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CALL TO ORDER

At 4:00 p.m., pursuant to Section 15(h), Rule IV of the House Rules, the Presiding Officer, Rep. Roger G. Mercado, called the session to order.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Mercado). The session is called to order.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Mercado). Everybody will please rise for the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

Everybody rose to sing the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Mercado). Let us remain standing for a minute of silent prayer.

Everybody remained standing for the silent prayer.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Rep. Mercado). The Floor Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. LOPEZ (B.). Mr. Speaker, I move that we suspend the session.

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

It was 4:02 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 5:19 p.m., the session was resumed with Deputy Speaker Raneo "Ranie" E. Abu presiding.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

ROLL CALL

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

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). 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. 76, dated February 28, 2017:

PRESENT

Abaya	Arenas
Abayon	Atienza
Abellanos	Aumentado
Abu	Bag-ao
Abueg	Bagatsing
Acharon	Baguilat
Acop	Banal
Acosta	Bataoil
Acosta-Alba	Batocabe
Adiong	Bautista-Bandigan
Advincula	Belaro
Agarao	Belmonte (F.)
Aggabao	Belmonte (J.C.)
Alejano	Belmonte (R.)
Almonte	Bertiz
Alonte	Biazon
Alvarez (F.)	Billones
Alvarez (P.)	Bolilia
Amatong	Bondoc
Andaya	Bordado
Angara-Castillo	Bravo (A.)
Aragones	Bravo (M.V.)
Arbison	Brosas
Arcillas	Bulut-Begtang

Calderon	Go (A.C.)	Papandayan	Silverio
Calixto-Rubiano	Go (M.)	Pichay	Singson
Caminero	Gomez	Pimentel	Suansing (E.)
Campos	Gonzaga	Plaza	Suansing (H.)
Canama	Gonzales (A.P.)	Primicias-Agabas	Suarez
Cari	Gonzales (A.D.)	Quimbo	Sy-Alvarado
Casilao	Gonzalez	Radaza	Tan (A.)
Castelo	Gorriceta	Ramirez-Sato	Tan (M.)
Castro (F.H.)	Gullas	Ramos	Tejada
Catamco	Hernandez	Relampagos	Tiangco
Cayetano	Herrera-Dy	Revilla	Ting
Chavez	Hofer	Roa-Puno	Tinio
Chipeco	Kho	Robes	Tolentino
Co	Khonghun	Rocamora	Tugna
Cortes	Labadlabad	Rodriguez (I.)	Tupas
Cortuna	Lacson	Rodriguez (M.)	Ty
Cosalan	Lagman	Roman	Ungab
Crisologo	Lanete	Romualdo	Unico
Cuaresma	Laogan	Roque (H.)	Uy (R.)
Cueva	Lazatin	Roque (R.)	Uybarreta
Dalipe	Limkaichong	Sacdalan	Vargas-Alfonso
Dalog	Lobregat	Sagarbarria	Velasco-Catera
Daza	Lopez (B.)	Sahali	Veloso
De Jesus	Lopez (C.)	Salceda	Vergara
De Venecia	Lopez (M.L.)	Salimbangon	Villanueva
De Vera	Macapagal-Arroyo	Salo	Villaraza-Suarez
Defensor	Madrona	Salon	Villarin
Del Mar	Malapitan	Sambar	Violago
Del Rosario	Manalo	Sandoval	Yap (M.)
Dimaporo (A.)	Mangaoang	Sarmiento (E.M.)	Yu
Dimaporo (M.K.)	Marcoleta	Savellano	Zamora (R.)
Duavit	Marcos	Sema	Zarate
Dy	Mariño	Siao	Zubiri
Elago	Martinez		
Enverga	Matugas		
Erice	Mellana		
Eriguel	Mercado		
Ermita-Buhain	Mirasol		
Escudero	Montoro		
Estrella	Nava		
Eusebio	Nieto		
Evardone	Noel		
Fernando	Nogralas (K.A.)		
Ferrer (J.)	Nolasco		
Ferrer (L.)	Nuñez-Malanyaon		
Flores	Oaminal		
Fortun	Ocampo		
Fortuno	Olivarez		
Fuentebella	Ortega (P.)		
Garbin	Ortega (V.N.)		
Garcia (G.)	Pacquiao		
Garcia (J.E.)	Paduano		
Garcia-Albano	Palma		
Gasataya	Pancho		
Gatchalian	Panganiban		
Geron	Panotes		

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. Mr. Speaker, the roll call shows that 226 Members responded to the call.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). With 226 Members responding to the call, the Chair declares the presence of a quorum.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from the BUHAY Party-List?

REP. ATIENZA. Again, we would like to point out that contrary to what we counted on the floor, we have more than enough to form a quorum. We have 215 but definitely, not 226 as what the Secretariat had announced. We want to put that on record because this is a consistent pattern of not really declaring what is accurate—those present on the floor. We have made a mockery of our roll call and we continue to do so. We would like to stress that.

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

REP. BONDOC. As always, Mr. Speaker, the count of our plenary tellers is correct and is the basis for our quorum.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, we would like to point out that the Dep. Majority Leader has no way ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Chair ...

REP. ATIENZA. ... to stress that...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... did not recognize the Gentleman from the BUHAY Party-List.

REP. ATIENZA. ... while we have counters in the gallery ...

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

REP. ATIENZA. ... certifying to our count. Just to put it on record, we are contesting even the statement of the Dep. Majority Leader.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we move to defer the approval of the Journal.
I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we move to defer the Reference of Business.
I so move, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What is the pleasure of the Gentleman from the First District of Albay?

REP. LAGMAN. Yesterday, I seasonably moved to reconsider the action of the Plenary on the motion of the Majority Leader to close the debate. Unfortunately,...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is that a point of order?

REP. LAGMAN. ...the session was adjourned.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is that a point of order, honorable Gentleman?

REP. LAGMAN. No, no, this is a continuation of my appeal, of my motion for reconsideration. That is not a point of order, but a motion for recon...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Chair gives the Gentleman three minutes. I shall give the Hon. Edcel C. Lagman from the First District of Albay three minutes.

REP. LAGMAN. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Let me reiterate that I moved for the reconsideration of the approval, the precipitate approval, during a previous session day, on 22 February 2017, of the Majority Leader's motion to terminate the debate on House Bill No. 4727. I voted for the majority, precisely, to entitle me to file or move for reconsideration because my objection to close the debate was not recognized by the Presiding Officer who submitted the motion for voting by stating that there was no objection. It would be recalled that I rose and I approached the rostrum and objected, together with Rep. Raul A. Daza who raised a point of order.

Let me explain my motion for reconsideration which is anchored on the following grounds:

1. After listing, announcing and scheduling a calendar of, at least, 25 interpellators on the Death Penalty Bill, the Committee on Rules is grossly estopped from precipitately terminating the debate, considering that only seven Members have interpellated, and there are still about 18 Members of the House who were scheduled to interpellate.

2. A deliberative assembly like the House of Representatives must give its Members the full opportunity to articulate their views on pending measures for the appreciation of the other Members and of the public.

3. Previous Congresses did not muzzle or gag the Members from debating, like in the consideration of the following major bills: the Agrarian Reform Bill, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, during the Eighth Congress; the reimposition of the death penalty during the Ninth Congress; the abolition of the death penalty during the Thirteenth Congress; and the Reproductive Health Bill during the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses.

4. The necessity of a free rein over the debate is more pronounced in the projected reimposition of the death penalty for the following reasons: a) The revival of capital punishment is an inordinate setback to the Philippines' singular leadership in the Asian region on the promotion and protection of human rights in the abolition of the death penalty.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Gentleman has reached the three minute-time limit. May he please wind up.

REP. LAGMAN. I have five minutes to explain my ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Chair gave three minutes ...

REP. LAGMAN. Ordinarily, the one who moves for a reconsideration must have five minutes. So, I ask for five minutes.

To continue: b) The reimposition of the death penalty is a patent violation of our treaty commitment under the Second Optional Protocol on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights where we committed not to reimpose the death penalty. International jurisprudence indubitably shows that a country cannot use its domestic law and Constitution to renege on or negate an international commitment; and c) The stringent conditions of the Constitution for Congress to reimpose the death penalty, namely, compelling reasons involving heinous crimes, have not been complied with by the proponents of House Bill No. 4727.

5. The errant resolve of the House leadership to end the debate was a mere unwarranted reaction to the oppositor's quorum calls, which were based solely on the rules of the House.

For these following reasons, Mr. Speaker, I reiterate my motion that we reconsider the House's precipitate approval of the Majority Leader's motion to close or terminate the debates.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I have the highest estimation for the Gentleman from Albay, but for the benefit of our colleagues, please give me this time to explain our parliamentary status.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Please explain, the Dep. Majority Leader being the custodian of the Rules of the House.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I think a motion for reconsideration is not subject to debate.

REP. BONDOC. It is not debate, Mr. Speaker; we voted on it. For the information of our colleagues, let me explain where we are now. The Honorable Lagman yesterday raised a point of reconsideration based on Section 103 of our rules. He was moving to reconsider the closing of the period of sponsorship and debate on House Bill No. 4727 which occurred on February 22. Under Section 103, it says here:

When a measure, report or motion is approved, adopted or lost, a Member who voted with the Majority may move for its reconsideration on the same or succeeding session day.

So, as the Honorable Lagman himself has stated, there was a motion to close the debate last Wednesday. He voted with the motion. The motion was in order and was carried, which is why, yesterday, the session day after February 22, he raised a motion for reconsideration. The time was correct yesterday, so what we are discussing would have been proper yesterday. It is no longer in order today.

Let me explain why I declared his motion for reconsideration out of order yesterday. First, yesterday, as approved by Plenary, we were voting on Third Reading on the House bills of our colleagues. That was not the proper time to take up matters relating to House Bill No. 4727, such as now when I have not yet opened the consideration of the House Bill. That is the first reason.

The second reason, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, why I declared that motion out of order yesterday— at the proper time yesterday and no longer valid today— was, after the motion to close the period of debate which was not reconsidered, there followed a motion to open the period of amendments which was duly approved and not reconsidered. Following that, there was a motion to consider Committee amendments which was approved and not reconsidered. After that was the motion to substitute the measure as found in our Section 104—it was carried and not reconsidered, whereupon we opened the period of individual amendments. To now jump back to the period of debate will require a reconsideration of the opening and closing of the period of amendments— Committee amendments, the reconsideration of the substitution—before we reach that, which is why, yesterday, at the proper time of the motion for reconsideration of the Honorable Lagman, I explained that his motion, while in time yesterday, was out of order. So that is the explanation, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, why today, that is no longer valid, it being the second session day; and yesterday, it was also invalid due to its being out of order.

With that, Mr. Speaker, may we resume the consideration of House Bill No. 4727, as amended,

and may I ask the Secretary General to read the title of the Bill.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, may I just reply to the statements of the Dep. Majority Leader.

Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, he moved that my motion for reconsideration be declared out of order because he said that I voted against the majority. That is clearly in the records of this House. But I said that the Dep. Majority Leader was not listening to my statement because I precisely voted with the majority so that I will be entitled to ask for a reconsideration. Number two, a motion for reconsideration can be filed within the same session day or the following session day. I seasonably filed my motion for reconsideration yesterday but unfortunately, there was an adjournment and my motion for reconsideration was not acted upon. So today, it is a continuation of yesterday's motion and it is still seasonable.

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

REP. LAGMAN. The motion for reconsideration can be filed anytime. There is no particular period within the same session day or the following session day.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, as I have said, I have the highest respect and estimation for our esteemed colleague from Albay. My error, maybe, was in believing that he had followed the correct sequence yesterday. When I declared that he had objected, I believed he was reconsidering the nearest previous motion, which was the proper one, to reconsider. I did not realize that he was out of order in reconsidering a motion so many steps back. I did not believe a veteran legislator like him would make that mistake, which was why I committed that mistake yesterday, not realizing that he was reconsidering a motion that had been followed by many subsequent motions which would all have to be reconsidered. So I admit my mistake, *mea culpa*, and I reiterate my previous motion that we consider House Bill No. 4727.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). The Chair sustains the ruling and the explanation of the Dep. Majority Leader and directs the Secretary General to read the title of House Bill No. 4727.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I appeal...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. ... the decision or statement of the Chair...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). The Gentleman...

REP. LAGMAN. ... and I have the right to make such an appeal.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER. (Rep. Abu). The Gentleman from the First District of Albay appealed the ruling of the Chair. I am giving him five minutes to explain his appeal.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, when I rose to move for the reconsideration of the closing of the period of debate, that was seasonable. I do not have to reconsider—to ask for the reconsideration of subsequent approvals. I will have to go first to the primary decision of the Plenary to consider the debate terminated or closed. It is immaterial whether there were subsequent actions by the House with respect to the termination of the Committee amendments and the proposal to go to the individual amendments. What was primary is that the debate was closed, and I had, yesterday, the clear reason and ground to interpose a motion for reconsideration. Considering that the House did not act on my motion because the Chair declared an adjournment, then today, it is still seasonable for this Body to resolve my motion for reconsideration, and I ask that this be voted upon by the Body.

For this reason, I appeal from the declaration of the Chair.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is an appeal from the Gentleman from the First District of Albay. The Dep. Majority Leader may please state clearly the status of the voting for the sake of our Members in the Plenary.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, there is an appeal from the esteemed Gentleman from Albay. An *aye* vote sustains the appeal and a *nay* vote, which the Majority asks for, defeats the appeal of the honorable Gentleman. The Majority ask for your *nay* vote.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Let us now proceed to *viva voce* voting.

As many as are in favor, please say *aye*.

FEW MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *nays* have it.

REP. LAGMAN. No, the *ayes* have it.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The appeal is lost.

REP. ATIENZA. No, ...

REP. LAGMAN. The *ayes* have it.

REP. ATIENZA. ... the *ayes* have it. Mr. Speaker, very clearly, ...

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

REP. ATIENZA. ... the *ayes* have it. We move that a nominal voting be done to ascertain, ...

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor.

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

REP. ATIENZA. ... the voting that just happened. We believe that the *ayes* have it, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Dep. Majority Leader has already stated the motion to direct the Secretary General to read the title of House Bill No. 4727.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, we have ...

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

REP. ATIENZA. ... a motion for a nominal voting.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I appeal to our colleagues. My motion is for us to consider the very legislation that you want to debate on. We are not even properly in the consideration of the House Bill. Could we at least align our parliamentary status and please open first the discussion on House Bill No. 4727 to give way to all your arguments, appeals and reconsideration.

So, you are shutting the door on your own appeals, my dear colleagues. Could we kindly direct the Secretary General to read House Bill No. 4727 to align our parliamentary status.

REP. ATIENZA. May I be given a chance to also ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Secretary General is directed to read the title of House ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... Bill No. 4727.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, may I be allowed one minute to counter that claim of our Dep. Majority Leader?

REP. BONDOC. Is that a point of order?

REP. ATIENZA. No, we would like to appeal from the ruling of the Dep. Majority Leader that the *nays* have it when we believe the *ayes* have it. We are moving for a nominal voting so that we will be certain of the sentiments of our colleagues.

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

REP. ATIENZA. So, why are you depriving the floor that basic ...

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, shouting into the microphone does not increase the number of the Gentlemen making the vote. Could we please open the consideration of House Bill No. 4727 and ask the Secretary General to ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, I would like the Dep. Majority Leader to clarify with us, ...

REP. BONDOC. ... be directed to read the title of our measure.

REP. ATIENZA. ... is the rule on nominal voting in order or not?

CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 4727

Continuation

PERIOD OF AMENDMENTS

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Secretary General is directed to read the title of House Bill No. 4727.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL. House Bill No. 4727, entitled: AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES,” AND FURTHER AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “REVISED PENAL CODE,” REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7080, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED “AN ACT DEFINING AND PENALIZING THE CRIME OF PLUNDER,” AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002.”

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, our parliamentary status is that we are in the period of individual amendments. I move for the recognition of the principal author, the Hon. Fredenil “Fred” H. Castro.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Deputy Speaker, the Hon. Fred Castro, ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... the principal author of House Bill No. 4727, is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Before we start with the period of amendments, the motion and the point raised by the Gentleman from Albay have to be settled. The period of debate was abruptly and illegally terminated and so, we cannot go to the period of amendments without settling that issue. Wala po namang masama ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Deputy Speaker, the Hon. Fred Castro, ...

REP. ATIENZA. ...kung tanungin natin ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... the principal author of House Bill No. 4727, is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. ... kung sila ay sang-ayon o hindi.

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

INDIVIDUAL AMENDMENTS

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, on page 2, lines 6 to 7, I move to strike the phrase “Republic Act No. 7080, as amended, entitled ‘An Act Defining and Penalizing the Crime of Plunder.’”

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). The individual amendment as proposed is accepted, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Would you explain the amendment. We do not even know what the amendment is. Only the Dep. Majority Leader and his handpicked Members know about what he is trying to amend.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, ...

REP. ATIENZA. Could we listen to the amendment, as he wants it amended

REP. BONDOC. ... on page 2, ...

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, an anterior inquiry. What would be the basis of the individual amendments? Which draft, the amendment by substitution or the original bill? We should be informed so that we can be alerted on the page-by-page and line-by-line amendments.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). When I directed ...

REP. LAGMAN. What is the basis of the individual amendments?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). When I directed the Secretary General to read the title of House Bill No. 4727, I said “House Bill No. 4727, as amended.”

REP. ATIENZA. Well, Mr. Speaker, we would like to be enlightened as to the amendment that you

would like for us to act upon. Hindi po puwede iyang as amended. What do we know about the amendment? Nobody in this Chamber now knows what they would like to amend.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, for clarity for our colleagues, I will read clearly our proposed amendments ...

REP. ATIENZA. Please.

REP. BONDOC. ... and it is up to the Sponsor to accept them or not ...

REP. ATIENZA. Please.

REP. BONDOC. ... before they are accepted by the Body.

On page 2, lines 12 to 28, ...

REP. LAGMAN. My ...

REP. BONDOC. ... I move to—please, allow me to finish, Mr. Speaker.

REP. LAGMAN. My question has not been answered. What draft would be the basis of the individual amendments?

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we are in consideration of House Bill No. 4727.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As amended.

REP. BONDOC. I move to strike the whole Section 4, entitled, “Imposition of the Death Penalty for the Crime of Treason.”

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, what draft is the Dep. Majority Leader ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). We accept the proposed amendment, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Is there any objection?

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Chair hears none; the amendment is approved.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Objection.

REP. ATIENZA. Objection.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, there is an objection.

REP. ATIENZA. Definitely, we are objecting to the removal of treason.

REP. BONDOC. So, let us divide the House.

REP. ANDAYA. Mr. Speaker, before ...

REP. ATIENZA. Treason has been the most punishable act of any Filipino.

REP. ANDAYA. ... before we go to Section 4, I was objecting to Section 2.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Deputy Speaker from Bicol ...

REP. ANDAYA. Yes.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... Region is objecting to Section ...

REP. ANDAYA. Not necessarily objecting but proposing an amendment to the amendment. There was no ...

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I have the floor. After ...

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

REP. BONDOC. ... my amendments, we would gladly accept an amendment to the amendments of the honorable Deputy Speaker. Please allow me to continue with the amendments ...

REP. ANDAYA. After all the amendments.

REP. BONDOC. ... that I will propose. I will not allow anyone to interrupt you either.

REP. ANDAYA. Okay. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Dep. Majority Leader may proceed.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, on page 2, lines 30 to 49, page 3, lines 1 to 49, up to page 4, lines 1 to 46, I move to strike the whole Section 5, entitled "Imposition of the Death Penalty for the Crimes of Rape with Homicide, Rape of a Minor, and Rape Committed by Law Enforcement Officers."

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). We accept the amendment as proposed, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. We have to vote on the amendment. It is not only the Sponsor who will decide on all of these. You are proposing an amendment, and we should decide whether we are in agreement with the amendment or not.

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

REP. ATIENZA. It is not one person and one Sponsor who will decide on this particular Bill.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, if I may continue.

Once I propose the amendment, it is up to the Sponsor to ...

REP. ATIENZA. We objected to the removal of treason. You have not acted on that. You are transferring to another amendment. Saan tayo pupunta? I appeal to the Dep. Majority Leader to use his judgment and have more wisdom on how he handles these particular issues because these are very critical to our future as a nation and for the next generation.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, may we vote on this after, with the approval of our Members of the House. So, may I continue with the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on page 4, lines 48 to 49, up to page 5, lines 1 to 20, I move to strike the whole Section 6, entitled "Imposition of the Death Penalty for Plunder."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). We accept the individual amendment as proposed, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. We object, Mr. Speaker, because plunder is one of the biggest crimes ever committed in our nation.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, may I please continue with my amendments.

REP. ATIENZA. Corruption is the number one problem in the land and plunder, therefore, cannot be removed in this particular Bill.

REP. BONDOC. We will vote on it, honorable colleague.

On page 13, lines 39 to 45, I move to amend Section 14, in order to delete the reference to Republic Act No. 7080, otherwise known as the Plunder Law, to read as follows: SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. — REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES" IS HEREBY REPEALED. ACT NO. 3815 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165 ARE HEREBY AMENDED ACCORDINGLY. ALL OTHER LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, ORDERS, CIRCULARS AND OTHER ISSUANCES OR PARTS THEREOF, WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ARE HEREBY REPEALED, AMENDED OR MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). We accept the individual amendment as proposed, Mr. Speaker.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. ATIENZA. Objection.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, may we be allowed to explain why we are objecting to this.

REP. BONDOC. At the time of voting, dear colleague.

REP. ATIENZA. No, we would like to object now that we are precisely having that change in our minds and creating another impression on this Bill.

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

REP. ATIENZA. It puts the Bill altogether in a different light, Mr. Speaker, and we would like to be heard now.

REP. BONDOC. That is why we are proposing amendments, Mr. Speaker. These are to be accepted by the Sponsor or not and then presented to the Body.

REP. ATIENZA. No, Mr. Speaker, our rules dictate that the objection to an amendment should be heard and we should be given five minutes.

REP. BONDOC. Definitely, Mr. Speaker. Let me finish the amendments. Mr. Speaker, I move to amend the title to read as follows: AN ACT IMPOSING THE DEATH PENALTY ON CERTAIN HEINOUS CRIMES, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9346, ENTITLED "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN THE PHILIPPINES," AND FURTHER AMENDING ACT NO. 3815, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "REVISED PENAL CODE," AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9165, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002."

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). What does the Sponsor say?

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). We accepted the amendment as proposed.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker, the procedure is flawed...

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

REP. LAGMAN. ... because individual amendments should be on a per page and per line basis. Now, let me ask: have we gone to page 5, for example? We have not. Have we gone to page 6? We have not. Or page 7 for that matter? We have not. Why are we now amending the title of the Bill when that should be the last to be amended?

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

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, may we ask for a one-minute recess.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I was going to ask you to give time to the Honorable Lagman. Could you please give him five minutes to explain his objection.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). To the honorable Gentleman from the First District of Albay, I am giving him five minutes.

REP. LAGMAN. Under our tradition, Mr. Speaker, individual amendments should be on a per page and per line basis. The individual amendment proposed by the Dep. Majority Leader ended up on line 21 of page 5. The subsequent lines and pages have not been called, whether there are individual amendments or not therein. Why are we entertaining only individual amendments from the Dep. Majority Leader? Are the Members of the House not entitled to file their individual amendments? The procedure is completely flawed, Your Honor, and it is inconsistent with the tradition of the House.

Now, under our rules, if the Committee would reject an individual amendment, the Member who proposed the amendment can appeal to the Body and he has five minutes to explain his appeal. We have not done so because we are only hearing the individual amendments being proposed by the Dep. Majority Leader. How

about the individual Members, are we not entitled to make such amendments and likewise appeal if the amendments are rejected?

I think we should follow the rules, Your Honor, and we should not railroad this very important, although regressive, measure. So I appeal, Mr. Speaker, that we follow our tradition, we follow our rules with respect to initiating or introducing individual amendments. I have individual amendments. For example, on page 5, I have an individual amendment but we have not been given that opportunity. Under the rules also, the last to be amended would be the title of the bill. Why are we being preempted from making our individual amendments by the amendment to the title of the Bill?

Mr. Speaker, we should be able to put this House in order. I move, Mr. Speaker, for a few minutes recess so that we could discuss this matter with the House Majority.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, there has been an objection to my amendment as proposed, so now we will divide the House. I made a motion to amend House Bill No. 4727, and there has been an objection by the Honorable Lagman. So now, in *viva voce*, may I state that ...

REP. LAGMAN. Before we do that, Mr. Speaker, individual amendments should be individually treated, not collated, by the Dep. Majority Leader so that we could vote individually on the amendments. Why are we having wholesale individual amendments?

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, we understand the ...

REP. LAGMAN. Under what rule are we operating, Mr. Speaker?

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, ...

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

REP. BONDOC. ... I understand the objection of the honorable Gentleman from Albay which is why I want to put it to a vote. So, all those in favor of the amendments I proposed, please say *aye*; and those in favor of the objection of the Gentleman from Albay will say *nay*.

Please do not shout into the microphone.

REP. ATIENZA. Clarification.

VIVA VOCE VOTING

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a motion coming from the Dep. Majority Leader ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... to divide the House and proceed to a *viva voce*.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, before you call for a vote, we would like to clarify ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). As many as are in favor of the amendments presented by the Dep. Majority Leader, please say *aye*.

SEVERAL MEMBERS. *Aye*.

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

FEW MEMBERS. *Nay*.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The *ayes* have it; the motion for the approval of the amendments of the Dep. Majority Leader is carried.

REP. ATIENZA. Again, again, we would like a nominal voting on the issue, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ATIENZA. I heard something else, and the *nays* have it.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, our motion was sustained and there is no doubt about the ruling of the Chair.

REP. LAGMAN. Mr. Speaker.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, I move for the recognition of the Gentleman, the Hon. Rolando G. Andaya Jr., for his proposed individual amendments.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Deputy Speaker from Bicol Region, ...

REP. LAGMAN. On what page are we now, Mr. Speaker?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... the Hon. Rolando Andaya Jr., is recognized.

REP. LAGMAN. On what page are we now?

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, point of order.

REP. LAGMAN. On what page are we now?

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). There is a point of order. What is the rule that is being violated?

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker, in the *viva voce*, forgive me if I am mistaken, but we have already had two *viva voce* conducted and from what I heard, the *nays* were louder than the *ayes*. So to remove all doubts, may I move for a nominal voting, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ATIENZA. We second the motion.

REP. BONDOC. Objection, Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. BONDOC. I object to that, Mr. Speaker, Your Honor. The ruling of the Chair cannot be debated upon nor doubted, and the voting was very clear.

REP. ATIENZA. No. Mr. Speaker, the right to ask for a nominal voting should be decided by the Body. The duty of the Chair is to ask and throw the question on the floor: those who are in favor of a nominal voting, and if 15 percent agree to a nominal voting, please do that. The Chair...

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

REP. ATIENZA. ... has no choice but to respect that.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, the rules are very clear. Under our Manner of Voting in Section 115, and may I quote: "The Speaker shall rise and state the motion or question that is being put to a vote in clear, precise and simple language. The Speaker shall say 'as many as are in favor, x x x say 'aye.' x x x 'as many as are opposed, x x x say 'nay.'" If the Speaker doubts the result of the voting, and only if the Speaker doubts the result of the voting, shall the House divide. In this case, it is very clear—the majority has voted and the Speaker has recognized their vote.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker. With ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Dep. Majority Leader had already clearly stated the rules of the House.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

REP. ROQUE (H.). Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). I am now recognizing the Gentleman from Bicol Region, Deputy Speaker Rolando Andaya.

REP. DAZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Deputy Speaker Rolando Andaya, you are being recognized.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you. Just to make it clear, Mr. Speaker, the sequence is, we will go per section by section.

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, the honorable Deputy Speaker has the floor to propose his amendment.

REP. ANDAYA. Yes, yes. Just for procedural purposes, for clarity and procedure, those who intend to propose amendments, not only to the amendments proposed by the Dep. Majority Leader, can go on a per line-by-line basis. So, about Section 2, everybody who wants to make an amendment regarding Section 2, will please speak up now, so that we do no go back and forth.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, could the Deputy Speaker just please proceed with his amendment. He has the floor.

REP. ANDAYA. Okay. Thank you.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). Deputy Speaker Andaya, please proceed.

REP. ANDAYA. Thank you. Is the Hon. Fred Castro ready for ...

REP. CASTRO (F.H.). Yes, Mr. Speaker.

REP. ANDAYA. Just for clarity, can you read back the amendment proposed by the Dep. Majority Leader, the first amendment he proposed.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

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

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker, before we proceed, the motion for a nominal voting has not been settled. I would like to read ...

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

REP. ATIENZA. I would like to read the particular Section ...

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

REP. ATIENZA. ... which defines the procedure ...

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Deputy Speaker from ...

REP. ATIENZA. ... to be followed for a nominal voting.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... the Bicol Region has an inquiry for clarification.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, Your Honor, I move to, please ...

REP. ATIENZA. Well, I raised a point of order.

REP. BONDOC. ... suspend the session ...

REP. ATIENZA. I raised a point of order.

REP. BONDOC. ... to allow us to cool down a bit.

SUSPENSION OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. I move to suspend the session.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The session is suspended

It was 6:07 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

At 6:14 p.m., the session was resumed.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

SUSPENSION OF CONSIDERATION OF H.B. NO. 4727

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the consideration of House Bill No. 4727.

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

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

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

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

The Secretary General ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... will please read the ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... Reference ...

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). ... of Business.

REP. ATIENZA. Mr. Speaker.

REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

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

BILLS ON FIRST READING

House Bill No. 5080, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEN (10)-BED CAPACITY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY KIOBOG, MUNICIPALITY OF DON MARCELINO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE KIOBOG COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5081, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEN (10)-BED CAPACITY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN BARANGAY LAMIDAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DON MARCELINO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS THE LAMIDAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Bautista-Bandigan
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5083, entitled:

“AN ACT REVERTING TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT THE DISCHARGE OF BASIC HEALTH SERVICES DEVOLVED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

House Bill No. 5084, entitled:

“AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5260 WHICH AUTHORIZES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO SELL THE WELFAREVILLE PROPERTY LOCATED IN MANDALUYONG CITY”

By Representative Zarate
TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5085, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRIBUSINESS VENTURES ARRANGEMENTS (AVAs) IN AGRARIAN REFORM LANDS”

By Representative Baguilat
TO THE COMMITTEE ON AGRARIAN REFORM

House Bill No. 5086, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING DAVAO ORIENTAL A MINING-FREE ZONE”

By Representative Almario
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5087, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING RA 9003, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2001, MANDATING ALL ELEMENTARY

AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO ADOPT POLICIES IMPLEMENTING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT”

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

House Bill No. 5088, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE CENTRAL LUZON RIVER CONTROL SYSTEM COMMISSION COVERING THE PROVINCES OF BATAAN, BULACAN, NUEVA ECIJA, PAMPANGA, TARLAC AND ZAMBALES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 5089, entitled:

“AN ACT WITHDRAWING ALL TAX EXEMPTIONS AND INCENTIVES GRANTED TO ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES COMPANY WITH LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISE”

By Representative Tiangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 5090, entitled:

“AN ACT CODIFYING THE ALTERNATIVE CHILD CARE LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

House Bill No. 5091, entitled:

“AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THE USE OF ENGLISH AS THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM”

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

House Bill No. 5092, entitled:

“AN ACT TRANSFORMING THE OFFICE FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY INTO THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SECURITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Macapagal-Arroyo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5093, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL POLICY ON EASE OF DOING BUSINESS, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE EASE OF DOING BUSINESS COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Yap (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5094, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY OF TENURE OF CONTRACTUAL AND CASUAL EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT (NATIONAL AND LOCAL) WHO HAVE RENDERED AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS OF CONTINUOUS AND EFFICIENT SERVICE THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Abayon

TO THE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

House Bill No. 5095, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JULY 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS ‘ARAW NG NOVALICHES’ IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT OF QUEZON CITY”

By Representative Vargas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5096, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF, AND ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR, GOVERNMENT PHYSICIANS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Tan (A.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

House Bill No. 5097, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESTORATION OF MANDATORY MILITARY TRAINING FOR ALL GRADE 11 AND GRADE 12 STUDENTS BY REINSTATING SECTIONS 38 AND 39 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES RESERVIST ACT’”

By Representative Tupas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5098, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING A SPECIAL LICENSE FOR PUBLIC UTILITY DRIVERS”

By Representative Cortuna

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5099, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE LAND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBA, NUEVA ECIJA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Suansing (E.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5100, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING STO. ROSARIO STREET FROM GERRY ANGELES STREET TO MINDANAO AVENUE EXT. IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF VALENZUELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5101, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING SANTOLAN ROAD FROM NLEX SERVICE ROAD TO GEN. T. DE LEON STREET IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF VALENZUELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5102, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING PIO VALENZUELA STREET FROM I. DE GUZMAN STREET TO MCARTHUR HIGHWAY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF VALENZUELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5103, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING TAMARAW HILL ROAD AND LOREX AVENUE FROM MCARTHUR HIGHWAY TO GEN. T. DE LEON STREET IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, CITY OF VALENZUELA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Martinez

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5104, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION OR SURVEILLANCE (SECURITY) CAMERA IN EVERY BUS

BEING OPERATED FOR PUBLIC UTILITY
IN THE COUNTRY”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5105, entitled:

“AN ACT TO MODERNIZE CUSTOMS AND
AUTHORIZATION PROCESSES BY
ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL SINGLE
WINDOW SYSTEM, PROVIDING FUNDS
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

House Bill No. 5106, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR
INDIGENOUS CULTURAL COMMUNITIES/
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO EXERCISE
THE OPTION TO SECURE TITLE TO THEIR
ANCESTRAL LANDS UNDER LAND
REGISTRATION ACT 496, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 12 OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8371, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS ‘THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’
RIGHTS ACT OF 1997’ ”

By Representatives Nieto and Maceda
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS
CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AND
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

House Bill No. 5107, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING THE NORTHWEST
PANAY PENINSULA LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF NABAS, MALAY
ANDBURUANGA, PROVINCE OF AKLAN
AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF
LIBERTAD AND PANDAN, PROVINCE OF
ANTIQUAS A PROTECTED AREA UNDER
THE CATEGORY OF NATURAL PARK,
PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Marquez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5108, entitled:

“AN ACT EXEMPTING THE ISLANDS OF
CABILAO AND SANDINGAN IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF
BOHOL, FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE
MANGROVE FOREST RESERVES UNDER
THE NIPAS ACT OF 1992 AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Relampagos
TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5109, entitled:

“ A N A C T P R O H I B I T I N G
TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES
FROM IMPOSING EXPIRATION DATES
ON MOBILE PREPAID CALL AND TEXT
CARDS AND THE FORFEITURE OF LOAD
CREDITS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATION THEREOF”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

House Bill No. 5110, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING INTERNET SHOPS
FROM ADMITTING ELEMENTARY
AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH
THE INTENT TO PLAY ON-LINE/VIDEO
GAMES DURING SCHOOL HOURS
AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR
VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Castelo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5111, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LAND
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE (LTO)
DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE 2ND DISTRICT
OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

House Bill No. 5112, entitled:

“AN ACT IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR FALSE
TESTIMONY IN ANY CONGRESSIONAL
HEARING UNDER ARTICLE 183 OF THE
REVISED PENAL CODE”

By Representative Roque (H.)
TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF
LAWS

House Bill No. 5113, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7077
MANDATING THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION,
DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING,
ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION
OF BASIC RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING
CORPS (ROTC) IN GRADES 11 AND 12 IN
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL
INSTITUTIONS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES”

By Representative Abu
TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION
AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5114, entitled:

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

By Representative Bagatsing

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

House Bill No. 5115, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINUYAN - POBLACION PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5116, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE IGAY - MONTALBAN PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD”

By Representative Robes

TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Bill No. 5117, entitled:

“AN ACT RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN COVERED BY PROCLAMATION NO. 718 DATED OCTOBER 19, 2004 LOCATED IN BARANGAYS IWAHIG AND INAGAWAN-SUB, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY FROM UNCLASSIFIED PUBLIC FOREST INTO ALIENABLE AND DISPOSABLE LAND”

By Representative Acosta

TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

House Bill No. 5118, entitled:

“AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OR SOLICITATION OF USAGE FEES FOR TOILETS IN BOTH PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL PLACES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND PROVIDING MECHANISMS THEREFOR”

By Representative Lacson

TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY

House Bill No. 5119, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE CAMARINES SUR POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES (CSPC) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NABUA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF BICOL”

By Representatives Belaro and Fortuno

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5120, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR ALL FILIPINOS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Salo

TO THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

House Bill No. 5121, entitled:

“AN ACT REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP ACT’, IMPOSING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Lanete

TO THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

House Bill No. 5122, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9645, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO ACT’, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

By Representative Primicias-Agabas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF LAWS

House Bill No. 5124, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMOTION, PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE TRADITIONAL ARTS IN MINDANAO AND SULU, CREATING FOR THE PURPOSE THE INSTITUTE FOR SULU AND MINDANAO TRADITIONAL ARTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

By Representative Turabin-Hataman

TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE

House Bill No. 5125, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC UTILITY

DRIVERS TO SECURE A SPECIAL UTILITY LICENSE”

By Representative Sy-Alvarado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

House Bill No. 5126, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE DAMPOL 2ND NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STA. LUCIA ANNEX IN BARANGAY STA. LUCIA, MUNICIPALITY OF CALUMPIT, PROVINCE OF BULACAN FROM THE DAMPOL 2ND NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CONVERTING IT TO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE STA. LUCIA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

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

RESOLUTIONS

House Resolution No. 796, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBALIZATION AND WTO TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTS INTO THE LOCAL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INDUSTRY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE-WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION’S (GATT-WTO) POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY”

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

House Resolution No. 797, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBALIZATION AND WTO TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE EFFECTS INTO THE LOCAL VEGETABLE INDUSTRY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE-WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION’S (GATT-WTO) POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY”

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

House Resolution No. 798, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

TO ALLOCATE AND SET ASIDE FORTY PERCENT (40%) OF ITS ANNUAL BUDGET FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS”

By Representative Mercado
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

House Resolution No. 799, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9418, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE VOLUNTEERISM ACT OF 2007, AND ON THE VARIOUS VOLUNTEERISM EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TOWARDS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN ACCELERATING RURAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES”

By Representative Mangaoang
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 800, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PERFORMANCE OF MAYNILAD WATER SERVICES, INC. VIS-A-VIS ITS OBLIGATIONS AS STIPULATED IN ITS CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM TO ENSURE EFFICIENT AND QUALITY WATER AND WASTE WATER SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 801, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROJECTS UNDER THE USUFRUCT SCHEME AND THE POSSIBILITY OF DISPOSITION TO QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES”

By Representative Biazon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 802, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATUS OF COAL MINING CONCESSIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN RELATION TO THE ADEQUACY OF GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COAL MINING INDUSTRY”

By Representative Batocabe
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 803, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FEBRUARY 11 - SHOOTING OF AGRARIAN REFORM BENEFICIARIES (ARBs) AND FARMER-MEMBERS OF KAHUBLAGAN SANG MANGUNGUMA SA CAPIZ (KAMACA) IN BARANGAY CULILANG, PRESIDENT ROXAS TOWN, CAPIZ BY HACIENDA TAN SECURITY PERSONNEL”

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

House Resolution No. 804, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FEBRUARY 16, 2017 – EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLING OF EDWIN CATOG, A MANSAKA LUMAD FARMER MEMBER OF HUGPONGSAMGA MAG-UUMA SA WALOG COMPOSTELA (HUMAWAC), BY UNIDENTIFIED MEN IN PANTUKAN TOWN, COMPOSTELA VALLEY”

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

House Resolution No. 805, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND AGRARIAN REFORM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE FEBRUARY 19, 2017 – EXTRA-JUDICIAL KILLING OF WILLERME AGORDE, AUDITOR AND LEADER OF MAILUMINADO FARMERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED (MAFAI), WHO PROTESTED FOR THEIR RIGHTFUL CLAIM OF LAND AGAINST

THE COTABATO FOUNDATION COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CFCST) – UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO IN ARAKAN TOWN, NORTH COTABATO”

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

House Resolution No. 806, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 156-16 SERIES OF 2016 ENTITLED ‘RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS OF FISHERS ON BOARD FISHING VESSELS ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS’ IN RELATION TO THE PHILIPPINE TUNA INDUSTRY”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 807, entitled:

“RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE CURRENT DIRE SITUATION OF FILIPINOS IN SABAH”

By Representative Salo
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 808, entitled:

“RESOLUTION ENDORSING TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT THE RESULTS OF THE FACT-FINDING MISSION OF INDEPENDENT WORKERS’ ORGANIZATIONS ON THE HOUSE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES (HTI) FACTORY FIRE IN CAVITE LAST FEBRUARY 1, 2017”

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

House Resolution No. 809, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER HOUSE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE INVOLVEMENT OF PANDA COACH TOURS AND TRANSPORT, INC., IN A ROAD ACCIDENT IN TANAY, RIZAL ON FEBRUARY 20,

2017, KILLING 14 STUDENTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS”

By Representative Vargas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 810, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT/POSTING OF LEGAL ATTACHES IN SELECTED DIPLOMATIC POSTS TO ASSIST LEGALLY DISTRESSED OVERSEAS FILIPINOS”

By Representative Gatchalian
TO THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS WORKERS AFFAIRS

House Resolution No. 811, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSING DEEPEST EMPATHY ON THE VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE”

By Representative Olivarez
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 812, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9514, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘FIRE CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES OF 2008’, BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 813, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OPERATION OF FISH PENS AND FISH CAGES IN LAGUNA LAKE AND ITS IMPACT ON DEGRADATION OF FISHERY AND AQUATIC RESOURCES IN THE LAKE”

By Representative Villarín
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 815, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON BASIC EDUCATION AND

HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, RELATING TO TANAY FIELD TRIP ACCIDENT WHICH CLAIMED THE LIVES OF THIRTEEN STUDENTS AND INJURED A DOZEN OTHERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE PROTECTION OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST”

By Representative Belaro
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 816, entitled:

“RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MS. MARIA MIKA MAXINE MEDINA FOR HER OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATION AT THE 65TH MS. UNIVERSE PAGEANT AND BEING A SOURCE OF CONTINUED PRIDE FOR FILIPINOS”

By Representative Calixto-Rubiano
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

House Resolution No. 817, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCEREST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS OF THE BESTLINK COLLEGE BUS ACCIDENT IN TANAY, RIZAL LAST FEBRUARY 20, 2017”

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 Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for House Bills No. 1781 and 4661.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Public Works and Highways (Committee Report No. 125), re H.B. No. 5123, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE MOLINO BOULEVARD TRAVERSING BARANGAY TALABA 4 AND BARANGAY SAN NICOLAS 3 IN THE CITY OF BACOOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS BACOOR BOULEVARD”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4189

Sponsors: Representatives Lobregat and Revilla
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 126), re H.R. No. 825, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE CANOE KAYAK FEDERATION DRAGONBOAT TEAM FOR THEIR STERLING PERFORMANCE IN THE 2016 INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION (ICF) WORLD DRAGONBOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA FROM SEPTEMBER 8 TO 11, 2016”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 341, 354 and 386

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Sambar, Olivarez and Cortuna
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 127), re H.R. No. 826, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARGARITA OCHOA AND ANNIE RAMIREZ FOR WINNING GOLD MEDALS IN JIU-JITSU IN THE 2016 ASIAN BEACH GAMES HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO OCTOBER 5, 2016 IN DANANG, VIETNAM”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 436

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Sambar, Nograles (J.J.) and Nograles (K.A.)
 TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Youth and Sports Development (Committee Report No. 128), re H.R. No. 827, entitled:

“RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO CHESS GRANDMASTER EUGENIO ‘EUGENE’ TORRE FOR WINNING THE BRONZE MEDAL IN THE 42ND WORLD CHESS OLYMPIAD HELD IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2016”

recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolutions Numbered 363, 368 and 379

Sponsors: Representatives Estrella, Pichay, Romero and Sambar

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE OF BUSINESS

The Secretary General read the following Committee Reports, and the Deputy Speaker made the corresponding references:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 129), re H.B. No. 5146, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10598 ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA, PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY TO BE KNOWN AS COMPOSTELA VALLEY STATE COLLEGE, INTEGRATING THEREWITH AS REGULAR BRANCHES THE BUKIDNON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTERNAL STUDIES CENTERS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MONKAYO, MARAGUSAN, MONTEVISTA, AND NEW BATAAN, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA VALLEY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 365

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Zamora (M.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 130), re H.B. No. 5147, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE TALISAY CITY COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU INTO THE TALISAY CITY STATE COLLEGE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10594, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF TALISAY, PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE TALISAY CITY STATE

COLLEGE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 786

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Gullas

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 131), re H.B. No. 5148, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AS THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF FISHERIES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10604, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE ILOILO STATE COLLEGE OF FISHERIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE ILOILO STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN ENRIQUE, DINGLE AND DUMANGAS, AND INTEGRATING THEREWITH THE BAROTAC NUEVO POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC NUEVO, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3190

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Biron

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 132), re H.B. No. 5149, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE COTABATO CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, THEREBY AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10585, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE COTABATO CITY STATE POLYTECHNIC

COLLEGE IN COTABATO CITY INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE COTABATO STATE UNIVERSITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR' ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 95

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Sema
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 133), re H.B. No. 5150, entitled:

“AN ACT EFFECTING THE TRANSITION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY OF SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10600, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SURIGAO DEL NORTE STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE BY INTEGRATING THE SURIGAO STATE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN SURIGAO CITY, THE SIARGAO NATIONAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DEL CARMEN AND SURIGAO DEL NORTE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAINIT, ALL LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 216 and 3863

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer, Matugas and Barbers

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 134), re H.B. No. 3179, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 26 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10596 ENTITLED ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE MINDORO STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE MINDORO

STATE UNIVERSITY (MINSU) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

recommending its approval with amendments
Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Leachon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 135), re H.B. No. 5151, entitled:

“AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE OF THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ITS CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10583, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT CONVERTING THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE KNOWN AS MOUNTAIN PROVINCE STATE UNIVERSITY, WITH CAMPUSES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TADIAN, BAUKO, PARACELIS AND BARLIG, ALL LOCATED IN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2316

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Dalog
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 136), re H.B. No. 2737, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SEC. 25 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10597 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHED) FOR THE CONVERSION INTO A STATE UNIVERSITY”

recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Tupas
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Higher and Technical Education (Committee Report No. 137), re H.B. No. 5152, entitled:

“AN ACT REQUIRING HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO REPORT PARTICIPATION AND PROGRAM SUPPORT EXPENDITURES IN ALL COLLEGE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 546

Sponsors: Representatives Hofer and Sambar
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Women and Gender Equality (Committee Report No. 138), re H.B. No. 5156, entitled:

“AN ACT ENSURING THE FUNDAMENTAL EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN UNDER THE LAWS ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 14, 96, 124, 211, AND 225 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 209, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE FAMILY CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 219, 374, 375, 1159, 2386, 3263 and 3951

Sponsors: Representatives Aglipay-Villar, Villarica, Brosas, De Jesus, Acosta-Alba, Abad and Cayetano

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Health (Committee Report No. 139), re H.B. No. 5159, entitled:

“AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE SERVICE TO PATIENTS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 702, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED: ‘AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCED PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES’ ”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 338 and 447

Sponsors: Representatives Tan (A.), Villarin and Belmonte (J.C.)

TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 140), re H.B. No. 5160, entitled:

“AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF STO. TOMAS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 611

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Collantes
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 141), re H.B. No. 5161, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 55 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9387 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NAVOTAS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 936

Sponsors: Representatives Acharon and Tiangco
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Report by the Committee on Local Government (Committee Report No. 142), re H.B. No. 5162, entitled:

“AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS FROM THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS”

recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4678

Sponsor: Representative Acharon
TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, in preparation for tomorrow’s discussion, I move to direct the Secretariat to prepare a clean copy of House Bill 4727, as amended, correct in form and numbering, subject to style.

I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The Secretariat is directed to prepare the clean copy of House Bill No. 4727, as amended, correct in form and numbering, subject to style.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the guests of the honorable Representatives Lagman, Villarin, and Baguilat. They are AKBAYAN Party-List, AMRSP – the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines, the Ateneo de Manila Community, AMP- the Augustinian Missionaries of the Philippines, the Augustinians of the Assumption (APAC), OSA-ASOLC- Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation, BALAY, Bukluran ng Manggagawang Pilipino (BMP), FDCC- The Canossian Daughters of Charity, Servants of the Poor, CM-Carmelite Missionaries, Children’s Legal Rights and Development Center, Inc., CHR- the Commission on Human Rights - Philippines, DC- Daughters of Charity, the FIND, the SFIC- Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Father Robert Reyes, iDEFEND- or In Defense of Human Rights and Dignity

Movement, the International Peace Observers Network (IPON), Kilusan para sa Pambansang Demokrasya (KPD), Lay Partners, OSB- Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing, the ICM- Missionary Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Montalban Action Group, the Office of Councilor Ivy Xenia Lagman, OP Dominican Sisters, The Order of Friars Minor (OFM), OSB St. Scholastica's Academy of Marikina, PAHRA- Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates, Partido Manggagawa, PhilRights, Piglas Kababaihan, PUP Sociology Students, the Religious of the Good Shepherd, Religious of the Virgin Mary, SENTRO – Sentro ng mga Nagkakaisa at Progresibong Manggagawa, Siervas de San Jose, Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan, Task Force Detainees of the Philippines, ULAP Confederation PMPI, IXL.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of our distinguished and respective colleagues mentioned, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, we would like to greet the Kababaihan ng Maynila, the guests of our esteemed Sr. Dep. Minority Leader, Rep. Jose “Lito” L. Atienza Jr. *(Applause)*

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The guests of Sr. Dep. Minority Leader Lito Atienza, please rise. Welcome to the House of Representatives. *(Applause)*

The Dep. Majority Leader is recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move for the approval of Journal No. 75, of February 27, 2017.

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

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

REP. BONDOC. Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn the session until tomorrow at four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, March 1, 2017. I so move, Mr. Speaker.

THE DEPUTY SPEAKER (Rep. Abu). The session is adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at four o'clock in the afternoon.

It was 6:24 p.m.