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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., Speaker Pantaleon D. Alvarez called the session to order.

THE SPEAKER. The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE SPEAKER. Everybody is requested to rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

THE SPEAKER. Please remain standing for the Invocation to be led by the Hon. Ann K. Hofer of the Second District of Zamboanga Sibugay.

Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION

REP. HOFER. Lord Jesus, for this new year, we pray for peace.

Mary, Queen of Peace, we turn to you, our Mother. Into your hands we place our prayers.

For our men and women serving in the military, protect them. For innocent victims of war and violence, spare them.

For those who mourn and are injured, comfort them. For people of all nations, unite them in the love and peace of your Son—the Prince of Peace.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

THE SPEAKER. The Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 56, dated December 14, 2016.

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)*
The Chair hears none; Journal No. 56, dated December 14, 2016, is hereby approved.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? *(Silence)*
The Chair hears none; the session is suspended.

It was 4:03 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 4:39 p.m., the session was resumed.

THE SPEAKER. The session is resumed.
The Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

THE SPEAKER. 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. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

PRESENT

Abad

Abaya

Abayon

Abu

Abueg

Acharon

Acop	Cosalan	Lobregat	Romualdo
Acosta	Crisologo	Lopez (B.)	Roque (R.)
Acosta-Alba	Cua	Lopez (M.L.)	Sacdalan
Advincula	Cuaresma	Loyola	Salimbangon
Agarao	Cueva	Macapagal-Arroyo	Salo
Aggabao	Dalipe	Madrona	Salon
Aglipay-Villar	Daza	Malapitan	Sambar
Alejano	De Venecia	Manalo	Sandoval
Almario	De Vera	Mangaoang	Santos-Recto
Almonte	Defensor	Marcoleta	Sarmiento (C.)
Alonte-Naguiat	Del Mar	Marcos	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Alvarez (F.)	Del Rosario	Marquez	Savellano
Alvarez (P.)	Deloso-Montalla	Martinez	Sema
Amante	Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas	Siao
Amatong	Durano	Mending	Silverio
Angara-Castillo	Dy	Mercado	Singson
Antonio	Elago	Mirasol	Suansing (E.)
Aragones	Enverga	Montoro	Suansing (H.)
Arcillas	Erice	Nieto	Suarez
Arenas	Eriguel	Noel	Sy-Alvarado
Atienza	Ermita-Buhain	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tambunting
Aumentado	Escudero	Nogralas (K.A.)	Tan (A.)
Bag-ao	Estrella	Nolasco	Tejada
Bagatsing	Evardone	Ocampo	Teves
Banal	Fariñas	Olivarez	Tiangco
Barzaga	Fernando	Ong (E.)	Ting
Bataoil	Ferrer (L.)	Ong (H.)	Tolentino
Batocabe	Ferriol-Pascual	Ortega (P.)	Treñas
Belaro	Floirendo	Ortega (V.N.)	Tugna
Belmonte (F.)	Flores	Pacquiao	Tupas
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fortuno	Paduano	Turabin-Hataman
Belmonte (R.)	Fuentebella	Palma	Unabia
Bertiz	Garbin	Pancho	Ungab
Billones	Garcia (J.E.)	Panganiban	Unico
Bolilia	Garcia-Albano	Panotes	Uy (R.)
Bondoc	Garin (S.)	Papandayan	Uybarreta
Bordado	Gasataya	Pichay	Vargas-Alfonso
Bravo (A.)	Geron	Pineda	Velarde
Bulut-Begtang	Go (M.)	Plaza	Velasco
Calderon	Gonzales (A.P.)	Primicias-Agabas	Veloso
Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzales (A.D.)	Quimbo	Vergara
Caminero	Gonzalez	Radaza	Villanueva
Campos	Gullas	Ramirez-Sato	Villaraza-Suarez
Cari	Hernandez	Ramos	Villarica
Casilao	Herrera-Dy	Relampagos	Villarín
Castelo	Hofer	Revilla	Violago
Castro (F.L.)	Jalosjos	Roa-Puno	Yap (A.)
Castro (F.H.)	Kho	Rocamora	Yu
Catamco	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (I.)	Zamora (R.)
Cayetano	Lacson	Rodriguez (M.)	Zarate
Ceráfica	Lagman	Romualdez	Zubiri
Chavez	Lanete		
Chipeco	Laogan		
Co	Lazatin		
Collantes	Lee		
Cortuna	Limkaichong		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. The Speaker is present.

Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 220 Members responded to the call.

THE SPEAKER. With 220 present Members, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. FARIÑAS. Mr. Speaker, may I request the Members to kindly sit down to hear the message of the Speaker for the new year.

REMARKS OF THE SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. Distinguished colleagues in the House of Representatives:

Happy New Year and welcome back. *(Applause)*

Today marks the start of our first session in this new year of 2017. We have a lot to do. I do hope all of us had enough rest to recharge us for the challenges we have ahead. We were elected at a time of upheaval in our country. It was a moment of crisis which paved the way for the election of an unconventional President who, despite criticisms, cannot be accused of lacking in sincerity and love for our country, for our people. Sincerity and love are also present in abundance here in this distinguished Chamber. We have solidly demonstrated it through our commitment to serve our people.

From the moment we took our oath as Members of this Body and up to the end of the year 2016, we performed multiple actions concertedly. We organized ourselves within that period, which was not an easy task given that we have almost 300 Members. We prepared and passed the national budget in record time. We passed a law suspending the barangay elections. We also conducted investigations in aid of legislation to ferret out the truth behind the proliferation of illegal drugs which have destroyed, and continuously destroys, the social fabric of our nation.

Yes, we have done much but let us remember that battles do not stay won, as the commitment to the struggle in the service of our people is a relentless and continuous pursuit. Indeed, let us continue what we have done but let us do more. In the coming days and weeks, there will be a lot of debate as we tackle legislative measures that are both important and controversial. To name a few, we have the bills on the death penalty, the lowering of the age of criminal responsibility, the reforms on the National Internal Revenue Code, and the call for the drafting of a new Constitution.

I have no doubt that the exchanges of ideas will be plenty and passionate, and we welcome these as part and parcel of a vibrant and healthy democracy. It is through these deliberations that we secure, as best as we can, what is the paramount interest of the Filipino people whom we have sworn to serve.

Let the session begin.

Thank you. God bless, and good afternoon. *(Applause)*

The Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

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

THE SPEAKER. Is there any objection? (Silence) The Chair hears none; the session is suspended.

It was 4:54 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:02 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Bai Sandra Sinsuat A. Sema presiding.

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

The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Good afternoon, Mme. Speaker. Before we proceed Mme. Speaker, may we acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Lady from KALINGA Party-List, the Hon. Abigail Faye C. Ferriol-Pascual. They are the provincial coordinators of KALINGA Party-List, together with her father, Bishop Arturo Ferriol.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we take up, with leave of the House, bills on Third Reading.

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

The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4631 ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4631 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4631, entitled: AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC., PRESENTLY KNOWN AS GMA NETWORK, INC., AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7252, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE REPUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES."

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Batocabe	Cua	Lobregat
Abaya	Belaro	Cuaresma	Lopez (B.)
Abayon	Belmonte (F.)	Cueva	Lopez (M.L.)
Abu	Belmonte (J.C.)	Dalipe	Loyola
Abueg	Belmonte (R.)	Daza	Macapagal-Arroyo
Acharon	Bertiz	De Jesus	Madrona
Acop	Billones	De Venecia	Malapitan
Acosta	Biron	De Vera	Manalo
Acosta-Alba	Bolilia	Defensor	Mangaoang
Advincula	Bondoc	Del Mar	Marcoleta
Agarao	Bordado	Del Rosario	Marcos
Aggabao	Bravo (A.)	Deloso-Montalla	Marquez
Aglipay-Villar	Brosas	Dimaporo (M.K)	Martinez
Alejano	Bulut-Begtang	Durano	Matugas
Almario	Calderon	Dy	Mending
Almonte	Calixto-Rubiano	Elago	Mercado
Alonte-Naguiat	Caminero	Enverga	Mirasol
Alvarez (F.)	Campos	Erice	Montoro
Alvarez (P.)	Canama	Eriguel	Nieto
Amante	Cari	Ermita-Buhain	Noel
Amatong	Casilao	Escudero	Nogralas (J.J.)
Angara-Castillo	Castelo	Estrella	Nogralas (K.A.)
Antonio	Castro (F.L.)	Evardone	Nolasco
Aragones	Castro (F.H.)	Fariñas	Oaminal
Arcillas	Catamco	Fernando	Ocampo
Arenas	Cayetano	Ferrer (L.)	Olivarez
Atienza	Cerifica	Ferriol-Pascual	Ong (E.)
Aumentado	Chavez	Floirendo	Ong (H.)
Bag-ao	Chipeco	Flores	Ortega (P.)
Bagatsing	Co	Fortun	Ortega (V.N.)
Baguilat	Collantes	Fortuno	Pacquiao
Banal	Cortuna	Fuentebella	Paduano
Barzaga	Cosalan	Garbin	Palma
Bataoil	Crisologo	Garcia (J.E.)	Pancho
		Garcia-Albano	Panganiban
		Garin (S.)	Panotes
		Gasataya	Papandayan
		Geron	Pichay
		Go (M.)	Pineda
		Gonzales (A.P.)	Plaza
		Gonzales (A.D.)	Primicias-Agabas
		Gonzalez	Quimbo
		Gullas	Radaza
		Hernandez	Ramirez-Sato
		Herrera-Dy	Ramos
		Hofer	Relampagos
		Jalosjos	Revilla
		Kho	Roa-Puno
		Labadlabad	Rocamora
		Lacson	Rodriguez (I.)
		Lagman	Rodriguez (M.)
		Lanete	Romualdez
		Laogan	Romualdo
		Lazatin	Roque (R.)
		Lee	Sacdalan
		Limkaichong	Salimbangon

Salo
Salon
Sambar
Sandoval
Santos-Recto
Sarmiento (C.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)
Savellano
Sema
Siao
Silverio
Singson
Suansing (E.)
Suansing (H.)
Suarez
Sy-Alvarado
Tambunting
Tan (A.)
Tejada
Teves
Tiangco
Ting
Tinio
Tolentino
Treñas

Tugna
Tupas
Turabin-Hataman
Umali
Unabia
Ungab
Unico
Uy (R.)
Uybarreta
Vargas-Alfonso
Velarde
Velasco
Velo
Vergara
Villanueva
Villaraza-Suarez
Villarica
Villarin
Violago
Yap (A.)
Yu
Zamora (R.)
Zarate
Zubiri

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4631
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 229 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4631 is approved on Third Reading.

The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4637
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4637 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of

the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4637, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING FOR TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO SMART COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (FORMERLY SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7294, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING SMART INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (SMART) A FRANCHISE TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN, LEASE AND OPERATE INTEGRATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC SERVICES, AND STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Arenas
Abaya	Atienza
Abayon	Aumentado
Abellanos	Bag-ao
Abu	Bagatsing
Abueg	Baguilat
Acharon	Banal
Acop	Barzaga
Acosta	Bataoil
Acosta-Alba	Batocabe
Advincula	Belaro
Agarao	Belmonte (F.)
Aggabao	Belmonte (J.C.)
Aglipay-Villar	Belmonte (R.)
Alejano	Bertiz
Almario	Billones
Almonte	Biron
Alonte-Naguiat	Bolilia
Alvarez (F.)	Bondoc
Alvarez (P.)	Bordado
Amante	Bravo (A.)
Amatong	Bulut-Begtang
Angara-Castillo	Calderon
Antonio	Calixto-Rubiano
Aragones	Caminero
Arcillas	Campos

Canama	Herrera-Dy	Relampagos	Tejada
Cari	Hofer	Revilla	Tiangco
Castelo	Jalosjos	Roa-Puno	Ting
Castro (F.H.)	Kho	Rocamora	Tolentino
Catamco	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (I.)	Treñas
Cayetano	Lacson	Rodriguez (M.)	Tugna
Cerafica	Lagman	Romualdez	Tupas
Chavez	Lanete	Romualdo	Turabin-Hataman
Chipeco	Laogan	Roque (R.)	Umali
Co	Lazatin	Sacdalan	Unabia
Collantes	Leachon	Salimbangon	Ungab
Cortuna	Lee	Salo	Unico
Cosalan	Limkaichong	Salon	Uy (R.)
Crisologo	Lobregat	Sambar	Uybarreta
Cua	Lopez (B.)	Sandoval	Vargas-Alfonso
Cuaresma	Loyola	Santos-Recto	Velarde
Cueva	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)	Velasco
Dalipe	Madrona	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Veloso
Daza	Malapitan	Savellano	Vergara
De Venecia	Manalo	Sema	Villanueva
De Vera	Mangaoang	Siao	Villaraza-Suarez
Defensor	Marcoleta	Silverio	Villarica
Del Mar	Marcos	Singson	Villarín
Del Rosario	Marquez	Suansing (E.)	Violago
Deloso-Montalla	Martinez	Suansing (H.)	Yap (A.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Matugas	Suarez	Yu
Durano	Mending	Sy-Alvarado	Zamora (R.)
Dy	Mercado	Tambunting	Zubiri
Enverga	Mirasol	Tan (A.)	
Erice	Montoro		
Eriguel	Nieto	<i>Negative</i>	
Ermita-Buhain	Noel		
Escudero	Nogralas (J.J.)	Brosas	Lopez (M.L.)
Estrella	Nogralas (K.A.)	Casilao	Pineda
Evardone	Nolasco	Castro (F.L.)	Teves
Fariñas	Oaminal	De Jesus	Tinio
Fernando	Ocampo	Elago	Zarate
Ferrer (L.)	Olivarez		
Ferriol-Pascual	Ong (E.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Floirendo	Ong (H.)		
Flores	Ortega (P.)	None	
Fortun	Ortega (V.N.)		
Fortuno	Pacquiao	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The result	
Fuentebella	Paduano	shows 222 affirmative votes, 9 negative votes and no	
Garbin	Palma	abstention.	
Garcia (J.E.)	Pancho	House Bill No. 4637 is approved on Third Reading.	
Garcia-Albano	Panganiban		
Garin (S.)	Panotes	REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker.	
Gasataya	Papandayan		
Geron	Pichay	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Dep.	
Go (M.)	Plaza	Majority Leader is recognized.	
Gonzales (A.P.)	Primicias-Agabas		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Quimbo	REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, may we know	
Gonzalez	Radaza	the pleasure of the Honorable Tinio.	
Gullas	Ramirez-Sato		
Hernandez	Ramos	REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker, may I explain my vote?	

RESULT OF THE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). I stand corrected. The result shows 221 affirmative votes, 10 negative votes and no abstention.

House Bill No. 4637 is approved on Third Reading.

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Honorable Tinio is recognized.

REP. TINIO. Mme. Speaker, may I explain my vote?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Gentleman has three minutes.

REP. TINIO EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. TINIO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, this Representation voted “No” to House Bill No. 4637 which shall extend the franchise of Smart for another 25 years. The reason I voted “No” to this Bill is for the following considerations:

As we know, the telecommunications market, which is currently one of the most lucrative in our country, is dominated by two major players: one being Globe and the other being Smart whose franchise this Congress had just extended. We also know that if we ask the ordinary Filipino consumer of telecommunication services, there is widespread dissatisfaction with regard to the quality of services of these two giants in terms of mobile communications, text messages and calls, as well as the quality of Internet services, and broadband speed is still one of the slowest in the region.

Very specifically, I voted “No” on House Bill No. 4637 because of Section 16 of the Bill. This is known as the equality clause in the Bill which provides that Smart will also enjoy any advantage, favor, privilege, exemption, exception or conditions to be granted on future grantees of franchises from Congress. In other words, this franchise will future-proof Smart in terms of any competitive incentives that the government may grant. Smart is already an industry giant and yet, their new franchise is future-proof. How would a new player compete with a giant if the incentive that the new player would get in the future will also be enjoyed by established ones like Smart?

This equality clause dims the possibility of a new player coming in to the detriment of the consumers.

For this reason, I voted “No,” Mme. Speaker.

Thank you.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, may we likewise recognize the Honorable Teves who would also like to explain his vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Honorable Teves is recognized.

REP. TEVES EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I also voted “No” because as we all know, I fought really hard against this. I even felt bad during the consideration on Second Reading because I was not able to speak. I just went to the bathroom and when I came back, it was already approved. Anyway, I voted “No” because I really believe that this franchise should not be given until all the flaws have been remedied and corrected. We all know that a lot of load bought by our poor constituents were lost and/or stolen without even these having been explained or refunded. Kawawang-kawawa na iyong taumbayan and yet, lumusot pa rin dito sa atin.

Anyway, even if the majority voted “Yes,” at least, alam ng taumbayan na ipinaglaban ko ang buong Pilipinas, dahil alam ko na hindi ito dapat ibigay dahil sa dami ng kasalanan na nagawa nila sa mga tao, isa na iyong nawawalang load. We also are not even sure if they are paying the correct taxes because I know that none of us or nobody in government has the capacity to know how much they really make and thus, more so, they do not know how much to tax these telcos. Isa pa, pati iyong dropped calls are being charged pero hindi naman dapat. Another reason is ang panloloko nila sa taumbayan na unli promo na may limit. Iyan ang hayagan na kalokohan. Mayroon bang unli na may limit? Again, kawawang-kawawa iyong taumbayan dahil it is false advertising.

Another thing that I really want corrected is their capacity to operate. How come we are allowing them to serve and make money out of so many millions of subscribers? There are about 120 million subscribers being served by the two telcos when their actual capacity to serve is a lot less than that. There is a certain number of subscribers that can be handled by one cell site, and I am sure, the total number of cell sites available today could not handle the number of subscribers using the services of these telecom companies.

Sa akin lang, sana naman magawan ito ng paraan para hindi naman masyadong lugi ang taumbayan sa ginagawa ng telcos. Alam ko, ang sinasabi ko ngayon, kahit para ito sa kapakanan ng taumbayan, hindi na naman ito lalabas sa balita dahil alam ko ang lakas ng lobby. Na kung may sinasabi ako dito, kahit para ito sa kapakanan ng taumbayan, kung

laban sa interes ng malalaking kumpanya, hindi ito lumalabas sa balita.

I just hope na kahit paano, malaman ito ng taumbayan na sa mga pangyayari ngayon, lugin-lugi sila. I hope that, in the future, we help our countrymen to correct all these flaws para naman matulungan natin ang ating mga kapatid na mahihirap.

Iyon lang po. Thank you very much.

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

REP. LOPEZ (M.). Mme. Speaker.

REP. DEFENSOR. May we know the pleasure of the Gentleman, Mme. Speaker, at rostrum no. 8?

REP. LOPEZ (M.). May I also explain my vote, Mme. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Rep. Manuel Luis T. Lopez may please proceed.

REP. LOPEZ (M.) EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

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

I voted “No” together with a few of our colleagues here for the same reason—that most of us know exactly what is going on but are quite afraid to vote against—simply because we feel that the general public is being shortchanged by this so-called duopoly of Smart and Globe telecoms. Aside from the oversubscription mentioned, with the limited number of cell sites, everyone here knows that anyone can just go out and avail of as many, as much sim cards as they want, and thus, naiipit po lahat tayo dahil nag-aagawan tayo sa ere na katiting na binibigay ng mga telcos na ito. Iyong binanggit ng ating kasamahan na si Congressman Tinio about the equality clause, at ang pinaka-importante ay ang clause sa Section 9 on the Tax Provisions:

xxx in lieu of any and all taxes of any kind, nature or description levied, established or collected by an authority whatsoever including, but not limited to, city, municipal, provincial or national, from which the grantee is hereby expressly exempted effective from the date of this approval of this Act xxx

Nakakalungkot po dahil iyong dati po nilang binabayaran na mga buwis magmula sa real property or local taxes are now being waived after approving this tax.

Mme. Speaker, this duopoly that we have, I think, is being strengthened all the more by the approval of this Bill, and I will daresay that we are now creating a

cartel of the telecommunications companies, between Smart and Globe.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, may we likewise recognize the Hon. Enrico A. Pineda also to explain his vote.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Rep. Enrico A. Pineda, please proceed.

REP. PINEDA EXPLAINS HIS VOTE

REP. PINEDA. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I would just like to explain and reiterate that I voted against the renewal of the franchise of Smart; not only Smart but also the franchise of Globe which would also be on the floor and I will also vote “No” to that.

As a neophyte Congressman, my privilege speech was about the state of our telcos and through several committee hearings, we asked them questions about the problems that we are encountering right now on poor connectivity. Both of these telcos were never able to answer us satisfactorily on what was wrong and what is needed to be done. For this Representation, parang binale-wala kami. What we are asking from them is just an explanation on why this is happening right now and what is the solution. It was never answered satisfactorily and that is the reason I voted “No.”

That is all, Mme. Speaker.

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4637
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 221 affirmative votes, 10 negative votes and no abstention, House Bill No. 4637 is approved on Third Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, before we proceed, may we acknowledge the presence of guests in the gallery of the Lady from Anak Mindanao Party-List, the Hon. Sitti Djalila A. Turabin-Hataman. They are from the Gender and Development Institute of Myanmar, with their Capacity Development Advisor Ms. Naw Demona Khoo.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The presence of the guests of AMIN Party-List Representative Turabin-Hataman is hereby acknowledged. *(Applause)* Welcome to the House of Representatives.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H. JT. RES. NO. 10
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Joint Resolution No. 10 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Joint Resolution No. 10, entitled: JOINT RESOLUTION INCREASING THE MONTHLY PENSION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM PENSIONERS UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Amatong	Biron	Fortun
Abaya	Angara-Castillo	Bolilia	Fortuno
Abayon	Antonio	Bondoc	Fuentebella
Abellanos	Aragones	Bordado	Garbin
Abu	Arcillas	Bravo (A.)	Garcia (J.E.)
Abueg	Arenas	Brosas	Garcia-Albano
Acharon	Atienza	Bulut-Begtang	Garin (S.)
Acop	Aumentado	Calderon	Gasataya
Acosta	Bag-ao	Calixto-Rubiano	Geron
Acosta-Alba	Bagatsing	Caminero	Go (A.C.)
Advincula	Baguilat	Campos	Go (M.)
Agarao	Banal	Canama	Gonzales (A.P.)
Aggabao	Barzaga	Cari	Gonzales (A.D.)
Aglipay-Villar	Bataoil	Casilao	Gonzalez
Alejano	Batocabe	Castelo	Gullas
Almario	Belaro	Castro (F.L.)	Hernandez
Almonte	Belmonte (F.)	Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy
Alonte-Naguiat	Belmonte (J.C.)	Catamco	Hofer
Alvarez (F.)	Belmonte (R.)	Cayetano	Jalosjos
Alvarez (P.)	Bertiz	Cerafica	Kho
Amante	Billones	Chavez	Labadlabad
		Chipeco	Lacson
		Co	Lagman
		Collantes	Lanete
		Cortuna	Laogan
		Cosalan	Lazatin
		Crisologo	Leachon
		Cua	Lee
		Cuaresma	Limkaichong
		Cueva	Lobregat
		Dalipe	Lopez (B.)
		Daza	Lopez (M.L.)
		De Jesus	Loyola
		De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo
		De Vera	Madrona
		Defensor	Malapitan
		Del Mar	Manalo
		Del Rosario	Mangaoang
		Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marcos
		Durano	Marquez
		Dy	Martinez
		Elago	Matugas
		Enverga	Mending
		Erice	Mendoza
		Eriguel	Mercado
		Ermite-Buhain	Mirasol
		Escudero	Montoro
		Estrella	Nieto
		Evardone	Noel
		Fariñas	Nogralas (J.J.)
		Fernando	Nogralas (K.A.)
		Ferrer (L.)	Nolasco
		Ferriol-Pascual	Oaminal
		Floirendo	Ocampo
		Flores	Olivarez

Ong (E.)	Silverio
Ong (H.)	Singson
Ortega (P.)	Suansing (E.)
Ortega (V.N.)	Suansing (H.)
Pacquiao	Suarez
Paduano	Sy-Alvarado
Palma	Tambunting
Pancho	Tan (A.)
Panganiban	Tejada
Panotes	Tiangco
Papandayan	Ting
Pichay	Tinio
Pineda	Tolentino
Plaza	Treñas
Primicias-Agabas	Tugna
Quimbo	Tupas
Radaza	Turabin-Hataman
Ramirez-Sato	Umali
Ramos	Unabia
Relampagos	Ungab
Revilla	Unico
Roa-Puno	Uy (J.)
Rocamora	Uy (R.)
Rodriguez (I.)	Uybarreta
Rodriguez (M.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Romualdez	Velarde
Romualdo	Velasco
Roque (R.)	Veloso
Sacdalan	Vergara
Salimbangon	Villanueva
Salo	Villaraza-Suarez
Salon	Villarica
Sambar	Villarín
Sandoval	Violago
Santos-Recto	Yap (A.)
Sarmiento (C.)	Yu
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Zamora (R.)
Savellano	Zarate
Sema	Zubiri
Siao	

Negative

None

Abstention

Teves

APPROVAL OF H. JT. RES. NO. 10
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 233 affirmative votes, no negative vote and 1 abstention, House Joint Resolution No. 10 is approved on Third Reading. The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2158
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2158 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on January 9, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 2158, entitled: AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997.”

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Amante
Abaya	Amatong
Abayon	Angara-Castillo
Abellanosa	Antonio
Abu	Aragones
Abueg	Arcillas
Acharon	Arenas
Acop	Atienza
Acosta	Aumentado
Acosta-Alba	Bag-ao
Advincula	Bagatsing
Agarao	Baguilat
Aggabao	Banal
Aglipay-Villar	Barzaga
Alejano	Bataoil
Almario	Batocabe
Almonte	Belaro
Alonte-Naguiat	Belmonte (F.)
Alvarez (F.)	Belmonte (J.C.)
Alvarez (P.)	Belmonte (R.)

Bertiz	Garbin	Ortega (P.)	Silverio
Billones	Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)	Singson
Biron	Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao	Suansing (E.)
Bolilia	Garin (S.)	Paduano	Suansing (H.)
Bondoc	Gasataya	Palma	Suarez
Bordado	Geron	Pancho	Sy-Alvarado
Bravo (A.)	Go (A.C.)	Panganiban	Tambunting
Bulut-Begtang	Go (M.)	Panotes	Tan (A.)
Calderon	Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan	Tejada
Calixto-Rubiano	Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay	Tiangco
Caminero	Gonzalez	Pineda	Ting
Campos	Gullas	Plaza	Tolentino
Canama	Hernandez	Primicias-Agabas	Treñas
Cari	Herrera-Dy	Quimbo	Tugna
Castelo	Hofer	Radaza	Tupas
Castro (F.H.)	Jalosjos	Ramirez-Sato	Turabin-Hataman
Catamco	Kho	Ramos	Umali
Cayetano	Labadlabad	Relampagos	Unabia
Cerafica	Lacson	Revilla	Ungab
Chavez	Lagman	Roa-Puno	Unico
Chipeco	Lanete	Rocamora	Uy (J.)
Co	Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)	Uy (R.)
Collantes	Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)	Uybarreta
Cortuna	Leachon	Romualdez	Vargas-Alfonso
Cosalan	Lee	Romualdo	Velarde
Crisologo	Limkaichong	Roque (R.)	Velasco
Cua	Lobregat	Sacdalan	Veloso
Cuaresma	Lopez (B.)	Salimbangon	Vergara
Cueva	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo	Villanueva
Dalipe	Loyola	Salon	Villaraza-Suarez
Daza	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar	Villarica
De Venecia	Madrona	Sandoval	Villarin
De Vera	Malapitan	Santos-Recto	Violago
Defensor	Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)	Yap (A.)
Del Mar	Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yu
Del Rosario	Marcoleta	Savellano	Zamora (R.)
Deloso-Montalla	Marcos	Sema	Zubiri
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marquez	Siao	
Durano	Martinez		
Dy	Matugas	<i>Negative</i>	
Enverga	Mending		
Erice	Mendoza	Brosas	Elago
Eriguel	Mercado	Casilao	Tinio
Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol	Castro (F.L.)	Zarate
Escudero	Montoro	De Jesus	
Estrella	Nava		
Evardone	Nieto	<i>Abstention</i>	
Fariñas	Noel		
Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)	Teves	
Ferrer (L.)	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco		
Floirendo	Oaminal		
Flores	Ocampo		
Fortun	Olivarez		
Fortuno	Ong (E.)		
Fuentebella	Ong (H.)		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2158
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 227 affirmative votes, 7 negative votes and 1 abstention, House Bill No. 2158 is approved on Third Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4660
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFESOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4660 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on December 14, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4660, entitled: AN ACT NAMING THE BY-PASS ROAD STRETCHING FROM BARANGAY BENG CAG, CITY OF LAOAG, TO BARANGAY BUYON, MUNICIPALITY OF BACARRA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS THE RODOLFO G. FARIÑAS, JR. BY-PASS ROAD.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Alvarez (P.)	Belmonte (J.C.)	Ferrer (L.)
Abaya	Amante	Belmonte (R.)	Ferriol-Pascual
Abayon	Amatong	Bertiz	Floirendo
Abellanosa	Angara-Castillo	Billones	Flores
Abu	Antonio	Biron	Fortun
Abueg	Aragones	Bolilia	Fortuno
Acharon	Arcillas	Bondoc	Fuentebella
Acop	Arenas	Bordado	Garbin
Acosta	Atienza	Bravo (A.)	Garcia (J.E.)
Acosta-Alba	Aumentado	Brosas	Garcia-Albano
Advincula	Bag-ao	Bulut-Begtang	Garin (S.)
Agarao	Bagatsing	Calderon	Gasataya
Aggabao	Baguilat	Calixto-Rubiano	Geron
Aglipay-Villar	Banal	Caminero	Go (A.C.)
Alejano	Barzaga	Campos	Go (M.)
Almario	Bataoil	Canama	Gonzales (A.P.)
Almonte	Batocabe	Cari	Gonzales (A.D.)
Alonte-Naguiat	Belaro	Casilao	Gonzalez
Alvarez (F.)	Belmonte (F.)	Castelo	Gullas
		Castro (F.L.)	Hernandez
		Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy
		Catamco	Hofer
		Cayetano	Jalosjos
		Cerafica	Kho
		Chavez	Labadlabad
		Chipeco	Lacson
		Co	Lagman
		Collantes	Lanete
		Cortuna	Laogan
		Cosalan	Lazatin
		Crisologo	Leachon
		Cua	Lee
		Cuaresma	Limkaichong
		Cueva	Lobregat
		Dalipe	Lopez (B.)
		Daza	Lopez (M.L.)
		De Jesus	Loyola
		De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo
		De Vera	Madrona
		Defensor	Malapitan
		Del Mar	Manalo
		Del Rosario	Mangaoang
		Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta
		Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marcos
		Durano	Marquez
		Dy	Martinez
		Elago	Matugas
		Enverga	Mending
		Erice	Mendoza
		Eriguel	Mercado
		Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol
		Escudero	Montoro
		Estrella	Nava
		Evardone	Nieto
		Fariñas	Noel
		Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)

Nogralles (K.A.)	Sema	affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4660 is approved on Third Reading.
Nolasco	Siao	The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.
Oaminal	Silverio	
Ocampo	Singson	
Olivarez	Suansing (E.)	REP. DIMAPORO (M.). Mme. Speaker.
Ong (E.)	Suansing (H.)	
Ong (H.)	Suarez	REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that ...
Ortega (P.)	Sy-Alvarado	
Ortega (V.N.)	Tambunting	REP. DIMAPORO (M.). Mme. Speaker.
Pacquiao	Tan (A.)	
Paduano	Tejada	REP. DEFENSOR. May we know the pleasure of the Gentleman, Mme. Speaker.
Palma	Teves	
Pancho	Tiangco	
Panganiban	Ting	REP. DIMAPORO (M.). Mme. Speaker.
Panotes	Tinio	
Papandayan	Tolentino	REP. DEFENSOR. Number six.
Pichay	Treñas	
Pineda	Tugna	REP. DIMAPORO (M.). Point of order, Mme. Speaker.
Plaza	Tupas	
Primicias-Agabas	Turabin-Hataman	
Quimbo	Umali	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Hon. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo is recognized.
Radaza	Unabia	
Ramirez-Sato	Ungab	
Ramos	Unico	REP. DIMAPORO (M.). It is actually just a request. In the spirit of transparency here in the House of Representatives, that perhaps, when we are discussing or passing bills on Third Reading or Second Reading, we flash what bill we are discussing on one of the screens because at this side of the plenary, we do not know what has been discussed. So, it is just a simple request, Mme. Speaker, which I hope can be accommodated.
Relampagos	Uy (J.)	Thank you.
Revilla	Uy (R.)	
Roa-Puno	Uybarreta	
Rocamora	Vargas-Alfonso	
Rodriguez (I.)	Velarde	
Rodriguez (M.)	Velasco	
Romualdez	Veloso	
Romualdo	Vergara	
Roque (R.)	Villanueva	
Sacdalan	Villaraza-Suarez	
Salimbangon	Villarica	REP. ZUBIRI. Mme. Speaker, I second the motion.
Salo	Villarin	I think to be in tune with everyone, we should present it sa screen po, Mme. Speaker.
Salon	Violago	
Sambar	Yap (A.)	
Sandoval	Yu	
Santos-Recto	Zamora (R.)	THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Noted.
Sarmiento (C.)	Zarate	
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Zubiri	NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4636 ON THIRD READING
Savellano		

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4660
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 235

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4636, and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed

to the Members on December 14, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4636, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING THE ILOILO BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Belaro	Dalipe	Lopez (B.)
Abaya	Belmonte (F.)	Daza	Lopez (M.L.)
Abayon	Belmonte (J.C.)	De Jesus	Loyola
Abellanos	Belmonte (R.)	De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo
Abu	Bertiz	De Vera	Madrona
Abueg	Billones	Defensor	Malapitan
Acharon	Biron	Del Mar	Manalo
Acop	Bolilia	Del Rosario	Mangaoang
Acosta	Bondoc	Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta
Acosta-Alba	Bordado	Dimaporo (M.K)	Marcos
Advincula	Bravo (A.)	Durano	Marquez
Agarao	Brosas	Dy	Martinez
Aggabao	Bulut-Begtang	Elago	Matugas
Aglipay-Villar	Calderon	Enverga	Mending
Alejano	Calixto-Rubiano	Erice	Mendoza
Almario	Caminero	Eriguel	Mercado
Almonte	Campos	Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol
Alonte-Naguiat	Canama	Escudero	Montoro
Alvarez (F.)	Cari	Estrella	Nava
Alvarez (P.)	Casilao	Evardone	Nieto
Amante	Castelo	Fariñas	Noel
Amatong	Castro (F.L.)	Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)
Angara-Castillo	Castro (F.H.)	Ferrer (L.)	Nogralas (K.A.)
Antonio	Catamco	Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco
Aragones	Cayetano	Floirendo	Oaminal
Arcillas	Cerafica	Flores	Ocampo
Arenas	Chavez	Fortun	Olivarez
Atienza	Chipeco	Fortuno	Ong (E.)
Aumentado	Co	Fuentebella	Ong (H.)
Bag-ao	Collantes	Garbin	Ortega (P.)
Bagatsing	Cortuna	Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)
Baguilat	Cosalan	Garcia-Albano	PacQUIAO
Banal	Crisologo	Garin (S.)	Paduano
Barzaga	Cua	Gasataya	Palma
Bataoil	Cuaresma	Geron	Pancho
Batocabe	Cueva	Go (A.C.)	Panganiban
		Go (M.)	Panotes
		Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan
		Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay
		Gonzalez	Pineda
		Gullas	Plaza
		Hernandez	Primicias-Agabas
		Herrera-Dy	Quimbo
		Hofer	Radaza
		Jalosjos	Ramirez-Sato
		Kho	Ramos
		Labadlabad	Relampagos
		Lacson	Revilla
		Lagman	Roa-Puno
		Lanete	Rocamora
		Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)
		Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)
		Leachon	Romualdez
		Lee	Romualdo
		Limkaichong	Roque (R.)
		Lobregat	SacDALAN

Salimbangon	Tugna
Salo	Tupas
Salon	Turabin-Hataman
Sambar	Umali
Sandoval	Unabia
Santos-Recto	Ungab
Sarmiento (C.)	Unico
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Uy (J.)
Savellano	Uy (R.)
Sema	Uybarreta
Siao	Vargas-Alfonso
Silverio	Velarde
Singson	Velasco
Suansing (E.)	Veloso
Suansing (H.)	Vergara
Suarez	Villanueva
Sy-Alvarado	Villaraza-Suarez
Tambunting	Villarica
Tan (A.)	Villarin
Tejada	Violago
Teves	Yap (A.)
Tiangco	Yu
Ting	Zamora (R.)
Tinio	Zarate
Tolentino	Zubiri
Treñas	

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4636
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 235 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4636 is approved on Third Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 1425
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1425, and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on December 14, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 1425, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE ACOP, TUBLAY, KAPANGAN – KIBUNGAN – BAKUN – SINIPSIP, BUGUIAS SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO GOV. BADO DANGWA NATIONAL ROAD.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Batocabe
Abaya	Belaro
Abayon	Belmonte (F.)
Abellanosa	Belmonte (J.C.)
Abu	Belmonte (R.)
Abueg	Bertiz
Acharon	Billones
Acop	Biron
Acosta	Bolilia
Acosta-Alba	Bondoc
Advincula	Bordado
Agarao	Bravo (A.)
Aggabao	Brosas
Aglipay-Villar	Bulut-Begtang
Alejano	Calderon
Almario	Calixto-Rubiano
Almonte	Caminero
Alonte-Naguiat	Campos
Alvarez (F.)	Canama
Alvarez (P.)	Cari
Amante	Casilao
Amatong	Castelo
Angara-Castillo	Castro (F.L.)
Antonio	Castro (F.H.)
Aragones	Catamco
Arcillas	Cayetano
Arenas	Cerifica
Atienza	Chavez
Aumentado	Chipeco
Bag-ao	Co
Bagatsing	Collantes
Baguilat	Cortuna
Banal	Cosalan
Barzaga	Crisologo
Bataoil	Cua

Cuaresma	Limkaichong	Roque (R.)	Treñas
Cueva	Lobregat	Sacdalan	Tugna
Dalipe	Lopez (B.)	Salimbangon	Tupas
Daza	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo	Turabin-Hataman
De Jesus	Loyola	Salon	Umali
De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar	Unabia
De Vera	Madrona	Sandoval	Ungab
Defensor	Malapitan	Santos-Recto	Unico
Del Mar	Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)	Uy (J.)
Del Rosario	Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Uy (R.)
Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta	Savellano	Uybarreta
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marcos	Sema	Vargas-Alfonso
Durano	Marquez	Siao	Velarde
Dy	Martinez	Silverio	Velasco
Elago	Matugas	Singson	Veloso
Enverga	Mending	Suansing (E.)	Vergara
Erice	Mendoza	Suansing (H.)	Villanueva
Eriguel	Mercado	Suarez	Villaraza-Suarez
Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol	Sy-Alvarado	Villarica
Escudero	Montoro	Tambunting	Villarin
Estrella	Nava	Tan (A.)	Violago
Evardone	Nieto	Tejada	Yap (A.)
Fariñas	Noel	Teves	Yu
Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tiangco	Zamora (R.)
Ferrer (L.)	Nogralas (K.A.)	Ting	Zarate
Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco	Tinio	Zubiri
Floirendo	Oaminal	Tolentino	
Flores	Ocampo		
Fortun	Olivarez	<i>Negative</i>	
Fortuno	Ong (E.)		
Fuentebella	Ong (H.)	None	
Garbin	Ortega (P.)		
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)	<i>Abstention</i>	
Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao		
Garin (S.)	Paduano	None	
Gasataya	Palma		
Geron	Pancho		
Go (A.C.)	Panganiban		
Go (M.)	Panotes		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay		
Gonzalez	Pineda		
Gullas	Plaza		
Hernandez	Primicias-Agabas		
Herrera-Dy	Quimbo		
Hofer	Radaza		
Jalosjos	Ramirez-Sato		
Kho	Ramos		
Labadlabad	Relampagos		
Lacson	Revilla		
Lagman	Roa-Puno		
Lanete	Rocamora		
Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)		
Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)		
Leachon	Romualdez		
Lee	Romualdo		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1425
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 235 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 1425 is approved on Third Reading. The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2656
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2656 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting. I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on December 14, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 2656, entitled: AN ACT NAMING THE DIVERSION ROAD IN SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AS SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III DIVERSION ROAD.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Belaro	Dalipe	Lopez (B.)
Abaya	Belmonte (F.)	Daza	Lopez (M.L.)
Abayon	Belmonte (J.C.)	De Jesus	Loyola
Abellanos	Belmonte (R.)	De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo
Abu	Bertiz	De Vera	Madrona
Abueg	Billones	Defensor	Malapitan
Acharon	Biron	Del Mar	Manalo
Acop	Bolilia	Del Rosario	Mangaoang
Acosta	Bondoc	Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta
Acosta-Alba	Bordado	Dimaporo (M.K)	Marcos
Advincula	Bravo (A.)	Durano	Marquez
Agarao	Brosas	Dy	Martinez
Aggabao	Bulut-Begtang	Elago	Matugas
Aglipay-Villar	Calderon	Enverga	Mending
Alejano	Calixto-Rubiano	Erice	Mendoza
Almario	Caminero	Eriguel	Mercado
Almonte	Campos	Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol
Alonte-Naguiat	Canama	Escudero	Montoro
Alvarez (F.)	Cari	Estrella	Nava
Alvarez (P.)	Casilao	Evardone	Nieto
Amante	Castelo	Fariñas	Noel
Amatong	Castro (F.L.)	Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)
Angara-Castillo	Castro (F.H.)	Ferrer (L.)	Nogralas (K.A.)
Antonio	Catamco	Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco
Aragones	Cayetano	Floirendo	Oaminal
Arcillas	Cerafica	Flores	Ocampo
Arenas	Chavez	Fortun	Olivarez
Atienza	Chipeco	Fortuno	Ong (E.)
Aumentado	Co	Fuentebella	Ong (H.)
Bag-ao	Collantes	Garbin	Ortega (P.)
Bagatsing	Cortuna	Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)
Baguilat	Cosalan	Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao
Banal	Crisologo	Garin (S.)	Paduano
Barzaga	Cua	Gasataya	Palma
Bataoil	Cuaresma	Geron	Pancho
Batocabe	Cueva	Go (A.C.)	Panganiban
		Go (M.)	Panotes
		Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan
		Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay
		Gonzalez	Pineda
		Gullas	Plaza
		Hernandez	Primicias-Agabas
		Herrera-Dy	Quimbo
		Hofer	Radaza
		Jalosjos	Ramirez-Sato
		Kho	Ramos
		Labadlabad	Relampagos
		Lacson	Revilla
		Lagman	Roa-Puno
		Lanete	Rocamora
		Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)
		Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)
		Leachon	Romualdez
		Lee	Romualdo
		Limkaichong	Roque (R.)
		Lobregat	Sacdalan

Salimbangon	Tugna
Salo	Tupas
Salon	Turabin-Hataman
Sambar	Umali
Sandoval	Unabia
Santos-Recto	Ungab
Sarmiento (C.)	Unico
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Uy (J.)
Savellano	Uy (R.)
Sema	Uybarreta
Siao	Vargas-Alfonso
Silverio	Velarde
Singson	Velasco
Suansing (E.)	Veloso
Suansing (H.)	Vergara
Suarez	Villanueva
Sy-Alvarado	Villaraza-Suarez
Tambunting	Villarica
Tan (A.)	Villarin
Tejada	Violago
Teves	Yap (A.)
Tiangco	Yu
Ting	Zamora (R.)
Tinio	Zarate
Tolentino	Zubiri
Treñas	

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2656
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 235 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, the Chair declares House Bill No. 2656 as approved on Third and final Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2708
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2708 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on December 14, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 2708, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE GUREL-BOKOD-KABAYAN-ABATAN ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO CONG. ANDRES ACOP COSALAN ROAD.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Belaro
Abaya	Belmonte (F.)
Abayon	Belmonte (J.C.)
Abellanos	Belmonte (R.)
Abu	Bertiz
Abueg	Billones
Acharon	Biron
Acop	Bolilia
Acosta	Bondoc
Acosta-Alba	Bordado
Advincula	Bravo (A.)
Agarao	Brosas
Aggabao	Bulut-Begtang
Aglipay-Villar	Calderon
Alejano	Calixto-Rubiano
Almario	Caminero
Almonte	Campos
Alonte-Naguiat	Canama
Alvarez (F.)	Cari
Alvarez (P.)	Casilao
Amante	Castelo
Amatong	Castro (F.L.)
Angara-Castillo	Castro (F.H.)
Antonio	Catamco
Aragones	Cayetano
Arcillas	Cerifica
Arenas	Chavez
Atienza	Chipeco
Aumentado	Co
Bag-ao	Collantes
Bagatsing	Cortuna
Baguilat	Cosalan
Banal	Crisologo
Barzaga	Cua
Bataoil	Cuaresma
Batocabe	Cueva

Dalipe	Lopez (B.)	Salimbangon	Tugna
Daza	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo	Tupas
De Jesus	Loyola	Salon	Turabin-Hataman
De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar	Umali
De Vera	Madrona	Sandoval	Unabia
Defensor	Malapitan	Santos-Recto	Ungab
Del Mar	Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)	Unico
Del Rosario	Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Uy (J.)
Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta	Savellano	Uy (R.)
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marcos	Sema	Uybarreta
Durano	Marquez	Siao	Vargas-Alfonso
Dy	Martinez	Silverio	Velarde
Elago	Matugas	Singson	Velasco
Enverga	Mending	Suansing (E.)	Veloso
Erice	Mendoza	Suansing (H.)	Vergara
Eriguel	Mercado	Suarez	Villanueva
Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol	Sy-Alvarado	Villaraza-Suarez
Escudero	Montoro	Tambunting	Villarica
Estrella	Nava	Tan (A.)	Villarin
Evardone	Nieto	Tejada	Violago
Fariñas	Noel	Teves	Yap (A.)
Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)	Tiangco	Yu
Ferrer (L.)	Nogralas (K.A.)	Ting	Zamora (R.)
Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco	Tinio	Zarate
Floirendo	Oaminal	Tolentino	Zubiri
Flores	Ocampo	Treñas	
Fortun	Olivarez		
Fortuno	Ong (E.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Fuentebella	Ong (H.)		
Garbin	Ortega (P.)	None	
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)		
Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao	<i>Abstention</i>	
Garin (S.)	Paduano		
Gasataya	Palma	None	
Geron	Pancho		
Go (A.C.)	Panganiban		
Go (M.)	Panotes		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay		
Gonzalez	Pineda		
Gullas	Plaza		
Hernandez	Primicias-Agabas		
Herrera-Dy	Quimbo		
Hofer	Radaza		
Jalosjos	Ramirez-Sato		
Kho	Ramos		
Labadlabad	Relampagos		
Lacson	Revilla		
Lagman	Roa-Puno		
Lanete	Rocamora		
Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)		
Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)		
Leachon	Romualdez		
Lee	Romualdo		
Limkaichong	Roque (R.)		
Lobregat	Sacdalán		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2708
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 235 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, the Chair declares House Bill No. 2708 as approved on Third and final Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 2785
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 2785 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on December 14, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 2785, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE WAWA ROAD AT BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL, MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ, PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS GENERAL LICERIO I. GERONIMO HIGHWAY.

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Belaro	Dalipe	Lopez (B.)
Abaya	Belmonte (F.)	Daza	Lopez (M.L.)
Abayon	Belmonte (J.C.)	De Jesus	Loyola
Abellanos	Belmonte (R.)	De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo
Abu	Bertiz	De Vera	Madrona
Abueg	Billones	Defensor	Malapitan
Acharon	Biron	Del Mar	Manalo
Acop	Bolilia	Del Rosario	Mangaoang
Acosta	Bondoc	Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta
Acosta-Alba	Bordado	Dimaporo (M.K)	Marcos
Advincula	Bravo (A.)	Durano	Marquez
Agarao	Brosas	Dy	Martinez
Aggabao	Bulut-Begtang	Elago	Matugas
Aglipay-Villar	Calderon	Enverga	Mending
Alejano	Calixto-Rubiano	Erice	Mendoza
Almario	Caminero	Eriguel	Mercado
Almonte	Campos	Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol
Alonte-Naguiat	Canama	Escudero	Montoro
Alvarez (F.)	Cari	Estrella	Nava
Alvarez (P.)	Casilao	Evardone	Nieto
Amante	Castelo	Fariñas	Noel
Amatong	Castro (F.L.)	Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)
Angara-Castillo	Castro (F.H.)	Ferrer (L.)	Nogralas (K.A.)
Antonio	Catamco	Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco
Aragones	Cayetano	Floirendo	Oaminal
Arcillas	Cerafica	Flores	Ocampo
Arenas	Chavez	Fortun	Olivarez
Atienza	Chipeco	Fortuno	Ong (E.)
Aumentado	Co	Fuentebella	Ong (H.)
Bag-ao	Collantes	Garbin	Ortega (P.)
Bagatsing	Cortuna	Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)
Baguilat	Cosalan	Garcia-Albano	PacQUIAO
Banal	Crisologo	Garin (S.)	Paduano
Barzaga	Cua	Gasataya	Palma
Bataoil	Cuaresma	Geron	Pancho
Batocabe	Cueva	Go (A.C.)	Panganiban
		Go (M.)	Panotes
		Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan
		Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay
		Gonzalez	Pineda
		Gullas	Plaza
		Hernandez	Primicias-Agabas
		Herrera-Dy	Quimbo
		Hofer	Radaza
		Jalosjos	Ramirez-Sato
		Kho	Ramos
		Labadlabad	Relampagos
		Lacson	Revilla
		Lagman	Roa-Puno
		Lanete	Rocamora
		Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)
		Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)
		Leachon	Romualdez
		Lee	Romualdo
		Limkaichong	Roque (R.)
		Lobregat	SacDALAN

Salimbangon	Tugna
Salo	Tupas
Salon	Turabin-Hataman
Sambar	Umali
Sandoval	Unabia
Santos-Recto	Ungab
Sarmiento (C.)	Unico
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Uy (J.)
Savellano	Uy (R.)
Sema	Uybarreta
Siao	Vargas-Alfonso
Silverio	Velarde
Singson	Velasco
Suansing (E.)	Veloso
Suansing (H.)	Vergara
Suarez	Villanueva
Sy-Alvarado	Villaraza-Suarez
Tambunting	Villarica
Tan (A.)	Villarin
Tejada	Violago
Teves	Yap (A.)
Tiangco	Yu
Ting	Zamora (R.)
Tinio	Zarate
Tolentino	Zubiri
Treñas	

Negative

None

Abstention

None

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 2785
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 235 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, the Chair declares House Bill No. 2785 as approved on Third and final Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4602
ON THIRD READING

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4602 and direct the Secretary General to read the title of the measure, and call the roll for nominal voting.

I so move.

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

Thereupon, the Secretary General read the title of the measure, printed copies of which were distributed to the Members on December 14, 2016, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4602, entitled: AN ACT NAMING THE INTERSECTION OF JOSE ABAD SANTOS AVENUE (GAPAN-SAN FERNANDO-OLONGAPO ROAD) AND THE GUAGUA-FLORIDABLANCA PROVINCIAL ROAD LOCATED AT THE BORDER OF BARANGAY SAN ANTONIO AND BARANGAY JOSE ABAD SANTOS, BOTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUAGUA, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA AS THE “WILLIAM GOLANGCO JUNCTION.”

The Chair directed the Secretary General to call the roll for nominal voting. Thereafter, pursuant to the Rules of the House, a second roll call was made. The result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 57, dated January 16, 2017:

Affirmative

Abad	Baguilat
Abaya	Banal
Abayon	Barzaga
Abellanos	Bataoil
Abu	Batocabe
Abueg	Belaro
Acharon	Belmonte (F.)
Acop	Belmonte (J.C.)
Acosta	Belmonte (R.)
Acosta-Alba	Bertiz
Advincula	Billones
Agarao	Biron
Aggabao	Bolilia
Aglipay-Villar	Bondoc
Alejano	Bordado
Almario	Bravo (A.)
Almonte	Brosas
Alonte-Naguiat	Bulut-Begtang
Alvarez (F.)	Calderon
Alvarez (P.)	Calixto-Rubiano
Amante	Caminero
Amatong	Campos
Angara-Castillo	Canama
Antonio	Cari
Aragones	Casilao
Arcillas	Castelo
Arenas	Castro (F.L.)
Atienza	Castro (F.H.)
Aumentado	Catamco
Bag-ao	Cayetano
Bagatsing	Cerifica

Chavez	Labadlabad	Relampagos	Tiangco
Chipeco	Lacson	Revilla	Ting
Co	Lagman	Roa-Puno	Tinio
Collantes	Lanete	Rocamora	Tolentino
Cortuna	Laogan	Rodriguez (I.)	Treñas
Cosalan	Lazatin	Rodriguez (M.)	Tugna
Crisologo	Leachon	Romualdez	Tupas
Cua	Lee	Romualdo	Turabin-Hataman
Cuaresma	Limkaichong	Roque (R.)	Umali
Cueva	Lobregat	Sacdalan	Unabia
Dalipe	Lopez (B.)	Salimbangon	Ungab
Daza	Lopez (M.L.)	Salo	Unico
De Jesus	Loyola	Salon	Uy (J.)
De Venecia	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sambar	Uy (R.)
De Vera	Madrona	Sandoval	Uybarreta
Defensor	Malapitan	Santos-Recto	Vargas-Alfonso
Del Mar	Manalo	Sarmiento (C.)	Velarde
Del Rosario	Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Velasco
Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta	Savellano	Veloso
Dimaporo (M.K)	Marcos	Sema	Vergara
Durano	Marquez	Siao	Villanueva
Dy	Martinez	Silverio	Villaraza-Suarez
Elago	Matugas	Singson	Villarica
Enverga	Mending	Suansing (E.)	Villarin
Erice	Mendoza	Suansing (H.)	Violago
Eriguel	Mercado	Suarez	Yap (A.)
Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol	Sy-Alvarado	Yu
Escudero	Montoro	Tambunting	Zamora (R.)
Estrella	Nava	Tan (A.)	Zarate
Evardone	Nieto	Tejada	Zubiri
Fariñas	Noel	Teves	
Fernando	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Ferrer (L.)	Nogralas (K.A.)	<i>Negative</i>	
Ferriol-Pascual	Nolasco		
Floirendo	Oaminal	None	
Flores	Ocampo		
Fortun	Olivarez	<i>Abstention</i>	
Fortuno	Ong (E.)		
Fuentebella	Ong (H.)	None	
Garbin	Ortega (P.)		
Garcia (J.E.)	Ortega (V.N.)		
Garcia-Albano	Pacquiao		
Garin (S.)	Paduano		
Gasataya	Palma		
Geron	Pancho		
Go (A.C.)	Panganiban		
Go (M.)	Panotes		
Gonzales (A.P.)	Papandayan		
Gonzales (A.D.)	Pichay		
Gonzalez	Pineda		
Gullas	Plaza		
Hernandez	Primicias-Agabas		
Herrera-Dy	Quimbo		
Hofer	Radaza		
Jalosjos	Ramirez-Sato		
Kho	Ramos		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4602
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). With 235 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, the Chair declares House Bill No. 4602 as approved on Third and final Reading.

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we direct the Secretary General to send copies of the measures that we approved on Third Reading to the Senate.

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

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Secretary General is directed to read the Reference of Business.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following House Bills and Resolutions on First Reading, Message from the President, Message from the Senate, Communications and Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4680, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTIPURPOSE FISHERY BREEDING FARM AND HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Veloso
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4681, entitled:

“AN ACT SETTING LIMITS ON THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENT TO REAPPOINT BYPASSED NOMINEES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4683, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESETTLEMENT, AID AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE INFORMAL SETTLERS AFFECTED BY THE DEMOLITION OF HOUSES/DWELLINGS ALONG DANGER AREAS AS WELL AS THE VICTIMS OF DISASTERS AND CALAMITIES AND THOSE AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 4684, entitled:

“AN ACT TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE FILM TOURISM IN THE PHILIPPINES, PROVIDING FUNDS AND INCENTIVES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Bill No. 4685, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING A ONE (1) MONTH NON-CUMULATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY TO WOMEN WORKERS WHO UNDERGO MAJOR SURGICAL INTERNAL OPERATIONS ON THEIR REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY

House Bill No. 4686, entitled:

“AN ACT PROMOTING MENTAL, HEALTH, PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL MENTAL, HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE MENTAL, HEALTH COUNCIL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4687, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS, MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS, INFIRMARIES, AND PUERICULTURE CENTERS TO GIVE FREE MEDICAL AND DENTAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIGENT CHILDREN”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4688, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 22, 24, 31, 32, 34, 35, 79, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 148, AND TITLE VI OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4689, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING THE CREATION OF A LOCAL POPULATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN ALL PROVINCES, CITIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS”

By Representatives Bag-ao, Aragonés and Aggabao
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4690, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPROVING DNA FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Mariño

TO THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997 AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 4691, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING AND GRANTING AUTONOMY TO SAN ANTONIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX AND THEREBY CONVERTING IT TO SILVERIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL”

By Representative Olivarez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4697, entitled:

“AN ACT INTENSIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY INCREASING THE INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FROM 40% TO 60% OF ALL NATIONAL TAXES COLLECTED BY THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE LGUs TO AUTOMATICALLY RETAIN THEIR IRA, AMENDING THE SECTION 284 AND 286 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4692, entitled:

“AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE CURRENT FOUR (4) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”

By Representatives Albano, Go (A.C.), Dy, Aggabao, Panganiban and Ty

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4693, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ENRIQUE M. OROZCO AND SONS INC. UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3229”

By Representative Madrona

TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES

House Bill No. 4698, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE MT. ISAROG NATURAL PARK (MINP) IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AS A PROTECTED AREA, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Bordado

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4694, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A NATIONAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4699, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE METRO MANILA TRAFFIC CRISIS AS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, GRANTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES EMERGENCY POWERS FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME, AND ADOPTING SHORT-TERM, MID-TERM, AND LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR AN EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM”

By Representative Antonio

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 4695, entitled:

“AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF MOBILE PHONE SUBSCRIBERS THROUGH ESTABLISHING THE MINIMUM STANDARDS IN THE QUALITY OF PHONE SERVICES, REGULATION OF PRICES, TRANSPARENCY IN BILLING AND OTHER SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS”

By Representative Villafuerte

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 4700, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING COMMUNITY BASED MONITORING SYSTEM IN ALL BARANGAYS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

House Bill No. 4696, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 24 OF

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

House Bill No. 4701, entitled:

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

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4702, entitled:

“AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR
VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF
REPUBLIC ACT 8484”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 4703, entitled:

“THE MAGNA CARTA FOR FOREST
RANGERS”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 4704, 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 Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4705, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
MAINTENANCE AND WELFARE OF
SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4706, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LABOR
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PROGRAM, AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 442, AS AMENDED,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND
EMPLOYMENT

House Bill No. 4707, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE
PHILIPPINE CANCER PREVENTION AND
CONTROL PROGRAM”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4708, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE WELFARE OF
ELDERLY BY INSTITUTING MECHANISMS
AGAINST ABUSE, NEGLECT AND
EXPLOITATION, ESTABLISHING A
HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN EVERY
REGION, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES
FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Antonino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND
FAMILY RELATIONS

House Bill No. 4709, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SINGLE
RETIREMENT AND SEPARATION
BENEFIT SYSTEM FOR GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING MEMBERS
OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES (AFP) AND THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL POLICE (PNP), AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL
DECREE NO. 1146, AS AMENDED BY
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8291, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT
SERVICE INSURANCE ACT OF 1997 AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Antonino
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT
ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4710, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING, AMONG OTHERS,
SECTIONS 4, 5 AND 6 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 10752 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
RIGHT-OF-WAY ACT”

By Representative Gonzales (A.D.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4711, entitled:
“AN ACT DECLARING SIARGAO AND BUCAS GRANDE ISLANDS IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AS AN ECOTOURISM ZONE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PATEROS, FROM A MUNICIPAL ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD”
By Representative Cerafica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

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House Bill No. 4712, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOSPITAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL LUNA, SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIARGAO TOURISTS’ HEALTH SERVICE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”
By Representative Matugas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 636, entitled:
“RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE REPORTED SALE OF RIZAL MEMORIAL COLISEUM”
By Representative Bagatsing
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 4713, entitled:
“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE BANNING OF ALL FORMS OF TOBACCO ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS IN THE PHILIPPINES, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT 9211, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOBACCO REGULATION ACT OF 2003”
By Representative Fortun
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 642, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COLLECTIVE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRATULATE HIS EXCELLENCY ANTONIO GUTERRES FOR HIS FRESH APPOINTMENT AS THE NEW UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL WHO ASSUMES OFFICE ON JANUARY 1, 2017”
By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 4714, entitled:
“AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF TAGUIG-PATEROS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF”
By Representative Cerafica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Resolution No. 643, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO FOR CONDUCTING MY COUNTRYMEN, MY BRETHREN OUTREACH-EVANGELICAL PROGRAM AND AID FOR HUMANITY (LINGAP SA MAMAMAYAN) IN KING WILLIAMS’ TOWN IN SOUTH AFRICA RESULTING IN THE DOWNPOUR OF THE EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE AND GOOD WILL AMONG SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVES AND THE EXPRESSION OF THEIR DESIRE TO JOIN THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO”
By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 4715, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING RUJAL ROAD LOCATED IN CALZADA-TIPAS, TAGUIG CITY FROM A CITY ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD”
By Representative Cerafica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 644, entitled:
“A RESOLUTION URGING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFORMING CAMP AGUINALDO AND CAMP CRAME INTO A MIXED-USE URBAN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC ZONE”
By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Bill No. 4716, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING ELIZCO ROAD LOCATED IN IBAYO-TIPAS, TAGUIG CITY, FROM A CITY ROAD TO A NATIONAL ROAD”
By Representative Cerafica
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4717, entitled:
“AN ACT CONVERTING P. ROSALES STREET

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 645, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO ASCERTAIN THE STATUS AND QUALITY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10121 OR THE PHILIPPINE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2010”

By Representative Zubiri
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 646, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO CONDUCT A PROBE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PERSISTENT DELAYS IN THE ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO FILIPINO APPLICANTS AND THE UTILIZATION OF THE PASSPORT REVOLVING FUND”

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 647, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF THE LATE CONG. ROBERTO BOBBY GUANZON, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CALOOCAN CITY DURING THE 10TH CONGRESS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 18, 2016”

By Representative Malapitan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 648, entitled:

“RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING PROFOUND CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO CALALAY JR.”

By Representative Herrera-Dy
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 649, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN URGENT INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE DEPRIVATION OF THE FARMERS IN THE COTABATO FOUNDATION COLLEGE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN BARANGAY DOROLUMAN, ARAKAN, NORTH COTABATO OF THEIR AGRICULTURAL LAND, AS WELL AS THE

VARIOUS CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AND ANOMALIES AND THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION THEREIN”

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

House Resolution No. 650, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING RAFAEL BITANGA, A MIGRANT FROM LAOAG CITY, ILOCOS NORTE, FOR THE RECOGNITION AND AWARD RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”

By Representative Fariñas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 651, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WESTMINSTER DECLARATION AND DIRECTING THE CONCERNED LAND TRANSPORT AGENCIES TO FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENT THE ROAD SAFETY LAWS”

By Representative Sarmiento (C.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

House Resolution No. 652, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MS. KYLIE FAUSTO VERZOSA OF BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINES FOR WINNING THE MISS INTERNATIONAL 2016 TITLE”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 653, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER MANILA MAYOR AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE BATASANG PAMBANSA, GEMILIANO MEL C. LOPEZ, JR.”

By Representative Atienza
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 654, entitled:

“RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SALE OF PASKUHAN VILLAGE IN PAMPANGA BY THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND

ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA) TO SM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SMDC) REPORTEDLY UNDER THE FORMER'S ASSET PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ASCERTAINING THE REAL OWNERSHIP OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AMIDST CERTAIN ASSERTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, AS WELL AS TO DETERMINE WHETHER CORRECT PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED AND WHETHER THE CONDITION IMPOSED BY ITS FORMER OWNER JESUS LAZATIN HAS LEGAL EFFECT AND TO DETERMINE IF THE SAME WAS COMPLIED WITH OR NOT"

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

House Resolution No. 655, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON COLLATERAL VICTIMS OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S WAR AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS"

By Representative Batocabe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 656, entitled:

"RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW SECTIONS 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 OF RULE 29A OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) OF REPUBLIC ACT 9136 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT (EPIRA) AND OTHER RELATED LAWS"

By Representative Suarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 657, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO ORDER THE RELEASE OF THE SECOND TRANCHE OF PAY INCREASES FOR BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

By Representative Revilla
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Resolution No. 658, entitled:

"RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT

SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS), SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS), HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG), AS WELL AS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, TO GRANT SPECIAL CALAMITY LOAN PACKAGES TO VICTIMS OF TYPHOON NINA IN CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, BICOLAND EASTERN VISAYAS ON DECEMBER 25, 2016"

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

House Resolution No. 659, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CONVEYING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO THE FAMILY OF FORMER MANILA MAYOR, FORMER MANILA CONGRESSMAN, FORMER PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, AND FORMER PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE GEMILIANO CAMPOS LOPEZ, JR"

By Representative Robes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 660, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE(S) TO INQUIRE IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 20 OF REPUBLIC ACT 8042 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MIGRANT WORKERS AND OVERSEAS FILIPINOS ACT OF 1995 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT 10022 MANDATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SHARED GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM ON MIGRATION (SGISM)"

By Representative Bertiz
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 661, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY ON THE WARNING MADE BY THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) ON FAKE JOBS BEING OFFERED THROUGH E-MAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA AND OFFER AN ACTION PLAN IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO THIS NEFARIOUS SCHEME"

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 662, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND TRADE AND INDUSTRY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE WARNING MADE BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) ON LEAD-LACED CANDLES BEING SOLD IN THE MARKET”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 663, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL BOARD ON THE SUCCESSFUL STAGING OF THE 2016 METRO MANILA FILM FESTIVAL”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

House Resolution No. 664, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND SENSE OF LOSS FOR THE PASSING OF FORMER MANILA MAYOR MEL LOPEZ”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 665, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MAGGIE WILSON AND PARUL SHAH FOR EMERGING VICTORIOUS AND WINNING THE \$100,000 CASH PRIZE IN THE 5TH SEASON OF THE AMAZING RACE ASIA”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 666, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE FINDINGS OF THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP) ON ANNUAL SEVERE BLEACHING (ASB) DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE THAT THREATENS THE WORLD’S CORAL REEFS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND RECOMMEND COUNTERMEASURES IN ORDER TO PUT THE PHENOMENON IN CHECK”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 667, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE

APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED CLAIM OF SMMT-TIM 2016, INC. (SMARTMATIC) THAT IT HAS THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE THE “CONSIDERED-SOLD” PROVISION OF ITS TWO (2) LEASE CONTRACTS WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE (OTP), ENTERED INTO WITH THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS (COMELEC) FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MAY 9, 2016 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF 97,366 OPTICAL MARK READER MACHINES (OMRs), IN ADDITION TO THE 83,040 PRECINCT COUNT OPTICAL SYSTEM (PCOS) MACHINES PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED”

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

House Resolution No. 668, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE REVELATION OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) THAT UP TO TEN (10) FOREIGNERS ARE TRAINING WITH LOCAL TERRORIST GROUPS BEFORE JOINING THE ISLAMIC STATE (IS) EXTREMISTS IN SYRIA”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 669, entitled:

“RESOLUTION FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE EXORBITANT BONUSES OF SSS BOARD MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 670, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF REPRESENTATIVE FRANCISCO A. CALALAY, JR., FORMER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY DURING THE SIXTEENTH CONGRESS”

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

House Resolution No. 671, entitled:

“RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE GEMILIANO C. LOPEZ, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE BATASANG PAMBANSA, FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANILA AND FATHER OF REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL LUIS T. LOPEZ OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF MANILA”

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT MALACAÑAN PALACE MANILA

22 December 2016

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Today marks an important milestone for our country as I sign into law the first financial blueprint of my Administration—Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10924, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, entitled “AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

I. GENERAL COMMENTS

Four months ago, my Administration submitted to Congress a budget aimed at bringing forth real change for our country and the people.

The swift and timely passage of the FY 2017 National Budget shows the unwavering support of the men and women of Congress to realize our people’s aspirations for a safe and better life. To this, I say thank you to all of you.

This Administration will work tirelessly to ensure that this Budget is faithfully executed, and its intended results significantly felt by its beneficiaries.

However, to ensure that, we have to follow certain policies on fiscal responsibility. Thus, I hereby express the following comments to the changes made in the Budget originally submitted:

II. DIRECT VETO

In keeping with the powers vested in me by the Constitution, I am compelled to directly veto the new special provisions which allow agencies to directly use their income. Under existing budgeting laws, rules and regulations, all income of agencies shall accrue to the General Fund of the National Government, unless authorized by a separate substantive law.

Consequently, all income constitute an integral and intrinsic part of the revenue and financing sources of the National Government previously submitted to the Congress. Hence, including new special provisions in this Act which authorize agencies to use their income will effectively reduce the financing sources of this year's GAA and at the same time, unjustifiably increase the appropriations of these agencies.

In view thereof, I hereby veto the use of income referred under Other Executive Offices (OEO)-Energy Regulatory Commission, Special Provision No. 1, "Use of Income", Volume I-B, page 295, Commission on Elections, Special Provision No. 3, "Use of Income", Volume I-B, page 497, and Department of Labor and Employment-Professional Regulatory Commission, Special Provision No. 1, "Use of Income", Volume I-A, page 1319, which will be used by these agencies to augment their operating requirements.

Likewise, there is no separate substantive law for the earmarking of proceeds from tariff on rice importation by the Department of Agriculture (DA) as stated under DA-Office of the Secretary (OSEC), Special Provision No. 13, "Proceeds from Tariff on Rice Importation", Volume I-A, page 90, and the use of collections from immigration fees by the Bureau of Immigration (BI) under Department of Justice (DOJ)-BI, Special Provision No. 2, "Collection from Immigration Fees", Volume I-A, page 1252. Allowing these agencies to set aside and earmark said proceeds and collections will, in, effect, result to double programming and increase our expenditure program without the corresponding revenue sources.

I am also constrained to directly veto the use of express lane charges collected by the BI under DOJ-BI, Special Provision No. 3, "Express Lane Charges", Volume I-A page 1252 for payment of salaries of casual and contractual personnel, confidential agents and job employees, augmentation of salaries of personnel who render services beyond office hours, and payment of health insurance premium. It is important to note that said agency have been provided appropriations for overtime pay for FY 2017 and that, a total of seven hundred (700) positions have been created to address the issue on shortage of personnel of the agency. Without a separate substantive law as legal basis, the collected fees from the express lane charges should now be deposited as income of the General Fund.

III. CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION

As your duly elected President, I must ensure the faithful execution of the provisions of this GAA. Thus, I subject the implementation of the following provisions to certain conditions in order to ensure consistency with existing laws, policies, and rules and regulations.

A. AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS

True to my commitment to provide genuine and

meaningful change, I am placing Section 60, General Provisions, "Availability of Appropriations", Volume I-B, pages 646-647 under conditional implementation and hereby direct all agency heads to ensure obligation of all programs, activities and projects funded under this Act not later than December 31, 2017. Failure to do so might have a devastating effect. This promotes not only good fiscal policy but more importantly, guarantees that public services are given to the people the soonest possible time.

B. FREE TUITION FEES FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AND TUITION FEE SUBSIDY FOR DOCTOR OF MEDICINE PROGRAM

No less than the Constitution mandates that the Senate shall uphold the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels. For this reason, I welcome the initiative of Congress to provide free tuition fee to all students of State University and Colleges (SUCs) starting the first semester of School Year 2017-2018 under SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Special Provision No. 1, "Tuition Fees and School Charges", Volume I-A, page 963 and the provision of Eight Billion Pesos (P8,000,000,000) for the Higher Education Support Fund under OEO-Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Special Provision No. 2, "Higher Education Support Fund", Volume I-B, page 272. Likewise laudable is the provision of tuition fee subsidy to medical students enrolled in SUCs offering doctor of medicine program under SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Special Provision No. 6, "Cash Grants to Medical Students", Volume I-A, page 964.

Yet as with all new programs, there is a need to safeguard the proper implementation of the provision of free tuition fee. It is important to underscore that we must still give priority to financially disadvantaged but academically able students. We must also acknowledge that the Constitution likewise provides that the right to choose a profession or course of study is still "subject to fair and equitable admission and academic requirements".

Accordingly, the CHED and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall issue the necessary guidelines which shall include, among others, the standards and procedure for entitlement and availment of free tuition by students of SUCs as well as proper mechanism for the SUCs to tap the Higher Education Support Fund.

C. RATIONALIZATION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

With the grant of free tuition for all students of undergraduate courses in SUCs and the provision of tuition fee subsidy to medical students of SUCs, there

is a need to guarantee the efficient utilization of funds for, and rationalize, the existing scholarship program of the government especially those under OEO-CHED, Special Provision No. 5, “Tulong Dunong Program”, Volume I-B, page 272, SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Special Provision No. 5, “Tulong Dunong Program”, Volume I-A, page 964 and SUCs, Special Provision(s) Applicable to the SUCs, Special Provision No. 4, “Expanded Students’ Grants-in-Aid Program for Poverty Alleviation”, Volume I-A, pages 963-964.

This is consistent with R.A. No. 10687 (Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education [UniFAST] Act) which mandates that the existing National Government programs for scholarships, grants-in-aid and student loans shall be unified and harmonized “to ensure that deserving Filipinos are given equitable access to educational opportunities”.

In view of the foregoing, I hereby task the CHED and the DBM, in coordination with various stakeholders, to ensure that the existing programs are rationalized with the provision of the aforesaid free tuition fee and tuition fee subsidy, as well as the implementation of the UniFAST.

It is also worthy to mention that consistent with public financial management policies, all unreleased appropriations and unobligated allotments authorized in this Act including those covered by the abovementioned special provisions shall revert to the General Fund at the end of the validity of appropriations, and shall be available for expenditure only upon subsequent legislative enactment.

D. SHARED FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Similarly, I hereby place Congress of the Philippines, Special Provisions Applicable to the Congress of the Philippines, Special Provision No. 6, “Availability of Appropriations and Cash Allocations”, Volume I-A, page 15 and Commission on Audit (COA), Special Provision No. 3, “Availability of Appropriations and Cash Allocations”, Volume I-B, page 483 under conditional implementation. This policy of ensuring that at the end of validity of appropriations, all appropriations are reverted to the General Fund is not only based upon prudent fiscal management, but also rooted in no less than the Constitution which provides that “no money shall be paid out of the Treasury except in pursuance of an appropriations made by law.”

I call upon our dear colleagues in Congress and COA to join the Executive to champion shared fiscal responsibility. To reiterate, all unreleased appropriations and unobligated allotments authorized in this Act shall revert back to the General Fund at the end of the validity of appropriations and shall be available for expenditure only upon subsequent legislative enactment.

E. RICE SUBSIDY FOR MILITARY AND UNIFORMED PERSONNEL

The provision of rice subsidy under the following special provisions for our military and uniformed personnel is a recognition of their diligent efforts and support to our fight against criminality, illegal drugs and corruption:

1. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Bureau of Fire Protection, Special Provision No. 5, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1198;

2. DILG-Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Special Provision No. 5, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1203;

3. DILG-Philippine National Police, Special Provision No. 8, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1223;

4. Department of National Defense (DND)-Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Army (Land Forces), Special Provision No. 5, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1340;

5. DND-AFP, Philippine Air Force (Air Forces), Special Provision No. 4, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1345;

6. DND-AFP, Philippine Navy (Naval Forces), Special Provision No. 4, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1349; and

7. DND-AFP, General Headquarters, Special Provision No. 9, “Rice Subsidy”, Volume I-A, page 1354.

The DILG and DND are, therefore, directed to ensure that this grant, chargeable against the agency’s maintenance and other operating expenses, is received by our military and uniformed personnel in a timely and efficient manner.

F. CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE OF HEALTH FACILITIES AND EVACUATION CENTERS

I want to commend the initiative of Congress in considering the great distress brought by the wraths of typhoons, earthquakes and other calamities we encountered as a country in establishing health facilities and evacuation centers under Department of Health (DOH)-OSEC, Special Provision No. 6, “Disaster and Climate Change Resilience of Health Facilities”, Volume I-A, page 1132, DILG-OSEC, Special Provision No. 9, “Evacuation Centers”, Volume I-A, page 1189 and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)-OSEC, Special Provision No. 17, “Evacuation Centers”, Volume I-A, page 1365.

In support of this directive, the DOH, DILG and DPWH should observe the standards set forth under the National Structure Code of the Philippines pursuant to Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1096 (The National Building Code of the Philippines). In addition, the DPWH, in consultation with the Civil Engineering

Board and other stakeholders, should ensure that the standards prescribed in the National Structure Code is always up to date by taking into consideration the strength and coverage of possible calamities in the future.

G. REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION FUND

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRMF) established under R.A. No. 10121 (The Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010) is intended to cover relief and rehabilitation projects in connection with disasters, calamities, epidemics, crises and catastrophes, which occurred in the current year or the two (2) preceding years. The provision of One Billion Pesos (P1,000,000,000) under NDRRMF, Special Provision No. 3, "Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund", Volume I-B, page 614 for rehabilitation and reconstruction program not covered by the regular NDRRMF fund under Special Provision No. 1 thereof would therefore mean rehabilitation and reconstruction projects in connection with calamities which occurred beyond the two (2) preceding years. Proper planning presupposes that affected agencies already included such projects in their regular budget. For this reason, I hereby place said special provision to the condition that agencies must first tap available funds from their regular budget before requesting for the use of the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Fund.

H. NATIONAL LOSS AND DAMAGE REGISTRY

I find the establishment of the National Loss and Damage Registry under DND-Office of the Civil Defense (OCD), Special Provision No. 1, "Establishment of the National Loss and Damage Registry", Volume I-A, page 1331 consistent with the mandate of the OCD under R.A. No. 10121 to administer "a comprehensive national civil defense and disaster risk reduction and management program by providing leadership in the continuous development of strategic and systematic approaches as well as measures to reduce the vulnerabilities and risks to hazards and manage the consequences of disasters". However, the appropriations provided for the OCD in FY 2017 does not cover budget for the same. For this reason, I direct the OCD to use its available funds to preliminary train and capacitate existing employees with knowledge and skills required to perform the functions of the proposed registry subject to existing budgeting, accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations.

I. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Section 36, General Provisions, "Energy Efficiency", Volume I-B, page 641 mandates that ten percent (10%)

of the service vehicle fleet of all agencies shall use more energy efficient and environment-friendly alternative fuel vehicles. As I join the promotion of the conservation of energy, agencies would need to be properly equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills on how to implement this provision, I hereby task the Department of Energy to promulgate the necessary rules for the proper implementation of this provision.

J. JUDICIOUS USE AND RELEASE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

1. Pension and Gratuity Fund

In due recognition of the patriotic contributions of our war veterans, the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, in coordination with the DND and DBM, shall ensure that the guidelines on the payment of total administrative disability (TAD) benefits under Pension and Gratuity Fund, Special Provision No. 1, "Pension and Gratuity Fund", Volume I-B, page 617 will take into consideration, among others the existing pension package in determining the allocation of TAD benefits among war veterans.

2. Quick Response Fund

To ensure consistency with the intended use and purpose of Quick Response Fund (QRF) under R.A. No. 10121, I hereby place NDRRMF, Special Provision No. 2, "Quick Response Fund", Volume I-B, pages 613-614 under conditional implementation to emphasize that the QRF is a stand-by fund to be used in order that the situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by calamities, epidemics, crises and catastrophes may be normalized as quickly as possible.

3. Assistance to Indigent Patients in Local Government Unit Hospitals

For the immediate release and proper utilization of funds for assistance to indigent patients in local government unit hospitals as espoused under DOH-OSEC, Special Provision No. 15, "Allocation to LGU Hospitals", Volume I-A, page 1133, the DOH is hereby directed to implement this provision in accordance with existing budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

4. Official Trainings

Section 17, General Provisions, "Use of Government Funds", Volume I-B, page 638 provided that government funds may be used for payment of foreign travel expenses of any government official and employee for training, seminar or conference abroad when the foreign mission cannot effectively represent our country or travels necessitated by authorized international commitments, in accordance with Executive Order (E.O.) Nos. 248 and 248-A, s. 1995 as amended by E.O. No. 298, s. 2004 (Prescribing Rules and Regulations and New Rates of Allowances for Official Local and Foreign Travels of Government Personnel), and other guidelines issued thereon. To further ensure that

government funds are prudently utilized, I hereby direct all agency heads to ensure that government officials or employees who will attend the said foreign trainings, seminars or conferences will utilize the knowledge learned for the benefit of the government and shall not be used as bonuses for those who will soon retire from government service.

5. Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities

The provision for Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities under Allocations to Local Government Units-Local Government Support Fund, Special Provision No. 2, "Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities" Volume I-B, page 601 seeks to equally assist all municipalities in having access to basic facilities. With this end view in mind, I hereby task the DILG and the DBM, in coordination with duly accredited civil society organizations (CSOs) and people's organizations, to issue guidelines to ensure proper implementation of the provision.

6. Authority to Hire Consultants

In recognition of the role of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) as the legal representative of the government and the Constitutional authority of the COA to prevent unnecessary expenses, the implementation of Office of the Ombudsman, Special Provision No. 5, "Authority to Hire Consultants", Volume I-B, page 505 in the hiring of consultants to assist in the investigation and prosecution of cases shall adhere to the mandates of the OSG and COA and should, therefore, require their written conformity and consent.

K. PROPER RECORDING OF FUNDS

I wish to emphasize that allowing the Bureau of Quarantine and International Health Surveillance (BQIHS) under DOH-OSEC, Special Provision No. 3, "Fees and Charges of the Bureau of Quarantine and International Health Surveillance", Volume I-A, page 1132 to deposit the income it generated in an authorized government depository bank as trust fund account will run counter with P.D. No. 1234 (Instituting A Procedure For The Management Of Special And Fiduciary Funds Earmarked Or Administered by Agencies) which provides that all income and collections for special and fiduciary funds authorized by law shall be remitted to the National Treasury and treated as Special Account in the General Fund (SAGF). Thus, I hereby place the above special provision under conditional implementation to emphasize that the income generated by BQIHS shall continue to be treated as SAGF consistent with P.D. No. 1234, as well as the policy on Treasury Single Account where collections of agencies shall be maintained with the National Treasury.

IV. GENERAL OBSERVATION

A. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

As my administration strives to reform and promote

prudent fiscal policies, I want all public servants to be reminded that we are accountable to the public. Likewise, I bestow the same trust and confidence to the Congress and COA in implementing Congress of the Philippines, Special Provisions Applicable to the Congress of the Philippines, Special Provision No. 2, "Organizational Structure of the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals and the Commission on Appointments", Volume I-A, page 15 and COA, Special Provision No. 1, "Organizational Structure", Volume I-B, page 483. The said agencies must be mindful of the mandated salary standardization laws and other rules appurtenant thereto. In addition, the prohibition on payment of additional compensation under Section 8, Article IX-B of the Constitution must be strictly enforced, including the existing rules on the creation of new positions and other modification or adjustments in the Personnel Services in their Organizational and Staffing Structure.

B. PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Section 65, General Provisions, "Fund Transfers to Civil Society Organizations", Volume I-B, pages 647-648 provides that the CSOs should be selected by the government agencies in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. This should be understood to mean that any related procurement of goods, infrastructure projects and consulting services in the engagement of CSOs as implementing partners must comply with the provisions of R.A. No. 9184 (Government Procurement Reform Act), its Implementing Rules and Regulations and Government Procurement Policy Board guidelines.

C. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In the implementation of DOJ-OSG, Special Provision No. 1, "Income from Collections of the Office of the Solicitor General", Volume I-A, page 1264 and DOJ-OSG, Special Provision No. 2, "Operational Requirements of the Special Committee on Naturalization", Volume I-A, page 1264, the OSG must observe the submission of quarterly reports on financial and physical accomplishments under Section 97, General Provisions of this Act. May I likewise expressly note that Section 12 of R.A. No. 9417 (An Act To Strengthen the Office of the Solicitor General by Expanding and Streamlining Its Bureaucracy) mandated the integration of the special allowance given to the Solicitor General, Assistant Solicitor General, Senior State Solicitor, State Solicitors I and II, and Associate Solicitors I to III with their salaries, upon the full implementation of R.A. No. 6758 (Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989), as amended by Congress Joint Resolution No. 4, s. 2009 (Joint Resolution Authorizing the President of the Philippines to Modify the Compensation and

Position Classification System of Civilian Personnel and the Base Pay Schedule of Military and Uniformed Personnel in the Government).

V. INCREASES OF APPROPRIATIONS AND NEW BUDGETARY ITEMS

I likewise noticed that there are increases in appropriations and new budgetary items introduced by Congress. For the prudent observance of responsible fiscal management, these shall be subject to the National Government's cash programming and prudent observance of responsible fiscal management, and to applicable rules and procedures during budget implementation in accordance with the requirements of Section 35, Chapter V, Book VI of E.O. No. 292, s. 1987 (Administrative Code of 1987).

Moreover, all increases in appropriations and new budgetary items should carry with them corresponding increases in the respective outputs and improved outcomes of the agencies concerned.

VI. SEPARATION OF POWERS

To bolster our drive against corruption, we must ensure the continuous separation of powers. It has long been established that it is the Executive branch which is responsible in the enforcement and implementation of laws. Accordingly, I hereby direct all agency heads to exercise political will and avoid any trace of influence from other branches of government in the implementation of programs, activities and projects.

VII. CLOSING STATEMENTS

This Budget will start to give flesh and bone to my promise of real change. Anchored on my Administration's 10-Point Socio-economic Agenda, it is designed to bring equitable opportunities for inclusive growth.

To lay the foundation for sustainable progress, we are vigorously fighting criminality. Peace and Order will set the foundation for the economic growth of our country.

We have enhanced government policies and processes to improve the business climate to attract more investments and create livelihood opportunities. This is coupled by heavy investments in infrastructure. We need to make sure that government programs and projects, especially infrastructure projects, are implemented without delay. We have, therefore, simplified procurement processes and made construction work for major public infrastructure projects in urban centers at 24/7.

The era of budget credibility has also started. Unlike in the past where the budget was vulnerable and open to abuse, this 2017 Budget ensures that spending will be kept within the boundaries of the law. What you see in the GAA, is what the government will spend.

As we are poised to implement the 2017 National Budget on the first working day of 2017, I call on my

fellow public servants to extend their more than 100 percent commitment in making this Budget a tool for genuine change.

Together, let us bring back peace and prosperity to this nation.

Thank you!

Very truly yours,

(SGD.) RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Message dated December 14, 2016, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate on even date approved the Conference Committee Report of the Bicameral Conference Committee on the disagreeing provisions of House Bill No. 3408, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated November 29, 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:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-092 dated 14 November 2016;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-093 dated 17 November 2016;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-094 dated 22 November 2016;
4. Memorandum No. M-2016-016 dated 18 November 2016;
5. Memorandum No. M-2016-017 dated 16 November 2016;
6. Memorandum No. M-2016-018 dated 25 November 2016; and
7. Circular No. 930 dated 18 November 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated December 1, 2016 of Tomas M. Rodriguez, Assistant Regional Director, and Allan S. Borromeo, OIC-Regional Director, Region XI, Department of

Public Works and Highways, submitting to the House of Representatives the Monthly Progress Status Reports for the month of November 2016 of projects implemented by their office.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND HIGHWAYS

Letter dated December 8, 2016 of Ruth R. Kintanar, OIC-Audit Team Leader, Commission on Audit, Office of the Auditor, furnishing a copy of the 2015 Annual Audit Report on the Cebu Port Authority, Cebu City.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letter dated December 13, 2016 of Adoracion E. Ignacio, State Auditor IV, Commission on Audit, Office of the Audit Team Leader, furnishing a copy of the CY 2015 Annual Audit Report on the J.H. Cerilles State College-System, Mati, San Miguel, Zamboanga del Sur.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Letters dated December 13, 2016 and January 3, 2017 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:

1. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-096 dated 1 December 2016;
2. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-097 dated 2 December 2016;
3. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-098 dated 2 December 2016;
4. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-099 dated 8 December 2016;
5. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-100 dated 8 December 2016;
6. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-101 dated 8 December 2016;
7. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-102 dated 8 December 2016;
8. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-103 dated 14 December 2016;
9. Memorandum No. M-2016-021 dated 15 December 2016; and
10. Circular Letter No. CL-2016-104 dated 15 December 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letters dated December 13 and 16, 2016 and January 3, 2017 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:

1. Circular No. 931 dated 9 December 2016;
2. Circular No. 932 dated 16 December 2016;
3. Memorandum No. M-2016-023 dated 21 December 2016;
4. Circular No. 933 dated 16 December 2016;
5. Circular No. 934 dated 23 December 2016;
6. Circular No. 935 dated 28 December 2016;
7. Circular No. 936 dated 28 December 2016;
8. Circular No. 937 dated 27 December 2016;
9. Memorandum No. M-2016-019 dated 29 November 2016;
10. Memorandum No. M-2016-020 dated 8 December 2016;
11. Memorandum No. M-2016-022 dated 20 December 2016; and
12. Memorandum No. M-2016-024 dated 28 December 2016.

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

Letter dated December 15, 2016 of Amando M. Tetangco Jr., Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, furnishing the House of Representatives with the following reports:

1. BSP Report on outstanding Philippine external debt as of 30 September 2016, duly noted by the Monetary Board on 15 December 2016; and
2. BSP Report on Economic and Financial Developments in the Philippines, Third Quarter 2016, pursuant to Section 39(a), Chapter I, Article V of the New Central Bank Act (RA No. 7653).

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND
FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 46), re H.B. No. 4682, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CUMAWAS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1321

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Pimentel
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Justice (Committee Report No. 47), re H.B. No. 4727, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.

9346, ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE, AND OTHER SPECIAL PENAL LAWS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1, 16, 513, 3237, 3239, 3240 and 3418

Sponsors: Representatives Umali, Veloso, Castro (F.H.), Alvarez (P.), Fariñas, Andaya, Duavit, Cojuangco (C.), Kho, Abu, Salimbangon, Suarez, Batocabe, Garcia (G.), Biazon, Barbers, Pacquiao, Oaminal and Leachon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, today is a Monday, so I move that we hold a Privilege Hour.

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

The Chair declares a Privilege Hour.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, first to avail of the Privilege Hour, we have the Gentleman from ANAKPAWIS Party-List. We have the Hon. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao. I move that he be recognized.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Hon. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, Majority Leader.

Maayong hapon sa inyong tanan. Maayong gabii na diay. I will be speaking on the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Mendiola massacre. Let us heed the Filipino farmers’ call for genuine agrarian reform and peace in the country.

Honorable Speaker, fellow lawmakers, I would like to take this opportunity to greet you with a fruitful 2017, and may this year be one of legislation for the welfare of the Filipino peasantry and the people. I am speaking right now in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Mendiola massacre that took place on January 22, 1987 under the administration of former President Corazon Aquino. We all know that this violent incident was against the tens of thousands of Filipino farmers and supporters who then were demanding genuine agrarian

reform in this country. It is a sad fact that after three decades, the same call remains standing and valid as the farmers across the country remain landless and victims of abject poverty and hunger. Justice remains elusive for victims of atrocities.

First of all, I would like to recognize the presence of farmer- leaders under the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas and their supporters who are determined to advance the legislation of genuine agrarian reform. During the massacre, the mobilization was led by KMP President, former ANAKPAWIS Representative and now current DAR Secretary, Ka Paeng, Rafael Mariano, who was one of the leaders of that mobilization.

Mga kapwa Mambabatas, walang makababali sa pagsusuri na mayorya ng mga magsasakang Pilipino ay walang sariling lupa. Ayon sa KMP, 75 percent ng populasyon ay mga magsasaka at pito sa kada sampung magsasaka ay walang lupa. Susog din dito, ayon sa Philippine Statistics Authority, sa rice lands, tatlong magsasaka lamang ang may sariling lupa sa kada sampung magsasaka. Malinaw ito dahil mismong ang mga magsasaka sa kabundukan, tulad ng mga katutubo at settlers o mga magsasakang inagawan at pinapalayas sa kanilang mga sakahan sa kapatagan, ay sa kasalukuyang inaagawan pa rin at ito ay dahil hindi kinikilala ng ating gobyerno ang kanilang karapatan sa lupa mula pa noon, kahit na may mga batas at programa para sa repormang agraryo. Sa amin sa ANAKPAWIS, ang kawalang-lupa ay pundamental na dahilan ng kanilang kahirapan. Kung walang karapatan sa lupa ang mga magsasaka, walang programa ng gobyerno ang makapag-aangat sa kanila sa kahirapan kung sila naman ay palalaysin sa kanilang mga sakahan. Kung nakalugmok sa kahirapan ang mga magsasaka na siyang mayorya, natural lamang na ang lipunang Pilipino ay mahirap.

Samakatuwid, isang pundamental na solusyon sa kahirapan ng mamamayan ay ang tunay na repormang agraryo o tunay na reporma sa lupa o genuine agrarian reform—ang pagbasag sa monopolyo sa lupa. Sa maikling pagbaybay, ito ay lib्रेng pamamahagi ng lupa—walang bayad, walang amortisasyon, hindi SDO, hindi leaseback, hindi agri-business venture kundi mismo at direktang pamamahagi at direktang kontrol at posisyon ng mga magsasaka sa lupa. Kung may sariling lupa ang mga magsasaka, wala silang babayaran upa sa lupa, walang panganib na sila ay mapapalayas, at ang kanilang pagsasaka ay tuloy-tuloy para sa kanilang pagkain, gayundin para sa food security ng bansa at mga requirements for raw materials ng lokal na ekonomiya.

Karugtong nito, at sa isyung ito ay ipapaalala ko ang mga pangako ng noong kandidato at ngayon ay naging Pangulo ng ating Pilipinas, Pangulong Duterte, noong Pebrero sa UP Diliman sa harapan mismo ng mga magsasaka, na ipapatupad niya ang suporta sa

agrikultura, subsidyo at free irrigation upang mapanatili ng mga magsasaka sa kamay nila ang lupa at hindi maitulak na bitawan at ibenta ito tulak ng kahirapan at kagutuman. Kasabay din nito, binanggit ng Pangulo na ang CARP ay farce o pekeng programa para sa repormang agraryo.

Kung ito ay maipapatupad sa bansa, mai-aangat mula sa kahirapan at kagutuman ang masang magsasaka, at ang mismong kalayaan nila mula rito ay positibong puwersa para sa pagpapaunlad ng ekonomiya at national development.

In light of the CARP's failure to resolve landlessness in the country, I am reminding Congress that Republic Act No. 6657 or the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law has legally died repeatedly in June 1998, in December 2008; and in June 30, 2014 for Republic Act No. 9700 or the CARPER Law. Hence, I am urging Congress to keep CARP in its grave and never support any measure to revive and extend an already dead law.

Instead, I urge support for the passage of the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill, the free land distribution for the farmers and rural development in the country. In this light, we recognize the efforts of Secretary Ka Paeng Mariano, who is now educating the regional offices of the DAR regarding the Genuine Agrarian Reform and its urgency in this country. He championed House Bills No. 3059 and 375 or the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill (GARB) during his term in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses, respectively; also, we also pushed for the signing of the executive order for a moratorium on land conversion, his office's immediate response to the farmers' plight.

I am also taking this opportunity to honor the memory of the late labor-leader Crispin "Ka Bel" Beltran, a former ANAKPAWIS Representative and Member of the House of Representatives, who first pushed for the approval of the Genuine Agrarian Reform Bill or House Bill No. 3059 during the Fourteenth Congress. Last January 8 was his 84th birth anniversary that was marked by workers and other sectors. Also, I recognize the presence of former ANAKPAWIS Rep. Ka Pando Hicap, now at the plenary, who remained vigilant against CARP extension while pushing for House Bill No. 252 during the Sixteenth Congress.

I express gratitude to the authors and 13 coauthors of House Bill No. 555, which I filed together with Makabayan representatives, as they had put their name on a difficult and noble task of pushing for genuine agrarian reform in our Congress. We also appreciate the honorable Members and 19 offices of House Members who joined us at the GARB round-table discussion on House Bill No. 555 last December, especially Reps. Ching Veloso, Salon, Villanueva, Rep. Melecio Yap, Garcia and Victor Yap. Mahalaga ang kanilang mga na-suggest at nagpa-groupie pa sila kasama ang mga

lider-magsasaka na nanawagan ng tunay na reporma sa lupa.

I would also like to inform the House Members that this year 2017, please expect that farmers from different regions would be coming in hordes to visit your respective offices to lobby for House Bill No. 555. May you welcome them and sincerely hear their appeals on their plight. Likewise, outside Congress, at your congressional districts, expect that farmers would be intensifying their mass actions. Dadami ang mga martsa-protesta, mga lakbayan, mga pagtatayo ng kampuhan, barikada at iba pang mga aksiyon-protesta na ang primary na tunguhin ay ipagtaggol ang kanilang karapatan sa lupa. Marahil ay nakikita na natin na mismong mga magsasaka ng Lapanday ay lumalaban na, at ang mga sakada na pinagsamantalahan sa Hacienda Luisita ay hindi na magpapaapi at lumalaban na rin. Ang mga magsasaka ay paparaming dumudulog sa mga chapter ng KMP at sa Kinatawang ito. Maging sa social media ay may mga humihingi ng tulong sa KMP at sa ANAKPAWIS ukol sa kanilang mga problema sa lupa.

Sa katunayan, maglalakbay ang mga libu-libong magsasaka mula Southern Tagalog at Central Luzon sa ilalim ng KMP nitong January 19 hanggang 20 to commemorate the 30th anniversary ng Mendiola massacre ngayong Enero 20. Next week naman, bilang bahagi rin ng commemoration, libu-libong magsasaka sa Davao region ang maglulunsad din ng kanilang mga pagkilos para sa panawagan ng tunay na reporma sa lupa at suporta sa gaganaping third round of peace negotiations.

Generally, ang mga magsasakang Pilipino ay pinapagting ang kanilang pagkilos para sa kanilang karapatan sa lupa at hindi nagpapasamantala at nagpapaapi. I am hoping that as Representatives in Congress ay matulungan natin sila sa kanilang mga adhikain at pakikibaka.

Correspondingly significant, Mme. Speaker and fellow lawmakers, I am appealing for support to the holding of the third round formal talks on the ongoing peace negotiations between the government and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines. They will convene starting on January 19 up to January 24 to deliberate conscientiously on the next agenda, that is the socioeconomic reforms. Ang mabubuo rito, mga kapwa Mambabatas, ay magiging Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms or CASER at pangunahing isyu rito ay ang tanong hinggil sa monopolyo sa lupa o ang agrarian reform. I am urging the House leadership to express support for this undertaking.

In relation to this, sana po ay isapuso ng aking mga kasamahan sa Kongreso na ang "peace" sa peace talks ay hindi lamang sa usapin ng ceasefire, ang pagtigil-putok o pagtigil lamang ng armed engagement ng NPA at ng government forces, kung hindi peace based on

justice, kapayapaang nakabatay sa katarungan, kung saan ang mga batayang karapatan ng ating marginalized sector, lalo ang mga magsasaka, ay napo-protektahan. Dahil nga sa ang armed struggle na isinasagawa ng NPA ay primarily agrarian, ang concretization ng genuine agrarian reform ay isang momentous step para ma-attain ang genuine peace na matagal na nating inaasam sa bansa. It has been historical na ang Pilipino ay nag-aarmas para makamit ang mga pundamental na reporma mula pa kolonyalismong Kastila, Katipunan uprising, Amerikano, Hapon at tulad ng HUKBALAHAP na naging Hukbong Mapagpalaya ng Bayan hanggang sa Martial Law, hanggang sa kasalukuyan sa pangunguna ng New People's Army. I press na umigpaw tayo sa ideya na mare-resolve ito militarily and instead ay i-address ang root causes of the armed rebellion at ang una sa pila ay ang isyu ng agrarian reform.

As support to the talks, I also urge my colleagues to support the implementation of the 1998 Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law or CARHRIHL, the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees or JASIG, and the Joint Oslo Statements ng GRP at NDFP at the start of the formal talks, na nag-commit ng release of all political prisoners sa ating bansa. Here in Congress, I urge support for House Resolution No. 198, calling for general amnesty of political prisoners.

Ang kapayapaang ito, kung ito ay matagumpay na maaabot ng peace talks, ay pangunahing pakikinabangan ng masang magsasaka dahil sila ang pangunahing biktima ng sistematikong paglabag sa kanilang karapatan pantao at ang nagpapatuloy na militarisasyon sa iba't ibang bahagi.

Lastly, let us heed the people's call for fundamental reforms. Let us prove to the people that change is indeed coming and deviate from the anti-people and anti-peasant programs and policies of past administrations. Let us work for genuine agrarian reform. Let us work for peace and rural development and eventually, for national development.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker and colleagues. Mapagpalayang hapon. Maayong hapon sa inyong tanan.

Justice for the victims of the Mendiola massacre, and I would like to read the 13 names: Adelfa Aribé, Danilo Arjona, Ronilo Domanico, Dante Evangelio, Bernabe Laquindanum, Roberto Yumul, Leopoldo Alonzo, Dionisio Bautista, Roberto Caylao, Sonny Boy Perez, Vicente Campomanes, Angelito Gutierrez, Rodrigo Grampan. (Audiovisual presentation)

It is a short video before the massacre took place last January 22, 1987, as you have witnessed. Now, Secretary Mariano was one of the speakers before marching sa paanan po ng Mendiola at sinalubong sila ng mga putok at nagresulta ng 13 buhay na pinaslang.

Hanggang sa ngayon po ay walang nanagot, walang napanagot, walang nakulong at walang hustisya, at ang mga sumunod na mga masaker, mula Mendiola hanggang sa kasalukuyan, Hacienda Luisita massacre, Kidapawan massacre, ay nananatili ang sigaw ng mga magsasaka: lupa, pagkain, katarungan at kapayapaan. Magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Acting Floor Leader is recognized.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the speech of Representative Casilao is referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, next to speak is the Gentleman from BAYAN MUNA Party-List. May we recognize the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, sa darating na Enero 18 hanggang 25, sisimulan ang ikatlong round ng peace talks sa pagitan ng gobyerno ng Republika ng Pilipinas or GRP, at ng National Democratic Front of the Philippines. Isa ito sa mga pinaka-kritikal na bahagi ng usaping pangkapayapaan dahil sa pagkakataong ito, isasalang ang hinggil sa usapin ng Comprehensive Agreement on Social and Economic Reforms or CASER.

Sa higit dalawang dekadang kasaysayan ng usaping pangkapayapaan sa pagitan ng GRP at NDFP, ngayon lamang mapag-uusapan ang mga pang-ekonomiyang batayan ng paghihirap ng ating mga mamamayan, kaya napaka-signipikante ng round na ito ng peace talks. Sabi nga nila, malapit sa bituka ng mamamayan ang usaping ito. Itinuturing ang CASER bilang pinaka-mahalaga at pinaka-kritikal na bahagi ng usaping pangkapayapaan dahil isasalang at sisikapang pagtibayin sa pagkakataong ito ang isang komprehensibong balangkas para tugunan ang ugat ng papalubhang kahirapan sa bansa na siyang dahilan ng umiigting na armadong tunggalian. Nilalaman ng CASER ang isang sosyo-ekonomikong alternatibo upang tuluyang maiwaksi ang matagal nang mga polisiyang nagpapahirap sa ating bansa at mamamayan—mga polisiyang tinaguriang “neoliberal na mga polisiya.”

Ngunit, Mme. Speaker, ano nga ba itong sinasabi

nilang neoliberalismo na sa tanang kasaysayan ng bansa ay tinututulan ng ating mga mamamayan? Ang neoliberalismo ay kaisipang tanging nakasentro at nakasalalay ang takbo ng ekonomiya sa isang malayang merkado. Ang merkadong ito or free market ang siya ngayong magdidikta sa kaayusan at tatakbuhan ng isang lipunan gaya ng Pilipinas. Ang tanging gagampanin ng pamahalaan ay huwag makialam at bagkus, gawin pa nga ang lahat para hayaang malaya ang takbo nitong polisiyang neoliberal. Sa sistemang ito, itinuturing ang tao, ang mamamayan, na isa lamang produkto at ang lipunan, isang napakalaking merkado. Ngunit sa mga dekadang karanasan, partikular ng mga kapitalistang bansa, ang sinasabi pala nilang merkado ay isang malaking palaruan sa mga monopolyo, kartel at oligarkiya. Sila lamang po ang malayang nagpapasahan sa yaman ng ating daigdig.

Ibinabandera ng neoliberalismo bilang isang patakaran ang globalisasyon sa pamamagitan ng pagli-liberalize sa kalakalan upang mas maluwag na makapasok ang dayuhang pamumuhunan at kapital sa isang bansa. Mme. Speaker, dahil sa polisiyang ito, ito ay nagluwal ng walang habas na pribatisasyon sa mga batayang serbisyong panlipunan kagaya ng kalusugan, edukasyon, pabahay at irigasyon, gayundin sa ating mga public utilities kagaya ng kuryente, tubig, langis at transportasyon at iba pang mga impresa ng pamahalaan. Ipinapatupad rin ang deregulasyon o pagluwag ng mga patakaran para lalong makapagkamal ng tubo ang mga pribadong korporasyon at malalaking kapitalista.

Sa anong paraan pa lalong naitaguyod ang sistemang neoliberal? Nitong mga nagdaang taon, Mme. Speaker, nilumpo nito ang mga unyon; itinataguyod nito ang mababang pasahod sa mga manggagawa para pang-akit sa mas marami pang dayuhang mamumuhunan; nagbunsod din ito ng regresibong sistema ng mga pagbuwis kung saan higit ang ibinabayad ng mahihirap samantalang nakakalibre ang mga mayayaman. Neoliberalismo rin ang nasa likod ng walang habas na land conversions sa kalunsuran at kanayunan.

Ano ang idinudulot nito sa ating bayan? Mme. Speaker, nananatiling bansot, atrasado at ampaw ang ating ekonomiya. Ekonomiya nating tinatawag ang walang hanggang pag-export ng hilaw na materyales at murang paggawa. Unti-unting nalulusaw ang mga papasibol pa lamang na mga lokal na industriya at impresa. Kaya naman, taun-taon, signipikante ang pagbagsak ng produksyon ng ating agrikultura at manupaktura. Patuloy namang nauubos, sa kabilang banda, ang ating likas na yaman ng wala man lang tayong halos napapakinabangan. Katunayan, nitong nagdaang taon, nagtala lamang ang ating pamahalaan ng P2 bilyon kita mula sa industriya ng pagmimina. Ito ang pinakamababa magmula pa noong 2011, samantalang bilyun-bilyong dolyares na halaga ng mga mineral ang hinahakot o pinupuslit ng mga malalaking dayuhan at

lokal na mining corporations palabas ng ating bansa. Sa kasalukuyan, Mme. Speaker, signipikanteng bilang pa rin ng mga magsasaka ang hindi nababahaginan ng lupang kanilang masaka, habang napakalawak ng mga lupain ang muling nare-concentrate sa mga panginoong maylupa, kabilang ang mga land developers, dahil sa hungkag na repormang agraryo.

Atrasado pa rin ang ating ekonomiya. Nananatiling lantay at laganap ang kahirapan, gutom at kawalan ng trabaho, at lumalaganap ang kontraktwalisasyon. Lalong lumalawak ang agwat ng mayayaman sa mahihirap sa ating bansa. Ayon sa IBON Foundation, sa loob ng taong 2010 hanggang 2015, lalong lumayo ang agwat ng income growth sa pagitan ng mga manggagawa at tubo ng sampung pinakamayamang pamilya sa ating bansa. Mula sa halagang P346 noong 2010 hanggang P363 noong 2015, P17 lamang ang pagtaas ng real minimum wage ang natamo ng ating mga manggagawa sa National Capital Region. Samantala, mula sa P630 bilyon na pinagsamang kita ng 10 pinakamayamang pamilya noong 2010, naging lampas triple na ito pagdating sa 2015 kung saan umaabot ng P2.2 trilyon ang kabuuang kita ng mga nasabing pamilya— P2.2 trilyon. Ang yaman naman po ng mga 25 na pinakamayamang pamilya sa ating bansa ay katumbas ng kabuuang kita ng 76 milyong Pilipino sa isang taon. Madaya, hindi malaya, ang merkado, Mme. Speaker. Wala ni kaunting patak o ambon man lamang ang sinasabing trickle-down economy: nananatiling 25 porsiyento, o mahigit pa nga, sa ating populasyon ang naghihirap, halos kapareho ng antas noong 2003.

Kung walang pakialam ang patakarang neoliberalismo sa tao, mas lalong walang pakialam ito sa karapatan ng mamamayan. Hindi naman sinusukat sa ating Gross Domestic Product kung ilang katutubo ang napatay at napaalis sa kanilang mga lupang ninuno, kung ilang komunidad ang nasa ligalig pagdating sa mga sakuna, at kung ilang aktibista at masa ang dinarahas dahil sa kanilang pag-aasam ng tunay na pagbabago sa ating lipunan. Sa madaling salita, Mme. Speaker, ang tanging nagawa ng neoliberalismo ay mas lubusang ikonsentra ang yaman ng mundo sa iilang katao o ilang korporasyon lamang. Kaya naman kahit ganoong kalaganap ang kapalpakan ng neoliberalismo, mulat at patuloy na sinasamba ang bangungot na ito ng dayuhang dambuhalang kapitalista at mga kasabwat nilang mga lokal na negosyante, panginoong maylupa at kahit na ang mga nasa loob ng pamahalaan dahil sila ang nakikinabang sa polisiyang ito ng neoliberalismo.

Sa kabilang banda, nararamdaman at patuloy na mararamdaman din sa buong mundo ang krisis ng neoliberalismo. Saan pa nga ba unang naramdaman ang krisis na ito kung hindi sa mismong itinuturing na taga-pamandila ng neoliberal na kaisipan, ang imperyalistang Estados Unidos. Matatandaang nagpalitaw ng halos 17 trilyones na dolyar o \$17 trillion para lang i-bail out o

salbahin ang mga ganid na speculators ng Wall Street at iba pang mga multilateral institution na siya rin namang dahilan sa financial meltdown. Ano po ba ang halaga ng \$17 trillion? Sapat na po ito, Mme. Speaker, para pawiin ang gutom sa mundo sa loob ng 600 years o anim na raang taon. At ano ang nangyayari at kapakinabangan sa kinalaunan ng bailout na ito? Magpa-hanggang ngayon ay hindi pa rin nakabangon sa pagkalugmok ang pandaigdigang merkado at pinansiya. Halos walang nakasuhan sa mga may pakana ng financial crisis noong 2008, at may 65 hanggang 70 percent na mga mamamayan sa top 25 high-economy countries ang nakaranas ng pagbaba ng kanilang real income.

Umaabot ang sakit maski sa pulitika na hibla ng bawat kapitalistang bansa at umusbong ang ilang signipikanteng tugon ng mga mamamayan nito laban sa sistemang neoliberalismo. Ilan sa mga patunay nito ang kamakailan lang na pagbaklas ng Britanya sa European Union or Brexit na tinatawag at ang pagkaluklok ni Donald Trump bilang Presidente ng Estados Unidos. Naudlot din ang pag-arangkada ng Trans-Pacific Partnership na balak sanang pasukin ng nakaraang administrasyong Aquino. Salamat na lamang sa mga pagkilos at pagtutol ng mga mamamayan dito sa ating bayan at sa buong daigdig.

Mme. Speaker, neoliberalismo rin po ang dahilan ng paglipana ng ilegal na droga. Dahil sa kawalan ng trabaho, mataas na presyo ng mga bilingin at kawalan ng access sa mga batayang serbisyong panlipunan, napipilitang kumapit ang ilan sa ating mga kababayan, o marami sa ating mga kababayan, para pumasok sa ilegal na industriya ng droga. Samantala, ginagamit ito ng Estados Unidos, partikular sa kanilang inilulunsad na War on Drugs sa Colombia at Mexico, upang palawigin at itayo ang kanilang neoliberal na interes sa mga nasabing bansa. Mme. Speaker, trahedyang maituturing ng lipunan ang bunga at pagkapako natin sa sistemang neoliberal mula noon hanggang ngayon at nakalulungkot na isipin na ultimo ang paggawa ng pako ay wala tayo.

Daang Matuwid ang tinatawag nito sa nakaraang administrasyong Aquino. Isang programang kinamumuhian ng mamamayan at kahit na ni Pangulong Digong Duterte. Kaya naman ganoon na lamang ang pagkabahala at pag-alma ng mamamayan nang ipinahayag rin ni Pangulong Duterte na ipagpapatuloy nito ang economic agenda ng administrasyong Aquino, kahit na noon pa man ay malinaw at sinabi na niya na alam na niya ang epekto ng neoliberalismo sa ating sambayanan. Sa katunayan, Mme. Speaker, sa victory speech ni Pangulong Duterte noong June 2, idiniin niya na isa sa mga ugat ng ating socioeconomic problems ay ang tinatawag na “onslaught of the World Trade Organization.” Tinukoy niya ring pangunahing problema ang kawalan ng seguridad ng trabaho, konserbatibong piskal na patakaran ng pamahalaan

at ang kalunos-lunos na kalagayan ng industriya ng pagmimina sa ating bansa. Ngunit, para bagang nag-iba na ang ihip ng hangin. Ngayon, ipinangalandakan na ipapatuloy at ngayon nga ay may gumugulong na panukalang pag-amyenda sa ating Konstitusyon upang paluwagin pa at lalo pang maging matagal ang pagpaluwag sa dayuhang pagmamay-ari ng lupain sa ating bansa kahit pa na mayorya sa ating mamamayan, halos 44 porsiyento sa huling Pulse Asia Survey ang tutol dito.

Sa kabilang banda, Mme. Speaker, nananatili pa rin ang patakarang pribatisasyon at deregulasyon kahit pa may mga matingkad nang manipestasyon ito sa ating bayan. Halimbawa, isa na ang Pilipinas sa mga may pinakamataas na presyo ng kuryente sa daigdig dahil sa pribatisasyon ng ating power sector na iniluwal naman ng EPIRA. Bukod pa rito, napatunayan natin nitong nakaraang mga pagdinig sa pambansang badyet na kahit ibenta at mai-privatize ang lahat na natitirang power assets ng pamahalaan, kulang pa rin ito, may matitira pa ring bilyun-bilyong utang na ipapasa rin lamang sa ating mga consumers. Ngayon nga inaprubahan nitong bago, inaprubahan ng economic clusters ng Gabinete ang posibleng pagsimot ng Malampaya funds para bayaran ang residual liabilities ng PSALM na nagkakahalaga ng P245 bilyon, at mukhang mauuwi lang sa wala ang planong ito na gamitin ang pondo ng Malampaya para bumaba ang presyo ng kuryente dahil nakaambang magtaas ng presyo ng kuryente pagdating ng Marso ngayong taon dahil na naman sa Malampaya shutdown. Kaparehong sitwasyon po ito noong 2013 na maanomalyang shutdown ng Malampaya.

Wala na daw sa poder ng pamahalaan ang pagpapatatko ng ating ekonomiya. Sabi ng polisiyang neoliberalismo, alisin dapat ang pamahalaan sa usaping ekonomiya. Pero nakalulungkot, Mme. Speaker, heto ngayon obligadong saluhin natin, saluhin ng pamahalaan ang kapalpakan ng sistemang hinayaan naman nitong lumaganap. Kaliwa’t kanang arbitration cases ang hinaharap ng kasalukuyang pamahalaan mula sa mga iba’t ibang pribadong kontraktor. Nandiyan ang P125 bilyon income tax case na ayaw bayaran ng kontraktor ng Malampaya, ang Shell Philippines. Nandiyan din ang hindi makatarungang paniningil sa kasalukuyan ng Manila Water at Maynilad ng humigit-kumulang P82 bilyon na diumano ay losses nito mula sa desisyon ng MWSS na ipagbawal na ipasa ng dalawang malalaking kompanya ng tubig ang kanilang income taxes sa mga consumers.

Sa kaso naman ng pribatisasyon ng LRT 1, dahil sa kapalpakan ng nakaraang administrasyon na maisagawa ang kanilang mga obligasyon sa kontrata, tayo ngayon, ang pamahalaan ngayon ang obligadong magbayad ng penalties sa private contractor na LRMC. At saan po kukunin ang pambayad na ito? Doon po

sa kakapiranggot na P9 bilyong premium na ibinayad ng LRMC sa gobyerno. Sa esensiya, parang ibinalik lang din sa LRMC kung ano ang ibinayad nila sa gobyerno.

Nitong mga nakaraang araw, Mme. Speaker, maaga ring ipinakita ng mga tinaguriang economic managers ng gobyerno kung sino talaga ang tunay nilang pinaglilingkuran. Samantalang kinontra nila ang makamahirap na dagdag pension ng SSS na ating ipinasa dito sa Kongreso at moratorium sa konbersiyon ng agricultural lands, agresibo naman sila na ipanukala ang pagdagdag buwis o excise tax sa langis at iba pang mga bilingin. Sa kaso ng SSS, imbes na pakinggan ang panawagang magsagawa ng reporma bilang kaakibat sa dagdag na pension, kagaya ng paghahabol ng mga delinquent employers at pagpapalawak ng kanilang membership base, ipinipilit ng mga economic managers na ito na itaas ang contribution rate ng ating mga manggagawa dahil raw ang kandidatong Duterte noon ay iba sa Pangulong Duterte ngayon. Sampal ito sa mga manggagawang kamakailan lamang ay pinagkaitan ng dagdag sahod.

Sabi ng National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) at ng Employers Confederation of the Philippines (ECOP), humigit-kumulang P166 bilyon kada taon ang kailangan para maipatupad daw ang wage hike. Pero maitanong din natin, Mme. Speaker, magkano ba ang loss revenues kada taon ng gobyerno dahil sa collection inefficiency ng revenue-generating agencies kagaya ng BIR at Bureau of Customs? Tumatagiting na P600 bilyon ito na naitala noong 2012 o katumbas ng four percent ng ating Gross Domestic Product kada taon. Kung paano o kung gaano binabarat ng economic managers ang ating mga manggagawa, ganoon naman ang kanilang pagkakagalante sa mga mayayaman at malalaking korporasyon. Sa kasalukuyang corporate income tax na 32 percent, palaki ng palaki ang corporate profit ng mga korporasyon na naitalang nasa 15.9 percent kada taon, ayon sa talaan ng HSBC bank. Sa katunayan, noong 2016 o sa nakaraang taon, tumabo nang higit P4 trillion ang pinagsamang network ng 50 pinakamayamang tao sa ating bansa. Higit pa po ito, Mme. Speaker, sa ating pambansang budget sa kasalukuyang taon. Pero mukhang hindi pa ito sapat dahil gusto pa ng economic managers na babaan pa, pababain pa ang corporate income tax rate ng mga korporasyon at ipasa na lamang sa mga ordinaryong mamamayan ang kakulangan sa budget. Hindi lang iyan. Gaano po kalaki ang tax at fiscal incentives na inaasahang ibibigay naman ng pamahalaan sa mga kumpanyang ito? Aabot rin po ito ng P180 bilyon kada taon.

Sa kabilang bahagi, hindi pa rin natutupad, Mme. Speaker, ang pangakong tuluyan nang wakasan ang anumang porma ng kontraktuwalisasyon na siyang salot sa right to security of tenure ng ating mga milyon-milyong manggagawa. Bagama't maituturing na inisyal na tagumpay ang pag-reject ni Pangulong Duterte sa

naunang tinaguriang win-win proposal ng Department of Labor, DTI at ng mga negosyante, patuloy pa rin ang laban ng mga manggagawa para tuluyan nang ma-abolish ang kontra-manggagawang patakarang kontraktuwalisasyon.

Mme. Speaker, mga kasamahan ko sa Kongreso, ganito na po ang kalunos-lunos na naging epekto ng sistemang neoliberal sa ating bayan. Nananatili at nagpapatuloy pa rin ang polisiyang ito, ang kapit at impluwensiya nito sa kasalukuyang pamahalaan kahit na malawak na ang disgusto at pagtutol ng ating mga kababayan. Hindi totoo, Mme. Speaker, na walang alternatibo sa kasalukuyang sistema. Sa katunayan, ilang dekadang pakikibaka na ang ginugol ng ating sambayanan para makamit ang isang panibagong sistemang protektado at pino-protektahan ang demokratikong interes ng ating mamamayan. Mme. Speaker, tayo po ay nasa isang pambihirang pagkakataon ngayon na mapakinggan naman ang kahilingan ng ating mamamayan.

Sa darating na susunod na araw, between January 18 and January 25, magiging saksi ang Kongresong ito, partikular ang mga delegadong ipapadala sa Roma, sa isang makasaysayang historikong pagkakataon na pag-uusapan ang posibleng maging katugunan sa problema ng kahirapan ng ating bansa, at katugunan sa patuloy na armadong tunggalian sa ating bansa. Sa ilalim ng panukalang Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms, napapaloob rito ang mga sumusunod at iilang repormang nais itaguyod para sa sambayanan Pilipino:

Una, repormang agraryo at kaunlaran sa kanayunan na nakasalalay sa libreng pamamahagi ng lupa, kooperatibasyon, mekanisasyon ng agrikultura at pagtataguyod ng mga industriyang rural; pangalawa, pambansang industriyalisasyon na ang salalayan ay ang repormang agraryo bilang tulay sa pamamagitan ng pagtatayo ng mga industriya; pangatlo, isang patakarang pagtaguyod ng kalikasan kung saan mahigpit na nililimitahan ang large-scale foreign and local mining at marine wealth extraction. Sisiguruhin ang oryentasyon ng industriya ng mina ay nakaugnay sa pambansang industriyalisasyon; pang-apat, isang komprehensibong patakarang nagpo-protekta sa mga sosyo-ekonomikong karapatan ng mamamayan: ang ating mga manggagawa, magsasaka, fisherfolk, mga professionals, ang ating mga OFWs, kababaihan, kabataan at iba pang sektor. Sa halip ng sovereign guarantees ang tinitiyak, ginagarantiyahan sa ilalim ng CASER ang mga karapatan ng publiko sa libreng edukasyon, kalusugan, pabahay at iba pang serbisyong pampubliko; panglima, itinataguyod din sa ilalim ng CASER ang isang makabayan, siyentipiko at pangmasang kultura; pang-anim, itinataguyod rin nito ang karapatan ng ating pambansang minority sa sariling pagpapasya, pag-unlad at laban sa diskriminasyon; at panghuli, nasa loob din ng CASER ang isang komprehensibong balangkas ng reporma sa kalakalan,

pamumuhunan, pinansiya at patakarang piskal na ang pangunahing layunin ay ang pagwaksi sa ating kolonyal na relasyon sa mga imperyalistang bansa lalong-lalo na ang Amerika. Kabilang na rito ang pagtalikod sa mga patakarang neoliberal na idinidikta ng IMF, World Bank at World Trade Organization.

Kailan lamang, Mme. Speaker, nakatanggap ang administrasyong Duterte ng halos isang trilyong pisong Official Development Assistance mula sa Tsina at Japan. Mariin ang ating posisyon na hindi dapat ito pagmulan ng kung anumang kondisyon para itali muli ang ating bansa sa mga interes ng mga malalaking bansang ito. Kaya naman, aming hinihimok ang kasalukuyang administrasyon na gamitin ang mga pondong ito para sa inisyal na pagsasakatuparan ng kahilingan ng ating mga mamamayan na magkaroon na tayo ng mga batayang industriya sa ating bansa. Bukod sa mga nabanggit na balangkas, signipikanteng bahagi rin sa usapin ang posibleng pagpapalaya pa rin ng higit na 400 bilanggong pulitikal. Gayundin ang pagpapatigil sa militarisasyon sa mga komunidad sa kanayunan.

Mme. Speaker, makatuwiran at makatarungan ang mga repormang hinihingi ng ating mga mamamayan, mga kasamahan ko sa Kongreso, ang pag-uusapan sa ikatlong bahagi ng usaping pangkapayapaan. Kaya atin pong suportahan ang pambihirang pagkakataong maitakda ang isang mas demokratiko, makamamamayan at makabayang sosyo-ekonomikong istraktura ng ating bansa. Higit ano pa man, may tungkulin tayo bilang mga Mambabatas na ipalaganap sa ating mga nasasakupan o constituents kung gaano kahalaga ang bahaging ito ng usaping pangkapayapaan o peace process, dahil dito nakasalalay ang kinabukasan ng ating bansa, ang kinabukasan ng ating mamamayan at ang susunod na salinlahi.

Mme. Speaker, mga kapwa ko mga Mambabatas, isulong po natin ang makatarungan at pangmatagalang kapayapaan. Isulong natin ang pagkakaroon ng tunay na repormang agraryo at pambansang industriyalisasyon. Suportahan po natin ang usaping pangkapayapaan between the National Democratic Front of the Philippines and the government of the Republic of the Philippines.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker, at magandang gabi po sa ating lahat.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, may we recognize the Hon. Manuel F. Zubiri.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Honorable Zubiri is recognized.

REP. ZUBIRI. Marami pong salamat, Mme. Speaker. I think this has long been overdue. I just want to

give my manifestation with regard to what Congressman Zarate had said. May I just add to it, Mme. Speaker.

What is the key problem, Mme. Speaker? I think it is poverty. How do we eradicate this perennial problem in our country? Kasi ang problema po is, really, ang paghihirap ng ating taumbayan. I think, first and foremost, Mme. Speaker, we should focus on the areas that are hardest-hit with poverty. We have to pinpoint and directly address the problem with accuracy, focusing on the top three or the top five poorest towns of each province. I believe that all our departments should address and create a task force, Mme. Speaker, to be able to address the concerns of these poor towns and poor cities in our country. It is like treating children or newborn babies inside an incubator kasi hindi po nila kaya, they cannot fend for themselves and we need to put them inside the incubator. Those barangays, those towns that are hardest-hit, our departments should focus on these towns and barangays and even the small cities, Mme. Speaker. Once these areas are ready to fend for themselves, then, systematically, we should move on and help those which are next in line, Mme. Speaker.

In the end, we need to address this problem not with the shotgun approach—iyong kaunti dito, kaunti doon, tingi-tingi. Hindi pupuwede ito, nothing will happen to us, Mme. Speaker. We need to work hand-in-hand, all of us public servants. Majority of public servants go to homes with food, water, shelter and electricity, but for those we serve, they do not have all of these, Mme. Speaker, and this is why we need to work hand-in-hand like a well-oiled machine, in unison with one another, to be able to achieve this and to eradicate the main problem of this country.

Mme. Speaker, I had to stand up and I wanted to say this a long time ago, that when I go home to the barangays, back home to Bukidnon, where there are areas that are hardest-hit, the poorest of the poor who rely on us for basic necessities, these are basic goods for them to survive. It is very painful for me to go home to all of these, Mme. Speaker, and this is why I think we should not have the shotgun approach. Our departments should help one another to be able to help our people. It is now 2017, a new year. I think we should create a task force per department to help the poorest of the poor in each and every province of our country.

That is all, Mme. Speaker. Maraming salamat po. Thank you.

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the privilege speech of the Honorable Zarate is hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, next in line also to deliver a privilege speech, may we recognize the Gentleman from Negros Oriental, the Hon. Arnolfo “Arnie” A. Teves Jr.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). The Hon. Arnolfo Teves Jr. is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. TEVES

REP. TEVES. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

I rise here again today to speak on or to state my objection to the implementation of these excise taxes on fuel. I am not objecting, specifically, to taxation. Ang sa akin lang, bakit inuuna natin singilin ang mahihirap nating mga kababayan, marami pa namang dapat masingil na hindi natin nasisingil? What am I talking about? Ang daming hindi nakokolekta ang BIR, pati sa Bureau of Customs ang dami pa nating puwedeng makolekta na hindi natin nakukuha. Until such time that we have a 100-percent collection rate by the BIR, 100-percent collection rate by the Customs Bureau, then, kapag kulang pa rin ang pera ng gobyerno, puwede na tayong magsimulang mag-buwis sa taumbayan.

Ang malaking problema kasi, kung bubuwisan natin ang fuel o additional six pesos per liter, siguradong lahat ay magmamahal. Magmamahal ang pamasaha, magmamahal ang pan de sal, magmamahal ang bigas, magmamahal ang isda— lahat ay magmamahal kaya apektado ang mahihirap nating mga kababayan. Iyan ang ayokong mangyari kaya nagsasalita ako ngayon. Hirap na nga ang ating mga kababayan, tapos, dadagdagan pa natin ang kanilang paghihirap.

If we do the same efforts we are doing on the drug problem on this taxation thing, sa tingin ko, mas marami tayong makokolekta kung talagang istriktuhan natin ang lahat nang dumadaan sa Bureau of Customs at hindi pinapalusot ang tax evaders sa ating bayan.

I repeat—makikiusap sana ako na kung puwede ay huwag na natin dagdagan ang hirap ng ating mga kababayan. I would like to request, kung puwede, let us invite the officials of the Bureau of Customs and the BIR dito sa Kongreso so that we can discuss how we can help them improve their collection rate.

Iyan lang po. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker. Good evening.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, before we proceed, may we recognize the Hon. Rodel M. Batocabe for a brief interpellation if the Honorable Teves would so desire.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Will Representative Teves yield?

REP. TEVES. Yes, by all means, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Representative Batocabe is recognized.

REP. BATOCABE. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, kanina po ay sinabi ninyo na kung ang pangongolekta ng buwis ay gaya ng paglaban natin sa droga, magiging epektibo ang koleksiyon. Tama po ba iyon?

REP. TEVES. I was saying, kung ang paglaban ng gobyerno sa under collection at sa smuggling ay kasing-tindi ng paglaban natin sa droga, sa tingin ko ay magkakaroon ng improvement ang collection rate natin.

REP. BATOCABE. Gusto po bang sabihin ng Gentleman from Negros Oriental, dapat din magkaroon tayo ng Oplan Tokhang pagdating sa mga smugglers?

REP. TEVES. Exactly, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BATOCABE. Gusto rin po bang sabihin niya na magkaroon din tayo ng Oplan Tokhang dito sa mga kolektor ng BIR na hindi nangongolekta ng tama?

REP. TEVES. Hindi lang sa hindi nangongolekta kasi ang iba diyan ay nakikipag-usap sa kinokolektahan nila. Sila ang mga dapat ma-Oplan Tokhang, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BATOCABE. Kasama na rin po ba dito, Mme. Speaker, ang mga tao sa Bureau of Customs na hinahayaan na magpapasok ng mga kontrabando, hinahayaan na mag-smuggle, o hinahayaan na mag-misdeclare ng goods na pumapasok sa ating bansa? Kasama po ba sila dito sa Oplan Tokhang na inyong sinasabi?

REP. TEVES. Hindi lang nila hinahayaan, kundi nakikipagsabwatan pa sila. Talagang dapat silang kasama na ma-Tokhang din para ma-improve iyong collection rate ng gobyerno natin, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BATOCABE. Isusulong po ba ng Gentleman from Negros Oriental itong Oplan Tokhang sa Bureau of Internal Revenue, sa Bureau of Customs at iba pang mga ahensiya na kumokolekta ng buwis on behalf of the government, Mme. Speaker?

REP. TEVES. Kaya ko ito ipinapaabot dito para marinig ng ating Presidente. I am sure he is very serious on his corruption efforts and this noncollection in the BIR and the smuggling in the Bureau of Customs are definitely forms of corruption. I think the President wants all these things stopped already.

REP. BATOCABE. Are you also in favor of the President naming names of corrupt Customs, BIR and other government officials who fail to collect the right taxes?

REP. TEVES. Hindi lang iyong who fail to collect pero lalo na iyong nakikipagsabwatan at kumikita sa smuggling—iyong nakikipag-usap, nakikipag-deal or nakikipag-ayos doon sa mga ayaw magbayad ng buwis. Mas maganda mailabas iyong mga pangalan nila. Hindi lang para mabasa, kung puwede ay ma-post at ma-print kung saan man puwede i-post at i-print, Mme. Speaker.

REP. BATOCABE. So, ang gusto pong sabihin nito, hinihikayat po ninyo ang ating Pangulo na magbigay ng mga pangalan kung sino dito ang mga korap na mga BIR at Customs officials, iyong mga nagko-connive, nagko-collude sa mga smugglers at sa mga tax evaders. Tama po ba iyon?

REP. TEVES. Tama.

REP. BATOCABE. Gusto mo ring pangalanan ng Pangulo ang mga tax evaders, iyong mga hindi nagbabayad ng correct taxes?

REP. TEVES. Dapat lang.

REP. BATOCABE. Dahil sila ang sanhi kung bakit ang pamahalaan ay nagpapanukala na magkaroon ng excise taxes sa petrolyo at ito ay magiging karagdagan na pasanin sa ating mga kababayan. Tama po ba iyon?

REP. TEVES. Tama. Dahil sa ang mga taong ito, dahil mas madali buwisan at kolektahan ang mahihirap nating mga kapatid kaya pinapasa lang sa mahihirap nating kababayan ang kakulangan sa pagkolekta ng buwis na hindi naman dapat. Dapat kolektahan iyong mga malalaki ang kinikita at iyong mga nagpapalusot ng mga bagay-bagay sa ating Customs na hindi nagbabayad ng tamang duties and taxes.

REP. BATOCABE. Thank you, Honorable Teves. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Honorable Teves, together with the interpellation, to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Sema). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the privilege speech of the Honorable Teves and the interpellation thereon are hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, next to speak is the distinguished Gentleman from the Second District of Pangasinan. I move that we recognize the Hon. Leopoldo N. Bataoil.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Sema). The Hon. Leopoldo N. Bataoil of the Second District of Pangasinan is recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BATAOIL

REP. BATAOIL. Thank you, Mme. Speaker and my dear colleagues.

I stand before this august Body to invite the attention of the House to the great potential of our country in the growing of the native and indigenous plant we call “ylang-ylang” and in the production of its essential oil, popularly known for its fragrant odor, its scientific name is “cananga odorata.” Apart from being a perfume, the essential oil derived from the flowers of ylang-ylang is used in aromatherapy, in other medicinal uses and even considered as an aphrodisiac. It was during the 19th century, in the 1800s, when the Philippines became world-famous for having the best and finest quality of essential oils. We were the world’s main supplier of ylang-ylang essential oil. Through the years, however, its production diminished. The country’s ylang-ylang industry died over the years until the beginning of the 20th century when the French planted and produced better-quality ylang-ylang trees in Comoro Islands, Madagascar, Micronesia and Polynesia. using the trees from the Philippines. In 1998, Comoros already made ylang-ylang’s essential oil 29 percent of its annual export. Now, in the Philippines, we only use its flowers, together with the flowers of sampaguita, to be worn by women as a necklace or to adorn religious images.

It is in the light of this situation, Madam Speaker, that this Representation has initiated the Ylang-Ylang Propagation Project in the Second District of Pangasinan, envisioning a rebirth of the country’s ylang-ylang industry. Through the assistance of a high school classmate, a businessman named Mr. Fred Reyes, who is one of the country’s top perfume distributors, we launched the ylang-ylang project and started planting in a small village of Bugallon, Aguilar and Mangatarem, Pangasinan, barely two years ago. Mr. Reyes co-owns the Chemworld Fragrance Factory that will buy all the ylang-ylang flowers and make them into oil products for local use and export, meaning, we will not run out of markets in case we will be able to produce ylang-ylang flowers for commercial purposes.

Both here and abroad, there is a big demand for ylang-ylang oil, which can be a promising livelihood source for Filipinos. Mr. Reyes had said that in this kind of industry, market is not a problem, thus, he would set up extraction facilities and buying stations

in every district or even, particularly in our district, to assure planters of a ready market. Right now, we have an extraction facility that is existing in the town of Anao, Tarlac, and this is supported by our Department of Science and Technology.

Mme. Speaker, and my dear colleagues, one of the objectives of the ylang-ylang project is to address the need for livelihood of my constituents, especially the marginalized sectors. In five years' time, an ylang-ylang seedling will bear flowers. Actually, in about three years, these ylang-ylang plants will start to bloom to bear flowers, but in five years' time, it will be an all-year-round flower production. One ylang-ylang tree will yield a harvest of three kilos of flowers per week which would cost about P180. Hence, if a person plants 100 ylang-ylang trees, he could earn about P18,000 per week. He could even plant in his own backyard. We only need to teach growers the right technology in propagation since there are things to consider in order to achieve the desired quality and world market standards.

I prepared a short video presentation for your appreciation, and I hope that our technical staff is ready to share that for everyone's appreciation. This is what we have started in the Second District of Pangasinan.

(Audiovisual presentation)

We want the Ylang-Ylang Propagation Project to become an institution and a fully-supported program since our ultimate goal is a rebirth of the Philippine ylang-ylang industry that made our country world-famous in the production of the best and finest essential oils. We want to bring that glory back to our hands.

Mme. Speaker, my dear colleagues, our country has a great economic potential on this native and indigenous plant. According to the DENR, there are 7.1 million hectares of unproductive, denuded and degraded forestlands targeted for rehabilitation under the National Greening Program (NGP). This Representation would like to urge the Department to allocate more of these areas to the planting of ylang-ylang trees, together with exotic cash crop trees like mahogany and gmelina that are intended to be cut down and harvested. These trees do not serve to bring back forest cover, but the ylang-ylang tree will remain for a period of 25 years and be productive to produce this ylang-ylang essential oil. Our native and indigenous ylang-ylang trees will certainly serve as forest cover because the trees will not be cut down.

As we endeavor to push through with the goal of the NGP, utilizing funds from its annual budget as

appropriated, this Representation would like to urge the Department to propagate our native ylang-ylang tree to all suitable lands of the public domain—forestlands, mangrove and protected areas, ancestral domains, civil and military reservations, urban greening areas and inactive and abandoned mine sites.

Last but not least, this Representation is urging all government agencies and institutions, including local government units to initiate and provide full support to the propagation of ylang-ylang trees, to include establishment of ylang-ylang nurseries, mobilization of all government employees, including students from grade school to college level, to plant even just one or even five seedlings each even in their backyard, and in government and school premises. The private sector is likewise encouraged to participate in this campaign. This Representation is calling on everyone: let us bring back the glory of our very own ylang-ylang.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, my dear colleagues; and God bless us all. *(Applause)*

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

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Hon. Leopoldo Bataoil for the gift of ylang-ylang seedlings.

Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Leopoldo Bataoil to the Committee on Rules.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the speech of the Honorable Bataoil is hereby referred to the Committee on Rules.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. DEFENSOR. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, January 17, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Sema). Is there any objection? *(Silence)* The Chair hears none; the session is adjourned until four o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

It was 7:37 p.m.