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### CALL TO ORDER

*At 4:00 p.m., Deputy Speaker Sharon S. Garin called the session to order.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is now called to order.

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

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

*Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please remain standing for the Invocation to be led by Rep. Divina Grace C. Yu of the First District of Zamboanga del Sur.

*Everybody remained standing for the Invocation.*

### INVOCATION

REP. YU. Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, at this moment, we pause to acknowledge Your might and power. We praise You for You have extended our lives, for You have afforded us many wonderful things, and which service to this country is one.

Before we discuss important matters, we ask forgiveness for our trespasses and our shortcomings. We are not worthy of calling on Your Holy Name because we are sinners, but we are thankful that You have assured us that You will hear the prayers and longings of Your children.

We ask Lord that You bless our presiding officer. Give her the wisdom that she needs to lead us in deliberations and discussions.

We also ask You that You give us open minds and accepting hearts so that whatever comes out of our session, we put people's needs on top.

Most of all, we pray that You give us strength as we pursue loftier things for our country.

Now, Lord, we yield to Your wisdom, to Your power and to Your protection.

All these things we pray for in Your Holy Name. Amen.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the calling of the roll.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we defer the approval of the Journal of the previous session

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we now proceed to the Reference of Business.

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

The Secretary General will please read the Reference of Business.

### REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 4948, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING GOVERNMENT

ASSISTANCE TO MADRASAH EDUCATION SYSTEM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

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

House Bill No. 4949, entitled:

“AN ACT RE-NATIONALIZING ALL HOSPITALS LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF MARINDUQUE, PLACING THE SAME UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representatives Velasco-Catera and Velasco  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4950, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING SECURITY OF TENURE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHOSE NATURE OF APPOINTMENT IS EITHER TEMPORARY OR CONTRACTUAL AND WHO HAVE RENDERED A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS OF EFFICIENT SERVICE”

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

House Bill No. 4951, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INTEGRATION AND MAINSTREAMING OF CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY’S NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4952, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TRAINING AND ACCREDITATION CENTERS IN THE CITIES OF SAN JOSE CITY, SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, ALL IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF NUEVA ECIJA”

By Representative Violago  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4953, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE BARANGAY TAGPU – ALAS – SAN JUAN ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANDAON, PROVINCE OF MASBATE INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Kho  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4954, entitled:

“AN ACT MANDATING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT A ‘NO CONTACT’ POLICY WITH REGARDS TO ALL TRANSACTIONS, APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, PRIVILEGES, LICENSES, CONCESSIONS OR AN EXTENSION OR RENEWAL THEREOF AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEALING WHICH INVOLVES ANY PAYMENT, FEE, OR ANY EXCHANGE OF MONETARY VALUE FOR SERVICES THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED TO PERFORM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 4955, entitled:

“AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM (EMSS), PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL EMSS COUNCIL, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salo  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4956, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DABUBU HIGH SCHOOL-ANNEX IN BARANGAY SINAOANGANSUR IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANAGUSTIN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM THE DABUBU HIGH SCHOOL; CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS SINAOANGAN SUR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Aggabao  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 4957, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS, LABORATORIES AND DORMITORIES IN THE MISAMIS ORIENTAL STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 4962, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS TO BE OPEN AT ALL TIMES TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4958, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THREE SMALL FARMERS’ REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA) BOARD BY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3601, AS AMENDED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 552 AND FURTHER AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 292, DATED JULY 25, 1987 ENTITLED, ‘AN ACT CREATING THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION’ ”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

House Bill No. 4963, entitled:

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

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

House Bill No. 4964, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HOSPITAL FOR TEACHERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4959, entitled:

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

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 4965, entitled:

“AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT IN LIBEL CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 355, 357, AND 360 OF ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REVISED PENAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 4960, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL HEALTH FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 4966, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ALL OVER THE PHILIPPINES TO INSTALL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS IN THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS AS A MEANS TO DETER CRIME, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

House Bill No. 4961, entitled:

“AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS, LABORATORIES AND DORMITORIES IN THE CENTRAL MINDANAO UNIVERSITY”

By Representative Rodriguez (M.)

House Bill No. 4967, entitled:

“AN ACT GRANTING ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P1,500.00) MONTHLY ALLOWANCE TO ALL BARANGAY TANODS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 4968, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY FIRST  
OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-  
WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE  
PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9090 ENTITLED ‘AN  
ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY FIRST  
OF EVERY YEAR AS JOSE MARIA C.  
PANGANIBAN DAY’ AND A SPECIAL  
WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE  
PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE”

By Representative Unico  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 4969, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION  
OF L. SAN DIEGO ROAD, CANUMAY IN  
THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO  
MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4970, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION  
OF SAN SIMON ROAD, DALANDANAN  
IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO  
MANILA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Gatchalian  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS  
AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 4971, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS  
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CODE OF 1991, TO INCLUDE ONE (1)  
SECTORAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM  
THE RANKS OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN  
LOCAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 4972, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 2 OF  
EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING

HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS  
OCCIDENTAL IN CELEBRATION OF ITS  
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF  
LAWS

House Bill No. 4973, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE BUREAU  
OF INTERNAL REVENUE FROM THE  
COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.  
6758, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
SALARY STANDARDIZATION LAW,  
AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES”

By Representatives Alvarez (P.) and Cua  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 4974, entitled:

“AN ACT RENEWING THE FRANCHISE  
GRANTED TO ULTRASONIC  
BROADCASTING SYSTEM  
INCORPORATED UNDER REPUBLIC ACT  
NO. 8081 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT GRANTING  
ULTRASONIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM  
INCORPORATED A FRANCHISE TO  
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND  
MAINTAIN RADIO AND TELEVISION  
BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE  
PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’  
FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS  
FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT”

By Representative Bataoil  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE  
FRANCHISES

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 746, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE  
ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO  
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, ON THE WORKING  
CONDITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT  
PRACTICES PREVALENT IN  
SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN THE  
PHILIPPINES”

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

House Resolution No. 747, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE  
ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO  
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, ON THE CAUSES AND

AFTERMATH OF THE BLAZE THAT ENGULFED THE HOUSE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (HTI) FACTORY IN CAVITE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE IN SO FAR AS THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ITS WORKERS IS CONCERNED”

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

House Resolution No. 748, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING NEGROS ORIENTAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOR WINNING THE 2016 MOST OUTSTANDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD IN ASIA AND PACIFIC DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> CONFEDERATION OF ASIA PACIFIC CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN AND RECOGNIZING THEIR NOTABLE AWARDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL IN THE FIELD OF SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT”

By Representatives Limkaichong, Sagarbarria and Teves  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Resolution No. 749, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION BY THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES”

By Representative Suarez  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 750, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE TAXES DUE FROM THE SALE OF PREPAID CELLULAR CARDS AND ELECTRONIC CREDITS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTING REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFICIENT COLLECTION OF THE SAME”

By Representatives Pineda, Belmonte (R.), Canama, Salo, Lopez (B.), Villarin, Bertiz, Montoro, Belaro, Lacson, Uybarreta, Salon, Lopez (M.) and Bravo (A.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 751, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF KOREAN NATIONAL JEE ICK JOO AND TO DEVISE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Lazatin  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 752, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT SPATE OF UNRESOLVED MURDERS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, OZAMIZ CITY, AND THE STEADY PROLIFERATION OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY ORGANIZED CRIME GROUP AND DRUG LORDS THEREON”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 753, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE REPORTED PROCUREMENT IRREGULARITIES COMMITTED BY THE OFFICERS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) LEADING TO THE STOPPAGE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND EVENTUALLY, THE DEMOLITION OF THE GSIS QUEZON CITY BRANCH OFFICE (GSIS-QCBO) SITUATED AT THE ELLIPTICAL ROAD, QUEZON CITY”

By Representative Oaminal  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 754, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPACTS OF THE IMPORTATION, USE, AND SALE OF HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP IN THE PHILIPPINES ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY”

By Representatives Gasataya, Alvarez (M.), Benitez, Cueva, Ferrer (J.), Limkaichong,

Mirasol, Sagarbarria, Teves, Yap (M.), Billones, Zubiri, Paduano, Villanueva and Gorriceta  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL COAUTHORS

Rep. Edwin C. Ong for House Bills No. 4526, 4106, and 4462;

Rep. Rodolfo C. Fariñas for House Bill No. 4570;

Rep. Alex “AA” L. Advincula for House Bills No. 3518, 3519, 3521, 3606, 3607, 3608, and 3635;

Rep. Christopher “Toff” Vera Perez De Venecia for House Bills No. 4106 and 4462, and House Resolution No. 636;

Reps. Divina Grace C. Yu, Ricardo “RJ” T. Belmonte Jr., Manuel T. Sagarbarria and Melecio J. Yap Jr. for House Bill No. 2635;

Rep. Jose Antonio “Kuya Jonathan” R. SyAlvarado for House Bills No. 2611, 4572, and 4873, and House Resolution No. 733;

Reps. Salvador B. Belaro Jr., Aniceto “John” D. Bertiz III, Dennis C. Laogan, Randolph S. Ting, Ron P. Salo, Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Eric M. Martinez, Johnny Ty Pimentel, Marlyn B. Alonte, Aurelio “Dong” D. Gonzales Jr., Gavini “Apol” C. Pancho and Cristina “Chiqui” Roa-Puno for House Bills No. 4106 and 4462;

Rep. Robert Ace S. Barbers for House Bill No. 4820;

Reps. Jose “Pingping” I. Tejada and Alexandria P. Gonzales for House Bill No. 4742;

Rep. Estrellita B. Suansing for House Bills No. 3048, 3049, 3099, 3263, 3460, 3490, 4483, and 4742;

Rep. Deogracias B. Ramos Jr. for House Resolution No. 769;

Reps. Carlito S. Marquez, Emmanuel A. Billones, Oscar “Richard” S. Garin Jr., Arthur R. Defensor Jr., Raul “Boboy” C. Tupas, Paolo Everardo S. Javier, Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D., Arcadio H. Gorriceta, Ferjenel G. Biron, M.D. and Jerry P. Treñas for House Bill No. 4105;

Rep. Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D. for House Bills No. 1166 and 2319;

Rep. Ma. Lourdes Acosta-Alba for House Bills No. 2174 and 2180;

Rep. Eleanor C. Bulut-Begtang for House Bill No. 1451;

Rep. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III for House Bills No. 1554, 1859, 1894, 2141, 2318, 2319, 3518, 3519, 3520, 3521, 3557, 3606, 3607, 3608, 3635, 3782, and 4521;

Reps. Carmelo “Jon” B. Lazatin II and Joaquin M. Chipeco Jr. for House Bill No. 3100;

Reps. Reynaldo V. Umali, Arcadio H. Gorriceta and Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso for House Resolution No. 198;

Rep. Enrico A. Pineda for House Bill No. 2286;  
Rep. Gus S. Tambunting for House Bill No. 2146;

Rep. Frederick “Erick” F. Abueg for House Resolutions No. 605 and 606;

Rep. Arthur C. Yap for House Bill No. 2771;

Rep. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao for House Bill No. 4800;

Rep. Celso L. Lobregat for House Bills No. 2319, 2474, 2953, and 3782;

Reps. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Vicente “Ching” S.E. Veloso, John Marvin “Yul Servo” C. Nieto and Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan for House Bills No. 2318, 2319, 2474, 2953, and 3782;

Reps. Divina Grace C. Yu and Rolando “Klax” A. Uy for House Bills No. 2318, 2319, 2474, and 2953;

Rep. Manuel F. Zubiri for House Bills No. 2318, 2474, and 3782;

Rep. Maria Vida Espinosa Bravo for House Bills No. 1916, 2733, 3582, 3584, 3587, 3675, 3685, 3686, 3734, 4210, 4261, and 4389;

Rep. Gerald Anthony “Samsam” V. Gullas Jr. for House Bill No. 4903;

Rep. Jesus “Boying” F. Celeste for House Bill No. 4571;

Rep. Mauyag “Jun” B. Papandayan Jr. for House Bill No. 2926;

Reps. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma and Marlyn B. Alonte for House Bill No. 4526;

Rep. Paolo Everardo S. Javier for House Bill No. 4689; and

Rep. Henry C. Ong for House Bill No. 2319.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Banks and Financial Intermediaries (Committee Report No. 102), re H.B. No. 5000, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF PAYMENT SYSTEMS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3305

Sponsor: Representative Evardone  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 103), re H.B. No. 5001, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING GOVERNOR’S DRIVE, TRAVERSING SORO-SORO BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF BIÑAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TERNATE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AS JUANITO R. REMULLA, SR. ROAD”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2194  
Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Ferrer (L.)  
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 104), re H.B. No. 5002, entitled:

“ANACTRENAMINGTHEMOLINO–SALAWAG – PALIPARAN ROAD, TRAVERSING BARANGAY TALABA 4 IN THE CITY OF BACOR, AND BARANGAY PALIPARAN 1 IN THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AS BACOR – DASMARIÑAS NATIONAL ROAD”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4190

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat, Revilla and Barzaga

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 105), re H.B. No. 5003, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAY DOLORES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY AND BARANGAY BAGUMBONG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JALA-JALA, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AS JOSE RIZAL HIGHWAY”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3047

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat, Acop, Roa-Puno, Duavit and Rodriguez (L.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 106), re H.B. No. 1926, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY POBLACION 2 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL”

recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Uy (J.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE HOUR

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, today, being a Monday and pursuant to our Rules, I move that we open the Privilege Hour.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the First District of Cebu, the Hon. Raul V. Del Mar, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Rep. Raul Del Mar of the First District of Cebu City is now recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. DEL MAR

REP. DEL MAR. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you to the Floor Leader.

Distinguished colleagues:

Rule XII of the Rules of the House, specifically, Section 91 on Time Limit provides that “A Member shall not be allowed to speak for more than one (1) hour in debate on any question.”

I submit that the counting of the one-hour limit shall cover only the time that the Member-interpellator speaks and shall not include the time that the Sponsor speaks in answer to the Member’s questions or comments. The rule refers only to the word “Member” and does not mention the word “Sponsor.” Meaning, the one-hour allocation is his, and not the Sponsor’s. Besides, if the Sponsor’s replies are included in the Member-interpellator’s one-hour time limit, that will reduce the time allowed for the Member-interpellator.

Moreover, the Member-interpellator will be at the mercy of the Sponsor who can lengthen at will his replies and thus, defeat the intent of the House rule, which is to enable the Member-interpellator to perform his function fully and efficiently. There is no problem if the Member-interpellator speaks for one-hour straight but in interpellation and debate, the replies can easily take away precious minutes from the Member-interpellator’s time.

Just as the rules seek to curb any abuse on the right to speak by a Member-interpellator, the same rule shall also diminish the Member-interpellator’s right by allowing the Sponsor to cut down the time given the said Member-interpellator by the House rules. I therefore urge, Mme. Speaker, that the Committee on Rules set things right by not denying the right of a Member to interpellate the Sponsor of a bill for a full one-hour, by not counting the time of the Sponsor’s replies as part of that one-hour time limit.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Floor Leader.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you, Representative Del Mar.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no other Member who wishes to interpellate the Honorable Del Mar, I move that his speech be referred to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the First District of Albay, the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman, for his privilege speech.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). Cong. Edcel Lagman is now recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. LAGMAN.

REP. LAGMAN. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

The heart and soul of a deliberative assembly like the House of Representatives is untrammelled debate. Every Member must be accorded the full opportunity to articulate his views on a matter under consideration, without being gagged by an indiscriminate and arbitrary invocation of a time-limit or cloture.

Mme. Speaker, I participated during the debates in 1992 to 1993 on the reimposition of the death penalty, as well in the debates in 2005 to 2006 for the abolition of the death penalty. The records would show that all of the interpellators in both instances were given free rein to articulate their objections. No one was gagged by cloture or time limitation.

I recall that I interpellated the Hon. Pablo Garcia of Cebu, the distinguished main Sponsor of the death penalty reimposition, for a total of three hours and 17 minutes, spanning three session days—November 10, 1992, November 12, 1992, and February 10, 1993. The Members of the House then were accorded untrammelled time to debate; thus, the interchange resulted in high-caliber debates which the Supreme Court found instructive to quote in full, like in the case of *People of the Philippines vs Echegaray*.

During the debates on the abolition of the death penalty of which I was the principal Sponsor, the Hon. Roilo Golez interpellated me for one hour and 45 minutes over three session days—May 31, 2006, June 5, 2006 and June 6, 2006. That is why I found it rude and discourteous to be limited to an hour during my interpellation of the Hon. Reynaldo Umali last Wednesday, when the one hour included the time consumed by the Sponsor's answers to my questions. The House leadership has misconstrued and misapplied Section 91 of Rule XII which unequivocally provides,

and I quote, "A Member shall not be allowed to speak," let me underscore, "to speak for more than one hour in a debate on any question." Verily, the rule computes the time personally consumed by the Member who has risen to speak during the one-hour period, just like committee deliberations exclude the time consumed by the Member who answers the question. Otherwise, the answering Sponsor can prolong his answers to deprive the interpellator of his time.

My interpellation of the Hon. Reynaldo Umali on February 8, 2017 lasted only for one hour and two minutes, as reflected in the transcription, and this period included the time consumed by Representative Umali in answering my questions. Even if we divide the one hour and two minutes equally between Representative Umali and me, which should not even be the case, I would still have 31 minutes to continue my interpellation. Perforce, Mme. Speaker, I am requesting that I be allowed to finish my interpellation for another 31 minutes, not counting the time the Sponsor will consume in answering my questions.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Edcel Lagman to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from the Third District of Camarines Sur, the Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr., be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Rep. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. of the Third District of Camarines Sur is now recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BORDADO

REP. BORDADO. Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, the Philippines is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. Google that phrase — "most disaster-prone countries" — and it will lead you to a CNN report dated January 21, 2016. The report, Mme. Speaker, is headlined "Philippines among world's most disaster-prone countries," putting us right behind the United States, China and India. Mme. Speaker, if it is any consolation, we were the third most disaster-prone nation in 2012, according to the World Disaster Report released in Brussels, right behind Vanuatu and Tonga.

The other side of the coin, Mme. Speaker, of course is that these natural calamities had forced us to become resilient. Take it from me whose district was



among the most devastated by the recent typhoon last Christmas Day. Typhoon Nina was almost as strong as super typhoon Reming which battered Bicol more than a decade ago, but because we had access to accurate and timely information, Mme. Speaker, Naga City, where I come from, reported no casualty in human life. According to the final situational report of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the country registered 13 casualties, including seven from Bicol, because of Nina's onslaught. That is a far cry from the 6,300 confirmed dead due to super typhoon Yolanda in 2013.

Mme. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Philippines sees an average of 20 typhoons a year, disaster preparedness and risk management are imperative. Preparation is absolutely important, and access to timely, accurate information is a must. Towards this end, Mme. Speaker, in 2012, responding to the challenge posed by the previous administration for "a more accurate, integrated, and responsive disaster prevention and mitigation system," Project NOAH was born. Project NOAH stands for Nationwide Operational Assessment of Hazards. It is aptly named after a biblical character who prepared and saved the human race during the Great Flood. Similar to what Noah the man accomplished, NOAH the project aims to provide timely and accurate natural disaster information in order to mitigate risk and minimize damage. The Project has several components that provide natural disaster information and help prepare the country and local communities before a typhoon strikes – from rain gauges to landslide sensors and flood information networks – all of which had greatly aided our people.

Mme. Speaker, since 2012, Project NOAH has helped avert 13 potential disasters, including those arising from damaging typhoons like typhoon Ruby in 2014. Local disaster risk reduction managers had praised it after it assisted their localities in minimizing, if not totally averting, damages from typhoons and the flooding they caused. Local governments, including my very own, have depended on the Project to prepare for flooding and surges to help them achieve zero casualties on numerous occasions. But just recently, Mme. Speaker, Project NOAH Executive Director Mahar Lagmay announced that the project has reached its end and will only run until February 28 this year. From there, PAGASA will take over the Project. Lagmay said that the lack of funding caused the Project to finally close down. Mme. Speaker, it is such a saddening thought that something that has greatly aided our nation in times of dire need would end because of lack of funds.

Mme. Speaker, in a blog, with the supposed permission of the Department of Science and Technology Secretary Fortunato De La Peña posted a week ago, however, there was a declaration that "the NOAH program itself has no funding. Projects under the NOAH

program are the ones that are funded." Then, Mme. Speaker, just last night, the online edition of a major national periodical reported that "state weathermen showed their resentment of proponents of the DOST's Project NOAH for supposedly belittling the competence of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration," otherwise known as PAGASA, in a bid to save the project. Mme. Speaker, for one of the world's most disaster-prone countries, the Philippines must ensure that its disaster preparedness systems are not only in place, but are continuously being improved. Let us start by making sure that Project NOAH will survive in the best institutional arrangements possible, and will continue to serve our people.

Mme. Speaker, I am therefore calling for an inquiry in aid of legislation, through the appropriate committee or committees, to settle the issue once and for all. Project NOAH is an embodiment of the Filipino people's resiliency— that no matter how inevitable natural disasters are, we will be prepared and we will face them armed with life-saving information and early warning until we weather the storm. We simply cannot afford to lose, Mme. Speaker.

Thank you very much.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Gabriel H. Bordado Jr. to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I now move that the Gentleman from ANAKPAWIS Party-List, the Hon. Ariel "Ka Ayik" B. Casilao, be recognized to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Rep. Ariel Casilao of Party-List ANAKPAWIS is now recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. CASILAO

REP. CASILAO. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

Magandang hapon sa inyong lahat. Maayong hapon. Honorable Speaker, mga kasamang Mambabatas, pagbati ng kapayapaan at hustisyang panlipunan.

Sabi ni Pangulong Duterte noong nakaraang linggo, "Kayong mga sundalo sa bundok, bumaba na lang kayo. I will find money to place you in resettlements and I

will proceed with the land reform.” Ito ang sinabi ni Pangulong Duterte doon sa kanyang press conference sa Cagayan de Oro City makailan lamang. Sa kanyang pahayag, malinaw na siya mismo ay alam na ang mga mandirigma ng New People’s Army o NPA ay mga magsasaka, at sa katunayan ay nakikibaka para sa kanilang karapatan sa lupa at laban sa monopolyo ng iilang asendero at panginoong may lupa at mga kumpanya sa mga malalawak na lupain sa ating bansa.

Kami sa ANAKPAWIS at Makabayan bloc ay kinikilala na ang pinag-ugatan ng armadong tunggalian sa ating bansa sa pagitan ng NPA at ng mga puwersa ng gobyerno ay pangunahing usaping agraryo. Kaya nga nang umabot sa Socio-Economic Reforms Agenda ng third round of peace negotiation o ng formal peace talks, ito ay aming malugod na tinanggap at pinuri dahil ito ay makasaysayan at para sa kapakinabangan ng buong masang magsasaka at manggagawa. Ang kanya-kanyang Reciprocal Working Committees or RWCs ng dalawang panig ay umabot na sa kasunduang “in principle” ay “free distribution of land.” Sa working draft ng Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms or CASER na isinumite ng NDFP sa GRP, sa Article XI, Implementation, Section 5, sinabi dito:

Pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, a new agrarian reform law shall be enacted to break up land monopoly of big landowners and prevent land remonopolization; to redistribute agricultural lands for free to the broad masses of the peasants and farm workers; x x x

Kaya sa pananaw ng kilusang magbubukid at iba pang mga sektor, ang third round ng peace talks ay positibong hakbang para sa pagkamit ng pundamental na reporma sa lipunan at ekonomiya sa bansa.

Gayunpaman, Mme. Speaker, we are aware that these specific developments in the talks will definitely upset the rich and powerful such as the landlords and foreign corporations. Genuine agrarian reform or the emancipation of poor peasants run counter to their interest, to their class interests of exacting land rent and plunder of surplus products which are the sources of their giant profits.

Mme. Speaker, and colleagues, I will not dwell on the issue of the lifting of both side’s unilateral ceasefire. For obvious reasons, I am not a party thereto. However, I still call for each other’s openness in light of resuming the talks and accomplishing more tangible gains for the marginalized sectors in our country. As President Duterte had announced on the suspension of the talks, with the Department of National Defense Secretary Lorenzana adding that they are on an all-out war against the NPA, I would like to refresh the memory

of our colleagues, the Members of this House, that even before, in the past administrations, these all-out war or total war policies of past regimes are synonymous with systematic and massive human rights violations against civilians or unarmed population who are usually the peasantry and indigenous peoples.

Under the Oplan Bayanihan of the Aquino regime, farmers and Lumads fell victims to military abuses that compelled them to annually hold the Manilakbayan ng Mindanao or the caravan to broadcast their abused state. We do not want a repeat of systematic rights abuses against farmers and other poor sectors: of Lumad killings, of atrocities against Alcadev Lumad school teachers; of Haran and farmers and Lumad mass evacuations; of non-stop extrajudicial killings against peasant leaders and activists; of illegal arrests and filing of trumped-up charges against activists; of displacement of farmers and indigenous communities to pave way for land-grabbing, and land use and crop conversions such as palm oil, sugar and other products of foreign agro-corporations.

With or without the AFP’s suspension of military operations or SOMO, we lament the massive militarization as it did since August. With or without the declarations of unilateral ceasefire by the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the government of the Republic of the Philippines, in the Mindanao provinces, also in Abra, Masbate, Camarines Sur, Northern Samar, Quezon, Tarlac and other areas, there were reported alleged violations of such ceasefire. They even occupied 18 Lumad schools in Sultan Kudarat. During the President’s first declaration of ceasefire in July, a pregnant woman was killed by paramilitary forces in Bukidnon.

In light of this imminent all-out-war to be waged by the AFP and the government forces, I urge the House Committees on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, and on Human Rights, to witness first-hand, the impact of militarization on farmers’ and indigenous peoples’ communities in Mindanao, and document the mass evacuations of thousands of farmers and Lumads in the town of Manay, Davao Oriental. Ibinibintang ng militar na ang evacuation ay bunga raw ng harassment, ayon sa AFP, ng NPA sa mga magsasaka gayong bago rito, ang pagkamatay ng isang Junior Officer ng military noong February 1 ay nangyari at sa sumunod na araw, February 2, nagpatuloy ang malawakang operasyong militar ng 67<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion at kasabay nito ang pagpatay sa mga magsasakang sina Ruben Inidio at Boy Sumambot. Ang pagkapatay sa dalawang magsasaka ay ibinintang ng militar sa NPA, gayong wala itong pagkakaiba sa kaso ng Lupao massacre na naganap noong February 10, 1987 sa Nueva Ecija, na kamakailan lamang ay nasa ika-30 taong anibersayo na, kung saan namatay sa labanan sa NPA ang isang Junior Officer ng Philippine Army.

Kaya, Mme. Speaker, mga kapwa Mambabatas, I urge you to join the legitimate call for just peace or just and lasting peace. Our country has had enough of counterinsurgency programs—from Martial Law, total war policy, low intensity conflict or LIC, Oplan Lambat Bitag, Oplan Makabayan, Oplan Bantay Laya, Oplan Bayanihan and now, Oplan Kapayapaan. All of these programs had failed to bring an end to the revolutionary forces, the New People’s Army; and the question would be “Why.” Mme. Speaker, colleagues, si Pangulong Duterte mismo ang sumagot sa tanong na iyan. Noong 2014, nang siya ay Mayor pa ng Davao City, sinabi niya mismo, “Mahihirap, sumusuporta sa mga rebelde, di matatalo.” These are the exact words of the then Mayor of Davao City, now the President of the Republic. Kung hindi matatalo ang NPA dahil sila ay suportado ng mahihirap, samakatuwid, napakainam na pamamaraan ang peace talks o peace negotiation para pag-usapan ang mga pundamental na isyu sa likod nito.

In this light, Mme. Speaker, I would like to share some indicators of the state of human rights abuses in the country. Last month, on January 4, farmers and indigenous peoples fell victims to extrajudicial killings which are mainly due to agrarian disputes and in defense of their ancestral lands. While the President has been pushing his peace agenda since last year until end of year 2016, 10 fell victims to two extrajudicial killings; two, to enforced disappearance and two, to torture; 14, to frustrated extrajudicial killings; 14,659 individuals, to threat and harassment; 4,170 individuals, endangered by indiscriminate firing, bombing and artillery fire; and 7,841 individuals, endangered by the occupation of schools, medical facilities, religious and other structures for military purposes.

Samakatuwid, habang ang Pangulo at ang GRP panel ay isinusulong ang formal peace negotiation sa NDFP, ang DND at AFP naman at ang kanilang mga paramilitary groups ay patuloy sa paghahasik ng mga karahasan sa malawak na mamamayan.

Maisasalarawan natin sa dalawang kampo ang usaping ito: ang kampo para sa kapayapaan: ang malawak na mamamayan, mga manggagawa, mga magsasaka, maging mga kababayan natin sa iba’t ibang bansa, maging ang Royal Norwegian Government at ang mga miyembro ng Gabinete na sina Secretary Rafael “Ka Paeng” Mariano, Secretary Judy Taguiwalo at Secretary Ka Liza Maza, at ang mahigit isandaang mga kagalang-galang na Kinatawan ng Kamara na sumamang maging may-akda ng House Resolution No. 769 na nanawagan ng pagpapatuloy ng peace talks; at ang kampo, sa kabilang banda, na gusto ng all-out war: ang DND sa ilalim ni Secretary Lorenzana at ang AFP sa ilalim ni General Año, mga asyendero, komprador, panginoong may lupa na kontra sa mga pundamental na sosyo-ekonomikong pagbabago, at ang imperyalistang US na kaaway ng mamamayang Pilipino.

Sa kontradiksyong ito, hinihikayat namin ang Pangulong Duterte na pumanig para sa kapayapaan at hindi para sa giyera. Noong una pa man, nasa likod na kami at ang malawak na mamamayan sa kanyang peace agenda. Hindi rin ito panahon para kanyang talikuran. Bilang pagtatapos, mga kasama, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, Mme. Speaker, iiwan ko ang mga mahahalagang panawagang ito:

1. Ipagpatuloy ang peace talks sa pagitan ng NDFP at gobyerno, at i-deliberate, pirmahan ang kasunduang Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms o CASER at free land distribution para sa mga magsasaka;

2. Igalang ang mga nakaraang agreements tulad ng: a) 1998 Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law o CARHRIHL; at b) ang 1995 Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees;

3. Palayain ang NDFP consultant na si Ariel Arbitrario at mga bilanggong pulitikal;

4. Igalang ang karapatang pantao at bigyang hustisya ang mga biktima; at

5. Isulong ang lupa, kapayapaan at just and lasting peace!

Magandang hapon sa inyong lahat. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the Hon. Ariel “Ka Ayik” B. Casilao to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Sarah Jane I. Elago of the KABATAAN Party-List who are now in the gallery. They are Mr. Amado Canham-Rodriguez; Ms. Alexa Zapanta; and National Youth Commission Commissioner-at-Large, Mr. James Ceasar Ventura.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, we would like also to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the Hon. Divina Grace C. Yu of the First District of Zamboanga del Sur. They are the secondary school heads/principals and school science coordinators

from the First District of Zamboanga del Sur, DepEd Division of Zamboanga del Sur.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

REP. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Representative from the BAYAN MUNA Party-List, the Hon. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, to avail of the Privilege Hour.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Rep. Carlos Isagani Zarate of Party-List BAYAN MUNA is now recognized.

#### PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. ZARATE

REP. ZARATE. Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

Mme. Speaker, ako po ay tumitindig ngayon para sa kapayapaan at para sa kagalingan ng sambayanang Pilipino at mga henerasyon pang hinaharap. Hinihimok at hinahamon ko kayo, mga kapwa ko Mambabatas, na samahan ako sa pagtindig para sa kapayapaang pangmatagalan at nakabatay sa hustisyang panlipunan.

Mme. Speaker, mula pa po noong nakaraang linggo, sunud-sunod na dagok sa inaasam nating kapayapaan ang naganap. Nagulantang ang marami nang ipinahayag ni Pangulong Rodrigo “Digong” Duterte na kinakansela na niya ang usapang pangkapayapaan sa pagitan ng gobyerno ng Republika ng Pilipinas at ng National Democratic Front of the Philippines. Kasabay nito ay nag-utos siya na dakping muli ang mga pinalayang consultants ng National Democratic Front na dating mga bilanggong pulitikal. Pagkatapos ng naturang announcement, sumambulat ang masamang balita na winawakasan na rin ng gobyerno ang Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees o JASIG na nagbibigay ng proteksyon sa mga negosyador, consultants at staff ng magkabilang negotiating panels sa usaping pangkapayapaan laban sa surveillance, harassment, pagdakip at prosecution habang nagpapatuloy pa ang usapang pangkapayapaan.

Mme. Speaker, parang pinatayan ng ilaw ang kamakailan lamang ay maningning at makasaysayang usapang pangkapayapaan. Habang humaharap sa malaking dagok ang usapang pangkapayapaan ay hindi nagpahuli ang militaristang Armed Forces of the Philippines sa pagsunggab sa pagkakataong makapagsagawa ng walang pagkukubling giyera-atake or all-out war laban sa CPP-NPA-NDF. Ilang araw bago pa man kanselahin ang usapang pangkapayapaan, nagpauna na kaagad si AFP Chief of Staff Eduardo Año nang sinabi niyang: “We will hit them hard!” at hindi rin nagpatumpik-tumpik na magdeklara ng all-out war.

Ano ang naging resulta nito? Dinakip sa Davao City ang NDFP consultant na si Ariel Arbitrario kahit hindi pa man nalulusaw ang JASIG. Dinakip rin ang isang NGO worker na si Rogina Navarro Quilop, isang administrative officer ng Center for People’s Resources and Services sa Bacolod. Kamakailan lang, pinatay sa harap ng mga kabataang estudyante si Emelito “Tatay Intik” Rotimas, isang lider-pesante sa Bukidnon, Mindanao. Wala ring awang pinagbabaril ang isa na namang Lumad leader or indigenous peoples’ leader sa Bukidnon na si Renato Anglao. Samantala, mahigit 100 pamilyang Lumad mula sa Sitio Tangis at Sitio Kindag sa Barangay Datal Anggas, Alabel, Sarangani Province ang nag-evacuate mula Sabado, ika-labing-isa ng Pebrero dahil sa diumano ay pambobomba ng 73<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion sa kanilang komunidad. Apat na sibilyan na sina Renel Mancal, Meon Salda, Fausto Barro at Garson Barro ang iligal na inaresto, tinortyur at ginawang ehemplo sa kanilang operasyon. Malubha pa rito, Mme. Speaker, kasalukuyang ipinapatupad ng 73<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion ang food blockade sa Datal Anggas, ayon sa ulat mismo ng organisasyon ng mga Lumad sa naturang lugar.

Samantala, higit pang pinalakas nang dineklarang all-out war ang loob ng mga grupong paramilitar katulad ng notorious na Alamara upang muling maghasik ng lagim sa mga lugar ng mga Lumad sa Mindanao. Iniuulat ito ng National Medical and Solidarity Mission sa Talaingod, Davao del Norte. Ang Solidarity Mission na ito ay naglalayong imbestigahan ang epidemiya sa tubig na pumatay ng 27 Lumad mula pa noong nakaraang taon, at kabilang sa Mission na ito ay ang mga Biology students at propesor ng University of the Philippines in Mindanao. Sila ay tinatakot at pinagbabantaang patayin ng mga miyembro ng Alamara, at dahil sa takot, nitong nakaraang linggo ay nanawagan ng agarang tulong ang mga miyembro ng Solidarity Mission upang sila ay ligtas na makaalis sa lugar kung saan sila naroroon noong panahon ng pananakot. Sa tugon ng mga residente at concerned officials ng Davao del Norte at iba’t ibang mga organisasyon, nakauwi nang ligtas ang mga miyembro ng Solidarity Mission kanina lamang umaga, Mme. Speaker.

Ito na ba, Mme. Speaker, ang ibig sabihin ng all-out war ng Armed Forces of the Philippines—ang hindi pagtalima sa mga kasunduang nilagdaan ng pamahalaan at patayin o dakpin maging ang mga inosenteng sibilyan, katulad noong nangyari sa nakaraan pang mga administrasyon?

Ito, Mme. Speaker, ay kabaligtaran sa inaasahan nating mangyayari matapos ang matagumpay na third round of talks ng peace negotiation noon lamang nakakalipas na dalawang linggo sa Roma, Italya. Itinuring na makasaysayan or unprecedented ang inabot ng peace talks sa loob lamang nitong nakaraang lima o anim na buwan. Nitong third round of talks sa Roma,

Italya, ilan sa puntong napagkasunduan ay ang mga usapin tungkol sa libreng pamamahagi ng lupa para sa mga magsasaka, libreng irigasyon, health and education, pagpapalakas sa Joint Monitoring Committee na isang mekanismo upang mapabuti ang pagpapaunlad, at pagpapatupad ng Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. Higit sa lahat, during the last round of talks, nagkasundo ang dalawang panig na magsagawa ng mga pamamaraan upang mapabilis pa ang pagbalangkas ng Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reforms or CASER—ang kasunduang buod ng mga repormang pang-ekonomiko at panlipunan na sasagot sa ugat ng kahirapan, pagka-atrasado at kawalan ng hustisyang panlipunan na nasa kaibuturan ng armadong tunggalian sa ating bayan.

Mme. Speaker, natapos ang third round of talks kung saan marami ang umaasang may mga malalaki pang hakbang ang mararating sa mga susunod pang pagkikita ng dalawang panig sa darating na April 2 to 6 sa Oslo, Norway. Sa katunayan, Mme. Speaker, marami rin ang umaasa na magkakaroon din ng usaping ceasefire at pagpapalaya pa ng mga detenidong pulitikal dahil nakatakdang pumunta sa Utrecht, The Netherlands, ang ceasefire committees ng dalawang panels sana ngayong February 22 to 25 kung hindi nahinto ang usapang pangkapayapaan. Mme. Speaker, sa mga nangyari nitong nakaraang mga araw, parang ginilitan ang pag-asang ito dahil sa terminasyon ng peace talks. Hindi natin dapat ito hayaang mangyari.

Ano ang nakataya sa usapang pangkapayapaan? Ang nakataya sa usapang pangkapayapaan ay ang resolusyon ng kalahating-siglong giyera sibil sa ating bayan. Ang pagkansela nito ay ang pagkansela ng tunay na repormang agraryo at pag-unlad sa ating kanayunan. Ang pagwawakas, Mme. Speaker, sa usapang pangkapayapaan ay ang pagwawakas ng pambansang industriyalisasyon at pag-unlad ng ating ekonomiya at nakabubuhay na sahod para sa ating mga manggagawa. Ang pagtatapos ng usapang pangkapayapaan ay ang pagtatapos rin ng proteksyon ng ating kalikasan at rehabilitasyon ng mga napinsalang kalikasan o natural resources ng walang habas na pagmimina at pagtotroso. Ang pagtutuldok sa usapang pangkapayapaan ay pagtutuldok rin sa posibilidad ng libre, makabayan at maka-mamamayang edukasyon, sining at literatura. Ang paghihinto sa usapang pangkapayapaan ay paghihinto rin ng tunay na pagkilala sa karapatan ng mga pambansang minorya—ang ating mga katutubong mamamayan, ang ating mga Lumad at ang ating mga kapatid na Moro—sa kanilang karapatan sa sariling pagpapasya at karapatan sa lupang ninuno.

Mme. Speaker, ilan lamang ito sa napakaraming isyung nilalayong tugunan ng usapang pangkapayapaan ng gobyerno ng Pilipinas at ng National Democratic Front. Ang mga usaping ito ay siya ring ugat ng

armadong tunggalian sa ating bayan. Hindi ceasefire at pagbaba ng armas lamang ang layunin ng peace talks. Ang dakilang hamon ng peace talks ay ang lutasin ang malalim at nakaugat nang problema ng sambayanang Pilipino na lumulugmok sa karamihan ng ating mga kababayan. Ito, Mme. Speaker, at kapwa ko mga Mambabatas, ang nais nating makamit sa usapang pangkapayapaan: hindi ang kapayapaang tumutukoy lamang sa kawalan ng giyera kundi ang kapayapaang nakabatay sa panlipunang hustisya at kapayapaang pangmatagalan.

Kaya naman, Mme. Speaker, mariing kinukondena ng Kinatawang ito at ng BAYAN MUNA ang tahasang pagdeklara ng all-out war ng military. Ang deklarasyong all-out war ay tinuran ng AFP sa kabila ng panawagan ng maraming mamamayan para ipagpatuloy ang usapang pangkapayapaan at sa kabila nang posibilidad na manumbalik pa ang negosasyon. Matindi ang aming pagkabahala sa makagiyerang posisyon ng AFP sapagkat sa lahat na all-out war na naideklara ng mga nakaraang administrasyon, hindi ito nagresulta sa pagkawala at pagkatalo ng mga rebelde o rebolusyonaryong grupo o pagkahinto ng rebelyon sa ating bansa. Bagkus, ang all-out war na ito ay nagresulta sa tahasan at malawakang paglabag sa karapatang pantao ng ating mga mamamayan.

Mula sa Martial Law ng diktador na si Marcos, sa “unsheathing the sword of war” noong panahon ni Cory Aquino hanggang sa Oplan Lambat-Bitag I, II, III at IV ng dating Presidente Ramos, sa Oplan Makabayan ni Presidente Estrada at Oplan Bantay Laya I and II ni Presidente Arroyo, at sa Oplan Bayanihan ng administrasyong Noynoy Aquino, itinuon ang buong puwersang militar at puwersa ng pamahalaan sa pagpuksa raw ng rebelyon na pinangungunahan ng CPP-NPA-NDF at iba pang rebolusyonaryong grupo kagaya ng Moro Islamic Liberation Front at Moro National Liberation Front. Subalit ang lahat nang ito, Mme. Speaker, sa kabila ng bilyun-bilyong ibinuhos na pondo ng bayan at suportang armas ng imperyalistang Estados Unidos, lahat po ito ay naging bigo.

Sa halip na kapayapaan, ang mga all-out war na ito at ang national security programs na ito ay nangangahulugan lamang ng extrajudicial killings, sapilitang pagkawala ng ating mamamayan, pagbakwit at marami pang malalang paglabag sa karapatang pantao ng mamamayan at nagpapatuloy ang armadong tunggalian. Hindi kapayapaan, Mme. Speaker, ang hatid ng all-out war na ito. Ang hatid ng all-out war ay atake sa mamamayan. Halimbawa, noong idineklara ni Marcos ang Martial Law para kontrahin ang rebelyon, lumabag ito sa karapatang pantao ng halos 75,000 mamamayang Pilipino. Milyon-milyong mga mamamayang Moro at mga katutubo ang napalikas naman mula sa kanilang komunidad sa mga all-out war na inilunsad ng mga nakaraang administrasyon. Samantala, libu-libong

mamamayan ang pinaslang sa mga programang kontra insurhensiya ng mga nakalipas na administrasyon. Mme. Speaker, nais nating wakasan ang digmaang halos kalahating siglo nang umiiral sa ating bayan. Nais nating pawiin ang kahirapan, ang kawalan ng hustisya, ang hindi pagkapantay-pantay. Nais natin ng kapayapaang nakabase sa hustisya at pangmatagalan.

Malaki din ang kagustuhan ng Kongresong ito sa isang pangmatagalan at makatarungang kapayapaan. Sa katunayan, Mme. Speaker, nitong nakaraang linggo lamang, nasa higit 100 miyembro ng ating Mababang Kapulungan ang pumirma na sa isang resolusyon para himukin si Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na ipagpatuloy ang naudlot na usapang pangkapayapaan. Pagkilala ito sa malaking iniusad sa pag-uusap ng dalawang panig at sa ngalan ng kagalingan ng mamamayanang Pilipino. Kaya, Mme. Speaker, iniimbata namin ang iba pa nating mga kasamahan ng Kapulungan ito na suportahan ang resolusyong ito para sa panunumbalik ng usaping pangkapayapaan.

Tumitindig ako ngayon, Mme. Speaker, para sa kapayapaan. Hinihimok ko ang lahat na kapwa ko Mambabatas, mga makabayang mamamayan at ang mga nagmamahal sa kapayapaan at hustisya na tumindig at ipanawagang ituloy ang peace negotiation sa pagitan ng gobyerno ng Republika ng Pilipinas at ng National Democratic Front at lutasin ang ugat ng armadong tunggalian.

Give peace a chance! Resume the peace negotiations between the GRP and the NDF.

Maraming salamat, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of the honorable Rep. Carlos Isagani T. Zarate to the Committee on Rules for appropriate action.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, at this juncture, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the honorable Rep. Marlyn B. Alonte, ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.) Please rise while your name is called.

REP. MATUGAS. ...the delegation of Biñan City ABC headed by President Rommel Dikdikan.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.) Welcome to the House of Representatives. (*Applause*)  
The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the Gentleman from the Party-List COOP-NATCCO to avail of the Privilege Hour, Rep. Anthony M. Bravo, Ph.D.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Since it is your birthday, Rep. Anthony Bravo, you are now recognized.

PRIVILEGE SPEECH OF REP. BRAVO (A.)

REP. BRAVO (A.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker.

Good afternoon distinguished colleagues. Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I rise to bring to the attention of this august Chamber the anomalies in the procurement process conducted by the Department of Transportation with respect to the award of the Bicol International Airport Package 2B Project.

To enlighten this Chamber, Mme. Speaker, back in 2006, then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and her Cabinet had the vision to improve the air transportation situation in the Southern Luzon areas, specifically covering the Bicol Region, including also the adjoining provinces. The result of their vision and careful planning yielded the Bicol International Airport, touted to be the gateway of Southern Luzon to both local and international travelers. Last December, 10 years from the inception of the Project, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte headed the groundbreaking ceremony of what is supposed to be the last phase of construction of the airport.

I truly hope this signifies that the flagship project of the region will become a reality, a feat which the past administration had failed to do. However, I have received some troubling reports regarding the procurement process of the contract for the construction of this Bicol International Airport, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleagues.

The Bicol International Airport construction has been divided into packages or tranches to be procured at different times, depending upon the progress of the Project. As of date, one of the last and final packages, which is the Bicol International Airport Development Project Package 2B, underwent the procurement process and is currently up for award. Part of the deliverables for the package included the construction of the passenger terminal building, the runway completion and other site developments, Mme. Speaker. However, I fear that the final stage of the Project is in danger of not being completed. The dream of the Bicolanos to have an international airport to serve as the regional hub hangs in the balance. I received reports that the potential contractor, which was post-qualified by the Department of Transportation and Communications Bids and Awards Committee, has a reputation of not completing projects awarded to it, thereby wasting precious time and government resources.

The Procurement Law, Republic Act No. 9184, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, require that the Bids and Awards Committee, in the conduct of its post-qualification of bidders with the lowest calculated bid, to verify and validate the bidder's stated competence and experience. Moreover, they are enjoined to disqualify any bidder that has a negative slippage of at least 15 percent, substandard plans of work as per contract plans and specifications, or unsatisfactory performance of the contractor's obligations as per contract terms and conditions.

Mme. Speaker, I received information that the Bids and Awards Committee performed such verification for the bidder in question, J.D. Legaspi Construction, along with its joint venture partner E. M. Cuerpo, when it sent a letter addressed to the Deputy Administrator for Engineering and Operations of the National Irrigation Administration or NIA, dated last December 9, 2016. In the letter, they requested for information on whether the E. M. Cuerpo and J.D. Legaspi Construction have projects with the National Irrigation Administration which incurred a negative slippage of 10 percent or more. Upon verification of records, it appeared that the J.D. Construction had three contracts with the NIA which incurred a negative slippage of at least 10 percent. In fact, the records of the NIA showed that the contract of J.D. Legaspi had incurred negative slippages as follows: 1) 18.65 percent for the construction of Hagbay diversion dam; 2) 29.94 percent for the construction of Catubig right main canal's (CRMC) lateral 1, 3, 4, and 5 structures, and creek improvement; and 3) 75.07 percent for the construction of Pinipisakan siphonic bridge flume. Please note that the negative slippages resulted in the termination of one of the projects.

In fact, the long history of poor performance of J.D. Legaspi was not limited to its projects with the National Irrigation Administration, Mme. Speaker. I also received reports that the said contractor had contracts with the DPWH which were terminated due to negative slippages, not to mention some cases that were filed against such contractor by other contractors that were not paid out of their subconstruction agreements. The troubling part of the news was that despite all of the confirmed information on the poor performance of J.D. Legaspi in its past government projects, reports indicate that the Department of Transportation and Communications Bids and Awards Committee has awarded the contract to J.D. Legaspi.

I now call upon the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to exercise its power as the head of the procuring entity and cause the post- disqualification of J.D. Legaspi Construction and its joint-venture partner. I also call upon the Members of this honorable Body to also investigate and look into this anomaly so that public funds are protected, transparency and competitiveness in government procurement projects are upheld; and

government contracts are not awarded to unqualified contractors. More important, Mme. Speaker, I call upon the Members of the Seventeenth Congress to ensure that there are no more delays in the construction of the Bicol International Airport so that, once and for all, the dream of the Bicolanos to have a functional international airport will become a reality.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleagues.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we recognize the honorable Gentleman from ACTS-OFW Party-List, Rep. Aniceto "John" D. Bertiz III, for his interpellation.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Honorable Bertiz of ACTS-OFW Party-List is recognized.

REP. BERTIZ. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, Floor Leader.

Good afternoon, colleagues. Will the distinguished Gentleman, who is celebrating his birthday today, yield to some questions?

REP. BRAVO (A.). Yes, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague.

REP. BERTIZ. Mme. Speaker, the Honorable Bravo mentioned that J.D. Legaspi participated in the bidding for the Bicol International Airport Development Project Package 2B via venture with E.M. Cuerpo.

REP. BRAVO (A.). As per record, yes, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague.

REP. BERTIZ. Thank you, Mme. Speaker. In the case of joint venture, what are the requirements for participation in the bidding?

REP. BRAVO (A.). Well, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague, the requirements are the same as those for sole bidders except that in the case of joint venture, any of the joint venture partner or partners may submit the financial and technical documents, and this will constitute compliance, provided that the partner responsible to submit the net financial contracting capacity or NFCC shall likewise be responsible to submit the statement of all its on-going contracts and the audited financial statement.

REP. BERTIZ. Mme. Speaker, from the answer of Honorable Bravo, it would seem that only the partner

who is responsible for submitting the NFCC is required to submit the statement of all its ongoing and completed government contracts. Following this thought, it will be seen that vetting with respect to all ongoing and completed contracts is limited to this partner alone. Is this correct?

REP. BRAVO (A.). It seems to be that way, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague, but there is no provision in the law to limit the vetting with respect to an ongoing or a completed contract to the partner who submitted the NFCC for a joint agreement or joint venture. On the contrary, the proper interpretation of the law should be the interpretation which favors the government. Thus, in cases of joint venture, each partner in the venture must be subjected to background checking or vetting and thus, be required to submit the statement of all ongoing projects and contracts. In fact, each joint venture partner is required to be technically and financially qualified. To the end that, in case one of the partners is unable to comply with the obligations under the contract awarded, the remaining partner must be able to comply with the same, following the joint and several liability of the joint venture partners, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague.

REP. BERTIZ. Mme. Speaker, the Honorable Bravo mentioned a while ago that J.D. Legaspi should be disqualified by the Bids and Awards Committee. What is the basis of this disqualification, Mme. Speaker?

REP. BRAVO (A.). Thank you for that question, distinguished colleague.

Mme. Speaker, the basis of the disqualification is Section 34.4 of the 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulation of Republic Act No. 9184, which essentially states that faulty or negligent contractors or bidders who have a government project which incurred a negative slippage of at least 15 percent in any one project, or a negative slippage of at least 10 percent in its two or more contracts must be disqualified by the agency for procurement of infrastructure project.

In the present case, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague, the Department of Transportation sent a letter to the NIA, requesting from them or inquiring whether E.M. Cuerpo, Inc. and J.D. Legaspi Construction have projects with the said agency which incurred a negative slippage of 10 percent, as I made mention a while ago. The NIA answered in the affirmative and in fact, the NIA terminated the contract with J.D. Legaspi since it has incurred close to 80 percent negative slippage. Aside from this, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague, there were at least two other projects wherein J.D. Legaspi incurred negative slippages exceeding the threshold set by law. However, the Bids and Award Committee did not consider this information vital to their post-qualification process.

In addition, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague, J.D. Legaspi Construction also had a contract with the DPWH which was terminated due to negative slippage. The BAC should have disqualified the joint venture on the ground of negative slippage in relation to Section 23.4.2.1(e) of the IRR, which requires that each of the joint venture partners is jointly and severally responsible or liable under the contract. The negative slippage on the terminated contracts of one of the partners affects the qualification of the joint venture as a whole. In this case, the derogatory record of J.D. Legaspi affected the technical capability of the joint venture to complete the contract and as such, from the very start of the post-qualification, it should have been disqualified, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague.

REP. BERTIZ. Thank you, Mme. Speaker, for a very detailed answer from the Honorable Bravo.

Mme. Speaker, what can the Bids and Awards Committee and the Department of Transportation do?

REP. BRAVO (A.). Well, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague, they are empowered by law—the Bids and Awards Committee can exercise its reserved right to review the qualifications of the bidder at any stage of the procurement process. If there is reasonable ground to believe that a misrepresentation has been made by the bidder or that there has been a change in the bidder's capability to undertake the project, then they can make a decision, a disqualification, at any point in time once an evaluation had been concluded proving, among others, that they should be disqualified based on the law, Mme. Speaker, distinguished colleague.

REP. BERTIZ. Thank you so much, Mme. Speaker.

Having heard all the explanations of the Honorable Bravo, I think we should refer this for further investigation, the awarding of this project to, I might say, incompetent contractors. I commend Congressman Bravo, Mr. Birthday Boy, very brave at that, for bringing these issues to this august Chamber.

Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Dios Mabalos, Congressman Bravo. Happy birthday!

REP. BRAVO (A.). Thank you, Mme. Speaker. Thank you, distinguished colleague.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. ABU. Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Deputy Speaker, the Hon. Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu, is now recognized.



REP. ABU. Mme. Speaker, I would like to rise on a matter of personal and collective privilege.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, with the indulgence of Deputy Speaker Ranie Abu, we are about to call the roll of Members.

REP. ABU. Madali lang ho ito, Mme. Speaker. Sa tingin ko ho, ito ay tanong din ho ng lahat dito. Gusto ko ho malaman lang kung sino ang naglagay ng mga "I Love You" dito sa aming mga mesa para naman ho magpasalamat kami, Mme. Speaker. Nakakatuwa ho—kung hindi ho tayo magpapasalamat, ay nakakahiya naman ho sa nagbigay. Iyon lang ho, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). I have been informed that it is a present from Congresswoman Marcos.

REP. ABU. Thank you ho to Mme. Imelda Marcos sa napakaganda po na pa-Valentine sa amin.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Thank you.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we refer the speech of Congressman Bravo (A.), as well as the interpellation of Congressman Bertiz, to the Committee on Rules for its appropriate action.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move to suspend the Privilege Hour.

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

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

#### ROLL CALL

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). 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. 69, dated February 13, 2017:*

#### PRESENT

Abayon	Castro (F.L.)
Abellanos	Castro (F.H.)
Abu	Cerafica
Abueg	Cerilles
Acop	Chavez
Acosta	Chipeco
Adiong	Cojuangco
Advincula	Collantes
Agarao	Cortuna
Aggabao	Cosalan
Aglipay-Villar	Crisologo
Albano	Cua
Alejano	Cuaresma
Almario	Cueva
Alonte	Dalipe
Alvarez (P.)	Dalog
Amatong	Daza
Andaya	De Jesus
Angara-Castillo	De Venecia
Antonino	De Vera
Antonio	Defensor
Aragones	Del Mar
Arcillas	Del Rosario
Arenas	Deloso-Montalla
Atienza	Dimaporo (A.)
Bagatsing	Durano
Banal	Dy
Bataoil	Elago
Batocabe	Enverga
Belaro	Erice
Belmonte (F.)	Eriguel
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ermita-Buhain
Belmonte (R.)	Escudero
Benitez	Estrella
Bertiz	Evardone
Biazon	Fariñas
Billones	Fernando
Biron	Ferrer (J.)
Bolilia	Floirendo
Bondoc	Flores
Bordado	Fortuno
Bravo (A.)	Fuentebella
Bravo (M.V.)	Garbin
Brosas	Garcia (G.)
Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)
Calderon	Garcia-Albano
Calixto-Rubiano	Garin (S.)
Caminero	Gasataya
Campos	Gatchalian
Casilao	Geron
Castelo	Go (A.C.)

Go (M.)	Ramos
Gonzales (A.P.)	Relampagos
Gonzales (A.D.)	Revilla
Gonzalez	Roa-Puno
Hernandez	Robes
Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (I.)
Hofer	Rodriguez (M.)
Kho	Roman
Labadlabad	Sacdalan
Lacson	Sagarbarria
Lagman	Salceda
Lanete	Salimbangon
Laogan	Salo
Leachon	Salon
Limkaichong	Sambar
Lobregat	Sandoval
Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto
Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Macapagal-Arroyo	Savellano
Maceda	Siao
Madrona	Silverio
Malapitan	Suansing (E.)
Manalo	Suansing (H.)
Mangaoang	Suarez
Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sy-Alvarado
Marcoleta	Tambunting
Marcos	Tejada
Mariño	Teves
Marquez	Tiangco
Martinez	Ting
Matugas	Tinio
Mercado	Tolentino
Mirasol	Treñas
Montoro	Tugna
Nava	Tupas
Nieto	Ty
Noel	Umali
Nogralas (J.J.)	Unabia
Nolasco	Ungab
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Unico
Ong (E.)	Uy (J.)
Ong (H.)	Uy (R.)
Ortega (P.)	Uybarreta
Ortega (V.N.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Paduano	Velasco-Catera
Palma	Veloso
Pancho	Villanueva
Panganiban	Villaraza-Suarez
Panotes	Villarica
Papandayan	Violago
Pimentel	Yap (M.)
Pineda	Yap (V.)
Primicias-Agabas	Yu
Quimbo	Zarate
Ramirez-Sato	Zubiri

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mme. Speaker, the roll call shows that 214 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 214 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

#### APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 68, dated February 8, 2017.

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

Journal No. 68, dated February 8, 2017 is hereby approved.

#### NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 833 ON THIRD READING

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 833 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. Garin, S.). 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 30, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 833, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE MONTEVISTA-CATEEL NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE INTO THE BENIGNO S. AQUINO JR. NATIONAL 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. 69, dated February 13, 2017:*

*Affirmative*

Abayon	Abu
Abellanos	Abueg

Acop	Cortuna	Laogan	Salimbangon
Acosta	Cosalan	Leachon	Salo
Adiong	Crisologo	Limkaichong	Salon
Advincula	Cua	Lobregat	Sambar
Agarao	Cuaresma	Lopez (B.)	Sandoval
Aggabao	Cueva	Lopez (C.)	Santos-Recto
Aglipay-Villar	Dalipe	Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (C.)
Albano	Dalog	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Alejano	Daza	Maceda	Savellano
Almario	De Jesus	Madrona	Siao
Alonte	De Venecia	Malapitan	Silverio
Alvarez (P.)	De Vera	Manalo	Suansing (E.)
Amatong	Defensor	Mangaoang	Suansing (H.)
Andaya	Del Mar	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Suarez
Angara-Castillo	Del Rosario	Marcoleta	Sy-Alvarado
Antonino	Deloso-Montalla	Marcos	Tambunting
Antonio	Dimaporo (A.)	Mariño	Tejada
Aragones	Durano	Marquez	Teves
Arcillas	Dy	Martinez	Tiangco
Arenas	Elago	Matugas	Ting
Atienza	Enverga	Mercado	Tinio
Bagatsing	Erice	Mirasol	Tolentino
Banal	Eriguel	Montoro	Treñas
Bataoil	Ermita-Buhain	Nava	Tugna
Batocabe	Escudero	Nieto	Tupas
Belaro	Estrella	Noel	Ty
Belmonte (F.)	Evardone	Nogralas (J.J.)	Umali
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fariñas	Nolasco	Unabia
Belmonte (R.)	Fernando	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Ungab
Benitez	Ferrer (J.)	Ong (E.)	Unico
Bertiz	Floirendo	Ong (H.)	Uy (J.)
Biazon	Flores	Ortega (P.)	Uy (R.)
Billones	Fortuno	Ortega (V.N.)	Uybarreta
Biron	Fuentebella	Paduano	Vargas-Alfonso
Bolilia	Garbin	Palma	Velasco-Catera
Bondoc	Garcia (G.)	Pancho	Veloso
Bordado	Garcia (J.E.)	Panganiban	Villanueva
Bravo (A.)	Garcia-Albano	Panotes	Villaraza-Suarez
Bravo (M.V.)	Garin (S.)	Papandayan	Villarica
Brosas	Gasataya	Pimentel	Violago
Cagas	Gatchalian	Pineda	Yap (M.)
Calderon	Geron	Primicias-Agabas	Yap (V.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Go (A.C.)	Quimbo	Yu
Caminero	Go (M.)	Ramirez-Sato	Zarate
Campos	Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramos	Zubiri
Casilao	Gonzales (A.D.)	Relampagos	
Castelo	Gonzalez	Revilla	
Castro (F.L.)	Hernandez	Roa-Puno	<i>Negative</i>
Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy	Robes	
Cerafica	Hofer	Rodriguez (I.)	None
Cerilles	Kho	Rodriguez (M.)	
Chavez	Labadlabad	Roman	<i>Abstention</i>
Chipeco	Lacson	Sacdalan	
Cojuangco	Lagman	Sagarbarria	None
Collantes	Lanete	Salceda	

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 833  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S). With 214 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 833 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4782  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4782 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. Garin, S). 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 30, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4782, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE KAY TIKLING-ANTIPOLO-TERESA-MORONG NATIONAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL, TRAVERSING THROUGH BARANGAY DOLORES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY UP TO BARANGAY MAYBANCAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORONG, AS CORAZON C. AQUINO AVENUE.

*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. 69, dated February 13, 2017:*

*Affirmative*

Abayon	Aglipay-Villar
Abellanosa	Albano
Abu	Alejano
Abueg	Almario
Acop	Alonte
Acosta	Alvarez (P.)
Adiong	Amatong
Advincula	Andaya
Agarao	Angara-Castillo
Aggabao	Antonino

Antonio	Dimaporo (A.)
Aragones	Durano
Arcillas	Dy
Arenas	Elago
Atienza	Enverga
Bagatsing	Erice
Banal	Eriguel
Bataoil	Ermita-Buhain
Batocabe	Escudero
Belaro	Estrella
Belmonte (F.)	Evardone
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fariñas
Belmonte (R.)	Fernando
Benitez	Ferrer (J.)
Bertiz	Floirendo
Biazon	Flores
Billones	Fortuno
Biron	Fuentebella
Bolilia	Garbin
Bondoc	Garcia (G.)
Bordado	Garcia (J.E.)
Bravo (A.)	Garcia-Albano
Bravo (M.V.)	Garin (S.)
Brosas	Gasataya
Cagas	Gatchalian
Calderon	Geron
Calixto-Rubiano	Go (A.C.)
Caminero	Go (M.)
Campos	Gonzales (A.P.)
Casilao	Gonzales (A.D.)
Castelo	Gonzalez
Castro (F.L.)	Hernandez
Castro (F.H.)	Herrera-Dy
Cerafica	Hofer
Cerilles	Kho
Chavez	Labadlabad
Chipeco	Lacson
Cojuangco	Lagman
Collantes	Lanete
Cortuna	Laogan
Cosalan	Leachon
Crisologo	Limkaichong
Cua	Lobregat
Cuaresma	Lopez (B.)
Cueva	Lopez (C.)
Dalipe	Lopez (M.L.)
Dalog	Macapagal-Arroyo
Daza	Maceda
De Jesus	Madrona
De Venecia	Malapitan
De Vera	Manalo
Defensor	Mangaoang
Del Mar	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Del Rosario	Marcoleta
Deloso-Montalla	Marcos

Mariño	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Marquez	Savellano
Martinez	Siao
Matugas	Silverio
Mercado	Suansing (E.)
Mirasol	Suansing (H.)
Montoro	Suarez
Nava	Sy-Alvarado
Nieto	Tambunting
Noel	Tejada
Nogralles (J.J.)	Teves
Nolasco	Tiangco
Nuñez-Malanyaon	Ting
Ong (E.)	Tinio
Ong (H.)	Tolentino
Ortega (P.)	Treñas
Ortega (V.N.)	Tugna
Paduano	Tupas
Palma	Ty
Pancho	Umali
Panganiban	Unabia
Panotes	Ungab
Papandayan	Unico
Pimentel	Uy (J.)
Pineda	Uy (R.)
Primicias-Agabas	Uybarreta
Quimbo	Vargas-Alfonso
Ramirez-Sato	Velasco-Catera
Ramos	Veloso
Relampagos	Villanueva
Revilla	Villaraza-Suarez
Roa-Puno	Villarica
Robes	Violago
Rodriguez (I.)	Yap (M.)
Rodriguez (M.)	Yap (V.)
Roman	Yu
Sacdalan	Zarate
Sagarbarria	Zubiri
Salceda	
Salimbangon	<i>Negative</i>
Salo	
Salon	None
Sambar	
Sandoval	<i>Abstention</i>
Santos-Recto	
Sarmiento (C.)	None

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 1166  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 1166 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. Garin, S.). 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 February 06, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 1166, entitled: AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING INDUSTRY CLUSTER-BASED PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THROUGH INTER-LOCAL COOPERATION AND PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION.

*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. 69, dated February 13, 2017:*

*Affirmative*

Abayon	Arenas
Abellanos	Atienza
Abu	Bagatsing
Abueg	Banal
Acop	Bataoil
Acosta	Batocabe
Adiong	Belaro
Advincula	Belmonte (F.)
Agarao	Belmonte (J.C.)
Aggabao	Belmonte (R.)
Aglipay-Villar	Benitez
Albano	Bertiz
Alejano	Biazon
Almario	Billones
Alonte	Biron
Alvarez (P.)	Bolilia
Amatong	Bondoc
Andaya	Bordado
Angara-Castillo	Bravo (A.)
Antonino	Bravo (M.V.)
Antonio	Brosas
Aragones	Cagas
Arcillas	Calderon

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4782  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 214 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4782 is approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

Calixto-Rubiano	Go (M.)	Ramos	Tolentino
Caminero	Gonzales (A.P.)	Relampagos	Treñas
Campos	Gonzales (A.D.)	Revilla	Tugna
Casilao	Gonzalez	Roa-Puno	Tupas
Castelo	Hernandez	Robes	Ty
Castro (F.L.)	Herrera-Dy	Rodriguez (I.)	Umali
Castro (F.H.)	Hofer	Rodriguez (M.)	Unabia
Cerafica	Kho	Roman	Ungab
Cerilles	Labadlabad	Sacdalan	Unico
Chavez	Lacson	Sagarbarria	Uy (J.)
Chipeco	Lagman	Salceda	Uy (R.)
Cojuangco	Lanete	Salimbangon	Uybarreta
Collantes	Laogan	Salo	Vargas-Alfonso
Cortuna	Leachon	Salon	Velasco-Catera
Cosalan	Limkaichong	Sambar	Veloso
Crisologo	Lobregat	Sandoval	Villanueva
Cua	Lopez (B.)	Santos-Recto	Villaraza-Suarez
Cuaresma	Lopez (C.)	Sarmiento (C.)	Villarica
Cueva	Lopez (M.L.)	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Violago
Dalipe	Macapagal-Arroyo	Savellano	Yap (M.)
Dalog	Maceda	Siao	Yap (V.)
Daza	Madrona	Silverio	Yu
De Jesus	Malapitan	Suansing (E.)	Zarate
De Venecia	Manalo	Suansing (H.)	Zubiri
De Vera	Mangaoang	Suarez	
Defensor	Mangudadatu (Z.)	Sy-Alvarado	<i>Negative</i>
Del Mar	Marcoleta	Tambunting	
Del Rosario	Marcos	Tejada	None
Deloso-Montalla	Mariño	Teves	
Dimaporo (A.)	Marquez	Tiangco	<i>Abstention</i>
Durano	Martinez	Ting	
Dy	Matugas	Tinio	None
Elago	Mercado		
Enverga	Mirasol		
Erice	Montoro		
Eriguel	Nava		
Ermita-Buhain	Nieto		
Escudero	Noel		
Estrella	Nogralas (J.J.)		
Evardone	Nolasco		
Fariñas	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Fernando	Ong (E.)		
Ferrer (J.)	Ong (H.)		
Floirendo	Ortega (P.)		
Flores	Ortega (V.N.)		
Fortuno	Paduano		
Fuentebella	Palma		
Garbin	Pancho		
Garcia (G.)	Panganiban		
Garcia (J.E.)	Panotes		
Garcia-Albano	Papandayan		
Garin (S.)	Pimentel		
Gasataya	Pineda		
Gatchalian	Primicias-Agabas		
Geron	Quimbo		
Go (A.C.)	Ramirez-Sato		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 1166  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 214 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 1166 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4767  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4767 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. Garin, S.). 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 February 8, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4767, entitled: AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF THE PHILIPPINE PASSPORT, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE (R.A. NO. 8239), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996."

*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. 69, dated February 13, 2017:*

*Affirmative*

Abayon	Biazon	De Vera	Mangaoang
Abellanos	Billones	Defensor	Mangudadatu (Z.)
Abu	Biron	Del Mar	Marcoleta
Abueg	Bolilia	Del Rosario	Marcos
Acop	Bondoc	Deloso-Montalla	Mariño
Acosta	Bordado	Dimaporo (A.)	Marquez
Adiong	Bravo (A.)	Durano	Martinez
Advincula	Bravo (M.V.)	Dy	Matugas
Agarao	Brosas	Elago	Mercado
Aggabao	Cagas	Enverga	Mirasol
Aglipay-Villar	Calderon	Erice	Montoro
Albano	Calixto-Rubiano	Eriguel	Nava
Alejano	Caminero	Ermita-Buhain	Nieto
Almario	Campos	Escudero	Noel
Alonte	Casilao	Estrella	Nogralas (J.J.)
Alvarez (P.)	Castelo	Evardone	Nolasco
Amatong	Castro (F.L.)	Fariñas	Nuñez-Malanyaon
Andaya	Castro (F.H.)	Fernando	Oaminal
Angara-Castillo	Cerafica	Ferrer (J.)	Ocampo
Antonino	Cerilles	Floirendo	Ong (E.)
Antonio	Chavez	Flores	Ong (H.)
Aragones	Chipeco	Fortuno	Ortega (P.)
Arcillas	Cojuangco	Fuentebella	Ortega (V.N.)
Arenas	Collantes	Garbin	Paduano
Atienza	Cortuna	Garcia (G.)	Palma
Bagatsing	Cosalan	Garcia (J.E.)	Pancho
Banal	Crisologo	Garcia-Albano	Panganiban
Bataoil	Cua	Garin (S.)	Panotes
Batocabe	Cuaresma	Gasataya	Papandayan
Belaro	Cueva	Gatchalian	Pimentel
Belmonte (F.)	Dalipe	Geron	Pineda
Belmonte (J.C.)	Dalog	Go (A.C.)	Primicias-Agabas
Belmonte (R.)	Daza	Go (M.)	Quimbo
Benitez	De Jesus	Gonzales (A.P.)	Ramirez-Sato
Bertiz	De Venecia	Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramos
		Gonzalez	Relampagos
		Hernandez	Revilla
		Herrera-Dy	Roa-Puno
		Hofer	Robes
		Kho	Rodriguez (I.)
		Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)
		Lacson	Roman
		Lagman	Sacdalan
		Lanete	Sagarbarria
		Laogan	Salceda
		Leachon	Salimbangon
		Limkaichong	Salo
		Lobregat	Salon
		Lopez (B.)	Sambar
		Lopez (C.)	Sandoval
		Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto
		Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)
		Maceda	Sarmiento (E.M.)
		Madrona	Savellano
		Malapitan	Siao
		Manalo	Silverio

Suansing (E.)	Uybarreta
Suansing (H.)	Vargas-Alfonso
Suarez	Velasco-Catera
Sy-Alvarado	Veloso
Tambunting	Villanueva
Tejada	Villaraza-Suarez
Teves	Villarica
Tiangco	Violago
Ting	Yap (M.)
Tinio	Yap (V.)
Tolentino	Yu
Treñas	Zarate
Tugna	Zubiri
Tupas	
Ty	<i>Negative</i>
Umali	
Unabia	None
Ungab	
Unico	<i>Abstention</i>
Uy (J.)	
Uy (R.)	None

*result of the voting on Third Reading on the aforesaid measure is as follows, per Journal No. 69, dated February 13, 2017:*

*Affirmative*

Abayon	Castro (F.L.)
Abellanos	Castro (F.H.)
Abu	Cerafica
Abueg	Cerilles
Acop	Chavez
Acosta	Chipeco
Adiong	Cojuangco
Advincula	Collantes
Agarao	Cortuna
Aggabao	Cosalan
Aglipay-Villar	Crisologo
Albano	Cua
Alejano	Cuaresma
Almario	Cueva
Alonte	Dalipe
Alvarez (P.)	Dalog
Amatong	Daza
Andaya	De Jesus
Angara-Castillo	De Venecia
Antonino	De Vera
Antonio	Defensor
Aragones	Del Mar
Arcillas	Del Rosario
Arenas	Deloso-Montalla
Atienza	Dimaporo (A.)
Bagatsing	Durano
Banal	Dy
Bataoil	Elago
Batocabe	Enverga
Belaro	Erice
Belmonte (F.)	Eriguel
Belmonte (J.C.)	Ermita-Buhain
Belmonte (R.)	Escudero
Benitez	Estrella
Bertiz	Evardone
Biazon	Fariñas
Billones	Fernando
Biron	Ferrer (J.)
Bolilia	Floirendo
Bondoc	Flores
Bordado	Fortuno
Bravo (A.)	Fuentebella
Bravo (M.V.)	Garbin
Brosas	Garcia (G.)
Cagas	Garcia (J.E.)
Calderon	Garcia-Albano
Calixto-Rubiano	Garin (S.)
Caminero	Gasataya
Campos	Gatchalian
Casilao	Geron
Castelo	Go (A.C.)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4767  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 216 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4767 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4814  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4814 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. Garin, S.). 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 February 8, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4814, entitled: AN ACT GRANTING AMNESTY IN THE PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAX.

*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*





Arcillas	Dy	Marquez	Sarmiento (E.M.)
Arenas	Elago	Martinez	Savellano
Atienza	Enverga	Matugas	Siao
Bagatsing	Erice	Mercado	Silverio
Banal	Eriguel	Mirasol	Suansing (E.)
Bataoil	Ermita-Buhain	Montoro	Suansing (H.)
Batocabe	Escudero	Nava	Suarez
Belaro	Estrella	Nieto	Sy-Alvarado
Belmonte (F.)	Evardone	Noel	Tambunting
Belmonte (J.C.)	Fariñas	Nogralles (J.J.)	Tejada
Belmonte (R.)	Fernando	Nolasco	Teves
Benitez	Ferrer (J.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon	Tiangco
Bertiz	Floirendo	Oaminal	Ting
Biazon	Flores	Ocampo	Tinio
Billones	Fortuno	Ong (E.)	Tolentino
Biron	Fuentebella	Ong (H.)	Treñas
Bolilia	Garbin	Ortega (P.)	Tugna
Bondoc	Garcia (G.)	Ortega (V.N.)	Tupas
Bordado	Garcia (J.E.)	Paduano	Ty
Bravo (A.)	Garcia-Albano	Palma	Umali
Bravo (M.V.)	Garin (R.)	Pancho	Unabia
Brosas	Garin (S.)	Panganiban	Ungab
Cagas	Gasataya	Panotes	Unico
Calderon	Gatchalian	Papandayan	Uy (J.)
Calixto-Rubiano	Geron	Pimentel	Uy (R.)
Caminero	Go (A.C.)	Pineda	Uybarreta
Campos	Go (M.)	Primicias-Agabas	Vargas-Alfonso
Casilao	Gonzales (A.P.)	Quimbo	Velasco-Catera
Castelo	Gonzales (A.D.)	Ramirez-Sato	Veloso
Castro (F.L.)	Gonzalez	Ramos	Villanueva
Castro (F.H.)	Hernandez	Relampagos	Villaraza-Suarez
Cerafica	Herrera-Dy	Revilla	Villarica
Cerilles	Hofer	Roa-Puno	Violago
Chavez	Javier	Robes	Yap (M.)
Chipeco	Kho	Rodriguez (I.)	Yap (V.)
Cojuangco	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (M.)	Yu
Collantes	Lacson	Roman	Zarate
Cortes	Lagman	Sacdalan	Zubiri
Cortuna	Lanete	Sagarbarria	
Cosalan	Laogan	Salceda	<i>Negative</i>
Crisologo	Leachon	Salimbangon	
Cua	Limkaichong	Salo	None
Cuaresma	Lobregat	Salon	
Cueva	Lopez (B.)	Sambar	<i>Abstention</i>
Dalipe	Lopez (C.)	Sandoval	
Dalog	Lopez (M.L.)	Santos-Recto	None
Daza	Macapagal-Arroyo	Sarmiento (C.)	
De Jesus	Maceda		
De Venecia	Madrona		
De Vera	Malapitan		
Defensor	Manalo		
Del Mar	Mangaoang		
Del Rosario	Mangudadatu (Z.)		
Deloso-Montalla	Marcoleta		
Dimaporo (A.)	Marcos		
Durano	Mariño		

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4815  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 219 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4815 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

NOMINAL VOTING ON H.B. NO. 4682  
ON THIRD READING

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we vote on Third Reading on House Bill No. 4682 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. Garin, S.). 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 February 8, 2017, pursuant to Section 58, Rule X of the House Rules.*

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4682, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CUMAWAS IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR.

*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. 69, dated February 13, 2017:*

*Affirmative*

Abayon  
Abellanos  
Abu  
Abueg  
Acop  
Acosta  
Adiong  
Advincula  
Agarao  
Aggabao  
Aglipay-Villar  
Albano  
Alejano  
Almario  
Alonte  
Alvarez (P.)  
Amatong  
Andaya  
Angara-Castillo  
Antonino  
Antonio  
Aragones  
Arcillas

Arenas  
Atienza  
Bagatsing  
Banal  
Bataoil  
Batocabe  
Belaro  
Belmonte (F.)  
Belmonte (J.C.)  
Belmonte (R.)  
Benitez  
Bertiz  
Biazon  
Billones  
Biron  
Bolilia  
Bondoc  
Bordado  
Bravo (A.)  
Bravo (M.V.)  
Brosas  
Cagas  
Calderon

Calixto-Rubiano  
Caminero  
Campos  
Casilao  
Castelo  
Castro (F.L.)  
Castro (F.H.)  
Cerafica  
Cerilles  
Chavez  
Chipeco  
Cojuangco  
Collantes  
Cortes  
Cortuna  
Cosalan  
Crisologo  
Cua  
Cuaresma  
Cueva  
Dalipe  
Dalog  
Daza  
De Jesus  
De Venecia  
De Vera  
Defensor  
Del Mar  
Del Rosario  
Deloso-Montalla  
Dimaporo (A.)  
Durano  
Dy  
Elago  
Enverga  
Erice  
Eriguel  
Ermita-Buhain  
Escudero  
Estrella  
Evardone  
Fariñas  
Fernando  
Ferrer (J.)  
Floirendo  
Flores  
Fortuno  
Fuentebella  
Garbin  
Garcia (G.)  
Garcia (J.E.)  
Garcia-Albano  
Garin (R.)  
Garin (S.)  
Gasataya  
Gatchalian

Geron  
Go (A.C.)  
Go (M.)  
Gonzales (A.P.)  
Gonzales (A.D.)  
Gonzalez  
Hernandez  
Herrera-Dy  
Hofer  
Javier  
Kho  
Labadlabad  
Lacson  
Lagman  
Lanete  
Laogan  
Leachon  
Limkaichong  
Lobregat  
Lopez (B.)  
Lopez (C.)  
Lopez (M.L.)  
Macapagal-Arroyo  
Maceda  
Madrona  
Malapitan  
Manalo  
Mangaoang  
Mangudadatu (Z.)  
Marcoleta  
Marcos  
Mariño  
Marquez  
Martinez  
Matugas  
Mercado  
Mirasol  
Montoro  
Nava  
Nieto  
Noel  
Nogralas (J.J.)  
Nolasco  
Nuñez-Malanyaon  
Oaminal  
Ocampo  
Ong (E.)  
Ong (H.)  
Ortega (P.)  
Ortega (V.N.)  
Paduano  
Palma  
Pancho  
Panganiban  
Panotes  
Papandayan

Pimentel	Ting
Pineda	Tinio
Primicias-Agabas	Tolentino
Quimbo	Treñas
Ramirez-Sato	Tugna
Ramos	Tupas
Relampagos	Ty
Revilla	Umali
Roa-Puno	Unabia
Robes	Ungab
Rodriguez (I.)	Unico
Rodriguez (M.)	Uy (J.)
Roman	Uy (R.)
Sacdalan	Uybarreta
Sagarbarria	Vargas-Alfonso
Salceda	Velasco-Catera
Salimbangon	Veloso
Salo	Villanueva
Salon	Villaraza-Suarez
Sambar	Villarica
Sandoval	Violago
Santos-Recto	Yap (M.)
Sarmiento (C.)	Yap (V.)
Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yu
Savellano	Zarate
Siao	Zubiri
Silverio	
Suansing (E.)	<i>Negative</i>
Suansing (H.)	
Suarez	None
Sy-Alvarado	
Tambunting	<i>Abstention</i>
Tejada	
Teves	None
Tiangco	

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4682  
ON THIRD READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). With 219 affirmative votes, no negative vote and no abstention, House Bill No. 4682 is hereby approved on Third Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that the Secretary General be directed to transmit all the bills approved on Third Reading to the Senate.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Secretary General is hereby directed to transmit all bills approved on Third Reading to the Senate.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

OMNIBUS CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL BILLS  
ON SECOND READING

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, we have in our Calendar of Business local bills for consideration on Second Reading. Inasmuch as these are local measures, Mme. Speaker, allow me to put forward an omnibus motion for the consideration of the following:

1. House Bill No. 4848, as contained in Committee Report No. 58, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

2. House Bill No. 4850, as contained in Committee Report No. 59, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

3. House Bill No. 4851, as contained in Committee Report No. 60, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ATIMONAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

4. House Bill No. 4852, as contained in Committee Report No. 61, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

5. House Bill No. 4854, as contained in Committee Report No. 63, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGKAWAYAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

6. House Bill No. 4855, as contained in Committee Report No. 64, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

7. House Bill No. 4856, as contained in Committee Report No. 65, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HINATUAN, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

8. House Bill No. 4857, as contained in Committee Report No. 66, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PEREZ, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

9. House Bill No. 4858, as contained in Committee Report No. 67, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALAUAG, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

10. House Bill No. 4859, as contained in Committee Report No. 68, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

11. House Bill No. 4860, as contained in Committee Report No. 69, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

12. House Bill No. 4861, as contained in Committee Report No. 70, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABAT, PROVINCE OF QUEZON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

13. House Bill No. 4895, as contained in Committee Report No. 73, entitled: AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE LOCATION OF THE SORSOGON SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE FROM BULAN, SORSOGON TO GUBAT, SORSOGON AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9689, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SORSOGON SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

14. House Bill No. 4896, as contained in Committee Report No. 74, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A NEW DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

14. House Bill No. 2924, as contained in Committee Report No. 76, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CRISTO REY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPAS, PROVINCE OF TARLAC;

15. House Bill No. 4923, as contained in Committee Report No. 77, entitled: AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY PAMPANGA IN THE CITY OF DAVAO INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PAMPANGA, BARANGAY ALFONSO ANGLIONGTO, SR., AND BARANGAY V. HIZON;

16. House Bill No. 4924, as contained in Committee Report No. 78, entitled: AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY MAGUGPO IN THE CITY OF TAGUM,

PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE INTO FIVE (5) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY MAGUGPO POBLACION, BARANGAY MAGUGPO EAST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO WEST, BARANGAY MAGUGPO NORTH AND BARANGAY MAGUGPO SOUTH;

17. House Bill No. 4925, as contained in Committee Report No. 79, entitled: AN ACT DIVIDING THE ONE-BARANGAY MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALNEG IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KALAW, BARANGAY CABARITAN AND BARANGAY QUIBEL;

18. House Bill No. 3841, as contained in Committee Report No. 80, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

19. House Bill No. 4927, as contained in Committee Report No. 81, entitled: AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY UPPER PUGAAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN-RAMAIN, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR;

20. House Bill No. 3840, as contained in Committee Report No. 82, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

21. House Bill No. 3839, as contained in Committee Report No. 83, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH SIGNAL VILLAGE IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

22. House Bill No. 4934, as contained in Committee Report No. 84, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN ISIDRO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TITAY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY;

23. House Bill No. 4935, as contained in Committee Report No. 85, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DON ALBINO T. TARUC IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE;

24. House Bill No. 4937, as contained in Committee Report No. 86, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CARE IN THE CITY OF TARLAC, PROVINCE OF TARLAC;

25. House Bill No. 3845, as contained in Committee Report No. 87, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NEW LOWER BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

26. House Bill No. 3850, as contained in Committee Report No. 88, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN MIGUEL IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

27. House Bill No. 4938, as contained in Committee Report No. 89, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY POBLACION 3 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL;

28. House Bill No. 4940, as contained in Committee Report No. 90, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY LIWON IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASIPULO, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO;

29. House Bill No. 3849, as contained in Committee Report No. 91, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TANYAG IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

30. House Bill No. 3848, as contained in Committee Report No. 92, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY KATUPARAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

31. House Bill No. 4941, as contained in Committee Report No. 93, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY RIZAL IN THE CITY OF MAKATI;

32. House Bill No. 3843, as contained in Committee Report No. 94, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SOUTH DAANG HARI IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

33. House Bill No. 3844, as contained in Committee Report No. 95, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CENTRAL BICUTAN IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

34. House Bill No. 3842, as contained in Committee Report No. 96, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH DAANG HARI IN THE CITY OF TAGUIG, METRO MANILA;

35. House Bill No. 4942, as contained in Committee Report No. 97, entitled: AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PUDO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NATONIN, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE;

36. House Bill No. 4943, as contained in Committee Report No. 98, entitled: AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY CANUMAY IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CANUMAY WEST AND BARANGAY CANUMAY EAST;

37. House Bill No. 4946, as contained in Committee Report No. 99, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING PANGLAO ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS TANGNAN, BIL-ISAN, LOOC, POBLACION, DANA O, TAWALA, BOLOD AND LIBAONG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANGLAO AND BARANGAYS TOTOLAN, SONGCULAN, TABALONG, BINGAG, DAO, SAN ISIDRO, BIKING 1, BIKING 2, CATARMAN, MAYACABAC, POBLACION AND UNION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAUIS, AS PANGLAO ISLAND-ANOS FONACIER CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD; and

38. House Bill No. 4947, as contained in Committee Report No. 100, entitled: AN ACT RENAMING THE ROAD TRAVERSING BARANGAYS SAN JOSE, TOLENTINO WEST, TOLENTINO EAST, FRANCISCO, SUNGAY WEST (LEFT SIDE), SUNGAY EAST (RIGHT SIDE), SUNGAY EAST, IRUHIN WEST, IRUHIN CENTRAL, IRUHIN EAST AND DAPDAP WEST IN THE CITY OF TAGAYTAY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO ISAAC O. TOLENTINO AVENUE.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of sponsorship and debate and consider the Explanatory Notes thereof as the sponsorship remarks on the measures.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on the said local bills, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate on the said measures.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. However, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve on Second Reading the aforementioned local bills.

*VIVA VOCE VOTING*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor of the aforementioned bills, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are against, please say *nay*. (*Silence*)

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ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

The aforementioned measures are approved on Second Reading.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 4853  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 4853, contained in Committee Report No. 62, as reported out by the Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and the Committee on Appropriations.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4853, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROBO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we

open the period of sponsorship and debate and consider the Explanatory Note thereof as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on the said local bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments to consider Committee amendments.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

REP. MATUGAS. On Section 2, line 7, after the word “phasing-in,” delete the words “species marine hatchery” and in lieu thereof, insert the words PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL ON THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE HATCHERY.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no more Committee and no individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 4853, as amended, on Second Reading.

*VIVA VOCE VOTING*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As

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many as are in favor of the approval of House Bill No. 4853, as amended, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are against, please say *ay*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4853, AS AMENDED,  
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The *ayes* have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 4853, as amended, is approved on Second Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 4862  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 4862, contained in Committee Report No. 71, as reported out by the Committees on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources, and Appropriations.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4862, entitled: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MULTI-SPECIES MARINE HATCHERY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LIGAO, PROVINCE OF ALBAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

REP. MATUGAS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the Explanatory Note of the Bill be considered as the sponsorship speech on the measure. I so move, Mme. Speaker.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve the following Committee amendments:

1. On Section 1, line 3, delete the word "Municipality" and in lieu thereof, insert the word CITY;
2. On Section 3, line 11, delete the word "Municipality" and in lieu thereof, insert the word CITY; and
3. Finally, in the title, delete the word "MUNICIPALITY" and in lieu thereof, insert the word CITY.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the amendments are approved.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no more Committee amendments and no individual amendments, I move that we close the period of amendments.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve House Bill No. 4862, as amended, on Second Reading.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor of the approval of House Bill No. 4862, as amended, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are against, please say *ay*. (*Silence*)

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APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4862, AS AMENDED,  
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The ayes have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 4862, as amended, is hereby approved on Second Reading.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 4903  
ON SECOND READING

PERIOD OF SPONSORSHIP AND DEBATE

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider House Bill No. 4903, contained in Committee Report No. 75, as reported out by the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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

The Secretary General is directed to read only the title of the measure.

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

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4903, entitled: AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE DONOR'S TAX RATE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 99 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we consider the Explanatory Note of the Bill as the sponsorship speech on the measure.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, there being no Member who wishes to interpellate on the said Bill, I move that we terminate the period of sponsorship and debate.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we open the period of amendments. However, there being no Committee or individual amendments, I move that we close the same.

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

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we approve on Second Reading the said House Bill No. 4903.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are in favor of the approval of House Bill No. 4903, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). As many as are against, please say *no*. (*Silence*)

APPROVAL OF H.B. NO. 4903  
ON SECOND READING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The ayes have it; the motion is approved.

House Bill No. 4903 is approved on Second Reading.

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

1. House Bill No. 387, from the Committee on Population and Family Relations, to the Committee on Revision of Laws;

2. House Bill No. 3925, from the Committee on Welfare of Children, to the Committee on Revision of Laws;

3. House Bill No. 739, from the Committee on Welfare of Children, to the Committee on Labor and Employment;

4. House Bill No. 2285, from the Committee on Local Government, to the Committee on Cooperatives Development; and

5. House Bill No. 2824, from the Committee on Local Government, to the Committee on Cooperatives Development.

I so move, Mme. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). Is there any objection? (*Silence*) The Chair hears none; the

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motion for the change of referral of the aforementioned measures is hereby approved.

The Floor Leader is recognized.

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we close the Privilege Hour.

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

The Floor Leader is recognized.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. MATUGAS. Mme. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow, February 14, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Garin, S.). The session is adjourned until February 14, Valentine's Day, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

*It was 6:08 p.m.*