AN ENCOUNTER WITH NPA REBELS AND PITIFULLY AWAITING RESCUE THAT APPEARED TO HAVE NEVER COME”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 142, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL AT THE 2016 RIO OLYMPICS”

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

House Resolution No. 143, entitled:

“RESOLUTION BANNING DONALD J. TRUMP FROM ENTERING THE PHILIPPINES FOR BEING INIMICAL TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 144, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR BAGGING SILVER MEDAL OF THE WOMEN’S 53-KG WEIGHTLIFTING CATEGORY IN THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL ON AUGUST 5-21, 2016”

By Representative Dalipe
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House Resolution No. 145, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILIPINA WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S 53-KILOGRAM WEIGHTLIFTING COMPETITION OF THE 2016 RIO OLYMPICS AT THE RIOCENTRO PAVILION, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representatives Pineda, Romero, Salo, Lopez (B.), Canama, Montoro, Belaro, Tan (S.) and Mending
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 146, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S 53 KG WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION, IN THE RIO 2016 SUMMER

OLYMPIC GAMES HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representative Tolentino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 147, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING SILVER MEDAL IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED WEIGHTLIFTING CATEGORY IN THE 2016 RIO OLYMPICS”

By Representative Velasco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 148, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ, SILVER MEDALIST IN THE WOMEN’S WEIGHTLIFTING 53-KILOGRAM DIVISION OF THE 31ST OLYMPIAD HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, AND THE FIRST EVER FILIPINA TO BAG A SILVER MEDAL IN THE HISTORY OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE OLYMPICS, FOR HER BRILLIANCE AND DEDICATION TO THE SPORT IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Cortuna
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 149, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ AND THE PHILIPPINE WEIGHTLIFTING ASSOCIATION FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL IN WEIGHTLIFTING IN THE 2016 OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, THE COUNTRY’S FIRST OLYMPIC MEDAL AFTER 20 YEARS, AND FOR BRINGING PRIDE AND HONOR TO THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Lopez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 150, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S 53-KILOGRAM WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION OF THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representative Zamora (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 151, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND

CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR BECOMING THE PHILIPPINES’ FIRST FEMALE OLYMPIC MEDALIST ENDING IN THE PROCESS 20-YEAR DROUGHT WITH THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S 53KG WEIGHTLIFTING COMPETITION AT THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL ON AUGUST 7, 2016”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 152, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S FIFTY-THREE (53) KG WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION OF THE SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES 2016 HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL FROM AUGUST 5-21, 2016”

By Representative Roa-Puno
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 153, entitled:

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By Representative Atienza
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House Resolution No. 154, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE FIELD TRIPS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO VISIT HISTORICAL SITES AND LANDMARKS WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Resolution No. 155, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL AT THE WOMEN’S 53-KG CATEGORY IN WEIGHTLIFTING IN THE 2016 RIO OLYMPICS”

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 156, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINA WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE

SILVER MEDAL IN 2016 OLYMPICS HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL LAST AUGUST 7, 2016”

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

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 157, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE GRATITUDE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HIS MAJESTY KING SALMAN BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA FOR HIS MAJESTY THE KING’S ROYAL DECREE FOR THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO ASSIST THOUSANDS OF STRANDED FILIPINO WORKERS WHO WISH TO COME HOME, PROVIDING PLANE FARES AT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT’S EXPENSE, ALLOWING THOSE WHO WISH TO STAY BEHIND TO TRANSFER TO OTHER COMPANIES, PROVIDING FREE FOOD, AMONG OTHER BENEVOLENT GESTURES”

By Representative Bertiz

TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 158, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 53-KILOGRAM CATEGORY OF THE WEIGHTLIFTING COMPETITION AT THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 159, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE DELEGATION TO THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA ARBITRATION CASE IN THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION”

By Representative Alejano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 160, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR SECURING SECOND PLACE (SILVER MEDAL) IN THE WOMEN’S WEIGHTLIFTING 53-KG WEIGHT CLASS

OF THE 31ST SUMMER OLYMPIAD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 161, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 53-KILOGRAM WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION OF THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO SUMMER OLYMPICS”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 162, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ FOR BEING THE FIRST FEMALE OLYMPIAN FOR THE PHILIPPINES TO WIN THIS COUNTRY A MEDAL IN THE HISTORY OF THE SUMMER OLYMPICS”

By Representative Marquez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 163, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING FILIPINO OLYMPIAN HIDILYN DIAZ, FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S FIFTY-THREE (53) KILOGRAM WEIGHTLIFTING CATEGORY IN THE 2016 OLYMPICS”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 164, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE PHILIPPINE AMUSEMENT AND GAMING CORPORATION (PAGCOR) TO GIVE OUTRIGHT SPECIAL INCENTIVE PRIZES TO THE FILIPINO ATHLETES COMPETING IN THE 2016 31ST SUMMER OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

House Resolution No. 165, entitled:

“RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION INTO ONLINE OR ELECTRONIC GAMES (E-GAMES)”

By Representative Atienza

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 166, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ, A FILIPINA FROM ZAMBOANGA CITY, FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S 53-KG WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION OF THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representative Bernos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 167, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTING THE OPENING OF THE STO. TOMAS INTERCHANGE ALONG THE NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY (NLEX)”

By Representative Bondoc
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 168, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INSTITUTIONALIZED RURAL WATER CONNECTION PROGRAM TO SUPPLY WATER TO RURAL AREAS TO ADDRESS SANITATION AND HEALTH PROBLEMS”

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

House Resolution No. 169, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HER SILVER MEDAL VICTORY IN THE 53KG-CATEGORY IN WOMEN’S WEIGHTLIFTING AT THE RIO 2016 OLYMPICS HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL ON AUGUST 7, 2016”

By Representatives Laogan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 170, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO GIVE COMMENDATION AND HONOR TO THE RIO OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALIST, HIDILYN DIAZ”

By Representative Romualdez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 171, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING FILIPINO WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE PHILIPPINES’ FIRST MEDAL IN THE 2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES”

By Representative Montoro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 172, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS AND COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE PLIGHT OF THOUSANDS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS WORKING IN VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES WHO REMAIN STRANDED IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA WITH UNPAID SALARIES FOR MONTHS AND GETTING LAID OFF WITHOUT GETTING END-OF-SERVICE BENEFITS”

By Representative Montoro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 173, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INVESTIGATE IN AID OF LEGISLATION THE SHUTTING DOWN OF RURAL AND THRIFT BANKS”

By Representative Montoro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 174, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) TO IMPLEMENT A DUAL NAIA-CLARK AIRPORT SYSTEM FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY IN PHILIPPINE AIR TRANSPORTATION”

By Representative Villanueva
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 175, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL FEAT IN WINNING THE RIO 2016 OLYMPIC SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S 53-KG WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION ON AUGUST 7, 2016 IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Lobregat and Dalipe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 176, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING A SILVER MEDAL AT THE 2016 RIO OLYMPICS”

By Representative Elago
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 177, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT INCIDENT OF INDISCRIMINATE FIRING IN SITIO TIBUGAWAN, BRGY. KAWAYAN, SAN FERNANDO, BUKIDNON ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY THE PARAMILITARY GROUP NEW INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S ARMY BACKED BY THE 8TH IB OF THE PHILIPPINE ARMY WHICH RESULTED TO THE DEATH OF A PREGNANT WOMAN AND WOUNDING OF SEVEN (7) CIVILIANS, INCLUDING FIVE (5) MINORS”

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

House Resolution No. 178, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HER EXEMPLARY DISPLAY OF THE FILIPINO ATHLETE’S INDOMITABLE SPIRIT BY WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 53-KILOGRAM WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION AT THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO OLYMPIC GAMES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 179, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PERFORMANCE OF DOH GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATE SPECIALTY HOSPITALS VIS-A-VIS REVENUE GENERATION AND PROVISION OF INEXPENSIVE AND FREE HEALTH SERVICES FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS WITH THE END VIEW OF ASCERTAINING THE VIABILITY OF PROPOSALS TO CORPORATIZE PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY”

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

House Resolution No. 180, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE COUNTRY’S 1ST SILVER MEDAL IN THE 2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 181, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS AND CONFERRING THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF DISTINCTION TO MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR BEING THE FIRST FILIPINO TO EARN IN TWENTY YEARS AN OLYMPIC MEDAL IN 2016 RIO SUMMER OLYMPICS”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 182, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING WARM FELICITATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO VICE PRESIDENT LENI ROBREDO FOR BEING HONORED AS “OUTSTANDING WOMAN” IN SOUTHEAST ASIA”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 183, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE AIRPORT TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 184, entitled:

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TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 186, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE COUNTRY’S FIRST SILVER MEDAL IN THE 2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES”

By Representative Pichay
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION, UPON A VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS VOTING SEPARATELY”

By Representative Singson (E.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

House Resolution No. 187, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING WEIGHTLIFTER HIDILYN DIAZ FOR GARNERING A SILVER MEDAL AT THE 2016 RIO OLYMPICS”

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Rep. Micaela S. Violago for House Bill No. 618;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bill No. 1925;

Rep. Gwendolyn F. Garcia for House Bill No. 1894;

Rep. Ronald M. Cosalan for House Bill No. 1554; and

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bills No. 393, .394, 577, 578, 579, 580 and 2247.

House Resolution No. 188, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) TO IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTE MEASURES AND INTENSIFY VIGILANCE AND POLICE VISIBILITY TO CURTAIL LAWLESSNESS AND SPATE OF RANDOM KILLINGS AROUND THE NATION”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Resolution No. 189, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. HIDILYN DIAZ FOR WINNING THE SILVER MEDAL IN THE 53-KILOGRAM WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION AT THE 2016 RIO DE JANEIRO OLYMPIC GAMES”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Joint Resolution No. 6, entitled:

“JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONVENE CONGRESS INTO A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A FEDERAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, REMOVE THE RESTRICTIVE ECONOMIC PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER AND UPDATE ITS ANTIQUATED PROVISIONS”

By Representative Gomez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS

House Joint Resolution No. 7, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO CONVENE AS A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR

Letters dated July 12, 18, 20 and 28 August 1, 2016 of Roger E. Dino, Deputy Director, Office of the General Counsel and Legal Services, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with duly certified

and authenticated Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issuances to wit:

Circular Letter No. CL-2016-051 dated 27 June 2016;
 Circular No. 915 dated 5 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-052 dated 29 June 2016;
 Circular No. 916 dated 8 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-053 dated 4 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-054 dated 7 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-055 dated 12 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-056 dated 11 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-057 dated 14 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-058 dated 14 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. 917 dated 8 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-059 dated 14 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-060 dated 22 July 2016;
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-061 dated 26 July 2016; and
 Circular Letter No. CL-2016-062 dated 26 July 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

Pursuant to Section 153, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 10 February 2016 issued by Joselito R. Ferrer, Assistant Special Prosecutor III, Office of the Special Prosecutor, Office of the Ombudsman, re: SB-15-CRM-0037 to 0053, directing Atty. Ricardo, T. Bering, Director II, Records Management Service, House of Representatives, the submission of clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to former Representative Samuel Dangwa of the Lone District of Benguet:

Service Record;
 Personal Data Sheet;
 Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth for the Years 2001 to 2010; and
 Certificate of Canvass.

Pursuant to Section 153, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 10 February 2016 issued by Joselito R. Ferrer, Assistant Special

Prosecutor III, Office of the Special Prosecutor, Office of the Ombudsman, re: SB-15-CRM-0037 to 0053, directing Atty. Ricardo, T. Bering, Director II, Records Management Service, House of Representatives, the submission of clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Erwin Cagas Dangwa and Carlos Lazada, Staff of former Representative Samuel Dangwa:

Service Record;
 Personal Data Sheet;
 Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth for the years 2006-2012

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 13 June 2016 issued by Atty. Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, General Investigation Bureau-B, Field Investigation Office I, Office of the Ombudsman, re: FF-C-15-0014, directing Ms. Annabelle C. Hufanda, Director, Records Management Service, House of Representatives, pertaining the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Representative Thelma Z. Almario, Second District of Davao Oriental, covering the years 2007-2010:

Latest Personal Data Sheet;
 Oath of Office;
 Updated Service Record; and
 Certificate of Proclamation as Representative in the 2007 elections.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 13 June 2016 issued by Atty. Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, General Investigation Bureau-B, Field Investigation Office I, Office of the Ombudsman, re: FF-C-15-0023, directing Ms. Annabelle C. Hufanda, Director, Records Management Service, House of Representatives, pertaining the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Representative Rommel C. Amatong, Second District of Compostela Valley, covering the years 2007 to 2010:

Latest Personal Data Sheet;
 Oath of Office;
 Updated Service Record; and
 Certificate of Proclamation as Representative in the 2007 elections.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 13 June 2016 issued

by Atty. Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, General Investigation Bureau-B, Field Investigation Office I, Office of the Ombudsman, re: FF-C-14-0472 and FF-C-15-0590, directing Ms. Annabelle C. Hufanda, Director, Records Management Service, House of Representatives, pertaining to the submission before their office clear and certified true copies of the following documents pertaining to Representative Jurdin Jesus M. Romualdo, Lone District of Camiguin for the years 2004 to 2007: Personal Data Sheet; Oath of Office; Updated Service Record; Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Worth for CYs 2004 to 2007; and Certificate of Proclamation as Representative in the 2004 elections.

Pursuant to Section 151, Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives transmitting the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated 14 June 2016 issued by Atty. Maria Olivia Elena A. Roxas, Director, General Investigation Bureau-B, Field Investigation Office I, Office of the Ombudsman, re: FF-C-14-0240, FF-C-15-0040 to FF-C-15-0445, directing Atty. Marilyn B. Yap, Secretary General, House of Representatives, directing the submission before their office certified true and clear copies of the following documents pertaining to Representative Vincent P. Crisologo, 1st District of Quezon City: Latest Personal Data Sheet; Oath of Office; and Updated Service Record.

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 First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman, who wishes to rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The honorable Gentleman from Albay is now recognized.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE OF REP. LAGMAN

REP. LAGMAN. Mme. Speaker and honorable colleagues, indeed, death is the great equalizer between the poor and the rich, the powerful and the weak, the famous and the unknown, the influential and the marginalized. But even in death, there is a separation, a distinction, in history and the people's appreciation between a tyrant and a just ruler, a despot and his victims, a hero and a villain, a patriot and a traitor.

Verily, the Libingan ng mga Bayani is the hallowed graveyard of heroes and patriots, not of despots and plunderers. Heroes eternally rest in the people's embrace and admiration, while villains forever agonize in disgrace.

The late President Ferdinand Marcos must not be buried in the Libingan ng mga Bayani which is reserved for authentic heroes and patriots or for those who are presumed to be heroes and patriots because their records do not document the contrary.

In the case of President Marcos, the following are the verifiable records and indisputable evidence which render him unfit to be buried in the Libingan ng mga Bayani:

1. He publicly declared, on 23 September 1972, Martial Law for malevolent and contrived reasons—to perpetuate himself in power even as he transgressed the sovereign will. He masterminded this power grab which lasted for 14 ignominious years.

In a privilege speech on September 13, 1972, 10 days before Martial Law was declared, then Senator Benigno Aquino Jr. exposed "Oplan Sagittarius" wherein Marcos would place Metro Manila and outlying areas under the control of the Philippine Constabulary preparatory to the declaration of Martial Law. A series of bombings would erupt in Metro Manila which would be used to justify Marcos' complete takeover of the government and usher in an authoritarian rule.

On the night of September 22, 1972, then Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile claimed that as they were driving out of Camp Aguinaldo, a car opened fire at his convoy and sped away. In 1986, when Enrile turned against Marcos, he disclosed that the ambush was staged to justify Martial Law. This is found in the *Official Gazette* website.

2. He padlocked Congress and arrogated unto himself the role of sole legislator and in the process, negated popular representation in the enactment of laws and adoption of national policies.

3. To further stifle dissent, he incarcerated titans in the political opposition like human rights advocate Sen. Jose W. Diokno; the venerable nationalist Sen. Lorenzo Tañada; the staunch oppositionist Sen. Benigno Aquino who was perceived as a presidential contender; the great libertarian Sen. Jovito Salonga; then promising Sen. Ramon Mitra Jr.; and human rights lawyer Joker Arroyo, among others.

4. He emasculated the Judiciary and virtually derogated judicial independence.

Marcos promulgated General Order No. 2 dated 22 September 1972, which implemented the Arrest, Search and Seizure Order or ASSO. Through ASSO, he, not the courts, ordered the arrest of prominent members of the opposition, leftist personalities, and even ordinary citizens. A week later on September 29, 1972, he issued Letter of Instruction No. 11 (LOI 11) which commanded that "all officers of the national

government whose appointments are vested in the President of the Philippines submit their resignations from office, through their Department Heads, not later than October 15, 1972,” including members of the Judiciary. According to Law Dean and Chairperson of the Free Legal Aid Assistance Group or FLAG, Atty. Jose Manuel Diokno, from the moment Marcos signed LOI 11, he stripped the judges of their independence. Thus, justice no longer depended on the merits but on the closeness of the lawyers to the Marcoses.

Marcos was so influential over certain members of the Supreme Court that when members of the opposition challenged the validity of the “ratification” of the 1973 Constitution by mere acclamation of Citizens Assemblies and not through the requisite plebiscite, the High Court shockingly upheld the so-called “raising-of-hands ‘ratification’.”

Through the PCO (Presidential Commitment Order) and the PDA (Preventive Detention Action), Marcos arrested and detained alleged “enemies of the State” indefinitely, denied them the rights to bail and trial and thus, indubitably depreciated the role of the Judiciary.

5. He wantonly violated the people’s economic, social and cultural rights as well as their civil and political rights.

In the guise of fighting communism, numerous political dissenters and critics of the Marcos regime were harassed, arrested, detained, jailed, tortured, and/or summarily executed/massacred or involuntarily disappeared. Villages or communities were dislocated as bombings and strafing, forced evacuations and hamletting were dreadfully practiced in the war zones when the government implemented the total war policy against the insurgents.

From September to December 1972, the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines recorded 6,295 unwarranted arrests. This rose to 29,500 at the end of 1973. At the end of the Marcos regime, these arrests totalled 92,607. Partial listing of torture cases over the same period, September 1972 to February 1986, reached 5,531; summary executions, 2,537; and involuntary disappearances, 783.

The claimants in the class suit instituted with the United States District Court of Hawaii were those involuntarily disappeared, tortured and summarily executed by security forces and paramilitary groups between September 21, 1972 and February 25, 1986. On September 24, 1992, the Hawaii Federal District Court ruled that Marcos was guilty of human rights violations and the Marcos estate liable for damages. The jury awarded US\$1.2 billion for exemplary damages to the claimants on February 23, 1994. Eleven months later, on January 18, 1995, the jury of the same Court awarded US\$755.4 million for compensatory damages, thereby validating 9,074 claims.

Republic Act No. 10368, Reparation and Recognition of Human Rights Victims during Martial Law—of which I am the principal author—validates that the Republic of the Philippines indubitably recognizes and condemns the human rights atrocities committed during the regime of former President Marcos. Republic Act No. 10368 also aims to ensure that future generations are guaranteed of their right to know the truth on what happened during the Marcos dictatorship and not to become victims of attempts at historical revisionism. It does this by providing for: a) the establishment of a memorial/museum/library in honor and in memory of the victims of human rights violations during the Marcos regime; and b) the inclusion of the teaching of Martial Law atrocities, as well as the lives and sacrifices of victims of human rights violations in our history in the basic, secondary and tertiary education curricula. These are Sections 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 10368.

Indeed, if only such safeguards to historical accuracy were put in place in the country’s formal educational system, we would not even consider burying the remains of the late dictator at the hallowed grounds of the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

6. He forcibly closed media outlets and detained Mr. Joaquin “Chino” Roces, founder of *Manila Times* and the Associated Broadcasting Company, and other journalists. He suppressed the freedom of expression and of the press. He closed 292 radio stations all over the country; 66 community newspapers; 11 English weekly magazines; seven major English dailies; seven television stations; four Chinese dailies; three Filipino dailies; one English-Filipino daily; and one Spanish daily.

7. He either closed or took over the management, control and operation of public utilities like the Manila Electric Company, Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, National Waterworks and Sewerage Authority, Philippine National Railways, Philippine Airlines, Air Manila, and Filipinas Orient Airways, (LOI 2, s. 1972) as well as private enterprises like the Iligan Integrated Steel Mills, Inc., and the Elizalde Rolling Mills, Inc. (LOI 27, s. 1972)

8. He plundered the economy and inordinately amassed ill-gotten hordes. The Freedom from Debt Coalition (FDC) estimates that the Marcos’ ill-gotten wealth ranged from a low of US\$5 billion to as high as \$30 billion.

In 1997, the Swiss Federal Supreme Court ruled:

there was little doubt about the criminal provenance of the secret Marcos accounts and securities hidden in the Swiss banks. It ordered that they be transferred to the Republic of the Philippines and that their disposition be determined by a final enforceable judgment of the competent Philippine court

—our Supreme Court. (Bautista, J. citing *Federal Office for Police Affairs vs Aquamina Corporation*, Panama, 10 December 1997)

9. He allowed cronies to inordinately and criminally enrich themselves through errant contracts and skewed projects as well as discriminatory and flawed polices in various industries: coconut, banana, tobacco, logging, mining, offshore gaming, pharmaceuticals, construction, and of course, nuclear energy. (Garcia, M.A. 2016) Reports have it that 33 percent of the Marcos regime's loans, equivalent to US\$8 billion, went to Marcos' and his cronies' pockets.

10. He ballooned the foreign debt, much of the proceeds of which funded projects and programs which did not benefit the Filipino people.

The Marcos regime's insatiable appetite for foreign loans jacked up the Philippine foreign debt from US\$1 billion at the start of his presidency in 1965 to US\$28 billion by the time he fled the country in 1986. (FDC)

Four decades after Martial Law, foreign debt servicing, including those for, behest loans, gobbled up nearly half of the national budget, effectively dislodging critical economic and social services for our people. Symbolic of the folly of the Marcos regime's foreign debt policy is the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP). After making US\$4.2 billion in principal and interest payments that extinguished the loan, the country's benefit from the plant continues to be zero. The project was initiated and pursued with little or no regard for actual energy generation and the attendant safety factors. The overriding concern centered on the windfall commissions.

11. He submerged the economy to below zero. Standing out was its record of having been the only administration to register a negative GDP growth. The economy grew negatively at minus seven percent in 1984.

Also outstanding was its inflation record. After posting a high inflation rate of almost 40 percent in 1976, the regime topped its own record with 50.3 percent inflation rate in 1984, again the highest among all administrations.

Even conservative government estimates revealed 59.3 percent of Filipino families to have fallen below the poverty line towards the end of his regime in 1985. The poverty incidence was worse in my region, the Bicol Region, at 73.2 percent.

12. He was ousted as a tyrant by the Filipino people and thus, dishonorably discharged by popular action, while the Supreme Court barred his return to the Philippines.

On February 25, 1986, the historic People Power Revolution in EDSA forced Marcos and his family to flee the country. The US Air Force C-141 transported the ousted dictator's party of 89 and landed at Hickam

Air Force Base in Hawaii. Marcos succumbed to a heart attack in Hawaii on September 28, 1989.

More than three years after the EDSA Revolution, on September 15, 1989, the Philippine Supreme Court upheld a government decision barring former President Marcos from returning to the Philippines. The Court affirmed that President Corazon Aquino "did not act arbitrarily or with grave abuse of discretion in determining that the return of former President Marcos and his family x x x poses a threat to national interest and welfare."

However, in 1993, then President Fidel V. Ramos lifted his predecessor's ban on the repatriation of Marcos' cadaver. It was eventually flown directly to Laoag where it has lain in an airconditioned crypt.

The then pervasive nonchalance of most Filipinos to the homecoming of Marcos' remains has today been supplanted by a growing opposition to the proposed Marcos burial at the Heroes' Cemetery. Among those who are opposed are the human rights advocates and families of victims of human rights violations during the Martial Law, who rightly contend that the burial of the deposed dictator and convicted human rights violator is a desecration of the revered lives and struggles for freedom and democracy of authentic heroes and martyrs.

Families of *desaparecidos* steadfastly persist in finding their disappeared loved ones hopefully alive, or even dead to accord them proper burial in a decent cemetery. Unlike the Marcoses, they, along with the families of those who were extrajudicially killed, do not aspire to having their departed kin laid to rest in the Libingan ng mga Bayani, though they have the undisputed attributes of heroes and martyrs.

We cannot in conscience impress on the late President Marcos with the same sterling people-centered causes for which human rights violations victims, particularly *desaparecidos*, sacrificed and forfeited their lives.

The foregoing 12 major reasons indubitably disqualify the interment of Marcos' remains at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. His having been a soldier and former President are dwarfed, even nullified, by his cardinal sins against the Filipino people. Let me repeat this: His having been a soldier and former President are dwarfed, even nullified, by his cardinal sins against the Filipino people.

President Duterte in his State of the Nation address said:

I will not waste precious time dwelling on the sins of the past x x x Except, maybe, extract a lesson or two from its errors x x x. Lest I be misunderstood, let me say clearly that those who betray the people's trust shall not go unpunished, and x x x they will have their day of reckoning too.

Let me repeat: “Lest I be misunderstood, let me say clearly,” according to the President, “that those who betray the people’s trust shall not go unpunished, and x x x they will have their day of reckoning too.”

The predisposition of President Duterte to bury the late President Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani is a gross departure from the foregoing statement. The interment of Marcos’ remains at the Libingan ng mga Bayani is an undeserved reward. It is not a day of reckoning.

Thank you so much. (*Applause*)

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

REP. LAGMAN. Willingly, Your Honor, Mme. Speaker, to the distinguished Gentleman from AKBAYAN Party-List.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I ask for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:42 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:44 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for the recognition of the Hon. Tom. S. Villarín of Party-List AKBAYAN for his chance to interpellate the Honorable Lagman.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

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

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Dep. Majority Leader.

Well, first of all, I would like to thank Congressman Lagman who I know was a victim of human rights violations during Martial Law, together with his family, together with his community in Bicol.

In this plenary and in this gallery, I also know that people who had been victims of human rights violations during the Marcos dictatorship are watching and looking at how Congress will react and respond to this very crucial and critical issue.

Thank you also to Congressman Lagman for reviewing our history, for revisiting what happened more than 30 years ago, for telling us that the freedom we enjoy now, the freedom that Congress can now have a session, the freedom that our people have enjoyed the past 30 years was because of our rejection of the dictatorship.

Now, going back to the issue at hand, there are two statutes that say who can be interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. One is Republic Act No. 289, AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NATIONAL PANTHEON FOR PRESIDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, NATIONAL HEROES AND PATRIOTS OF THE COUNTRY. The second one refers to the AFP Regulation G161-374, Allocation of Cemetery Plots at the Libingan ng mga Bayani dated March 27, 1993. In these two statutes, Congressman Lagman, do you think that former President Marcos will qualify to be interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani?

REP. LAGMAN. Definitely, he is disqualified because, as I had enumerated, at least he had committed 12 cardinal sins against the Filipino nation for which he should not be given a hero’s burial.

REP. VILLARIN. Well, it refers to former Presidents who may be interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. Does his record and do the court rulings and other pertinent laws point that he was dishonorably discharged from the presidency?

REP. LAGMAN. Yes, distinguished Gentleman from AKBAYAN Party-List. It says that those dishonorably discharged are not entitled to a hero’s burial. In the case of the late President Marcos, he was dishonorably discharged from the presidency as a traitor and a despot by no less than the Filipino people. So, he is not entitled to be interred in the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Congressman Lagman. Now, I would like to point out to another document. This one was prepared by no less than the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, a government agency tasked to look into our history so that no revisions of our history may happen. In this briefing, in this briefer of the National Historical Commission, it says here that the NHCP study demonstrates that:

First, Mr. Marcos lied about receiving US medals—Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Order of the

Purple Heart which he claimed as early as about 1945; second, his guerrilla unit, Ang Maharlika, was never officially recognized and neither was his leadership of it; third, the US officials did not recognize Mr. Marcos' rank promotion from major to lieutenant colonel in 1947; and fourth, some of Mr. Marcos' actions as a soldier were officially called into question by the upper echelons of the US military. His command over the allies' intelligence unit described as usurpation, his commissioning of officers without authority, his abandonment of the USAFFE-NL presumably to build an airfield for General Roxas, his collection of money for the airfield, and his listing of his name on the roster of different units, are called malicious and criminal acts. Thus, Mr. Marcos' military record is fraught with myths, factual inconsistencies and lies.

The rule in history is that when a claim is disproven, such as Mr. Marcos' claims about his medals, ranks, and guerrilla unit, it is simply dismissed. When, moreover, a historical matter is under question or grave doubt as expressed in the military records of Marcos, the matter may not be established or taken as fact. A doubtful record also does not serve as a sound and unassailable basis of historical recognition of any sort, let alone burial in a site intended, as its name suggests, for heroes.

For these reasons, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines opposes the plan to bury Mr. Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. With this statement, Mme. Speaker, is it fair to say that the mentioned laws and now, the position of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, would say that Marcos should not be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani?

REP. LAGMAN. That is indubitable, Mme. Speaker, distinguished Gentleman from the Party-list AKBAYAN. I am aware of that report of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, and it is well-documented and unassailable. That would also show that even as a soldier, he does not deserve to be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani because he faked his medals, and the authorities which he represented as the ones who bestowed the medals on him denied that they awarded those medals to the late President Marcos.

REP. VILLARIN. Therefore, Mme. Speaker, I would like to ask the distinguished Gentleman from Albay, beyond the concurrence of our humble opinions as duly elected Representatives in this august Chamber, is it not likewise incumbent upon any responsible citizen, Congressman, public servant, to appreciate history in a more informed and nuanced fashion, and not simply gloss over the facts to be taken out of context?

REP. LAGMAN. That is correct, Your Honor. I would urge our leaders and our people not to succumb

to the mangled revisionary tactics of the Marcoses wherein they try to revise historical facts.

REP. VILLARIN. Mme. Speaker, I would also like to manifest that in our ongoing process to review and revisit our Constitution, I hope that this should not be a signal that the 1987 Constitution upon which the State recognizes the violations committed by the Marcos dictatorship should be forever put in limbo. Let not this issue, the historical injustices suffered by the Filipinos, be written out in our hope of drafting a future Constitution for our next generation.

I thank the Gentleman from Albay. Thank you, colleagues in this House, and I hope that in the future, our history will be written as what it is and not be revisited and revised because one-man's rule was said to be the better part of our history.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Your Honor. Let me say that burying the late President Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani is an adjunct to the revisionist scheme of changing historical facts.

REP. VILLARIN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, as there are no other colleagues who have registered to interpellate the Honorable Lagman, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman to the Committee on Rules along with its interpellation.

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 Lagman, including its interpellation, to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

REP. ATIENZA. Mme. Speaker.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move for a few minutes suspension of the session.

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

It was 4:56 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:57 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. of Party-List BUHAY for his manifestation. I withdraw my initial motion for the calling of the roll, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor, and instead, I move for the recognition of the Hon. Jose L. Atienza Jr. of Party-List BUHAY for his manifestation.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Atienza is recognized for his brief manifestation.

REP. ATIENZA. Maraming salamat po, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Dep. Majority Leader, for allowing us to issue our manifestation as a reaction to the question of privilege of the distinguished Gentleman from Bicol.

Rather than interpellating him on whatever he had stated for the record, we chose to merely react to the intentions stated by the Gentleman and his issue against the interment of former President Ferdinand E. Marcos. We chose not to interpellate because we know that many of what he had stated here are true, to the knowledge of our people. Alam na po ng ating bansa ang buhay ng dating Pangulo at ang kanyang nagawa sa ating bansa, iyong masama at mabuti, sapagkat hindi naman po natin puwedeng sabihing lahat ng ginawa ni Presidente Marcos ay masama sapagkat marami rin siyang nagawang mabuti para sa Pilipinas at para sa ating henerasyon at sa darating pang mga Pilipino. So, to condemn him altogether may not be in the best interest of our people, to continue this vilification of a man who had also served our nation in times of peace, in times of war, and had been part of our political history that we are now cherishing.

I stand here as one of the victims of Martial Law. I stand here today as one who fought Mr. Marcos all the way. The moment he declared Martial Law, we contested that and we fought him in the streets of Manila.

Kasama po kami sa mga pinahirapan nitong taong ito. Kabilang po tayo sa mga hindi kilala at walang mukhang Pilipino na naalisan ng karapatan noong mga panahon ng kadiliman ng Martial Law. Subalit

sa ating alaala at sa atin po namang dapat lamang gunitain sa pagdaan ng maraming dekada, umabot na siguro tayo ng mahigit 40 taon magmula noong nagawa niya ang kanyang desisyon sa ating bansa na ngayon, sa paglingon natin, ay mayroon din po naman tayong nakitang mga tama.

So, the hatred that used to be within my system, my heart and my soul is now blended with maturity and fairness and justice, and above all, the interest of the nation to unite finally and rest this issue once and for all. Dahil pag sinabi nating si Marcos ay masama at hindi natin sinabi ang kanyang mga nagawa, ay hindi po tayo nagiging patas sa ating pagtanaw sa ating kasaysayan.

I am proud to claim that I am one of the victims of Martial Law, probably a direct victim of Mr. Marcos' actions during his time of leadership. Pero sa ngayon po naman na dumaan na tayo sa pagkakataong namuno ang ating dating Pangulong Cory Aquino, na hindi po naman nabigyan ng kaparusahan ang sinuman sa mga Marcoses—mayroon po ba sa kanila na nakasuhan at nakulong? Wala po. Samakatuwid, mayroon din po silang legal defense na kanilang ginagamit.

Dumaan po tayo sa anim na taong pangunguna ng ating Presidente Benigno Aquino III. Mayroon po bang nakulong na Marcos? Mayroon po bang napatunayan ang ating haka-haka at kuro-kuro? Wala din po. Sa halip, inihalal pong gobernador, patuloy na gobernador ng Ilocos ang mga Marcos. Patuloy na inihalal na Kinatawan ng kanilang probinsiya dito sa ating Kongreso. Ang ating dating Senador Bongbong Marcos ay nahalal na Senador hindi lang minsan, dalawang ulit ng ating sambayanang Pilipino. Samakatuwid, mayroon pong nakikita rin ang kanyang mga natulungan marahil sa ating bilang, lalong-lalo na po sa Ilocos. The so-called "Solid North" has remained solid all of these decades. Kung ito po ay talagang tunay na sukduhan ang kasamaan, siguro walang maniniwala rito. Subalit hanggang ngayon, marami pa rin ang naniniwalang hindi lahat masama, bagkus may mga nagawang mabuti ang dating Pangulo.

Madali po tayong mamintas. The easiest thing to do is to point a negative finger at anyone but it is very difficult to prove and say: "I have direct knowledge of everything that I am saying and accusing this man of."

I have no praises for the man, but I cannot also say that he is the worst Filipino who ever lived. Mas marami pong masasamang tao ngayon, iyong sumisira ng ating lipunan sa pamamagitan ng droga, iyong gumagamit ng kanilang kapangyarihan upang sirain ang ating kinabukasan at hindi pabayaang umunlad ang ating bansa. Kahapon lamang, tumayo po ako rito upang i-denounce ang lahat ng sumisira ng ating katubigan. Ang mga iyon ay dapat pagdusahin sapagkat iyang epekto ng kanilang ginagawa ay mananatili sa ating

hanay at sa darating nating mga henerasyon kung hindi natin bibigyan ng pansin.

Samantala, hahayaan ba nating ang marami sa ating bilang na naniniwala dito sa taong ito ay mahihinalay na lamang sa ating hanay? Instead of promoting unity, we will now promote even more divisiveness in our nation. Is it better for the Philippines to stay disunited and forever grieving and never reconciling? Even our dead heroes had already proposed total reconciliation, total understanding of whatever is being taught to us by history. Of course, we must not forget history. We are not condoning any abuse of the Martial Law government and the dictator who dictated on that particular regime. What we are saying, Mme. Speaker, is ipin naman natin ang kalagayan nating lahat at huwag nating bigyan lamang ng pananaw ang ating nakikitang kasamaan. Mayroon din pong kabutihang nagawa itong taong ito. Although I fought him in every manner during those times, I must admit Mr. Marcos gave the Filipino pride which we still are now enjoying. Tayo ay naging kilala bilang Pilipino dahil mayroon tayong lider na namuno. Mali ang marami sa desisyon subalit tayong lahat ay nabigyan din ng karangalan bilang tawaging Pilipino ng mundo.

So, today, I would like to appeal to everyone. Mr. Marcos lived a full life. Mr. Marcos transcended different generations—my father, myself and my children. We cannot say with certainty that there is nothing good in this man, but totally bad. I used to debate with my own father over dinner because he cautioned me not to hate but to rather understand. So, now I know the wisdom of my father's words—do not hate Mr. Marcos, see also what he had done for the nation.

Ngayon, nakikita natin na ang lahat ng mga pangaral nitong taong ito ay kailangan natin sa panahong ito. Pinapalangkapan natin ang Pangulong Duterte sapagkat siya ay nagpapakita ng liderato. We need a leader. He was a leader of his time, we may not agree with him but he was leading the Filipino nation then. Today, we are now clapping for a new leader and his decisiveness because we know that the nation will not move without a leader.

Now that President Duterte has decided to give this man a burial space in our Libingan ng mga Bayani, I have given myself total liberation of whatever negative thoughts I have about Mr. Marcos. Ang hinihingi ko sa ating lahat, kalimutan na natin ang nakaraan. Hindi na magbabago ang EDSA I, hindi na magbabago na siya ay sinipa natin sa puwesto. Subalit iyong kahilingan ng kanyang pamilya, iyong kahilingan ng kanyang rehiyon, iyong kahilingan ng kalahati ng ating lipunan, ay intindihin din natin. For reconciliation and unity, we, who were affected by Martial Law—I feel that I was deprived of 14 years of my productive years during 1972 up to 1986. I felt joyful and triumphant at EDSA when we ousted Mr. Marcos but today, I am seeking your understanding. We must now close the book of hatred

and we must now see the direction of our country under our new President. I may not have campaigned, I may not have voted, and I still do not agree with many of the ways of President Duterte, but I agree with him that we have to unite the nation to face the many problems that we are confronted with.

As Mark Antony would have said during the burial of Julius Caesar, “The good is oft interred with their bones.” So let it be with Mr. Marcos. Pabayaan na nating manahimik ang kanyang kaluluwa, at magkaisa tayong mga nabibigyan pa ng pagkakataong tumulong sa ating bansa.

Maraming salamat po.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The manifestation of the Gentleman is noted.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Secretary General will please call the roll.

The Secretary General called the roll, and the result is as follows, per Journal No. 8, dated August 9, 2016:

PRESENT

Abad	Angara-Castillo
Abayon	Antonino
Abellanos	Antonio
Abu	Aragones
Abueg	Arbison
Acharon	Arcillas
Acosta	Arenas
Acosta-Alba	Atienza
Agarao	Aumentado
Aggabao	Bagatsing
Aglipay-Villar	Barbers
Akbar	Bataoil
Albano	Bautista-Bandigan
Alcala	Belaro
Almario	Belmonte (F.)
Almonte	Belmonte (J.)
Alonte-Naguiat	Belmonte (R.)
Alvarez (M.)	Benitez
Alvarez (P.)	Bernos
Amante	Bertiz
Amatong	Biazon
Andaya	Billones

Bolilia	Flores	Nograles (K.)	Silverio
Bondoc	Fortuno	Nolasco	Singson
Bordado	Fuentebella	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Suansing (E.)
Bravo (A.)	Garbin	Olivarez	Suansing (H.)
Bravo (M.)	Garcia (G.)	Ong (E.)	Suarez
Brosas	Garcia (J.)	Ong (H.)	Sy-Alvarado
Bulut-Begtang	Garcia-Albano	Ortega (P.)	Tambunting
Calderon	Garin (S.)	Ortega (V.)	Tan (A.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Gasataya	Pacquiao	Tan (M.)
Caminero	Gatchalian	Paduano	Tan (S.)
Campos	Geron	Palma	Tejada
Canama	Go (A.C.)	Pancho	Tiangco
Cari	Go (M.)	Panganiban	Ting
Casilao	Gonzaga	Panotes	Tinio
Castelo	Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan	Tolentino
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pimentel	Treñas
Castro (F.H.)	Gonzalez	Pineda	Tugna
Cayetano	Hernandez	Plaza	Tupas
Celeste	Herrera-Dy	Primicias-Agabas	Turabin-Hataman
Cerafica	Hofer	Quimbo	Ty
Cerilles	Javier	Radaza	Umali
Chavez	Kho	Ramirez-Sato	Unabia
Chipeco	Labadlabad	Ramos	Ungab
Co	Lacson	Relampagos	Unico
Cojuangco	Lagman	Revilla	Uy (J.)
Collantes	Lanete	Roa-Puno	Uy (R.)
Cortes	Laogan	Robes	Uybarreta
Cortuna	Lazatin	Rocamora	Vargas
Crisologo	Leachon	Rodriguez (I.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Cuaresma	Lee	Roman	Velarde
Dalipe	Limkaichong	Romero	Velasco
Dalog	Lobregat	Romualdez	Velasco-Catera
De Jesus	Lopez (B.)	Romualdo	Veloso
De Venecia	Lopez (C.)	Roque (H.)	Vergara
De Vera	Lopez (M.)	Roque (R.)	Villafuerte
Defensor	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sacdalan	Villanueva
Del Mar	Maceda	Sagarbarria	Villaraza-Suarez
Del Rosario	Madrona	Sahali	Villarica
Deloso-Montalla	Malapitan	Salimbangon	Villarín
Dimaporo (A.)	Manalo	Salo	Violago
Dimaporo (M.)	Mangaoang	Salon	Yap (M.)
Durano	Mangudadatu (S.)	Sambar	Yap (V.)
Dy	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sandoval	Yu
Elago	Marcoleta	Sarmiento (C.)	Zamora (M.)
Enverga	Marcos	Sarmiento (E.)	Zamora (R.)
Erice	Marquez	Savellano	Zarate
Eriguel	Martinez	Sema	Zubiri
Ermita-Buhain	Matugas	Siao	
Escudero	Mending		
Espino	Mercado		
Estrella	Mirasol		
Evardone	Montoro		
Fariñas	Nava		
Fernando	Nieto		
Ferrer (J.)	Noel		
Ferriol-Pascual	Nograles (J.)		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 251 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). With 251 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of the quorum.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of some guests in the gallery. They are the guests of the Representative from Akbayan Party-List, the Hon. Tom S. Villarin, from several organizations, namely: Alliance of Women for Action Towards Reform, My Rizal, Spark Foundation, Duyan ng Magiting Coalition and Pagkakaisa Patungo sa Pag-unlad ng Pilipino, Incorporated.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). May we request the guests of Congressman Villarin to rise to be acknowledged. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of Cong. Ramon V.A. "RAV" M. Rocamora from the Lone District of Siquijor. They are Mr. Rudolfo Manalo and the Civil Society Organizations and secretariat headed by Mr. Rogelio "Gil" Navarro from Laguna.

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

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we also acknowledge the presence of the guests of ACT TEACHERS Party-List Rep. France L. Castro from the Alliance of Concerned Teachers-NCR Union and the Quezon City Public School Teachers Association.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). We welcome the guests of ACT TEACHERS Party-List. Thank you for your visit. (*Applause*)

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve Journal No. 7, dated August 8, 2016.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the Journal of August 8, 2016 is hereby approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, having disposed of the Business for the Day, and with unanimous consent of the House, may we now move for a Privilege Hour.

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. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Representative from the Party-List DIWA, Hon. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar is hereby recognized for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Mme. Speaker, Members of this House, good afternoon.

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. In fact, last week was World Breastfeeding Week. First celebrated in 1991, it is a worldwide event dedicated to increasing awareness about breastfeeding. While great strides have been made on that front over the past two decades, there is still a great need to continue promoting breastfeeding and clarifying misconceptions some may still have regarding its nature and importance.

So, let us talk about what breastfeeding is not. Breastfeeding is not a moral issue, both in the sense that a mother is not obligated to do it, and that a mother that chooses to do it should never be ashamed to do so. Breastfeeding is not easy nor is it possible for everyone, and those who are unable to do so must not be subjected to prejudice. On the flipside, breastfeeding in public is not a sin or a fault or anything but a dedicated mother feeding her child. It is high time that adults realize that there is nothing lewd about a breast, especially if it is being used to feed a child. There is nothing disgusting about breast milk, and no woman should feel or be made to feel an ounce of shame whenever or wherever she chooses to feed her child.

Breastfeeding is also not a woman's issue. By this, I mean, that it is not solely about women. I am a woman and a mother and I can speak about this topic from the perspective of personal experience. I can speak about the hard choices I made in order to breastfeed my daughter. I chose to breastfeed my daughter against the advice of my doctors. I had to stop certain medications in order to do so and I am happy that until now, 10 months after, I am still breastfeeding her.

I can speak to you about the difficulties I had in finding facilities that would allow me to breastfeed my child properly. In spite of the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act that mandates the establishment of lactation centers in all health and non-health establishments, institutions and facilities, including office buildings, airports and malls, I was forced to breastfeed and express breast milk in public toilets, airport waiting areas and even utility cabinets.

At the same time, I am a legislator and I can speak about this topic from the realm of proven policy and current research. I can do this because breastfeeding is not only a personal choice but it is a public health issue. It is an issue of national importance regardless of whether you are a man, a woman, a parent or a child.

As stated in the UNICEF and WHO joint World Breastfeeding Week message, breastfeeding is one of the most effective and cost-effective ways to save and improve the lives of children everywhere, yielding lifelong health benefits for infants and their mothers. Breast milk, as one study puts it, is the gold standard for protective nutrients fed to newborn infants. With clinical evidence of its protective effects and the fact that its composition changes according to the newborn infant's needs for passive protection, it also actively stimulates the development of the newborn's host defenses to provide continued protection even after breastfeeding ends.

This is borne out by other studies, including a recent one published in the *Lancet* where the data indicated that breastfeeding duration was positively and linearly associated with performance in intelligence test, educational attainment and income at 30 years of age. These are but some long-term benefits of breastfeeding which can only bolster its importance, especially when coupled with other established benefits from the practice.

To be more precise, according to a paper published in 2013, breastfeeding lowers the risk of diarrheal disease by four- to 14- fold and the risk of respiratory illness by five-fold. Breastmilk also markedly improves nutritional status in infants. Since malnutrition contributes to half of all infant deaths, breastfeeding helps to reduce infant mortality. Studies around the world in affluent and poor nations alike have shown a 1.5 to five-fold decrease in mortality among breastfed infants.

In the Philippines, a study by the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) revealed that 65.4 percent or 4.3 million of Filipino children are suffering from long-term chronic malnutrition. As a matter fact, the chronic malnutrition rate last year among Filipino children ages zero to two was at 26.2 percent, the highest in 10 years, according to the Food Nutrition and Research Institute. Malnutrition was determined as the cause of about one-third of deaths of children below five years of age, and breastfeeding is the best bet to solve this alarming problem.

Breastfeeding has also been associated with lower rates of chronic diseases such as diabetes and inflammatory bowel disease and with improved neurocognitive development. This does not even take into account the benefits received by the breastfeeding mother.

Again, according to the WHO and UNICEF, breastfeeding can reduce the risk of breast cancer and

ovarian cancers, while fostering a bond between the mother and child that can prove to be a valuable mental support when faced with the stress and challenges of parenthood, which can combat any temptation toward abuse or abandonment. New studies also indicate that breastfeeding increases the bone density of nursing mothers.

It is no coincidence that the United Nations has been active in the promotion of breastfeeding. Clear lines can be drawn from the benefits of breastfeeding to the achievement of the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals. Breastfeeding can aid in the fight against hunger and poverty and promote good health, and better prepare children for schooling, all of which, in turn, can better the chances for economic growth and a reduction of inequality at both the individual and the national scales. Breastfeeding can even help in lessening gender inequality by enabling women to delay subsequent pregnancy and empowering them to exercise greater reproductive autonomy.

As it turns out, not only is breastmilk best for babies, it was also best for countries. The promotion of breastfeeding is a sound public policy. Let me reiterate—while breastfeeding is a matter of public health, it is also important to be clear that it is also a personal decision.

The State must always respect the primacy of parents when it comes to rearing their children. However, the abundant benefits brought about by breastfeeding make it imperative for the State to create an environment conducive to breastfeeding, and to learning about the benefits of the same so that any mother who wants to breastfeed will have all the support she needs to give her the best chance to do so.

This is why I have filed the Infant-Feeding Mothers Act of 2016, as well as the bill establishing a maternal and child health care program, and a bill proposing a 100-day maternity leave. This is why I call upon all of my colleagues here in the House, whether man or woman, parent or not, to give these bills the priority they deserve—to give the bodies, the health of our children and our mothers the priority they deserve. Because of the progress breastfeeding has made in the public eye, because of the visibility and organization of its advocates, it can be tempting to believe that nothing more needs to be done to promote the practice.

But to this day, people still give me the eye whenever I breastfeed my baby in public because they think that it is inappropriate. To this day, many still think that formula milk makes a healthier baby. In fact, friends and families still advise me that I should give my baby formula milk to increase her weight. They are even surprised when I tell them that a heavier baby fed by formula milk is not necessarily a healthier baby compared to a thinner breastfed baby. To this day, there is not even a test that exists to diagnose women

having difficulty with lactation. In fact, there are no or any instruments that exist that can determine whether a woman's breast is functioning normally or not. To this day, even with a laundry list of scientifically-tested benefits attributable to breastfeeding, it is still something that is taken for granted, discussed in whispers, the subject of snickers and shame.

There is nothing shameful about breastfeeding. In fact, it is the opposite. It is an important, selfless, beautiful practice that should fill a mother with nothing but pride. Better children make a better nation, and there is no better place to start making that possible than the most important place in the world for a child, the bosom of a mother.

Let us give breastfeeding the dignity, the importance, the support it deserves. To all the breastfeeding mothers, your choice and all your sacrifices to breastfeed your child is a step towards ending malnutrition and hunger. It is your contribution to solving poverty and inequality and attaining sustainable government. So, do not be ashamed and do not let anyone scoff at you when you breastfeed. Be proud.

This Breastfeeding Awareness Month, let us celebrate this special and wonderful bond by proclaiming that we are proud breastfeeding mothers. Let us post it in our social media accounts and use other fora and media to let everyone know.

So let me start, I am Emmeline Aglipay-Villar and I am a proud breastfeeding mother.

Thank you. (*Applause*)

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

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Representative from the Second District of Taguig, the Hon. Pia S. Cayetano, for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Pia Cayetano is recognized for her interpellation. Please proceed.

REP. CAYETANO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, with the permission of Representative Aglipay-Villar.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Certainly, Mme. Speaker.

REP. CAYETANO. I am Pia Cayetano, and I am also a proud breastfeeding advocate. I breastfed my two girls until they were over one year old. I also breastfed my son who was diagnosed with trisomy 13 who could not suck on his own. I still breastfed him until he passed away at nine months. So, I join the Representative from DIWA Party List in advocating breastfeeding.

In fact, I take this opportunity to call upon all our colleagues, both men and women, to make this part of your advocacy in your own districts. I tell you and I promise you, if you ensure that children are breastfed in your district, mababawasan po ang mahabang pila sa mayor's office, sa governor's office, sa Congressmen and Congresswomen's office, na humihingi ng abuloy para sa sakit ng isang sanggol.

Breastfeeding is proven to be the best deterrent of one of the leading causes of malnutrition for infants. So, if we can join together, even in this House of Congress, to ensure that our health centers and our district hospitals do not offer formula milk, that will mean a world of difference in the health care of our constituents.

I have not asked my question yet but I would like to start by showing my appreciation to the Representative of DIWA for raising this issue during this Breastfeeding Month. She was with me, I think barely 60 days after she gave birth, on a bicycle taking care of her own health, and I know the struggles that she went through and of every breastfeeding mom when they try to juggle motherhood, breastfeeding and work.

So, I honor today all the women like Congresswoman Aglipay-Villar who took the time to breastfeed and take the time to take care of their families inside and outside of the home. I am sure there are other mothers here who are the same, if I may burden you by standing up, so the rest of our colleagues can recognize those mothers who breastfed, those mothers who come to work with—I will be very blatant because I need men to understand that women who breastfeed must come to work with engorged breasts. Painful because they have to express their milk and they need to take time out to do this.

One of the laws that we passed in 2009 is the Expanded Breastfeeding Law which recognizes the right of women to breastfeed in the workplace. What I do not know, and it is the question I pose now, is whether we actually have a breastfeeding or lactation center in Congress because we have one in the Senate.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. There is one at the clinic. We have a lactation center there.

REP. CAYETANO. That is good to know because in the Senate, we have actually had resource persons who thanked us because they can pump their milk while they are attending Senate hearings. So, this is not just for the female Members of Congress, this is also for our staff, this is for our visitors, and this is for our resource persons because 50 percent of our human resources are women. So we must go out of our way to ensure that they can do their jobs and be the mothers that they intend to be.

On that note, Mme. Speaker, I would also like to share the concern of the Representative of DIWA Party-

List that the nation change its outlook on women who breastfeed. During my time, I had to breastfeed in the car or in the most inconspicuous booth of a restaurant I am in because it was really considered—it was not cool to be breastfeeding in public, and that is almost 20 years ago. To hear from the Representative of DIWA Party-List that she still endures the same thing means that we still have a lot of work to do. What I am happy about is that we are standing here in a hall of men and women, and many of the men seem to be intently listening. So, I am very happy about that.

When I first brought up breastfeeding in the Senate, there were actually colleagues of ours who later on approached me, joking about a woman's breast and because I am a cool person, I laughed along with them because you do not lose anything by being pikon, di ba? I mean, you do not gain anything by being pikon. But the truth is, as Representative Aglipay-Villar said, this is not a laughing matter. Breasts are not meant to be laughed about. In fact, in this context, we are talking about the life of infants. So, I, again, join Representative Aglipay-Villar in calling on all our colleagues to do something about the malnutrition of infants by supporting breastfeeding.

If you take time to go through the privilege speech of Representative Aglipay-Villar, I think she has outlined more than sufficiently all the things that you can do and the issues that can be addressed. I would start, really, with looking at our local hospital districts that continue to use formula milk because this practice is actually prohibited by law. The law prohibits that it is offered to mothers in lieu of breastfeeding. The law requires that doctors, pediatricians, nurses and midwives teach mothers how to lactate properly and yet, many doctors and health practitioners will choose the easy way out.

I know this from experience. She is often my guinea pig but my chief of staff, who is sitting in the gallery, has had personal experiences with, well, maybe well-meaning but sometimes not so well-meaning health advocates who do not push breast milk.

In fact, Representative Aglipay-Villar mentioned earlier that it is still not just customary but it is still not the practice to push for breast milk instead of formula feeding. Sadly, there is still that perception that formula feeding is best. In fact, Representative Aglipay-Villar said that well-meaning relatives would say, "I-formula mo na iyan," right?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Yes.

REP. CAYETANO. That is totally wrong. In fact, sadly, it is aspirational for many of our mothers to think that as soon as they have extra money, they should buy formula. Our studies show, as Representative Aglipay-Villar said, that clearly, breast milk is more nutritious and actually, the studies show that infants will be smarter.

So, the task is clearly defined and it is up to us to pave the way for making this a healthier country by supporting breastfeeding. If I may just ask Representative Aglipay-Villar, if there were three things on her wish list on how we can truly make this a more breastfeeding-friendly nation—well, whether there are three or five—what would these be, while 300 of the most powerful and influential people in the country are sitting here and listening to us today?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Well, I thank Congresswoman Cayetano for her support, firstly, and for being a breastfeeding advocate. I affirm all the manifestations and suggestions that you have made.

To answer your question, I have filed the proposed Infant-Feeding Mothers Act of 2016 which gives information and education to breastfeeding mothers, to mothers, and how to take care of their newborn and also to encourage them and assist them in their lactation. Another one is establishing a maternal and health child care program which actually makes home visits to the mothers so that they may be helped also with respect to child caring; and lastly is the Expanded Maternity Leave Law which expands the current maternity leave to 100 days.

REP. CAYETANO. The last one is the same bill, well, I would think very similar ...

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Yes, yes.

REP. CAYETANO. ... to the one I filed in the Senate and I would like to invite all our colleagues. I actually sent a letter to many of the women Members of the House, but I call on all the men to join us because if you have—a study shows that the biggest reason for women to go on leave or to be absent from work is because they have a sick child. So, number one, if you extend their maternity leave, then they have more number of days to be at home with their infant and then, they strengthen their baby's immunity before they go back to work. So if I may, I take this opportunity to invite all to support the measure of Representative Aglipay-Villar.

Thank you very much for your time, Your Honor. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Thank you very much.

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

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Magnolia C. Antonino from the Fourth District of Nueva Ecija for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). Congresswoman Antonino is recognized for her interpellation.

REP. ANTONINO. With the indulgence of the Representative from DIWA Party-List.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Yes, I accept.

REP. ANTONINO. I just want to share my own personal experiences as well. I breastfed my children until they were two years old. Everything that the honorable Representative said about the looks, about the comments, about the general attitude of society towards breastfeeding—I just want to express my support for everything that you are doing in order to change this, and I want to bring to the attention of the Representative that there are many worldwide programs that really push the importance of breastfeeding such as in the first 100 days. There are many other programs out there that are already being implemented in other countries, and have you looked into these programs? They have been very successful and there may be something that we could do here.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. The proposed Infant-Feeding Mothers Act actually takes cognizance of the first 1,000 days which is roughly from birth until two years, so this is included in the program in the Infant-Feeding Mothers Act.

REP. ANTONINO. On the Expanded Breastfeeding Act, what changes will be made from our current?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Right now, the status quo is just 60 days leave for mothers who gave birth by caesarian section; it will be extended to 100 days.

REP. ANTONINO. In terms of, like in the hospitals, there are times when the doctors or nurses push mothers to give sugar water or formula, or they say that the child is not hiyang to breastfeeding because of, whatever, certain things, that they are not gaining weight daw or all of these things, is there something to really push the nurses, the health workers, to be more informed in these aspects and not to really rely on the old beliefs anymore?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. The Milk Code, some provisions of which were discussed by Congresswoman Cayetano, will actually be codified through the Infant-Feeding Mothers Act, and a lot of the practices which, both in terms of the distribution/the marketing of breast milk substitutes and their regulation, as well as the donation of breast milk substitutes, will be governed by this Infant-Feeding Mothers Act.

REP. ANTONINO. Mme. Speaker, I just want to really commend the Representative from the DIWA Party-List on all her efforts. I really hope that we as a Congress can push this and change the fact that breastfeeding has long been seen as a sign of poverty, has been looked at as a sign that you are not of a certain social class because you are breastfeeding, that you are not using formula and it is because you cannot afford it. I think the three Congresswomen who stood here saying that they all breastfed their children until a certain age are proof enough that breastfeeding is best for children and has nothing to do with social class.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker, and thank you to the Representative from DIWA for allowing me to interpellate.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Thank you for your support for breastfeeding and for being a breastfeeding advocate.

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

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the honorable Representative from the Second District of Masbate, Rep. Elisa “Olga” T. Kho.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Elisa “Olga” T. Kho is recognized for her interpellation.

REP. KHO. Mme. Speaker, this is not an interpellation but this is an additional information to all the mothers and women here and outside this Plenary Hall. As a doctor, I am one with all breastfeeding advocates. To inform everybody, the first important breast milk is the first milk which we call the “colostrum.” Some mothers discard the first breast milk because it is colored yellow, but this is the most important breast milk, the colored one which we call the “colostrum” because it has a lot of antibodies. What is also important, with breast milk is, it is not only economical but it comes in a very, very beautiful shaped container.

Another importance of breastfeeding, kung gusto mong maging sexy kaagad ang asawa mo, you should let her breastfeed because the uterus involutes actually, without or with breastfeeding—without breastfeeding, the uterus ovulates within three months but if you breastfeed your baby, in less than three months, your uterus actually goes back to its own shape, to its natural shape. So, we must advocate breastfeeding among all our mothers.

There are times when, mayroong mga mothers na during the first few days, talagang walang lumalabas na breast milk, especially kung iyong mga bata naging stressed paglabas. So, what we do is we ask, hindi ito

po malisya, but we ask the father to suck the breast of the mother para po lumabas kaagad ang breast milk.

So, kayo pong mga fathers, huwag po kayong mahiya kung ang asawa ninyo ay walang mailabas na breast milk during the first few days. Tulungan ninyo ang anak ninyo, ang inyong baby, na makapag-suck. Kung hindi kaya ng baby, the father should suck the breast of the mother, of the wife. So, iyan lang po.

I commend our Representative from the DIWA Party-List for advocating breastfeeding among our women. Thank you. Marami pong salamat.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Hon. Bernadette “BH” Herrera-Dy of BH Party-List for her chance to interpellate.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Hon. Bernadette Herrera-Dy is now recognized for her interpellation.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. With the permission of the Representative from DIWA Party-List, may I just make a manifestation in one or two questions.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. My pleasure.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you. First, I would like to join Cong. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar for this laudable advocacy. I am also a proud breastfeeding mother. I am a breastfeeding advocate. My kids are healthier and they hardly get sick because of breastfeeding. I breastfed them for more than a year although it was so difficult going back from home and work just to breastfeed the children. I also feel so sad everytime mothers say that they do not have milk because I struggled with it, I kept on drinking and eating malunggay, other vegetables, the Natalac supplements that I can drink just to have milk and eventually, I did, it is indeed possible.

So, do you believe, Congresswoman Em, that there is a need to really train or conduct several seminars to teach mothers never to give up on having to lactate their children?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Definitely, actually, we all know that breast milk is produced on demand, meaning, as long as the breast is stimulated, the breast will produce milk although there are certain exceptions. There is a small percentage of women who, despite this, cannot produce breast milk.

Definitely, there should be an information and education campaign which is included in the bills that

I have filed to educate mothers in the health centers and even in home-visiting programs on how to express breast milk and correctly breastfeed their babies, as well as the importance of continuing to breastfeed for the first 1,000 days of the baby.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you for that, Mme. Speaker. Through you again, may I also ask, do you agree that there should be a regulation on the trade, marketing and promotion of the breast milk substitutes and food products?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Do I agree that there should be a regulation?

REP. HERRERA-DY. Yes, the regulation for the trade, marketing and promotion...

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. ... Yes.

REP. HERRERA-DY. ...of breast milk substitutes ...

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Yes.

REP. HERRERA-DY. ... and food products for children?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. I agree. In fact, it is in the bill that I filed—the proposed Infant-Feeding Mothers Act which is putting into law the Milk Code.

REP. HERRERA-DY. Thank you. Through you, Mme. Speaker, I also filed a similar bill, so I hope we can support each other and we enjoin all the Members of the House of Representatives to help us put forward that breastfeeding is really very important for children. Again, my congratulations to Cong. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Thank you very much. I would also like to add, Mme. Speaker, despite all these encouragements and advocacies that we do for breastfeeding, that we should not be prejudiced or biased against those who cannot, due to their physiological condition, breastfeed their babies.

As I mentioned earlier, I was advised by my doctor not to breastfeed because of certain health conditions and medications that I need to take for my health, but I decided to first give the colostrum which, as emphasized by Honorable Kho, is most important breastmilk for the baby. After giving the colostrum, I decided to extend for one month and now, I have reached 10 months and I am still breastfeeding. In all these 10 months, I still stopped, I have not taken my medications yet and hopefully, I can still continue until my child reaches two years.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. TUGNA. May we recognize the Representative from the Lone District of Muntinlupa City, the Hon. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon, for his interpellation.

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

REP. BIAZON. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Will the Lady yield to some questions from this Representation?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Yes, certainly.

REP. BIAZON. My interest in participating in this discussion is mainly because my wife breastfed four of my children. She is currently the head of the Gender and Development Office of the city of Muntinlupa, that is why we embarked on activities, projects and programs related to the subject matter of the Lady.

I would just like to ask certain questions pertaining to the implementation of the current law which was earlier discussed, wherein the law mandates that lactation stations shall be established and I quote, "It mandates that all health, non-health facilities, establishments and institutions shall establish lactation stations." As further defined in the law, they include public places and work places such as schools, government facilities and others.

So, may I just ask the Lady if there has been an evaluation or assessment with regard to the implementation of this particular provision of the law establishing lactation centers in the prescribed locations?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. There has been none. Actually, I mentioned earlier in my speech that I was forced to pump milk, to express milk, in a very full Dumaguete Airport. I just covered myself with a shawl and this was during the time that I was campaigning.

I asked the airport personnel if there was a room where I can express breast milk as mandated by R.A. 128, and they said there was none. I called their attention that they have a VIP Lounge and so, maybe I can use it to express breast milk, but they did not allow me to use the VIP Lounge because they said it is only for VIPs. So I said, "Okay, I will just do it here" and I did. After that, I wrote the CAAP and I asked whether or not there has been a study to see if the airports, at least—because as the Honorable Biazon mentioned, it is not just airports but also all non-health or health facilities,

establishments, institutions, whether public or private, which included malls and office buildings—should have a lactation station. Our very own airports do not even comply with the very law that we made. So, they said that there has been no study or evaluation as to the compliance with the Expanded Breastfeeding Act.

So after this, probably, we could file a resolution calling either on the oversight powers of the Committee on Health or the Committee on Women and Gender Equality, which I am the chairperson of, to investigate this and see how are our institutions faring in complying with this law.

REP. BIAZON. Yes, I would join the Lady in pursuing such an inquiry, just so we will know if the objectives of the law that was passed are being fully complied with, particularly with regard to government facilities.

I know of at least one commercial establishment which has established lactation stations in their shopping malls and that is commendable, but the law prescribes that public and private establishments should have lactation stations. Possibly, with regard to the experience of the Lady, we can do something—adopt a policy wherein, in the absence of an exclusive lactation station, facilities should be made available to nursing mothers even if it is not exclusively a lactation station. The experience of the Lady really is such a good example to pursue that.

In fact, if we are already successful in shaping the mind of society in accepting breastfeeding as a normal course of human existence, probably we would not even need to have an exclusive lactation station because if it is acceptable in society to have a mother nurse wherever she is, at her convenience of course, then it would not matter anymore if we have lactation stations.

So, I join the Lady in this campaign and, of course, with regard to that inquiry into finding out the compliance with the law—particularly of government facilities first and expanding further to private institutions—then I guess our campaign would move towards really achieving that ideal situation for nursing mothers.

Mme. Speaker, thank you very much for this opportunity to ask questions and participate in this debate. Thank you so much.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. I would just also like to add that—thank you for your support but with respect to lactation stations, it is not just for breastfeeding, for direct feeding, but also to store expressed breast milk. So even if the practice of breastfeeding is normalized and people do not frown upon a breastfeeding mother in public anymore, still, working mothers in offices who express their breast milk should have a place where they can store the expressed breast milk. Under Republic Act

No. 128, it states that the lactation stations should have a refrigerator where the expressed breast milk can be stored. I just want to point that out.

Another thing I would like to point out, which I failed to mention, is that after I wrote the CAAP, they replied to me that they have already started ways in order to comply with Republic Act No. 128. So, I am very happy about that development and I hope that they would see it through.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Representative from the Second District of Davao Oriental, the Hon. Joel Mayo Z. Almario for his interpellation.

REP. ALMARIO. Thank you very much.

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

REP. ALMARIO. Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker. May I know if the Representative from DIWA is willing to answer a few questions, Mme. Speaker.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Yes, it is my pleasure.

REP. ALMARIO. Mme. Speaker, earlier, former senator, Congresswoman Pia Cayetano asked if there was a lactation station at the House of Representatives, and the answer was in the affirmative. I guess the proponent, the Sponsor, referred to a lactation station right here near the Session Hall. Is she referring, Mme. Speaker, to the clinic?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. No, it is actually at the—there is a breastfeeding or mother's break room, not exactly called a "lactation center," there. I think it is at the main clinic near the North Gate.

REP. ALMARIO. May I know, Mme. Speaker, how many of those rooms we have right here at the complex of the House of Representatives?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. We just have one.

REP. ALMARIO. That is the main point, Mme. Speaker. While we make laws promoting the rights of women, including the advocacy of the honorable Representative from DIWA, we only have one right at the complex where we hold office. With the many females and mothers at the House of Representatives, I guess we should start the ball rolling by having more

than one of those rooms. Maybe, Mme. Speaker, in each wing, there should be one.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. I agree.

REP. ALMARIO. Does the Lady agree to that, Mme. Speaker?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. I agree. That is a very good suggestion and in fact, the law mandates us to have that in every office building. So, we have several buildings within this compound. So, we should have one breastfeeding or lactation station in each one.

REP. ALMARIO. That would be the easiest way to show the support of the House of Representatives to the advocacy, by building, starting this year probably, Mme. Speaker, more of those rooms in each office building right here at the House of Representatives.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. I agree, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ALMARIO. Also, Mme. Speaker, there is the Gender and Development Act. Would the proponent know if there was a mandatory allocation of government funds under the Gender and Development Act?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. None that I know of. For the construction of lactation stations?

REP. ALMARIO. No, for facilities which would promote women's rights, Mme. Speaker.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Yes, there is for facilities.

REP. ALMARIO. There used to be—but I am not sure if until now—that law which stated that five percent of the budget of each government institution must be allocated for gender and development. Is that true, Mme. Speaker?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. I am not sure of the percentage, but there is.

REP. ALMARIO. Mme. Speaker, according to Congresswoman Cayetano, that law still exists and so, let us take this very clearly. For example, for the Department of Agrarian Reform, five percent of their budget must be allocated for GAD-qualified facilities. So, five percent of the DPWH budget must be allocated for the GAD facilities and in all the other government agencies, Mme. Speaker. I think that it is very important that, as we discuss and deliberate on the proposed budget for 2017, we must see that that five percent is incorporated in each department's budget, Mme. Speaker.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. That is correct, I agree, Mme. Speaker.

REP. ALMARIO. I would like to commend Congresswoman Aglipay-Villar, Mme. Speaker, for her passion with regard to this matter. I would like to support the bills that she has filed on this subject matter, and I would like to thank her for answering the few questions of this Representation.

Thank you very much, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Mme. Proponent.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. I welcome the support of the Honorable Almario from Davao Oriental. Thank you very much.

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

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Emmi A. De Jesus of the GABRIELA Party-List for her interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable De Jesus is now recognized for her interpellation.

REP. DE JESUS. Maraming salamat. Mas gusto ko pong itala ang aming manifestation with regard to the issue of breastfeeding, lalong-lalo na ang sektor ng kababaihan na kinakatawan ngayon ng Gabriela Women's Party sa Kongresong ito.

Actually, I appreciated very much that the issue of breastfeeding is being talked about for such a long time—nakakailang oras na ba tayo—and participated in even by two male colleagues who seemingly appreciated the issue. With our colleagues who are also listening, I would just like to add—this is a manifestation—that for us, one bill that we proposed that can address the issue of helping mothers to breastfeed, because they believe that—the bottom line, of course, of this issue is addressing, na tulungan natin iyong ating mga anak na maging malusog, hindi magkasakit, magkaroon ng immunities, et cetera.

Apparently, marami rin tayong mga kababaihan, lalong-lalo na sa mga manggagawa, na napipilitang pumasok kaagad dahil sila ay kailangang magtrabaho. Kaya may isa rin kaming nakikita, and I ask our Representative from DIWA if she agrees to lengthening the maternity leave for mothers who may want and, of course, who intend to do, to practice breastfeeding. Is she agreeable to extending the maternity leave for women workers or employees?

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. Yes, I am, Mme. Speaker. In fact, I filed a bill to extend the maternity leave to 100 days.

REP. DE JESUS. This Representation together with my colleague in GABRIELA, Arlene Brosas, also filed a bill, but our bill has a provision to extend the maternity leave—this bill is House Bill No. 1046—to 120 days. Palagay ko, dadaan naman ito sa proseso at pag-uusapan naman ito, but we see this as one solution para matulungan natin, lalong-lalo na iyong mga kababaihan na naniniwala at gusto talagang gawin ito pero dahil wala silang access—kasi isa rin talagang problema ng mga manggagawa kung gagawin nila iyan, hindi naman nila magagawa iyan dahil bihirang-bihira sa mga pagawaan din na mayroon talagang breastfeeding areas. Kaya, from our end, our bill pushes for a 120-day maternity leave.

Another point that I would like to share with our colleague from the DIWA Party-List is that, how do you see Congress doing its oversight task through the Philippine Commission also? How do we invite the Philippine Commission on Women to also participate in this endeavor to check how the law ensuring that breastfeeding centers are available is being implemented? At the proper time, I would like also to propose to my colleagues that all avenues during the budget hearing, during committee hearings—we should look into the issue of how we can really implement breastfeeding by mothers, not only because they want to, but we should look at how the government will support the facilities, especially for women coming from the working class or those who are urban poor, and how they can have access to these facilities.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. First, on the Lady's question on how we actually perform our oversight functions to ensure compliance with the Expanded Breastfeeding Act, for instance, with respect to her example on manufacturing companies which are, of course, mandated to have lactation stations, we can call on the DOLE to, when they perform their regular inspection, see to it that lactation stations are present in the manufacturing companies or office buildings because this Expanded Breastfeeding Act also primarily affects working mothers.

REP. DE JESUS. Yes. I think that is the last point that—I think I am the last interpellator and what I really would like to register is the concern of the more marginalized women with regard to this issue.

Again, I congratulate my colleague Emmeline Aglipay-Villar for ventilating this issue. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. AGLIPAY-VILLAR. I welcome the support of the Hon. Emmi De Jesus from the GABRIELA Party-List, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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 Hon. Emmeline Aglipay-Villar and its corresponding interpellations 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 Aglipay-Villar, including its interpellations, to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Representative of ACT TEACHERS Party-List, Hon. France L. Castro, for her privilege speech.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The Honorable Castro (F.L.) is now recognized for her privilege speech.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASTRO (F.L.)

REP. CASTRO (F.L.). Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker. Maraming salamat din po, Dep. Majority Leader.

Pagbati po sa ating mga kasamahang Mambabatas na narito ngayon at sa lahat ng mga taga-pakinig at lalong-lalo na po sa ating mga dating mga kasamahang guro at miyembro ng unyon na nagmumula sa Alliance of Concerned Teachers-National Capital Region at ang Quezon City Public School Teachers Association.

Ngayong araw ay tumatayo ako sa harap ninyo upang katawanin ang ating mga magigiting na guro at kawani. Una po sa lahat, hindi ko po akalain at inaasahan na makakabilang ako sa Kapulungang ito dahil sa katunayan po, sa aking pagsisikap na makapag-aral sa kabila ng mahirap naming pamilya, ay nakatapos po ako ng pag-aaral at naging isang gurong nangarap na magkaroon ng pagbabago sa sistema ng ating edukasyon.

Naging mapait man ang sinapit ng aking mga magulang sa panahon ng giyera noong panahon ng mga Hapon, at dahil hindi nila magawang makapagtapos sa pag-aaral kahit hanggang elementarya lamang, napilitan silang maghanap ng trabaho sa murang edad. Ang tatay ko ay naging isang tsuper at ang namayapa ko namang ina ay isang kasambahay. Ngunit kulang man sila sa pag-aaral, maipagmamalaki ko na ang edukasyon ang una sa kanilang mga prayoridad. Ang pagpapahalaga nila sa edukasyon ay ganoon na lamang kaya naman nakatapos po ako at ang aking mga kapatid ng pag-aaral.

Bata pa man ako ay nangarap na akong maging isang guro para sa pampublikong paaralan. Kaya naman po produkto rin po ako ng mga pampublikong paaralan at hindi ito naging sagabal para makapagbigay ito sa

akin—matugunan po ang aking ambisyon at mabigyan ng karangalan ang aking mga magulang.

Kumilos ako sa hanay ng mga makabayang guro at naging aktibong miyembro ng Alliance of Concerned Teachers simula pa noong 1989. Simula pa nang ako ay naging estudyante mula sa Kolehiyong Normal ng Pilipinas, nakita ko na ang karanasan ng ating mga guro sa pakikibaka at pakikipaglaban para sa nakabubuhay at disenteng suweldo, at siyempre po, para sa maayos na kondisyon sa paggawa. Ako din po ay—ipinagmamalaki ko rin po na ako ay kabilang sa Board of Directors ng Philippine Public School Teachers na isang malaking organisasyon po ng pampublikong teachers sa Pilipinas. Sa ngayon po, kabilang din po ako sa World Executive Board ng Education International na kung saan kauna-unahan po akong Pilipina na makabilang dito sa Board na ito.

Nais kong ibahagi ang aking karanasan bilang isang guro at bilang isang Presidente ng Quezon City Public School Teachers Association mula noong 2001 at 2012. Sa pakikipagtulungan ng ating organisasyon at noon ay Mayor ng Quezon City na si dating Speaker Sonny Belmonte, napagtagumpayan po natin, napagtagumpayan ng ating mga guro ang mga ninanais nitong benepisyo para sa mga guro. Kabilang dito ay iyong P1,200 na rice allowance kada quarter, longevity pay na mula P50 hanggang P100 kada limang taon, death contribution system na kung saan sa bawat guro na namatay po sa Quezon City ay agad-agad na natutulungan ng organisasyon sa pamamagitan ng death aid contribution system.

Nakatulong din po ang pagtutulongan ng opisina ni Mayor Belmonte noong panahon na iyon at ng Quezon City Public School Teachers para magkaroon ng opisina na ngayon ay pinakikinabangan ng aming organisasyon.

Noong baguhan pa lamang po ako sa larangan ng pagtuturo, nagsimula muna akong maging substitute teacher, at napatunayan ko sa pagtuturo na hindi lang sapat na makapag-aral ka nang mabuti. Mahalaga na may puso kang iaalay para maunawaan ang kalagayan ng ating kabataan at mabigyan sila, sa tingin ko po, ng sapat na edukasyon.

Sa kaso ngayon ng populasyon ng mga mag-aaral sa isang classroom, pinakamababa na ang 40 at mahirap mang isipin kung paano ito nangyayari, nagagawang mapagkasya ng guro ang mahigit na 60 estudyante sa loob ng isang kuwarto, walang maayos na bentilasyon, may kakulangan sa libro at iba pang mga kagamitang pangturo. Sa katunayan, ang propesyon naming ito ay napapalapit sa aming mga mag-aaral para makilala namin sila dahil sa isang oras ng kanilang pamamahagi sa eskuwelahan ay kami ang kanilang nakakasama. Pagpapatunay ito na ang guro ay siyang nagsisilbing pangalawang magulang ng mga mag-aaral.

Ngunit sa ganitong kalunos-lunos na sitwasyon ng

mga guro sa mga pampublikong sektor, kakarampot lamang ang umento sa sahod ang ibinalik ng nakaraang administrasyon. Dumaan sa anim na taon ang aming kahilingan para sa pagtaas ng suweldo ngunit ang ibinigay lamang ay kakarampot, at masasabi nga natin ay napakabarat na pagtaas ng suweldo, at ito iyong pinakamaliit na pagtaas ng suweldo na naranasan ng ating mga guro at ng ating mga empleyado sa gobyerno.

Naalala ko pa, noong Setyembre ng nakaraang taon, dumalo ako sa pagdinig sa Kongreso during the discussion ng budget ukol sa education at sa pagtaas ng suweldo para sa susunod na taon o 2016. Hindi pa noon ako kabilang dito bilang Kongresista ngunit bilang isang guro, nandito noon ang hanay ng mga unyonista upang ipaglaban ang pagtaas ng sahod ng mga guro, dahil sa buwanang suweldong P18,549, nakakaltasan pa ito ng GSIS, tax, Pag-IBIG at kung anu-ano pa, at matitira na lamang ay P3,500, na kung talagang tutuusin ay hindi ito nakakatulong para makamtan namin ang nakabubuhay na suweldo at disentang pamumuhay. Hinding-hindi ko rin noon malilimutan kung paano kami napaalis sa Kongreso at nai-ban pa ang inyong lingkod, ang Representanteng ito, dahil po doon sa paghiling namin, sa aming panawagan na pagpapataas ng sahod ng mga guro na totoo namang makatarungan at reasonable.

Ngunit ang naging sagot naman ng administrasyong Noynoy Aquino ay ang Executive Order No. 201 na sa tingin natin ay mapanghati, discriminating, at napakababa ng porsiyentong naabot ng pagtaas ng suweldo samantalang iyong mga nasa matataas na puwesto na po ay umaabot na ng 289 percent, dagdag pa kung may pagkiling naman sa administrasyon. Samantala, kahapon nasaksihan ko na kung ang panawagan ng pagtataas—kung ang may panawagan ay pagkiling sa administrasyon, halimbawa, iyong panawagan para ibalik iyong ROTC, hindi ito—na kung saan nagkaroon ng pagtataas ng streamer iyon ating ilang mga bisita pero hindi ito pinagbawalan ng ating mga kasamahan dito sa Kongreso. Kaya talagang ano na, mayroon na talagang pagbabago.

Bilang nakaranas din ng masahol na kalagayan ng kontraktuwalisasyon dito sa bansa, kung saan apat na taon kong tiniis na maging kontraktuwal na guro na kalimitang nade-delay ang suweldo, nangangailangan pang mangutang ako para lang makapasok sa trabaho at matustusan ang mga pangangailangan ng aming pamilya. Naalala ko pa noon na ang mga neoliberal na polisiya ng administrasyong Cory Aquino na nagluwal sa laganap na kontraktuwalisasyon sa bansa, na lumaon naman magpahanggang ngayon. Kaya naman suportado natin ang Pangulong Duterte sa kanyang panawagan dahil simula pa noon ay buo na ang ating paninindigan laban sa kontraktuwalisasyon.

Bahagi rin ng Representasyong ito na ibasura ang mga polisiyang nagpapahirap sa ating mga guro gaya

ng K to 12, daily lesson logs, malalaking class size, at mga gawaing walang kaugnayan sa gawaing pagtuturo katulad ng paggawa o pagpupuyat ng mga guro para gawin lang ang learning information system, pagmo-monitor ng mga weight at height ng mga bata, iyong pagmo-monitor din doon sa 4Ps, deworming at marami pang ibang mga gawain ng mga guro na hindi naman related sa kanyang pagtuturo.

Bago ako maging nominado ng ACT TEACHERS Party-List, nagturo ako sa pampublikong paaralan sa loob ng 25 taon at naranasan ko na ang pinakamasahol na kalayagang maaari nating maisip sa isang pampublikong paaralan. Kaya ngayon, isang natatanging Representasyong ito na inyong lingkod bilang kauna-unahang pampublikong guro na kakatawan sa Kongreso dahil ang guro ang mayoryang bumubuo sa mga empleyado ng pamahalaan, at dahil nauunawaan po ng ating partido, ng ACT TEACHERS Party-List, ang mga batayang isyu ng mga guro at sektor na edukasyon. Bilang pagpapatunay po, nakamtan natin ang 1.18 milyong boto mula sa ating mga constituents na nakuha lamang natin dahil sa lehitimo, mga rasonableng mga kampanyang masa na inilunsad ng ACT TEACHERS Party-List.

Iniwang ko man ang mataas na posisyong mayroon ako noon sa pampublikong paaralan bilang Master Teacher II, isinantabi ko ito upang katawanin ang mga pampublikong guro sa unyon ng ACT at ngayon dito sa Kongreso. Marami nang mga politiko ang nangako para sa pagpapataas ng sahod ng mga guro. Bilang pasasalamat sa kanilang natatanging propesyon, itaon natin ang panahong ito dahil sa susunod na buwan ay buwan na rin po ng mga guro.

Bilang pagkilala sa kanilang natatanging kahalagahan dito sa ating lipunan, hinihingi ko po ang suporta ng ating mga Mambabatas, mga kasamahan, upang suportahan ang House Bill No. 56 upang itaas ang suweldo ng mga guro sa pampublikong paaralan sa P25,000, sa mga kawani ng ating pamahalaan sa P16,000, sa mga state colleges and universities instructors from Salary Grade 12 to Salary Grade 16.

Bilang panghuli po, ang atin pong panawagan, sahod itaas, income tax ibaba. Maraming salamat po at mabahay ang mga makabayang guro.

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 Castro (F.L.) 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 Castro (F.L.) to the Committee on Rules is hereby approved.

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, I move that we terminate the Privilege Hour.

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

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. TUGNA. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the session.

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

It was 6:30 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:30 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Majority Leader is recognized.

ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

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

Rep. Roy M. Loyola
Rep. Abraham “Bambol” N. Tolentino
Rep. Wes Gatchalian

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES

REP. FARIÑAS. May I move for the election of the following Members to various committees:

The Majority Leader, Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas, read the names of the House Members elected to the various committees, per Journal No. 8, dated August 9, 2016.

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Rep. Victor A. Yap as Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON MINDANAO AFFAIRS

Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez Jr. as Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Rep. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado as Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

Rep. Sherwin N. Tugna as Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON WELFARE OF CHILDREN

Rep. Aurora Enerio Cerilles as Chairperson vice Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang.

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 elected to their respective committees.

CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. NO. 175

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Resolution No. 175.

May I ask that the Secretary General be directed to read only the title of the measure.

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 only the title of the measure.

With the permission of the Body, and since copies of the measure have been previously distributed, the Secretary General read only the title thereof without prejudice to inserting its text in the Congressional Record.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Resolution No. 175, entitled: RESOLUTION COMMENDING HIDILYN DIAZ FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL FEAT IN WINNING THE RIO 2016 OLYMPIC SILVER MEDAL IN THE WOMEN’S 53-KG WEIGHTLIFTING DIVISION ON AUGUST 7, 2016 IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 175 in consolidation with House Resolutions No. 142, 144, 145, 146, 147,

148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 155, 156,158, 160,161, 162, 163, 166, 169, 170, 171, 176, 178, 180, 181, 186, 187 and 189.

ADOPTION OF H. RES. NO. 175

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

House Resolution No. 175, including all other House Resolutions related thereto, is hereby adopted.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, August 10, 2016, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

I so move, Mme. Speaker, Your Honor.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Alvarez, M.). The session is adjourned until four o'clock in the afternoon, tomorrow, August 10, 2016.

It was 6:34 p.m.